

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1452

Introduced by

Representative Sveen

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 and a new section to
2 chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required insurance coverage for
3 dental anesthesia and hospitalization.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Dental anesthesia and hospitalization coverage.** An insurance company, nonprofit
8 health service corporation, or health maintenance organization may not deliver, issue, execute,
9 or renew any health insurance policy, health service contract, or evidence of coverage on an
10 individual, group, blanket, franchise, or association basis unless the policy, contract, or
11 evidence of coverage provides benefits for anesthesia and hospitalization for dental care
12 provided to a covered individual who is a child under age nine, is severely disabled, or who has
13 a medical condition and requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care
14 treatment. A carrier may require preauthorization of hospitalization for dental care procedures
15 under this section in the same manner preauthorization is required for hospitalization for other
16 covered diseases or conditions. Coverage under this section applies regardless of whether the
17 services are provided in a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center.

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

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