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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill increases payment rates to psychologists effective July 1, 2015, for specified mental health services.

#### Section

- 1** **Critical access mental health rate increase.** Amends § 256B.763. Effective July 1, 2015, increases payment rates for specified mental health services provided by psychologists, by 23.7 percent over the rates in effect on January 1, 2014. These services are: group skills training, psychotherapy, medication management, evaluation and management, diagnostic assessment, explanation of findings, psychological testing, neuropsychological services, direction of behavioral aides, and inpatient consultation.

(Under current law, the following providers receive a 23.7 percent increase for providing these mental health services: psychiatrists and advanced practice registered nurses with a psychiatric specialty, community mental health centers, mental health clinics and centers, and hospital outpatient psychiatric departments certified as essential community providers.)