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Overview

Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) are paid separate daily encounter rates for medical and dental services provided to MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees. In general, mental health or other services provided by an FQHC to an enrollee on the same day that the enrollee also received medical services from the FQHC are paid for as part of the daily encounter rate for medical services, and are not paid for separately. This bill would allow separate payment for mental health or dental services provided on the same day as other services furnished by the same provider. This bill also requires the Commissioner of Health to certify FQHCs and FQHC look-alikes as health care homes, without requiring these clinics to meet the health care home certification standards in rule.

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- 1 Payment for multiple services provided on the same day.** Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 61. States that the commissioner of human services shall not prohibit payment, including supplemental payments, for mental health or dental services provided to a patient by a clinic or health care professional, solely because these services were provided on the same day as other covered services furnished by the same provider.
- 2 Alternative models and waivers of requirements.** Amends § 256B.0751, subd. 4. Requires the commissioner of health to add an item to the application for health care homes certification, that would allow an applicant to indicate status as a federally qualified health center or federally qualified health center look-alike. Requires the commissioner to certify as a health care home each applicant that indicates this status, without requiring the applicant to meet the health care home certification standards in Minnesota Rules. Requires a center certified under this paragraph to seek annual recertification by submitting a letter of intent,

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and exempts the center from the standards for recertification in Minnesota Rules.