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

February 26, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

March 8, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass
Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to insurance; regulating health plan coverage for hearing aids; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62Q.675.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62Q.675, is amended to read:

1.6 **62Q.675 HEARING AIDS; PERSONS 18 OR YOUNGER.**

1.7 A health plan must cover hearing aids for individuals 18 years of age or younger for
1.8 hearing loss ~~due to functional congenital malformation of the ears~~ that is not correctable
1.9 by other covered procedures. Coverage required under this section is limited to one
1.10 hearing aid in each ear every three years. No special deductible, coinsurance, co-payment,
1.11 or other limitation on the coverage under this section that is not generally applicable to
1.12 other coverages under the plan may be imposed.

1.13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.

1.14 This section is effective August 1, 2008, and applies to policies, contracts, and
1.15 certificates issued or renewed on or after that date.