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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill allows certain licensed dentists to administer influenza vaccinations to patients, requires health insurers and providers that cover influenza vaccination to cover vaccination provided by a dentist, and requires liability or malpractice coverage to include these services.

#### Section

**1 Administration of influenza immunizations.** Adds § 150A.055.

**Subd. 1. Practice of dentistry.** States a licensed dentist is deemed to be practicing dentistry while administering an influenza vaccination.

**Subd. 2. Qualified dentists.** Limits administration of an influenza vaccination to only those dentists who have immediate access to emergency response equipment and have received training related to the administration of an influenza vaccination.

**Subd. 3. Insurance coverage and reimbursement of immunizations.** (a) Requires health insurance companies and providers that cover influenza vaccinations to extend coverage to influenza vaccinations administered by a licensed dentist.

(b) Requires dental liability or malpractice insurers to include liability coverage for the administration of influenza vaccinations by covered subscribers.

**Effective date.** The effective date is August 1, 2014, and applies to influenza immunizations performed on or after that date.