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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Minnesota law requires health care providers to participate in the MA, GAMC, and MinnesotaCare programs as a condition of participating in health insurance plans for state employees, the Public Employees Insurance Program, health insurance plans offered to city, county and school district employees, workers' compensation, and the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association. This participation requirement is sometimes referred to as "Rule 101." In order for a dental service provider to be considered to be participating in MA, GAMC, and MinnesotaCare, at least 10 percent of the provider's patients must be enrolled in those programs, or the provider must continue to accept new patients enrolled in those programs. This bill provides an exemption from this requirement for dentists serving children with special health care needs.

### Section

- 1 Reimbursement under other state health care programs.** Amends § 256B.0644. Allows a dental service provider to satisfy the state health care program participation requirement if the provider accepts new MA, GAMC, and MinnesotaCare patients who are children with special health care needs. Defines "children with special health care needs" as children up to age 18 who require health and related services beyond that required by children generally and who have or are at risk for a specified chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition, and other conditions designated by the commissioner after consultation with representatives of pediatric dental providers and consumers.