

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2197**

Introduced by

Senator Goetz

Representatives Wald, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 26.1-36-09.3 and 54-52.1-04.6 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to insurance coverage for treatment of temporomandibular joint  
3 disorder and craniomandibular disorder.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-36-09.3 of the North Dakota Century Code  
6 is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **26.1-36-09.3. Coverage for treatment of certain disorders.** Except for policies that  
8 only provide coverage for specified diseases, no policy or certificate of health, medical,  
9 hospitalization, or accident and sickness insurance regulated under this chapter, or a subscriber  
10 contract provided by a nonprofit health service corporation, preferred provider organization, or  
11 health maintenance organization, may be issued, renewed, continued, delivered, issued for  
12 delivery, or executed in this state after January 1, 1990, unless the policy, certificate, plan, or  
13 contract specifically provides coverage for surgical and nonsurgical treatment of  
14 temporomandibular joint disorder and craniomandibular disorder. Coverage must be the same  
15 as that for treatment to any other joint in the body, and applies if the treatment is administered  
16 or prescribed by a physician or a dentist. Benefits for the coverage may be limited to a lifetime  
17 maximum of ~~ten~~ twenty-five thousand dollars per person for surgery, and ~~two ten~~ ten thousand ~~five~~  
18 ~~hundred~~ dollars for nonsurgical treatment.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52.1-04.6 of the 1995 Supplement to the  
20 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **54-52.1-04.6. Coverage for treatment of certain disorders.** The board shall provide  
22 coverage under either a contract for insurance pursuant to section 54-52.1-04 or under a  
23 self-insurance plan pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2 for coverage for surgical and nonsurgical  
24 treatment of temporomandibular joint disorder and craniomandibular disorder. Coverage must

- 1 be the same as that for treatment to any other joint in the body, and applies if the treatment is
- 2 administered or prescribed by a physician or a dentist. Benefits for the coverage may be limited
- 3 to a lifetime maximum of ~~ten~~ twenty-five thousand dollars per person for surgery, and ~~two~~ ten
- 4 thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars for nonsurgical treatment.