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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill removes the limitation on the number of physician assistants a physician is allowed to supervise at one time. It removes the term “alternate supervising physician” and the requirements related to this physician. Additionally, the bill would allow physician assistants to provide mental health services, covered by medical assistance, in outpatient settings.

Section

- 1 Physician-physician assistant delegation agreement.** Amends § 147A.01, subd. 17a. Strikes language requiring the name and signature of alternate supervising physicians on the delegation agreement.
- 2 Supervision physician.** Amends § 147A.01, subd. 23. Strikes the limitation on the number of physician assistants a physician can supervise simultaneously. Current law limits the number to five.
- 3 Physician-physician’s assistant delegation agreement.** Amends § 147A.20, subd. 1. Strikes language requiring the name and signature of alternate supervising physicians on the delegation agreement.
- 4 Licensed physician assistant services.** Amends 256B.0625, subd. 28a. Provides that physician assistants can provide mental health services in an outpatient setting. Current law, passed in 2012, allows physician assistants under the supervision of a psychiatrist or neurologist to bill for specified mental health services provided to MA patients in an inpatient hospital setting only. Coverage for other mental health services and coverage in outpatient settings was prohibited by the 2012 law.

Section

This amendment would permit physician assistants to provide specified mental health services in outpatient settings.

- 5** **Revisor's instruction.** Instructs the revisor to correct incorrect use of “physician’s assistant” in statute and rule.
- 6** **Repealer.** Repeals §§ 147A.01, subd. 5 (definition of alternate supervising physician), and 147A.20, subd. 2 (notification of intent to practice).