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Overview

This bill amends the Minnesota Health Plan Contracting Act, first enacted in 2004 and amended in 2010. The act regulates contracting between health care providers and health plan companies (insurers). This bill amends two provisions relating to time periods.

- 1 Fee schedules.** Requires a health plan company to disclose proposed additional fees or fee schedules to health care providers that are in its network no later than 165 days before the beginning of the next contract year. The term "additional" refers to changes relevant to a particular provider's practice beyond those disclosed in the renewal documents sent to all participating providers. Current law requires a health plan company to provide the additional information to providers only on request and does not specify how far in advance of contract renewal it must be provided.
- 2 Claims filing.** Amends a law requiring generally that health care providers submit a claim to the relevant health plan company no later than six months after the date of service. That current law includes a complete exemption that applies when "otherwise provided by contract." This section would limit the exemption to apply only when the contract provides for a longer period.