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Section

1 Diagnostic, screening, and preventive services. Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 14. Directs the commissioner to encourage primary care providers, at the time of a child and teen checkup or at an episodic care visit under MA, to perform primary caries preventive services. Specifies that primary caries preventive services include, at a minimum:

- (1) a general visual examination;
- (2) a risk assessment using specified factors; and
- (3) the application of fluoride varnish beginning at age 1 to certain high risk children.

If primary caries preventive services are provided, requires the provider to provide to the child's parent or legal guardian at each checkup, information on caries etiology and prevention and the importance of a dental home. Requires the provider to advise the parent or legal guardian to contact the child's managed care plan or DHS to secure a dental appointment. Requires the provider to indicate in the medical record that this information was provided and to document any primary caries prevention services provided.