

MA coverage for the following services when provided by a community paramedic: chronic disease monitoring and treatment, performance of minor medical procedures to prevent unnecessary ambulance transportation or hospital emergency department use, provision of patient information and care referral options to meet physical and mental health needs, and other services approved by the commissioner.

(b) Requires the commissioner, in consultation with representatives of EMS providers and local public health agencies, to establish a payment rate for services provided by community paramedics. Requires these payments to be made to the MA enrolled provider, which may only be an ambulance service.

- 4** **Evaluation of community paramedic services.** Requires the commissioner of human services, in cooperation with the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, to evaluate the impact of community paramedic services on the cost and quality of care under MA and MinnesotaCare, and report to the legislature by December 1, 2014.