

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 3970

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health insurance; requiring coverage for the management and treatment
1.3 of obesity; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, by adding a
1.4 subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[62Q.474] COVERAGE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT**
1.7 **OF OBESITY.**

1.8 A health plan company must provide coverage to manage and treat obesity. Coverage
1.9 must include evidence-based obesity treatments, including but not limited to:

1.10 (1) behavioral, dietary, and physical activity interventions;

1.11 (2) bariatric surgery; and

1.12 (3) medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat obesity.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025, and applies to health
1.14 plans offered, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.16 to read:

1.17 Subd. 72. **Coverage for the management and treatment of obesity.** Medical assistance
1.18 covers the management and treatment of obesity in the same manner as is required under
1.19 section 62Q.474.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.