

A bill for an act

relating to insurance; requiring health plans to provide coverage for neuropsychological testing for children diagnosed with cancer; extending medical assistance coverage to neuropsychological testing for children diagnosed with cancer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.

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

Section 1. **[62A.3094] NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING FOR CHILDREN
DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER.**

Subdivision 1. **Required coverage.** Any health plan that provides coverage for cancer treatment must provide coverage to a covered individual under the age of 25 who has been diagnosed with cancer on or after January 1, 2000, for neuropsychological testing ordered by a licensed physician to assess the extent of any cognitive or developmental delays due to chemotherapy or radiation treatment.

Subd. 2. **Special restrictions prohibited.** The health plan may not impose a prior authorization requirement or a special deductible, coinsurance, or co-payment on the coverage described in subdivision 1 that is not generally applicable to other coverage under the health plan.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 53. **Neuropsychological testing to children diagnosed with cancer.** Effective July 1, 2008, medical assistance covers neuropsychological testing ordered by a licensed physician for children who have been diagnosed with cancer on or after January

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2.1 1, 2000, to assess the extent of any cognitive or developmental delays in the child due
2.2 to chemotherapy or radiation treatment.

2.3 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.4 Section 1 is effective for any health plan that is issued, renewed, or continued after
2.5 July 1, 2008.