

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Re-Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 173 by Senator Heitmeier

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 2, delete lines 19 through 22 in their entirety

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 3, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

5 **"F. (1) A health insurance issuer providing coverage pursuant to this**
 6 **Section may limit the benefit payable for nonsurgical services described**
 7 **in this Section to not less than one thousand five hundred dollars per**
 8 **policy year. For purposes of this Paragraph, "nonsurgical services"**
 9 **shall include any of the following:**

10 **(a) Physician office visits related to a morbid obesity diagnosis and**
 11 **treatment and subsequent follow-up visits.**

12 **(b) Health and behavior assessments.**

13 **(c) Nutrition education.**

14 **(d) Patient self-management education and training.**

15 **(2) The benefit limit of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply**
 16 **to treatment for the comorbidity factors of hypertension or diabetes.**

17 **(3) A health insurance issuer providing coverage pursuant to this Section**
 18 **may limit the benefit payable for drugs prescribed for weight loss used**
 19 **in the treatment of morbid obesity prior to surgery to not less than one**
 20 **thousand eight hundred dollars per policy year.**

21 **(4) The annual benefit limits described in this Subsection shall be in**
 22 **addition to any cost sharing requirements payable by the insured in**
 23 **accordance with the applicable policy of insurance.**

24 AMENDMENT NO. 3

25 On page 3, line 17, at the beginning of the line change "F." to "G."