

HF202 - 0 - "Mdfy Reqs for Dental Prov in Pub Hlth Care"

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Executive Budget Officer's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with MMB's Fiscal Note policies.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

This legislation exempts dental providers outside the metro area from a requirement that they participate in the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) as a condition of participating in health insurance programs administered for public employees and the state’s workers’ compensation program. Minnesota’s public health care programs include Medical Assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare.

Assumptions

Current state law requires health care providers who receive reimbursement for health care services through the State’s workers compensation program, the State Employee Group Health Insurance Program (SEGIP) or to local government employees through the Public Employee Insurance Program (PEIP) to maintain an active caseload of MHCP recipients. Providers may limit acceptance of new MHCP recipients once they reach 10 percent of the providers’ annual active caseload or the provider accepts patients who are children with special health care needs. Under current policy, providers are required to notify DHS prior to limiting access to new recipients. After meeting these requirements, DHS updates the provider directory to indicate that the provider is no longer seeing new patients.

This bill would remove dentists located outside of the seven county Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area from the requirement to serve MHCP recipients as a condition of reimbursement from public employee plans or the state workers compensation program.

Data from the DHS provider enrollment data shows that there are 915 active dental service providers located outside the seven county metro enrolled with DHS as an MA fee-for-service provider. Of this number, a total of 400 or 44 percent of the enrolled non metro area dental providers have completed the form notifying DHS of their intent to restrict access to new MHCP recipients. Permitting dentists that participate in other public health care programs to further limit access to MHCP recipients may decrease access to dental services. Any savings resulting from lower dental utilization would likely be offset with additional medical costs from people seeking dental treatment from medical providers. We are unable to estimate the change in dental utilization resulting from this legislation and therefore do not show a specific impact in this fiscal note.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

N/A

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Local Fiscal Impact

None

References/Sources

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