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### Overview

This bill allows mental health practitioners to be reimbursed by health carriers for telemedicine services, and removes the MA limit on telemedicine encounters. A mental health practitioner is an individual who: (1) has a bachelor's degree in behavioral science or a related field, and has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in delivering mental health services or is fluent in a non-English language and meets other criteria; (2) has at least 6,000 hours of supervised experience in delivering mental health services; (3) is a graduate student in behavioral science or a related field and is in clinical training; or (4) holds a graduate degree in behavioral science or a related field and has less than 4,000 hours of post-master's experience in delivering mental health services.

#### Section

- 1 Licensed health care provider.** Amends § 62A.671, subd. 6. Includes mental health practitioners in the definition of licensed health care providers who may be reimbursed by health carriers for services provided by telemedicine. Provides a January 1, 2018 effective date.
- 2 Telemedicine services.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 3b. Strikes language that limits MA coverage of telemedicine to three telemedicine services per enrollee per week. Provides a January 1, 2018 effective date.