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Overview

This bill provides a 9.65 percent rate increase for dental services provided outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, and sunsets a previous rate increase that applied to services furnished by providers located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area.

Section

- 1** **Dental reimbursement.** Amends § 256B.76, subd. 2. Effective January 1, 2017, increases MA payment rates by 9.65 percent above the rates in effect on June 30, 2015, for dental services provided outside of the seven-county metropolitan area. States that the increase does not apply to state-operated dental clinics, federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, or Indian health services. Requires payments to managed care and county-based purchasing plans to reflect this payment increase.

The amendment to paragraph (k) sunsets a previous rate increase for services furnished by dental providers located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, effective December 31, 2016.