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Overview

This bill adds community health worker to the definition of licensed health care provider that is used for coverage of telemedicine by private insurance plans and the Medical Assistance (MA) program. The bill also exempts certain telemedicine services provided to treat and control an infectious disease from the MA limit on coverage of telemedicine services to three services per enrollee per week. The changes to MA coverage also apply to MinnesotaCare, since that program covers the services reimbursed by MA, unless otherwise specified.

Section

- 1 **Licensed health care provider.** Amends § 62A.671, subd. 6. Adds community health workers, who meet the criteria to provide services under MA, to the definition of “licensed health care provider” for purposes of a state law provision that requires telemedicine services provided by a licensed health care provider to be covered under a health plan in the same manner as other benefits. This also has the effect of allowing MA coverage of telemedicine services provided by community health workers, since MA covers telemedicine services provided by a licensed health care provider as defined in this subdivision.
- 2 **Telemedicine services.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 3b. Provides an exception to the MA limit on telemedicine services of three services per enrollee per calendar week, if the telemedicine services are: (1) provided by the licensed health care provider for the treatment and control of an infectious disease; and (2) provided in a manner consistent with the recommendations and best practices specified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the commissioner of health.