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Overview

This bill sets payment rates for managed care and fee-for-service public health nurse home visits meeting certain criteria. The bill also provide planning/start-up and expansion grants for nurse-family partnership programs.

Section

- 1 **Reimbursement for public health nurse home visits.** Adds § 256B.7625. Effective July 1, 2015, sets minimum payment rates for managed care and fee-for-service visits for public health nurse home visits administered by home visiting programs meeting certain criteria and targeted to mothers and their children through age three, at \$140 per visit. Requires the commissioner to adjust managed care and county-based purchasing capitation rates to reflect these payment rates.
- 2 **Appropriations; nurse-family partnership programs.** (a) Appropriates \$1,000,000 in FY 2016 from the general fund to the commissioner of health to provide planning and start-up grants to community health boards and tribal nations not providing the nurse-family partnership program as of June 30, 2015. Specifies criteria for use of the grant funds and for awarding grants. States that this is a one-time appropriation and shall not become part of the base. Allows unexpended funds to carry over to the second year.

(b) Appropriates \$2,000,000 in FY 2016 and \$2,000,000 in FY 2017 from the general fund to the commissioner of health to provide expansion grants to community health boards and tribal nations to expand existing nurse-family partnership programs. Specifies criteria for the use of the grant funds and for awarding grants. Provides that the appropriation shall become part of the base for the 2018-2019 biennium.