

# SEIZURE DETECTION DEVICES

## *Seizure Detection Devices Covered by Medicaid Legislation*

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Rep. Morrison has agreed to Chief Author

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### **Senate:**

Sen. Abeler has agree to Chief Author

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It's estimated that 1 in 1,000 people with epilepsy die each year of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP). The greatest risk factor for SUDEP are uncontrolled, convulsive seizures. 1 in 150 people with uncontrolled seizures die of SUDEP each year. These cases are most likely to occur at night, when a person with epilepsy is asleep and nobody is around to notice and keep them safe if they have a seizure.

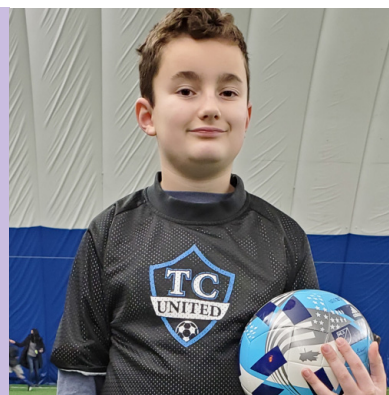
Seizure detection devices serve as a risk mitigation tool for SUDEP by detecting convulsive seizures and alerting caregivers that a seizure is occurring. A person being able to give first aid after a convulsive seizure reduces the risk of death.

The Seizure Detection Devices Legislation increases access to seizure detection devices by covering FDA-approved devices under Medical Assistance (Minnesota Medicaid).

By covering seizure detection devices under Medical Assistance, the risk of death for those living with epilepsy in Minnesota can be reduced, and quality of life improved. Minnesota will be the first state in the country to cover seizure detection devices under Medicaid. Together, Minnesota can be a leader in preventing death from epilepsy.

*"We are currently using the Empatica Embrace 2 watch that Noah wears at bedtime. It has been so helpful in giving us peace of mind that we will be alerted when he has a nighttime seizure. We were never able to get a good night's sleep until we had the watch."*

**Lisa Necastro, mother to an 11-year-old with epilepsy**



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