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### Overview

This bill authorizes certified paraprofessionals—medical assistants and community emergency medical assistants—to provide home care services, and establishes requirements related to the scope of services, delegation, and supervision.

#### Section

- 1 **Certified paraprofessional.** Adds subd. 1f to § 144A.43. For purposes of statutes governing home care services, defines certified paraprofessional as a medical assistant who meets certain requirements, or a community EMT.
- 2 **Home care services.** Amends § 144A.43, subd. 3. Amends the definition of home care services, to include services provided by certified paraprofessionals.
- 3 **Basic home care license provider.** Amends § 144A.471, subd. 6. Allows certified paraprofessionals to provide the listed home care services through by a provider with a basic home care license.
- 4 **Comprehensive home care license provider.** Amends § 144A.471, subd. 7. Modifies the services provided by a provider with a comprehensive home care provider license to include services of a certified paraprofessional.
- 5 **Comprehensive home care license applications.** Amends § 144A.472, subd. 2. Requires an applicant for a comprehensive home care license to provide verification that the applicant will implement policies and procedures regarding:
  - ensuring certified paraprofessionals have current, valid certifications; and
  - supervision of certified paraprofessionals at a supervision level that applies to LPNs.

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- 6 Administration of medication.** Amends § 144A.4792, subd. 6. Specifies that certified paraprofessionals are authorized to administer medications.
- 7 Certified paraprofessionals.** Adds subd. 2a to § 144A.4795. Paragraph (a) requires certified paraprofessionals to possess a current professional certification and to have completed 40 hours of training on specified topics related to home care services. Provides the training program for community EMTs satisfies the training program requirements in this paragraph.
- Paragraph (b) limits services provided to services within the scope of regular home care nursing, as determined by the Department of Human Services. Requires services provided by a certified paraprofessional to be ordered by a physician, delegated by a registered nurse, and provided under direction and supervision.
- 8 Direction to commissioner; establishing procedure codes.** Requires the commissioner of human services to establish procedure codes for certified medical assistants and community EMTs who provide home care services as certified paraprofessionals, to provide for medical assistance reimbursement for services at a rate equal to the rate received by LPNs for the same services.
- 9 Direction to commissioner; federal approval.** Directs the commissioner of human services to request from CMS, all waivers and approvals necessary to reimburse certified paraprofessionals under medical assistance.