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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

A bill for an act

relating to insurance; requiring coverage for amino-based acid elemental formulas; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [62A.262] COVERAGE FOR AMINO-BASED ACID ELEMENTAL FORMULAS.

Subdivision 1. Scope of coverage. This section applies to all policies of accident and health insurance; health maintenance contracts regulated under chapter 62D; health benefit certificates offered through a fraternal benefit society regulated under chapter 64B; a nonprofit health service plan corporation operating under chapter 62C; or health coverage offered by a joint self-insurance employee health plan operating under chapter 62H, but does not apply to policies designed primarily to provide coverage payable on a per diem, fixed indemnity or nonexpense incurred basis, or policies that provide only accident coverage.

Subd. 2. Required coverage. Every policy, plan, certificate, or contract referred to in subdivision 1 issued or renewed after August 1, 2007, must provide coverage for amino-based elemental formulas when ordered by a physician or licensed health care professional for the following conditions: cows milk allergies, soy allergies, multiple food allergies, breast milk intolerance, multiple food protein intolerance, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), eosinophilic esophagitis (EE), eosinophilic gastroenteritis (EG), eosinophilic colitis, atopic dermatitis amino acid, phenylketonuria (PKU), maple syrup urine disease (MSUD), and homocystinuria (HCU).

2.1 Subd. 3. **Special restrictions prohibited.** No health plan included in subdivision 1
2.2 may impose a special deductible, co-payment, waiting period, or other special restriction
2.3 for the coverage specified in subdivision 2 that the health plan does not apply to
2.4 nonpreventive treatment in general.

2.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a
2.6 subdivision to read:

2.7 Subd. 3g. **Amino-based acid elemental formulas.** Medical assistance covers
2.8 amino-based acid elemental formulas on the same terms and conditions required of
2.9 policies, plans, and certificates under section 62A.262.