

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H. F. 746

DATE: February 26, 1999

Version: As introduced

Authors: Stang and others

Subject: Geographic Access to Mental Health Services

Analyst: Randall Chun, 651-296-8639

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

Overview

This bill requires mental health services to be available to HMO enrollees within a maximum travel distance or time of 30 miles or 30 minutes. The bill also codifies

HMO geographic access standards currently in rule.

- 1 Geographic accessibility.** Adds § 62D.124. This section expands the HMO geographic access standards currently in rule, to require mental health service providers to be available to HMO enrollees within a maximum travel distance or travel time of the lesser of 30 miles or 30 minutes. This section also codifies the current geographic access standards in Minnesota Rules, part 4685.1010, subpart 3. (This subpart applies the 30 mile/30 minute standard only to primary care services and general hospital services, and applies a 60 mile/60 minute standard to specialty and all other services.)
- 2 Repealer.** Repeals Minnesota Rules, part 4685.1010, subpart 3 (the HMO geographic access standards codified in section 1).