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Overview

This bill exempts certain vendors of durable medical equipment and other specified items from the requirement to enroll as a Medicare provider. The bill also exempts these items from the requirement that MA payments not exceed the Medicare payment rate and eliminates a provision allowing DHS to set payment rates for certain medical supplies at levels below the Medicare rate.

Section

- 1 Medical supplies and equipment.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 31. The amendment to paragraph (a) strikes language allowing the commissioner to set MA payment rates for specified categories of medical supplies at levels below the Medicare payment rate.
The amendment to paragraph (b) allows the commissioner to exempt vendors of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or medical supplies from the requirement of enrollment as a Medicare provider, if the vendor is providing a service or item that is covered under MA but is not covered by Medicare. Also makes technical changes.
- 2 Medicare payment limit.** Amends § 256B.767. Exempts durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies from the requirement that MA payments not exceed the Medicare payment rate. Strikes a provision that for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015, for purposes of this Medicare payment limit, sets payment rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies subject to the Medicare competitive bidding payment rate at the regular Medicare payment rate.