

This Document can be made available  
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3181

03/16/2016

Authored by Theis, Loonan and Hamilton

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 health insurance; mandating coverage for audiological rehabilitation

1.3

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

1.4

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

1.5

Section 1. **[62Q.528] AUDIOLOGICAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING.**

1.6

A health plan must cover audiological rehabilitation counseling provided by an

1.7

audiologist to a person for hearing loss. Coverage required under this section includes up

1.8

to three hours of education per year for a person with hearing loss about communication

1.9

strategies, visual and tactile alerting devices, and nonprescription technology that could

1.10

mitigate the person's hearing loss. No special deductible, coinsurance, co-payment, or

1.11

other limitation on the coverage under this section that is not generally applicable to other

1.12

coverages under the health plan may be imposed.

1.13

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2017, and applies to health

1.14

plans issued or renewed on or after that date.