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Overview

This bill requires health plans made available to state employees to contract with medical clinics meeting specified criteria. The bill requires contract terms to be at least as favorable as those applying to other similar clinics and prohibits the use of certain reimbursement methods.

- 1 Access to medical clinics.** Amends § 43A.23, by adding subd. 4. Requires any health plan, including self-insured health plans, made available to state employees by the commissioner of employee relations, to contract with any medical clinic that: (1) is designated as an essential community provider; (2) is certified as a rural health clinic; (3) agrees to all nonfinancial terms of the plan's provider contract; and (4) requests participation in the health plan's provider network. Requires the contract terms offered to the clinic to not require the use of withholds or targets based on projected annual medical costs per member and to be at least as favorable as those that apply to other clinics under contract with the plan that provide the same or similar services to state employees.
- 2 Effective date.** States that section 1 is effective for employee benefit contracts in effect on or after July 1, 1999.