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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill provides medical assistance (MA) coverage of services provided by persons certified by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory board as a community emergency medical technician (CEMT). To be certified as a CEMT, an individual must be currently certified by the board as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT), have two years of service in this capacity, be a member of a registered medical response unit, and meet training and other criteria.

Section

- Community medical response emergency medical technician services. Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 60a.
 - (a) Provides medical assistance (MA) coverage of services provided by a community medical response emergency medical technician (CEMT) who is certified by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board under § 144E.275, subd. 7, when the services are provided according to this subdivision.
 - (b) Allows a CEMT to provide a hospital discharge visit when ordered by a treating physician. Specifies the criteria for a visit.
 - (c) Allows CEMTs to provide safety evaluation visits to individuals who have repeat ambulance calls due to falls, have been discharged from a nursing home, or have been identified by their primary care provider as at risk for nursing home placement. Requires the visit to be ordered by a primary care provider in accordance with the individual's care plan. Specifies criteria for visits.

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(d) Requires CEMTs to be paid at \$9.75 per 15 minute increment. Provides that a safety evaluation visit cannot be billed for the same day as a posthospital discharge visit for the same recipient.

Provides that the section is effective July 1, 2017, or upon federal approval, whichever is