

motor vehicle to a person who has attained the age of 15 years but who is under the age of 16 years and who, except for age, is qualified to hold a driver's license. The applicant is not required to comply with the six-month instruction permit possession provisions of sections 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (2), and 171.05, subdivision 2a. The restricted license shall be issued solely for the purpose of authorizing the person to whom the restricted license is issued to assist the person's parents or guardians with farm work. A person holding such a this restricted license may operate a motor vehicle only during daylight hours and only within a radius of 20 miles of the parent's or guardian's farmhouse; however, in no case may a person holding such a the restricted license operate a motor vehicle in a city of the first class. An applicant for a restricted license shall apply to the commissioner for the license on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of a property tax statement showing that the applicant's residence is classified as agricultural land and by a written verified statement by the applicant's parent or guardian setting forth the necessity for the license.

**Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 21, 1997

Signed by the governor April 23, 1997, 1:25 p.m.

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**CHAPTER 49—H.F.No. 645**

*An act relating to insurance; providing a uniform minimum definition of medically necessary care for mental health coverage in health plans; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

**Section 1. [62Q.53] MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE; MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE.**

**Subdivision 1. REQUIREMENT.** No health plan that covers mental health services may be offered, sold, issued, or renewed in this state that requires mental health services to satisfy a definition of "medically necessary care," "medical necessity," or similar term that is more restrictive with respect to mental health than the definition provided in subdivision 2.

**Subd. 2. MINIMUM DEFINITION.** "Medically necessary care" means health care services appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, level, setting, and duration, to the enrollee's diagnosis or condition, and diagnostic testing and preventive services. Medically necessary care must be consistent with generally accepted practice parameters as determined by health care providers in the same or similar general specialty as typically manages the condition, procedure, or treatment at issue and must:

- (1) help restore or maintain the enrollee's health; or

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(2) prevent deterioration of the enrollee's condition.

Subd. 3. HEALTH PLAN; DEFINITION. For purposes of this section, "health plan" has the meaning given in section 62Q.01, subdivision 3, but includes the coverages listed in section 62A.011, subdivision 3, clauses (7) and (10).

**Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective January 1, 1998, and applies to health plans issued or renewed on or after that date.

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Signed by the governor April 23, 1997, 1:30 p.m.

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**CHAPTER 50—H.F.No. 108**

*An act relating to employment; providing for the protection of health insurance benefits for certain Range technical college employees.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

**Section 1. CERTAIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE EMPLOYEES; PROTECTION OF BENEFITS.**

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a person who is employed by the Range technical college, who filed a retirement notice prior to July 1, 1995, and who retires no later than June 15, 1997, is entitled to health insurance benefits provided in the applicable Range technical college collective bargaining agreement. The merger of the community colleges, state universities, and technical colleges has no effect on these benefits.

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**CHAPTER 51—S.F.No. 539**

*An act relating to highways; modifying designation of the George Mann memorial highway; designating the Augie Mueller and Don Rickers memorial highways; designating the Ruby L. Hughes Boulevard; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 161.14, subdivision 21, and by adding subdivisions.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 161.14, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

Subd. 21. **GEORGE MANN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.** That segment of marked trunk highway No. 60 from Mankato to ~~Worthington~~ Brewster is named and designated

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