

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2194
(Senators W. Stenehjem, Holmberg, Lee)
(Representatives Delmore, Kliniske, Poolman)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to health insurance coverage for inherited metabolic disease; and to provide an expiration date.

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:

Foods and food products for inherited metabolic diseases.

1. As used in this section:
 - a. "Inherited metabolic disease" means maple syrup urine disease or phenylketonuria.
 - b. "Low protein modified food product" means a food product that is specially formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving and is intended to be used under the direction of a physician for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease. The term does not include a natural food that is naturally low in protein.
 - c. "Medical food" means a food that is intended for the dietary treatment of a disease or condition for which nutritional requirements are established by medical evaluation and is formulated to be consumed or administered under the direction of a physician.
2. 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 that provides prescription coverage on an individual, group, blanket, franchise, or association basis, unless the policy or contract provides, for any person covered under the policy or contract, coverage for medical foods and low protein modified food products determined by a physician to be medically necessary for the therapeutic treatment of an inherited metabolic disease.
3. This section applies to any covered individual born after December 31, 1962. This section does not require coverage for low protein modified food products in excess of three thousand dollars per year for an individual with an inherited metabolic disease of amino acid or organic acid.

SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through July 31, 1999, and after that date is ineffective.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2194.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 3

House Vote: Yeas 78 Nays 16 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State