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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill alters dates relating to when changes need to be disclosed to a provider if changes are made in a contract between a health plan company and a provider. The bill also adds “clinic” to the definition of “health care provider.”

Section

1 Health care provider or provider. Amends § 62Q.733, subdivision 3. Adds “clinic” to the definition of “health care provider” for purposes of the Minnesota Health Plan Contracting Act.

Effective date. States this section is effective July 1, 2015, and applies to contracts entered into, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

2 Proposed amendments. Amends § 62Q.735, subdivision 2. (a) Requires that any amendment or change to existing contracts between a health plan company and a provider must be disclosed to the provider at least 165 days before the change would be effective. Current law requires 45 days.

(b) Requires that any amendment or change in a contract that alters the fee schedule or materially alters the written policies or procedures between the provider and the health plan company must be disclosed to the provider not less than 165 days before the change would be effective. Current law requires 45 days.

Effective date. States this section is effective July 1, 2015, and applies to contracts entered into, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

Section

3 **Fee schedules.** Amends § 62Q.735, subdivision 5. Requires a health plan company to provide any additional fees or fee schedules relevant to a provider's practice no later than 165 days before the next contract year's effective day. Current law required a health plan company to provide this information upon request. Also allows the health plan company to fulfill the requirements of this section by making the fee schedule available no later than 165 days before the next contract year's effective date through a secure Web portal.

Effective date. States this section is effective July 1, 2015, and applies to contract entered into, renewed, or amended on or after that date.