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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 69

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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; defining care coordination provided by community
1.3 health workers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
1.4 256B.0625, subdivision 49.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 49, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 49. Community health worker. (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "care
1.9 coordination" means an activity meant to reduce emergency room use and hospitalizations,
1.10 increase access to dental care, or connect individuals with covered services available to the
1.11 individual. These activities include but are not limited to addressing a client's mental health;
1.12 chemical health; social, economic, and housing needs; and services relating to oral health
1.13 and dental care.

1.14 (a) (b) Medical assistance covers the care coordination and patient education services
1.15 provided by a community health worker if the community health worker has:

1.16 (1) received a certificate from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System
1.17 approved community health worker curriculum; or

1.18 (2) at least five years of supervised experience with an enrolled physician, registered
1.19 nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, mental health professional as defined in section
1.20 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6), and section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses
1.21 (1) to (5), or dentist, or at least five years of supervised experience by a certified public
1.22 health nurse operating under the direct authority of an enrolled unit of government.

2.1 (c) Community health workers eligible for payment under paragraph (b), clause (2),
 2.2 must complete the certification program by January 1, 2010, to continue to be eligible for
 2.3 payment.

2.4 ~~(b)~~ (d) Community health workers must work under the supervision of a medical
 2.5 assistance enrolled physician, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, mental
 2.6 health professional as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6), and
 2.7 section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (5), or dentist, or work under the supervision
 2.8 of a certified public health nurse operating under the direct authority of an enrolled unit of
 2.9 government.

2.10 ~~(e) Care coordination and~~ (e) Patient education services covered under this subdivision
 2.11 include; but are not limited to; services relating to oral health and dental care.

2.12 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER**
 2.13 **CERTIFICATION.**

2.14 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 and \$..... in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general
 2.15 fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development to provide grants to
 2.16 individuals seeking certification as a community health worker from a community health
 2.17 worker curriculum approved by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.