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H. F. No. 972

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing the Smile Healthy Minnesota 2016 grant program;
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 145.

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

1.6 Section 1. [145.9299] SMILE HEALTHY MINNESOTA 2016 GRANT
1.7 PROGRAM.

1.8 (a) The commissioner of health shall establish the Smile Healthy Minnesota 2016
1.9 grant program to provide access to dental care for at-risk children, adolescents, adults,
1.10 and seniors in rural areas of Minnesota. The grant is available to nonprofit agencies that
1.11 provide mobile dental care and have fewer than 20 employees. To be eligible for a grant,
1.12 a provider agency must:

1.13 (1) encourage early screening and preventative care by providing dental exams for
1.14 children one year of age;

1.15 (2) provide a mobile dental center to rural at-risk areas to provide dental services to
1.16 at-risk children, adolescents, adults, and seniors in underserved rural areas; and

1.17 (3) provide preventative dental care including fluoride monitoring, screenings, and
1.18 minor dental treatment; and general dental care, education, and information.

1.19 (b) Grantees must report their dental health outcomes to the commissioner by
1.20 December 31, 2018.

1.21 (c) For purposes of this grant program, rural areas are any area outside of the
1.22 metropolitan counties listed in section 473.121, subdivision 4.

1.23 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; SMILE HEALTHY MINNESOTA 2016.

- 2.1 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from
2.2 the general fund to the commissioner of health for the Smile Healthy Minnesota 2016
2.3 grant program in section 1. The appropriations in this section are available until expended.