

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1452  
(Representative Sveen)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 and a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required insurance coverage for dental anesthesia and hospitalization.

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

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

**Dental anesthesia and hospitalization coverage.** An insurance company, nonprofit health service corporation, or health maintenance organization may not deliver, issue, execute, or renew any health insurance policy, health service contract, or evidence of coverage on an individual, group, blanket, franchise, or association basis unless the policy, contract, or evidence of coverage provides benefits for anesthesia and hospitalization for dental care provided to a covered individual who is a child under age nine, is severely disabled, or who has a medical condition and requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care treatment. A carrier may require preauthorization of hospitalization for dental care procedures under this section in the same manner preauthorization is required for hospitalization for other covered diseases or conditions. Coverage under this section applies regardless of whether the services are provided in a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center.

**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Insurance to cover dental anesthesia and hospitalization.** The board shall provide medical benefits coverage under a contract for insurance pursuant to section 54-52.1-04 or under a self-insurance plan pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2 for dental anesthesia and hospitalization in the same manner as provided under section 1 of this Act.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1452.

House Vote:      Yeas    61      Nays    37      Absent    0

Senate Vote:    Yeas    47      Nays    0      Absent    2

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State