

Health Care Committee

HB 1911

Brief Description: Requiring coverage for neurodevelopmental therapies.

Sponsors: Representatives Reardon, Cody, Santos and Ballasiotes.

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Health plans for public employees and employer-sponsored group policies will provide coverage for neurodevelopmental therapies for covered individuals, regardless of age.*

Hearing Date: 2/20/01

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Currently, health plans for state employees and employer-sponsored group policies provide coverage for neurodevelopmental therapies for covered individuals age six and under. A recent sunrise report by the Department of Health recommended that the age limitation for coverage of neurodevelopmental therapies be dropped.

Summary of Bill:

Health plans for public employees and employer-sponsored group policies will provide coverage for neurodevelopmental therapies for covered individuals, regardless of age.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.