

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 101, Page 2, Section 209.245, Line 44, by
2 inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "376.1197. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

5 (1) "Hearing care professional", a person who is a licensed hearing instrument dispenser, licensed
6 audiologist, or licensed physician;

7 (2) "Hearing instrument" or "hearing aid", any wearable nondisposable, nonexperimental instrument
8 or device designed to aid or compensate for impaired human hearing and any parts, attachments, or
9 accessories for the instrument or device, including an ear mold but excluding batteries and cords.

10 2. An individual or group policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan that is
11 amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the August 28, 2019, shall provide coverage for medically
12 necessary hearing instruments and related services for all individuals under the age of eighteen when a
13 hearing care professional prescribes a hearing instrument to augment communication.

14 3. An insurer shall provide coverage, subject to all applicable co-payments, co-insurance,
15 deductibles, and out-of-pocket limits, subject to the following restrictions:

16 (1) One hearing instrument shall be covered for each ear every thirty-six months;

17 (2) Related services including, but not limited to, audiological exams and selection, fitting, and
18 adjustment of ear molds to maintain optimal fit shall be covered when deemed medically necessary by a
19 hearing care professional; and

20 (3) Hearing instrument repairs may be covered when deemed medically necessary.

21 4. Any hearing aid provided to a person under the age of eighteen under this section shall be in
22 addition to any initial amplification provided under 376.1220.

23 5. If, at any time before or after August 28, 2019, the Secretary of the United States Department of
24 Health and Human Services, or its successor agency, promulgates rules or regulations to be published in the
25 Federal Register, or issues an opinion, guidance, or other action that would require the state, pursuant to any
26 provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111-148) including, but not limited to,
27 42 U.S.C. 18031(d)(3)(B) or any successor provision, to defray the cost of coverage for medically necessary
28 hearing instruments and related services for individuals under the age of eighteen, this section is inoperative
29 with respect to all such coverage other than that authorized under Section 1902 of the Social Security Act, 42
30 U.S.C. 1396a, and the state shall not assume any obligation for the cost of coverage for medically necessary
31 hearing instruments and related services for individuals under the age of eighteen."; and

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33 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____