

**House Study Bill 172 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON MEYER)

**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, and  
9 treatment benefits, to provide that the types of nonlicensed  
10 practitioners providing such services may include, in addition  
11 to noncertified staff with a bachelor's degree in education,  
12 psychology, social work, occupational therapy, physical  
13 therapy, or speech language pathology, those nonlicensed  
14 practitioners who hold a registered behavior technician  
15 certification from a nationally recognized accrediting body  
16 including but not limited to the behavior analyst certification  
17 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, to provide that the types  
26 of nonlicensed practitioners providing such services may  
27 include, in addition to noncertified staff with a bachelor's  
28 degree in education, psychology, social work, occupational  
29 therapy, physical therapy, or speech language pathology,  
30 those nonlicensed practitioners who hold a registered  
31 behavior technician certification from a nationally recognized  
32 accrediting body including but not limited to the behavior  
33 analyst certification board.