

**House File 691 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 172)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the qualifications of noncertified staff  
2 providing early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and  
3 treatment benefit services under the Medicaid program.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND  
2 TREATMENT BENEFIT SERVICES — MEDICAID — QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
3 NONCERTIFIED STAFF. The department of human services shall  
4 amend the Medicaid state plan SPA #14-0022 approved as of  
5 March 10, 2015, and retroactively effective to December 1,  
6 2014, relating to preventive services as defined in 42 C.F.R.  
7 §440.130(c), consistent with the provisions of 42 U.S.C.  
8 §1905(a)(4)(B) for early and periodic screening, diagnosis,  
9 and treatment benefits, to provide that, beginning July 1,  
10 2021, the types of nonlicensed practitioners providing such  
11 services may include, in addition to noncertified staff  
12 with a bachelor's degree in education, psychology, social  
13 work, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or speech  
14 language pathology, those nonlicensed practitioners who hold a  
15 registered behavior technician certification from a nationally  
16 recognized accrediting body including but not limited to the  
17 behavior analyst certification board.

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 This bill requires the department of human services  
22 to amend the Medicaid state plan approved March 10, 2015,  
23 and retroactively effective to December 1, 2014, relating  
24 to preventive services for early and periodic screening,  
25 diagnosis, and treatment benefits, beginning July 1, 2021, to  
26 provide that the types of nonlicensed practitioners providing  
27 such services may include, in addition to noncertified staff  
28 with a bachelor's degree in education, psychology, social  
29 work, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or speech  
30 language pathology, those nonlicensed practitioners who hold a  
31 registered behavior technician certification from a nationally  
32 recognized accrediting body including but not limited to the  
33 behavior analyst certification board.