

SENATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

S.F. No. 2209

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/27/2023	1144	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Health and Human Services
02/29/2024	11865	Withdrawn and re-referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection
03/11/2024	12113a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Health and Human Services

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A bill for an act

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relating to health care; clarifying that health plans must cover gender-affirming

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care; clarifying that medical assistance covers gender-affirming care; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 256B.0625, subdivision 3a; proposing

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coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

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

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Section 1. [62Q.585] GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE COVERAGE; MEDICALLY

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NECESSARY CARE.

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Subdivision 1. Requirement. No health plan that covers physical or mental health

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services may be offered, sold, issued, or renewed in this state that:

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(1) excludes coverage for medically necessary gender-affirming care; or

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(2) requires gender-affirming treatments to satisfy a definition of "medically necessary

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care," "medical necessity," or any similar term that is more restrictive than the definition

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provided in subdivision 2.

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Subd. 2. Minimum definition. "Medically necessary care" means health care services

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appropriate in terms of type, frequency, level, setting, and duration to the enrollee's diagnosis

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or condition and diagnostic testing and preventive services. Medically necessary care must

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be consistent with generally accepted practice parameters as determined by health care

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providers in the same or similar general specialty as typically manages the condition,

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procedure, or treatment at issue and must:

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(1) help restore or maintain the enrollee's health; or

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(2) prevent deterioration of the enrollee's condition.

2.1        Subd. 3. **Health plan; definition.** For purposes of this section, "health plan" has the  
2.2        meaning given in section 62Q.01, subdivision 3, but includes the coverages listed in section  
2.3        62A.011, subdivision 3, clauses (7) and (10).

2.4        Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 256B.0625, subdivision 3a, is  
2.5        amended to read:

2.6        Subd. 3a. **Gender-affirming services.** Medical assistance covers gender-affirming health  
2.7        care services. "Gender-affirming health care services" means all medical, surgical, counseling,  
2.8        or referral services, including telehealth services, that an individual may receive to support  
2.9        and affirm that individual's gender identity or gender expression and that are legal under  
2.10       the laws of the state of Minnesota.