

Subject Medical assistance coverage of traditional health care practices

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Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of human services to apply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver to allow Medical Assistance (MA) to cover traditional health care practices received from Indian Health Service facilities or specified facilities operated by Tribes, Tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Medical assistance coverage of traditional health care practices.</p> <p>Directs the commissioner of human services, in consultation with Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations, to apply to CMS for a waiver to allow the state’s MA program to cover traditional health care practices that MA enrollees receive from specified facilities. Requires that the commissioner submit the application by October 1, 2025.</p> <p>Limits MA coverage for traditional health care practices to services received from a “qualified provider,” as defined in the bill. Provides that MA reimbursement for traditional health care practices is set at an outpatient, per visit rate established by the Indian Health Service and is limited to one payment per day per MA enrollee.</p> <p>Makes the section effective the later of January 1, 2026, or federal approval of the waiver.</p> |
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