

A bill for an act

relating to insurance; requiring compliance with federal law regarding health insurance coverage of clinical trials; providing an earlier effective date than federal law; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

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

Section 1. **[62Q.526] CLINICAL TRIALS; REQUIRED COVERAGE OF ROUTINE PATIENT COSTS.**

(a) A health plan issued or renewed by a health plan company to cover a resident of this state must comply with the provisions relating to coverage of routine patient costs incurred in connection with clinical trials contained in section 2709 of the federal Public Health Service Act, as added by Title X, Subtitle A, section 10103, paragraph (c), of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148.

(b) Compliance with paragraph (a) is required under this section effective on or after August 1, 2011, for health plans offered, sold, issued, renewed, or continued as defined in section 60A.02, subdivision 2a.

(c) This section applies to health plans and health plan companies to the full extent not preempted by federal law. It does not apply to self-insured group health plans sponsored by private sector employers or by multiple employer unions or to the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan.