

Subject Dental home pilot project

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Overview

The 2021 legislature directed the Dental Services Advisory Committee to design a dental home demonstration project and present recommendations to the legislature. This bill directs the commissioner of human services to design and implement a dental home demonstration project by July 1, 2024, that is consistent with the recommendations of the advisory committee.

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Subd. 1. Establishment; requirements. (a) Requires the commissioner to establish a dental home pilot project, to increase the access of MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees to dental care, and improve patient experience and oral health clinical outcomes. Specifies related requirements.

(b) Requires the design and operation of the pilot project to be consistent with the recommendations made by the Dental Services Advisory Committee to the legislature.

(c) Requires the commissioner to establish baseline requirements and performance measures for dental homes that address access and patient experience and oral health clinical outcomes.

Subd. 2. Project design and timeline. (a) Requires the commissioner to issue a preliminary project description and a request for information, to obtain stakeholder feedback and input on specified project design issues.

(b) Requires the commissioner to consider this feedback and input and issue a request for proposals for pilot project participation.

(c) Requires the pilot project to be implemented by July 1, 2024, and to include initial testing and the collection and analysis of data, to evaluate whether the

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baseline requirements and performance measures are appropriate. Requires the commissioner, under this phase, to provide grants to individual providers and provider networks that are in addition to regular MA and MinnesotaCare payments.

(d) Allows the pilot project to test and analyze value-based payments to providers, to determine whether varying provider payments based on performance measures is appropriate and effective.

(e) Requires the commissioner to ensure provider diversity in selecting project participants. Specifies criteria for the commissioner to consider in selecting providers.

(f) Requires the commissioner to regularly consult with stakeholders in designing and implementing the pilot project, and as relevant to continue to seek input on project design issues specified in paragraph (a).

Subd. 3. Reporting. (a) Requires the commissioner, beginning February 15, 2024, and each February 15 thereafter for the duration of the project, to annually report to the legislature on the design, implementation, operation, and results of the demonstration project.

(b) Requires the commissioner, within six months of the end of the project, to report on the results of the demonstration project to the legislature, and include recommendations on whether the demonstration project, or specific features of the project, should be extended to all MA and MinnesotaCare dental providers.

2 **Appropriation.**

Appropriates money in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services, to establish and evaluate the dental home demonstration project. Specifies base funding for fiscal years 2026 through 2029, with base funding set at \$0 for fiscal year 2029.



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