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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; expanding the definition of services available under
1.3 medical assistance for disabled children's services; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2008, section 252.27, subdivision 1a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 252.27, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** A "related condition" is a condition that is found to be
1.8 closely related to developmental disability, including, but not limited to, cerebral palsy,
1.9 epilepsy, autism, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, and Prader-Willi syndrome and that
1.10 meets all of the following criteria:

1.11 (1) is severe and chronic;

1.12 (2) results in impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior
1.13 similar to that of persons with developmental disabilities;

1.14 (3) requires treatment or services similar to those required for persons with
1.15 developmental disabilities;

1.16 (4) is manifested before the person reaches 22 years of age;

1.17 (5) is likely to continue indefinitely;

1.18 (6) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas
1.19 of major life activity: (i) self-care, (ii) understanding and use of language, (iii) learning,
1.20 (iv) mobility, (v) self-direction, (vi) capacity for independent living; and

1.21 (7) is not attributable to mental illness as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 20,
1.22 or an emotional disturbance as defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 15.

- 2.1 For purposes of clause (7), notwithstanding section 245.462, subdivision 20, or 245.4871,
2.2 subdivision 15, "mental illness" does not include autism or other pervasive developmental
2.3 disorders.