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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES H. F. No. 1136

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

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Authored by Bierman The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1	A bill for an act
1.2 1.3 1.4	relating to human services; establishing uniform prior authorization and credentialing processes for dental services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, by adding subdivisions.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7	to read:
1.8	Subd. 9c. Uniform prior authorization for dental services. (a) For purposes of this
1.9	subdivision, "dental benefits administrator" means an organization licensed under chapter
1.10	62C or 62D that contracts with a managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan to
1.11	provide covered dental care services to enrollees of the plan.
1.12	(b) By January 1, 2022, the commissioner, in consultation with dental benefits
1.13	administrators, shall develop uniform prior authorization criteria for all dental services
1.14	requiring prior authorization. The commissioner shall publish a list of the dental services
1.15	requiring prior authorization and the process for obtaining prior authorization on the
1.16	department's website. Dental services on the list and the process for obtaining prior
1.17	authorization approval must be consistent. The commissioner shall require that dental
1.18	providers, managed care plans, county-based purchasing plans, and dental benefit
1.19	administrators use the dental services on the list regardless of whether the services are
1.20	provided through a fee-for-service system or through a prepaid medical assistance program.
1.21	(c) Managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans may require prior
1.22	authorization for additional dental services not on the list described in paragraph (b) if a
1.23	uniform process for obtaining prior approvals is applied, including a process for

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reconsideration when a prior approval request is denied that can be utilized by both the				
patient and the patient's dental provi	ider.			
Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, s	ection 256B.0625, is	amended by adding	a subdivision	
to read:				
Subd. 9d. Uniform credentialin	g process. (a) For pu	rposes of this subdiv	vision, "dental	
benefits administrator" has the meaning given in subdivision 9c.				
(b) By January 1, 2022, in consultation with dental benefits administrators, the				
commissioner shall develop a uniform credentialing process for dental providers. Upon				
federal approval, the credentialing process must be accepted by all managed care plans,				
county-based purchasing plans, and dental benefit administrators that contract with the				
commissioner or subcontract with plans to provide dental services to medical assistance or				
MinnesotaCare enrollees.				
(c) The process developed in this subdivision must include a uniform credentialing				
application that must be available in electronic format and accessible on the department's				
website. The process developed under this subdivision must include an option to submit a				
completed application electronically.	The uniform credenti	aling application mu	st be available	
to providers for free.				
(d) If applicable, a managed care plan, county-based purchasing plan, dental benefit				
administrator, contractor, or vendor that reviews and approves a credentialing application				
must notify a provider regarding a deficiency on a submitted credentialing application form				
no later than 30 business days after	receiving the applica	tion form from the p	provider.	