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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill allows dental providers that are nonprofit or government owned to bill MA for services provided by volunteer dental providers. The bill also requires volunteer dental providers to submit a volunteer agreement form to DHS.

1 **Volunteer dental services.** Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 9a. (a) Requires a dentist not enrolled in MA, who is providing volunteer dental services for an MA dental provider that is nonprofit or government owned, to complete and submit a volunteer agreement form to the commissioner. States that the form shall be used to enroll the dentist in MA only for the purpose of providing volunteer dental services. Specifies criteria for the form.

(b) Provides that a volunteer dentist enrolled under this subdivision as a fee-for-service provider cannot otherwise be enrolled in Minnesota health care programs or receive reimbursement from those programs as a fee-for-service provider.

(c) Requires the volunteer dentist to be notified by the dental provider that MA is being billed for the volunteer services provided.

2 **Reimbursement under other state health care programs.** Amends § 256B.0644. States that a volunteer dentist who has signed a volunteer agreement shall not be considered to be participating in MA or MinnesotaCare for purposes of the state health care program participation requirement (rule 101). Also strikes obsolete references to the General Assistance Medical Care program.