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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires that private health insurance and Medical Assistance cover amino-based acid elemental formulas, which are hypoallergenic nutritional formulas needed to provide nutrition to individuals who have certain diseases.

Section

1 Coverage for amino-based acid elemental formulas.

Subd. 1. Scope of coverage. Provides that this section applies to health insurance policies, HMO contracts, and all other all types of "regular" private sector health coverage that the state can regulate.

Subd. 2. Required coverage. Requires that every type of health coverage included in subdivision 1 must cover amino-based acid elemental formulas when ordered by a licensed health care professional for any one of the 13 conditions listed in the bill. Makes this requirement effective for health coverage issued or renewed after August 1, 2007.

Subd. 3. Special restrictions prohibited. Prohibits health coverage from applying enrollee cost-sharing on amino-based acid elemental formulas that is higher than the health coverage applies to other non-preventive treatments.

2 Amino-based acid elemental formulas. Requires Medical Assistance to provide the same coverage required under section 1 of this bill.