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Article 1: Health Care

Overview

This article contains provisions related to electronic claims processing and managed care and county-based purchasing plan enrollee rosters.

- 1 Requirements for electronic prescribing.** Amends § 62J.497, subd. 2. Extends until January 1, 2016, the effective date of e-prescribing requirements for providers and prescribers who practice at clinics with two or fewer physicians.
- 2 Electronic claims and eligibility transactions required.** Amends § 62J.536, subd. 1. Modifies existing regulations related to electronic acknowledgments for prescription drug claims transmitted among, health care providers, clearinghouses and group purchasers.
- 3 Coverage dates.** Amends § 256.962, by adding subd. 8. Requires the commissioner, upon the request of a managed care or county-based purchasing plan, to include the end of coverage dates on the monthly rosters of MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees provided to the plans.

Article 2: Human Services

Overview

This article modifies MFIP family stabilization services and provides for a reciprocal agreement for the establishment and enforcement of child support obligations.

- 1 **Contracting for performance.** Amends § 256.0112, by adding subd. 9. Allows a local agency to negotiate a supplemental agreement to augment the lead agency contract with a vendor of residential services. The supplemental agreement must be designed to encourage successful and cost-effective outcomes for clients.
- 2 **Purpose.** Amends § 256J.575, subd. 1. Modifies the purpose of MFIP family stabilization services.
- 3 **Definitions.** Amends § 256J.575, subd. 2. Removes the definition of "case manager." Modifies the definitions of "family stabilization services" and "family stabilization plan."
- 4 **Family stabilization plans; services.** Amends § 256J.575, subd. 5. Removes a requirement that family stabilization services be provided through a case management model. Removes a list of items that currently must be included in a family stabilization plan. Requires the county agency or employment services provider to attempt to meet with a participant to develop a plan within 30 days of eligibility determination for family stabilization services. Requires participants determined eligible for family stabilization services to have access to employment and training services to the extent these services are available to other MFIP participants.
- 5 **Cooperation with services requirements.** Amends § 256J.575, subd. 6. Modifies participant requirements under family stabilization services.
- 6 **Funding.** Amends § 256J.575, subd. 8. Modifies the criteria under which participants are included in the separately funded state family stabilization services program.
- 7 **Reciprocal agreement; child support enforcement.** Requires the commissioner of human services to enter into a reciprocal agreement with Bermuda for purposes of child support enforcement. Provides that this section is effective upon Bermuda's acceptance and agreement to enforce Minnesota child support orders. States that this section expires December 31, 2013, if Bermuda does not accept and declines to enforce Minnesota orders.

Article 3: Disability Services

Overview

This article contains changes to assessment and support planning for elderly waiver customized living and 24-hour customized living services.

- 1 **Assessment and support planning.** Amends § 256B.0911, subd. 3a. Allows an elderly waiver client's current or proposed provider of customized living or 24-hour customized living services to submit a copy of the provider's nursing assessment or written report outlining the recommendations regarding the client's care needs. Requires the person conducting the assessment to notify the provider of the date by which the information must be submitted. Requires the information to be submitted to the person conducting the assessment prior to the assessment.
- 2 **Customized living service rate.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 3e. Allows the provider of customized living services to provide input into ensuring there is a documented need for all customized living services authorized.

- 3** **Service rate limits; 24-hour customized living services.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 3h. Allows the provider of 24-hour customized living services to provide input into ensuring there is a documented need for all customized living services authorized.