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Overview

This act increases access to oral contraceptives, allows nonprofit community health clinics to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements, and instructs the commissioner to study making adjustments to medical assistance reimbursement rates for family planning services.

- 1** **Cooperative purchasing.** Amends § 16C.03, subd. 10, as amended by Laws 2007, chapter 83, section 1. Specifies that nonprofit community health clinics as defined in section 145.9268 can enter into cooperative purchasing agreements.
- 2** **Dispensing by protocol.** Amends § 148.235, by adding subd. 11. Permits a registered nurse in a family planning agency to dispense oral contraceptives prescribed by a licensed practitioner, such as a physician or advanced practice registered nurse, pursuant to a dispensing protocol. Prohibits a nurse from dispensing oral contraceptives to a patient under 12 years of age.
- 3** **Family planning reimbursement rates.** Instructs the commissioner of human services to work with family planning clinics to study making adjustments to medical assistance reimbursement rates for family planning services. Requires a report to the legislature by January 15, 2008.