

EXPANDED COVERAGE OF RAPID GENOME SEQUENCING FOR CRITICALLY ILL INFANTS WITH SUSPECTED RARE DISEASE (SF2445/HF3330)

New policies that support the rare disease community in Minnesota: *What you should know*

The Minnesota Legislature enacted legislation in 2024 expanding insurance coverage to include rapid genome sequencing (rWGS) for certain pediatric patients in the ICU. The bills mandate that health carriers provide coverage for rWGS if specific criteria are met, helping to facilitate timely and accurate diagnosis of complex genetic conditions in young patients.



WHAT IT DOES

This update requires coverage for rapid whole genome sequencing for children under the age of 21 in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

HOW IT HELPS THE COMMUNITY

These bills reflect the effort to enhance healthcare coverage for advanced genetic testing technologies, recognizing their potential to significantly impact pediatric healthcare by providing quicker and more accurate diagnoses for severe and complex medical conditions.

HOW IT WORKS

Commercial payers (including managed care organizations contracted with the State) must cover rWGS for children 21 years and younger in the ICU. Reimbursement must be separate from the DRG/capitated payment.

WHEN DOES THE POLICY GO INTO EFFECT?

This policy goes into effect January 1st, 2025.

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