Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2207

Introduced by

Senator Grindberg

Representative Sveen

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota

2 Century Code, relating to required coverages in health plans.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is 5 created and enacted as follows:

6 Health plan dental anesthesia and hospitalization coverage. A health plan must 7 cover anesthesia and hospital charges for dental care provided to a covered person who is a 8 child under age five; is severely disabled; has a medical condition and who requires 9 hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care treatment; or suffers acute situational 10 anxiety. A health carrier may require prior authorization of hospitalization for dental care 11 procedures in the same manner that prior authorization is required for hospitalization for other 12 covered diseases or conditions. A health plan must also provide coverage for general 13 anesthesia required to complete treatment by a dentist for a medical or dental condition 14 regardless of whether the services are provided in a hospital or a dental office.