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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill prohibits the use of prior authorization under medical assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare for specified adult dental services. The bill also exempts certain dental providers from the state public health care program participation requirement.

Section

- **Dental services.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 9. Prohibits the commissioner from requiring prior authorization for the following adult dental services: (1) house calls or extended care facility calls; (2) behavioral management; and (3) oral or IV sedation. Also requires the commissioner to prohibit managed care and county-based purchasing plans from requiring prior authorization for these services when provided to MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees.
- **Reimbursement under other state health care programs.** Amends § 256B.0644. Exempts dental providers located outside the seven-county metropolitan area from the requirement that they participate as providers in the MA and MinnesotaCare programs, in order to participate as providers in state employee and local government health programs, workers' compensation, and other specified health insurance plans.