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Overview

This bill allows retail or specialty pharmacies to be paid directly by the MA program, for nonscheduled injectable drugs used to treat substance abuse that are administered in an outpatient setting.

Section

Payment rates. Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 13e. Allows MA payment for nonscheduled injectable drugs used to treat substance abuse and administered in an outpatient setting to be paid directly to the dispensing retail or specialty pharmacy. Under current law, payment for drugs administered in an outpatient setting can be made only to the administering facility or practitioner. Requires the practitioner or administering facility to submit the claim, if the practitioner purchases the drug directly from a pharmacy, distributor, or drug wholesaler. Requires the pharmacy to submit the claim, if the practitioner uses a pharmacy to acquire the drug. Requires the practitioner and pharmacy to ensure that claims are not duplicated, and prohibits a pharmacy from dispensing a practitioner-administered injectable drug directly to an enrollee.