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H. F. No. 1440

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to insurance; expanding health insurance coverage for hearing aids;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62Q.675.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62Q.675, is amended to read:

1.6 **62Q.675 HEARING AIDS; PERSONS 18 OR YOUNGER; CHILDREN**
1.7 **UNDER AGE 26.**

1.8 A health plan must cover hearing aids for individuals 18 years of age or younger
1.9 and for children under age 26 who are covered as dependents under section 62A.302
1.10 for hearing loss that is not correctable by other covered procedures. Coverage required
1.11 under this section is limited to one hearing aid in each ear every three years, except that
1.12 additional hearing aids must be covered within this three-year period, if a physician
1.13 or audiologist certifies that this is necessary due to a change in hearing. No special
1.14 deductible, coinsurance, co-payment, or other limitation on the coverage under this section
1.15 that is not generally applicable to other coverages under the plan may be imposed.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2016, and applies to a
1.17 health plan issued, offered, or renewed on or after that date.