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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health insurance; requiring coverage for hearing aids for individuals

1.3 older than 18 years of age; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62Q.675.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62Q.675, is amended to read:

1.6 **62Q.675 HEARING AIDS; ~~PERSONS 18 OR YOUNGER.~~**

1.7 A health plan must cover hearing aids for individuals ~~18 years of age or younger~~ for

1.8 hearing loss that is not correctable by other covered procedures. Coverage required under

1.9 this section is limited to one hearing aid in each ear every three years, except that additional

1.10 hearing aids must be covered within this three-year period if a physician or audiologist

1.11 certifies that it is necessary due to a change in hearing. No special deductible, coinsurance,

1.12 co-payment, or other limitation on the coverage under this section that is not generally

1.13 applicable to other coverages under the plan may be imposed.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to a health

1.15 plan issued, offered, or renewed on or after that date.