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Overview

This bill increases access to family planning services, testing for sexually transmitted infections, and funding for family planning providers. Additionally, it expands the definition of governmental unit to include nonprofit community health clinics that provide family planning services.

Section

- 1** **Dispensing by protocol.** Amends § 148.235, by adding a subdivision. Provides that a registered nurse employed by a family planning clinic may dispense oral contraceptives prescribed by a licensed practitioner, such as a physician or advance practice registered nurse, pursuant to dispensing protocol. The protocol must meet the requirements for dispensing and labeling the drugs as set forth in sections 151.01, subdivision 30, and 151.212, subdivision 1.
- 2** **Reimbursement for family planning services.** Adds § 256B.764. Increases the rates for family planning services provided by a community clinic by 25 percent. A community clinic includes nonprofit providers that provide health services to low-income or rural populations; governmental entities; Indian tribal governments; and Indian health services.
- 3** **Agreement.** Amends § 471.59, subd. 1. Adds "nonprofit community health clinics providing family planning services as defined in section 145.925" as a governmental unit that may enter into a joint powers agreement.
- 4** **Community and family health improvement.** Amends Laws 2005, 1st spec. sess. ch. 4, art. 9, § 3, subd. 2. Eliminates the reduction in family planning grants.
- 5** **Family planning 1115 Medicaid waiver.** Instructs the commissioner of human services to

submit a waiver amendment to include coverage for testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections regardless of whether the services are provided in relation to family planning services. The approved 1115 Medicaid waiver is for family planning services, including birth control and testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

- 6 **Family planning reimbursement rates.** Instructs the commissioner of human services to work with family planning clinics to adjust medical assistance reimbursement rates to cover the cost of doing business.
- 7 **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$8,000,000 for the biennium to the commissioner of health for family planning grants under section 145.925.