

**Senate File 2049 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to speech therapy benefits for children under  
2 Medicaid managed care.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. HAWK-I COVERED SPEECH THERAPY BENEFIT UNDER  
2 MEDICAID MANAGED CARE CONTRACT. The hawk-i covered speech  
3 therapy benefit under Medicaid managed care shall provide for  
4 coverage of both habilitative and rehabilitative services  
5 for children with speech, language, and hearing disorders as  
6 medically necessary. The determination that a service is  
7 medically necessary shall not be interpreted to require loss  
8 or impairment as the result of a stroke, accidental injury, or  
9 surgery to the head or neck as a prerequisite to coverage of  
10 services.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill requires that the hawk-i covered speech therapy  
15 benefit under Medicaid managed care provide for coverage of  
16 both habilitative and rehabilitative services for children with  
17 speech, language, and hearing disorders as medically necessary.  
18 The bill prohibits the determination of a service as medically  
19 necessary from being interpreted to require loss or impairment  
20 as the result of a stroke, accidental injury, or surgery to the  
21 head or neck as a prerequisite to coverage of services.