

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2376

Introduced by

Senators C. Nelson, DeMers, Thane

Representative Thoreson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact paragraph 1 of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section
2 26.1-36-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to group coverage for counselors
3 providing outpatient treatment for mental disorders.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Paragraph 1 of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section
6 26.1-36-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 e. (1) In the case of benefits provided for outpatient treatment, the benefits
8 must be provided for a minimum of thirty hours for services covered
9 under this section in any calendar year if the treatment services are
10 provided within the scope of licensure by a nurse who holds advanced
11 licensure with a scope of practice within mental health or if the
12 diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment services are provided within the
13 scope of licensure by a licensed physician, a licensed psychologist who
14 is eligible for listing on the national register of health service providers
15 in psychology, a licensed professional clinical counselor who is licensed
16 in this state under section 43-47-06.1, or a licensed certified social
17 worker who:

- 18 (a) Possesses a master's or doctorate degree in social work from an
19 institution accredited by the council of social work education;
20 (b) Has at least one year of direct clinical social work practice during
21 graduate school or one year of postgraduate supervised clinical
22 social work practice in a structured teaching environment;

- 1 (c) Has completed at least the equivalent of four years of full-time
- 2 supervised clinical social work experience within the last seven
- 3 years;
- 4 (d) Has passed the clinical examination or its equivalent offered by
- 5 the North Dakota board of social work examiners; and
- 6 (e) If not licensed in this state, is licensed, certified, or registered at
- 7 the highest level of social work practice in another state.