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Overview

This bill requires health plans to cover treatment for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). Every health carrier that offers health plans to the residents of Minnesota must provide a report to the commissioner of health regarding the denial of coverage for treatment of PANDAS and PANS

Section

1 [62A.3096] Coverage for treatment for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS).

Subd. 1. Definitions. Provides definitions for PANDAS and PANS.

Subd. 2. Scope of coverage. Applies this section to all health plans that provide coverage to Minnesota residents.

Subd. 3. Required coverage. Requires all health plans to provide coverage for PANDAS and PANS, including antibiotics, medication, and behavioral therapies.

Effective date. This section is effective January 1, 2019, and applies to health plans after that date.

2 Report; denials of coverage for treatment for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS).

Section

Subd. 1. Definitions. Provides definitions for health carrier, health plan, PANDAS, and PANS.

Subd. 2. Report required. Requires health carriers that offer health plans to report to the commissioner of health the number of times they deny coverage for the treatment of PANDAS and PANS, and the specific treatment for which coverage was denied. Requires the commissioner of health to post a report with this information to the department's website by November 1, 2018.

Effective date. This section is effective the day following final enactment.