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## Overview

This bill makes changes to what may be included in contracts between an insurer and an optometrist for vision care services and the disclosures that optometrists must provide to enrollees.

### Section

#### 1 [62Q.741] Optometrist services.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines “materials,” “services,” and “vision care plan.”

**Subd. 2. Noncovered vision care services contract prohibition.** Prohibits a vision care plan from requiring a contract with an optometrist to include a provision that: (1) requires the optometrist to accept a certain amount for noncovered services; and (2) prohibits an optometrist from discussing treatment options with a patient. Prohibits an optometrist from charging more for noncovered services than their usual and customary rates. Requires every evidence of coverage issued for a vision care plan to include certain disclosures. Requires optometrist to notify patients regarding services, suppliers, and laboratories that are not covered by the vision care plan.