

HOUSE BILL NO. 1452

Introduced by

Representatives Nelson, Mitskog

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to minimum standards for coverage of antiobesity medication; to provide
3 for a report to the legislative assembly; to provide for application; and to provide an expiration
4 date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Health insurance benefits coverage - Prescription drug coverage - Antiobesity**
9 **medication.**

- 10 1. The prescription drug component of the health insurance benefits coverage must
11 include coverage of at least two antiobesity medications approved by the United
12 States food and drug administration with an indication for chronic weight management
13 in a patient with obesity.
- 14 2. The coverage criteria for antiobesity medication may not be more restrictive than the
15 United States food and drug administration approved indications.
- 16 3. The coverage provided under this section may be subject to cost-sharing
17 requirements, including a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or annual or maximum
18 benefit provision, provided the requirements are consistent with requirements
19 applicable to other pharmaceutical coverage under the health insurance benefits
20 coverage.
- 21 4. The insurer shall provide notice to policyholders regarding the coverage required by
22 this section. The notice must be:
- 23 a. In writing;
- 24 b. Prominently positioned in any literature or correspondence; and

1 c. Provided to policyholders when annual information is made available, or in any
2 other mailing to policyholders.

3 **SECTION 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - PRESCRIPTION DRUG**
4 **COVERAGE - ANTI OBESITY MEDICATION - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

5 Pursuant to section 54-03-28, the public employees retirement system shall prepare and submit
6 for introduction a bill to the seventieth legislative assembly to repeal the expiration date for this
7 Act and to extend the coverage of prescription drug benefits for antiobesity medication to all
8 group and individual health insurance policies. The public employees retirement system shall
9 append a report to the bill regarding the effect of the prescription drug benefits for antiobesity
10 medication requirement on the system's health insurance programs, information on the
11 utilization and costs relating to the coverage, and a recommendation regarding whether the
12 coverage should be continued.

13 **SECTION 3. APPLICATION.** This Act applies to health benefits coverage that begins after
14 June 30, 2025, and which does not extend past June 30, 2027.

15 **SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2027, and after that
16 date is ineffective.