

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2068  
(Human Services Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to remedial eye care services coverage.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-24.1-06. Remedial eye care - When provided.** On the basis of the findings of an examination made by an ophthalmologist, optometrist, or physician skilled in the diseases of the eye, recommended remedial eye care services must be provided by the department of human services to any ~~person~~ individual under the age of sixty-five who is in need of treatment either to prevent blindness or to restore the person's eyesight remedial eye care services if the ~~person~~ individual is not blind as defined under title XVI of the Social Security Act, ~~as amended~~, [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.], and the ~~person~~ individual is otherwise qualified for assistance under this chapter. ~~The remedial eye care services may include necessary travel and other expenses to receive treatment from a hospital or clinic designated by the department.~~ Except for services furnished in a medical emergency, the department may not pay for recommended remedial eye care services unless the individual receiving those services first applies for and receives authorization from the department. As used in this section, "remedial eye care services" mean services to prevent blindness or to restore an individual's eyesight, but does not include treatment of diseases causing an impairment or a loss of eyesight, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, ordinary eye examinations, eye glasses, physical examinations, or travel and other expenses necessary to receive treatment.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2068.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    43        Nays    0        Absent    4

House Vote:    Yeas    88        Nays    0        Absent    6

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State