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H. F. No. **408**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying dental reimbursement provisions;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256B.76, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256B.76, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Dental reimbursement.** (a) Effective for services rendered on or after
1.7 ~~October 1, 1992~~ January 1, 2014, the commissioner shall make payments for dental
1.8 services as follows:

1.9 ~~(1) dental services shall be paid at the lower of:~~

1.10 ~~(i) (1) submitted charges;~~ or

1.11 ~~(ii) 25 percent above the rate in effect on June 30, 1992; and~~

1.12 ~~(2) dental rates shall be converted from the 50th percentile of 1982 to the 50th~~
1.13 ~~percentile of 1989, less the percent in aggregate necessary to equal the above increases~~ 75
1.14 percent of the statewide median rate for all charges in effect during calendar year 2011.

1.15 ~~(b) Beginning October 1, 1999, the payment for tooth sealants and fluoride treatments~~
1.16 ~~shall be the lower of (1) submitted charge, or (2) 80 percent of median 1997 charges.~~

1.17 ~~(c) Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2000, payment rates for~~
1.18 ~~dental services shall be increased by three percent over the rates in effect on December~~
1.19 ~~31, 1999.~~

1.20 ~~(d) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2002, payment for~~
1.21 ~~diagnostic examinations and dental x-rays provided to children under age 21 shall be the~~
1.22 ~~lower of (1) the submitted charge, or (2) 85 percent of median 1999 charges.~~

1.23 ~~(e) (b) The increases~~ compensation ~~listed in paragraphs (b) and (c) paragraph (a)~~
1.24 ~~shall be implemented January 1, 2000~~ 2014, for managed care.

2.1 ~~(f) Effective for dental services rendered on or after October 1, 2010, by a~~
2.2 ~~state-operated dental clinic, payment shall be paid on a reasonable cost basis that is based~~
2.3 ~~on the Medicare principles of reimbursement. This payment shall be effective for services~~
2.4 ~~rendered on or after January 1, 2011, to recipients enrolled in managed care plans or~~
2.5 ~~county-based purchasing plans.~~

2.6 ~~(g) Beginning in fiscal year 2011, if the payments to state-operated dental clinics~~
2.7 ~~in paragraph (f), including state and federal shares, are less than \$1,850,000 per fiscal~~
2.8 ~~year, a supplemental state payment equal to the difference between the total payments~~
2.9 ~~in paragraph (f) and \$1,850,000 shall be paid from the general fund to state-operated~~
2.10 ~~services for the operation of the dental clinics.~~

2.11 ~~(h) If the cost-based payment system for state-operated dental clinics described in~~
2.12 ~~paragraph (f) does not receive federal approval, then state-operated dental clinics shall be~~
2.13 ~~designated as critical access dental providers under subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and shall~~
2.14 ~~receive the critical access dental reimbursement rate as described under subdivision 4,~~
2.15 ~~paragraph (a).~~

2.16 ~~(i) Effective for services rendered on or after September 1, 2011, through June 30,~~
2.17 ~~2013, payment rates for dental services shall be reduced by three percent. This reduction~~
2.18 ~~does not apply to state-operated dental clinics in paragraph (f).~~