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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4719

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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 relating to human services; increasing medical assistance reimbursement rates for
1.3 mental health services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section
1.4 256B.761, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section
1.5 256B.0625, subdivision 38.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.761, is amended by adding
1.8 a subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 5. Psychological testing and assessment rates. (a) Effective for services rendered
1.10 on or after January 1, 2027, or on or after the date of federal approval, whichever is later,
1.11 the commissioner must pay 100 percent of the total published Medicare payment rate, as
1.12 defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 438.6, for the following services:

1.13 (1) neuropsychological assessments under section 256B.0671, subdivision 8;

1.14 (2) neuropsychological testing under section 256B.0671, subdivision 9; and

1.15 (3) psychological testing under section 256B.0671, subdivision 10.

1.16 (b) Managed care and county-based purchasing plans must reimburse providers at an
1.17 amount that is at least equal to the fee-for-service rate for services under this subdivision.

1.18 The commissioner must monitor the effect of this rate adjustment on enrollee access to
1.19 mental health services. If for any contract year federal approval is not received for this
1.20 paragraph, the commissioner must adjust the capitation rates paid to managed care and
1.21 county-based purchasing plans for that contract year to reflect the removal of this paragraph.

1.22 Contracts between managed care and county-based purchasing plans and providers to whom
1.23 this paragraph applies must allow recovery of payments from those providers if capitation

2.1 rates are adjusted in accordance with this paragraph. Payment recoveries must not exceed
2.2 the amount equal to any increase in rates that results from this paragraph.

2.3 (c) This subdivision expires on the effective date of Laws 2025, First Special Session
2.4 chapter 3, article 8, section 29.

2.5 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.6 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0625, subdivision 38, is repealed.

256B.0625 COVERED SERVICES.

Subd. 38. **Payments for mental health services.** Payments for mental health services covered under the medical assistance program that are provided by masters-prepared mental health professionals shall be 80 percent of the rate paid to doctoral-prepared professionals. Payments for mental health services covered under the medical assistance program that are provided by masters-prepared mental health professionals employed by community mental health centers shall be 100 percent of the rate paid to doctoral-prepared professionals. Payments for mental health services covered under the medical assistance program that are provided by physician assistants shall be 80.4 percent of the base rate paid to psychiatrists.