

Subject Dental Payments for Personal Protective Equipment
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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner to make onetime payments to dentists and dental clinics to assist with increased costs incurred for personal protective equipment used when providing services to patients covered by medical assistance (MA) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Summary

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| 1 | Payments to medical assistance dental providers for personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic; appropriation. |
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Subd. 1. Definitions. (a) States that the following definitions apply to this section.

(b) Defines “commissioner” as the commissioner of human services.

(c) Defines “eligible provider” as a dentist or dental clinic that:

(1) accepts MA patients;

(2) is actively enrolled as an MA provider on September 15, 2020;

(3) is located in Minnesota;

(4) is not paid on a cost-based system; and

(5) has received at least \$5,000 in MA payments from claims with a date of service on or after October 1, 2019, through April 1, 2020.

(d) “Medical assistance payments” is defined as payments received from dental claims submitted either to the commissioner or to a managed care or county-based purchasing plan, or to the plan’s subcontractor.

Section **Description**

Subd. 2. Payments. (a) Requires the commissioner, by October 15, 2020, to pay a onetime payment to each eligible provider to assist with increased costs incurred for personal protective equipment used when performing services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Provides that a dentist or dental clinic that accepts payment attests to having unreimbursable costs incurred on or after March 1, 2020 related to the use of personal protective equipment due to COVID that are greater than the payment received.

(b) Requires the payment to be based on a distribution formula established by the commissioner within the amount of the appropriation and the requirements of this section. Requires the payment amount distributed to each eligible provider to be based on historical claims paid with a date of service on or after October 1, 2019, through April 1, 2020. Requires the distribution formula to use a fixed dollar amount to be determined by the commissioner, not to exceed \$10 per claim. Requires claims to be received by the commissioner before August 1, 2020, in order to be considered when establishing the distribution formula.

(c) For dentists or clinics who enrolled as an MA provider after October 1, 2019, allows the commissioner to calculate a payment using an alternative formula.

(d) Requires any provider that accepts a payment under this section to agree to continue to accept MA patients until December 30, 2020. Requires providers that fail to meet this requirement to return the payment to the commissioner within 30 days of disenrollment as an MA provider, and requires the commissioner to deposit any money returned into the coronavirus relief federal fund.

Subd. 3. Appropriation. Appropriates \$5,000,000 in FY 2021 from the coronavirus relief fund to the commissioner of human services for payments authorized in this section. Provides that the total amount of payments must not exceed the amount appropriated and requires any unobligated and unexpended funds to be returned to the fund by November 1, 2020.

Effective date. Provides that this section is effective the day following final enactment.



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