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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1848

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; providing coverage for certain nutritional supplements for persons
1.3 with liver or pancreas diseases; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section
1.4 256B.0625, subdivision 32; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.5 chapter 62A.

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

1.7 Section 1. [62A.3095] LIVER AND PANCREAS DISEASE NUTRITIONAL
1.8 SUPPLEMENT COVERAGE.

1.9 (a) For purposes of this section, "nutritional supplement" means pancreatic enzymes and
1.10 water-miscible forms of vitamins A, D, E, and K.

1.11 (b) A health plan must provide coverage for all provider recommended nutritional
1.12 supplements for enrollees with liver or pancreas diseases.

1.13 (c) The coverage required by this section is subject to the co-payment, coinsurance,
1.14 deductible, and other enrollee cost-sharing requirements that apply to similar types of items
1.15 under the policy, plan, certificate, or contract.

1.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2018, and applies to health
1.17 plans issued, offered, or renewed on or after that date.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256B.0625, subdivision 32, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 32. **Nutritional products.** Medical assistance covers nutritional products needed
1.20 for nutritional supplementation because solid food or nutrients thereof cannot be properly
1.21 absorbed by the body or needed for treatment of phenylketonuria, hyperlysinemia, maple
1.22 syrup urine disease, a combined allergy to human milk, cow's milk, and soy formula,

2.1 cholestatic liver disease, pancreatic insufficiency, or any other childhood or adult diseases,
2.2 conditions, or disorders identified by the commissioner as requiring a similarly necessary
2.3 nutritional product. Nutritional products needed for the treatment of a combined allergy to
2.4 human milk, cow's milk, and soy formula require prior authorization. Separate payment
2.5 shall not be made for nutritional products for residents of long-term care facilities. Payment
2.6 for dietary requirements is a component of the per diem rate paid to these facilities.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.