

AMENDMENTS TO LB 342

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1 1. Strike original sections 2, 3, and 5 and insert the
2 following new section:

3 Sec. 2. (1) The Legislature finds that (a) the
4 interdisciplinary treatment of pediatric feeding disorders can
5 be a clinically effective and more cost-effective method for the
6 treatment of such disorders and (b) it is in the best interests
7 of the state and of the children with such disorders and their
8 families that the State of Nebraska provide payments under the
9 medical assistance program for such treatment.

10 (2) No later than January 1, 2010, the department shall
11 apply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for
12 a state plan amendment or waiver to permit the payment of medical
13 assistance for the interdisciplinary treatment of pediatric feeding
14 disorders.

15 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature (a) that such
16 interdisciplinary treatment of pediatric feeding disorders be
17 provided after the use, pursuant to a physician's order, of a
18 nasogastric technique for the treatment of such disorders but prior
19 to the use of more invasive surgical techniques unless, in the
20 opinion of the child's attending physician, emergent circumstances
21 require the use of more invasive surgical techniques to preserve
22 the life of the child and (b) only when interdisciplinary treatment
23 can be provided in a clinically effective and more cost-effective

1 manner as compared to the use of more invasive surgical techniques.

2 (4) For purposes of this section, interdisciplinary
3 treatment means the collaboration of medicine, psychology,
4 nutrition science, speech therapy, occupational therapy, social
5 work, and other appropriate medical and behavioral disciplines
6 in an integrated program of applied behavior analysis that is
7 goal-oriented, data-driven, and scientifically based, in which
8 sessions are conducted to test the effects of specific treatments
9 on food acceptance, food refusal, and inappropriate mealtime
10 behaviors.

11 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.