

**Senate File 2145 - Reprinted**

SENATE FILE 2145  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2049)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 23, 2016)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to speech therapy and other benefits for  
2 children under the hawk-i program and including effective  
3 date and retroactive applicability provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

10 Sec. 2. HAWK-I BOARD DUTIES — BENEFIT PACKAGE. The  
11 hawk-i board shall review the benefit package design of, the  
12 noninclusive list of benefits for, and the definition of  
13 medically necessary utilized under the hawk-i program, and  
14 shall approve a benefit package and adopt rules, pursuant to  
15 the duties specified in section 514I.5, to provide benefits  
16 uniformly and consistently across all participating insurers,  
17 in the type and manner that reflects and meets the needs of the  
18 child population, including children with special health care  
19 needs, under the hawk-i program.

20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
21 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

22 Sec. 4. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies  
23 retroactively to March 1, 2016.