

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

Essential community providers (ECPs) are health care providers that serve uninsured, high-risk, and special needs populations. Health plan companies are required to offer contracts to ECPs. The authority for the Commissioner of Health to designate ECPs has expired. Designation as an ECP is for a five-year period and can be renewed for one additional five-year period. This act allows the commissioner to designate additional ECPs, allows continuing renewals of ECP status, and sets the amount of the application fee in statute.

- 1 **Application.** Amends § 62Q.19, subd. 2. Eliminates the requirement that applications for essential community provider (ECP) status be accepted within two years of the effective date of rules. Specifies that the application fee is \$60. Strikes obsolete language.
- 2 **Termination or renewal of designation; commissioner review.** Amends § 62Q.19, subd. 6. Allows a designation as an essential community provider to be renewed every five years. Allows the commissioner to require a renewal application fee of \$60.