CHAPTER 60-S.F.No. 805

An act relating to insurance; regulating health plan coverage for hearing aids; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62Q.675.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62Q.675, is amended to read:

62Q.675 HEARING AIDS; PERSONS 18 OR YOUNGER.

A health plan must cover hearing aids for individuals 18 years of age or younger for hearing loss due to functional congenital malformation of the ears that is not correctable by other covered procedures. Coverage required under this section is limited to one hearing aid in each ear every three years. No special deductible, coinsurance, co-payment, or other limitation on the coverage under this section that is not generally applicable to other coverages under the plan may be imposed.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.

<u>This section is effective August 1, 2007, and applies to policies, contracts, and certificates issued or renewed on or after that date.</u>

Presented to the governor May 9, 2007

Signed by the governor May 10, 2007, 9:58 a.m.