

Subject Health plan coverage for PANDAS and PANS

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## Overview

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

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>[62A.3096] Pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) treatment; coverage.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Definitions.</b> Provides definitions for PANDAS and PANS.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Scope of coverage.</b> Applies this section to all health plans that provide coverage to Minnesota residents.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Required coverage.</b> Requires all health plans to provide coverage for PANDAS and PANS, including antibiotics, medication, behavioral therapies, plasma exchange, and immunoglobulin.</p> <p>Effective date. This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health plans issued on or after that date.</p>
2	<p><b>Report; denials of coverage for treatment for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS).</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Definitions.</b> Provides definitions for health carrier, health plan, PANDAS, and PANS.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Report required.</b> Requires health carriers that offer health plans to Minnesota residents to report to the commissioner of health the number of times they deny coverage for the treatment of PANDAS and PANS, and the</p>

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	<p>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, 2019.</p> <p>Effective date. This section is effective the day following final enactment.</p>



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