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Overview

This bill clarifies MA coverage of nursing facility services for dual eligibles enrolled in the Medicare hospice program. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Human Services to issue requests for proposals for collaborative service models and prohibits statewide PMAP coverage of elderly waiver services before July 1, 2006.

Section

- 1 **Skilled nursing facility and hospice services for dual eligibles.** Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 2a. Specifies that MA covers nursing facility services for dual eligibles who have waived the Medicare nursing facility benefit and enrolled in the Medicare hospice program.
- 2 **Home and community-based waiver services.** Amends § 256B.69, subd. 6b. Requires the Commissioner of Human Services to issue requests for proposals for collaborative service models between counties and managed care organizations, to integrate elderly waiver services and additional nursing services into the prepaid medical assistance program (PMAP). Prohibits statewide coverage under PMAP of elderly waiver services before July 1, 2006. Requires the commissioner to phase-in implementation, beginning with counties participating in county-based purchasing and counties where a viable collaborative service model has been developed. Requires the commissioner, in consultation with counties and interested managed care organizations, to evaluate the models and consider the evaluation in selecting the most appropriate models for statewide implementation.

