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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

A bill for an act

relating to insurance; requiring private-sector health insurance to cover private duty nursing services when an inpatient hospital stay would otherwise be required; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

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

Section 1. **[62Q.545] COVERAGE OF PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SERVICES.**

(a) A health plan must cover private duty nursing services when an inpatient hospital stay would otherwise be required.

(b) For purposes of this section, a period of private duty nursing services may be subject to the same co-pay, coinsurance, deductible, or other enrollee cost-sharing provisions provided under the health plan for an inpatient hospital stay, provided that a period of private duty nursing services must be treated as a single course of treatment not subject to separate enrollee cost-sharing for each day, hour, or other incremental time period; for each provider; for each location at which the nursing services are provided; for any gap of less than one week in the receipt of services, including a gap due to an inpatient hospital stay; or for any other division of the private duty nursing services.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010, and applies to health plans offered, sold, issued, or renewed on or after that date.