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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill exempts durable medical equipment and other specified items from the requirement that MA payments not exceed the Medicare payment rate and sets payment rates for these items at the January 1, 2008, fee schedule rate, updated for subsequent increases. The bill also exempts durable medical equipment and other specified items from a three percent rate reduction.

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- 1 Medical supplies and equipment.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 31. Strikes language allowing the commissioner to set MA payment rates for specified categories of medical supplies at levels below the Medicare payment rate.
- 2 Reimbursement for basic care services.** Amends § 256B.766. Provides that a three percent rate reduction, first implemented July 1, 2009, does not apply to durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies, effective July 1, 2015.
- 3 Medicare payment limit.** Amends § 256B.767. Effective July 1, 2015, exempts durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies from the requirement that MA payments not exceed the Medicare payment rate.  
  
Sets medical assistance payment rates for these items at the January 1, 2008, fee schedule rate, updated to include subsequent rate and fee schedule increases, and including individually priced items for specified product categories.  
  
Strikes a provision that for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015, for purposes of the Medicare payment limit, sets payment rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics,

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orthotics, or supplies subject to the Medicare competitive bidding payment rate at the regular Medicare payment rate.