

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to remedial eye care services coverage.

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

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

6 **50-24.1-06. Remedial eye care - When provided.** On the basis of the findings of an  
7 examination made by an ophthalmologist, optometrist, or physician skilled in the diseases of the  
8 eye, recommended remedial eye care services must be provided by the department of human  
9 services to any person individual over the age of twenty-one and under the age of sixty-five  
10 who is in need of treatment either remedial eye care services to prevent blindness or to restore  
11 the person's eyesight if the person individual is not blind as defined under title XVI of the Social  
12 Security Act, as amended, [42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.], and the person individual is otherwise  
13 qualified for assistance under this chapter. The remedial eye care services may include  
14 necessary travel and other expenses to receive treatment from a hospital or clinic designated  
15 by the department. Except for services furnished in a medical emergency, the department may  
16 not pay for recommended remedial eye care services unless the individual receiving those  
17 services first applies for and receives authorization from the department. As used in this  
18 section, "remedial eye care services" mean services to prevent blindness or to restore an  
19 individual's eyesight, but does not include treatment of diseases causing an impairment or a  
20 loss of eyesight, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, ordinary eye examinations, eye  
21 glasses, physical examinations, or travel and other expenses necessary to receive treatment.