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SENATE BILL NO. 122

Introduced by: Senators Sutton, Bradford, Brown, Frerichs, Jones (Tom), Kirkeby, Krebs, Lederman, Lucas, Maher, Peters, Rave, Tidemann, and Welke and Representatives Bartling, Feickert, Heinert, Hickey, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Mickelson, Parsley, Peterson, Ring, and Tyler

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require health insurers to cover audiology services for
2 children.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 58-17 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 Every policy of health insurance delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state,
7 except for policies that provide coverage for specified disease or other limited benefit coverage,
8 shall provide, in writing, coverage for audiology services for children if prescribed or
9 recommended by a licensed physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized
10 to prescribe or recommend such services. The audiology services shall include physicians
11 services, therapy, supplies, and equipment to diagnose, treat, and correct a hearing impairment.

12 The benefits provided in this section are subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles,
13 coinsurance, and other restrictions established for all other benefits covered in the policy.

14 Section 2. That chapter 58-18 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as



1 follows:

2 Every policy of health insurance delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state,
3 except for policies that provide coverage for specified disease or other limited benefit coverage,
4 shall provide, in writing, coverage for audiology services for children if prescribed or
5 recommended by a licensed physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized
6 to prescribe or recommend such services. The audiology services shall include physicians
7 services, therapy, supplies, and equipment to diagnose, treat, and correct a hearing impairment.

8 The benefits provided in this section are subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles,
9 coinsurance, and other restrictions established for all other benefits covered in the policy.

10 Section 3. That chapter 58-18B be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
11 follows:

12 Every policy of health insurance delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state,
13 except for policies that provide coverage for specified disease or other limited benefit coverage,
14 shall provide, in writing, coverage for audiology services for children if prescribed or
15 recommended by a licensed physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized
16 to prescribe or recommend such services. The audiology services shall include physicians
17 services, therapy, supplies, and equipment to diagnose, treat, and correct a hearing impairment.

18 The benefits provided in this section are subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles,
19 coinsurance, and other restrictions established for all other benefits covered in the policy.

20 Section 4. That chapter 58-38 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
21 follows:

22 Every policy of health insurance delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state,
23 except for policies that provide coverage for specified disease or other limited benefit coverage,
24 shall provide, in writing, coverage for audiology services for children if prescribed or

1 recommended by a licensed physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized
2 to prescribe or recommend such services. The audiology services shall include physicians
3 services, therapy, supplies, and equipment to diagnose, treat, and correct a hearing impairment.

4 The benefits provided in this section are subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles,
5 coinsurance, and other restrictions established for all other benefits covered in the policy.

6 Section 5. That chapter 58-40 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
7 follows:

8 Every policy of health insurance delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state,
9 except for policies that provide coverage for specified disease or other limited benefit coverage,
10 shall provide, in writing, coverage for audiology services for children if prescribed or
11 recommended by a licensed physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized
12 to prescribe or recommend such services. The audiology services shall include physicians
13 services, therapy, supplies, and equipment to diagnose, treat, and correct a hearing impairment.

14 The benefits provided in this section are subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles,
15 coinsurance, and other restrictions established for all other benefits covered in the policy.

16 Section 6. That chapter 58-41 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
17 follows:

18 Every policy of health insurance delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state,
19 except for policies that provide coverage for specified disease or other limited benefit coverage,
20 shall provide, in writing, coverage for audiology services for children if prescribed or
21 recommended by a licensed physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized
22 to prescribe or recommend such services. The audiology services shall include physicians
23 services, therapy, supplies, and equipment to diagnose, treat, and correct a hearing impairment.

24 The benefits provided in this section are subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles,

1 coinsurance, and other restrictions established for all other benefits covered in the policy.