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Bill Summary

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Overview

School districts are required to provide certain health-related services to qualifying school children. Current statutes authorize school districts to bill the costs of the health-related services to private and public health insurance programs.

This bill requires the commissioner of human services to seek a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to streamline the process of billing these services to public programs, expands the opportunities for parents to grant consent for third-party billing, and lengthens the appeal process from 60 to 120 days for final rates for services that have been set on or after April 1 of any year.

Section

- 1 Third-party reimbursement.** Broadens the list of parental consent that may be withdrawn to include any consent for third-party billing granted as part of the application process for MinnesotaCare or medical assistance under section 256B.0625, subdivision 26.
- 2 Special education services.** Lengthens the time period that a school district has to appeal a final rate established by the commissioner of human services for a health-related service from 60 to 120 days for those final rates that are set on or after April 1 of any year.
- 3 Open enrollment and streamlined application and enrollment process.** Includes in the current redesign of the medical assistance and MinnesotaCare enrollment forms distributed by the schools the requirement that the form contain an authorization for consent for coverage for third-party billing under section 125A.21.
- 4 Initial and continuing waiver; third-party billing.** Requires the commissioner of human services to summarize and document the prior efforts of school districts to secure reimbursement from legally liable third parties and request an initial and continuing waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to allow the billing of medical

assistance for covered services that are not reimbursed by other legally liable third parties.