

Subject Medical Assistance (MA) Payment for Injectable Drugs

Authors Morrison and others

Analyst Randall Chun

Date February 26, 2021

Overview

This bill allows the administering pharmacy or pharmacist, or the dispensing pharmacy, to be paid directly by the MA program, for injectable drugs used to treat substance use disorder that are administered in an outpatient setting.

Summary

Section	Description
---------	-------------

1	Payment rates.
----------	-----------------------

Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 13e. Allows MA payment for injectable drugs used to treat substance use disorder and administered by a practitioner or pharmacist in an outpatient setting to be paid directly to the administering pharmacy or pharmacist, or directly to the dispensing pharmacy. Under current law, payment for drugs administered in an outpatient setting can be made only to the administering facility or practitioner.

Requires the practitioner, administering facility, or administering pharmacy or pharmacist to submit the claim if they purchase the drug directly from a wholesale distributor or manufacturer. Requires the dispensing pharmacy to submit the claim if it dispenses the drug pursuant to prescription and delivers the filled prescription to the practitioner for administration. Requires payment to be made according to this section. Requires the administering practitioner and pharmacy to ensure that claims are not duplicated. Prohibits a pharmacy from dispensing a practitioner-administered injectable drug directly to an enrollee.