

## CHAPTER 269

HOUSE BILL NO. 1452  
(Representative Sveen)DENTAL ANESTHESIA AND HOSPITALIZATION  
COVERAGE

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 and a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required insurance coverage for dental anesthesia and hospitalization.

**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:

**Dental anesthesia and hospitalization coverage.** 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 on an individual, group, blanket, franchise, or association basis unless the policy, contract, or evidence of coverage provides benefits for anesthesia and hospitalization for dental care provided to a covered individual who is a child under age nine, is severely disabled, or who has a medical condition and requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care treatment. A carrier may require preauthorization of hospitalization for dental care procedures under this section in the same manner preauthorization is required for hospitalization for other covered diseases or conditions. Coverage under this section applies regardless of whether the services are provided in a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center.

**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Insurance to cover dental anesthesia and hospitalization.** The board shall provide medical benefits coverage under a contract for insurance pursuant to section 54-52.1-04 or under a self-insurance plan pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2 for dental anesthesia and hospitalization in the same manner as provided under section 1 of this Act.

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