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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1541

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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; requiring rebasing of dental payment rates under medical
1.3 assistance and MinnesotaCare; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.76,
1.4 by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.76, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 2a. Rebasing of dental payment rates. Beginning January 1, 2024, and every
1.9 three years thereafter, the commissioner must rebase payment rates for dental services. The
1.10 total aggregate expenditures for the initial rebasing must not exceed the total amount spent
1.11 as calculated using the payment methods specified in subdivision 2, adjusted by the change
1.12 in the Medical Economic Index (MEI) between midyear of 2022 and midyear of 2024. For
1.13 each subsequent rebasing, the total aggregate expenditures must not exceed the total amount
1.14 spent as calculated using the payment methods specified in subdivision 2, adjusted by the
1.15 change in the MEI between the midpoint of the base year and the midpoint of the year for
1.16 which rebasing is effective. The base year used for each rebasing must be the calendar year
1.17 that is two years prior to the effective date of the rebasing. This section does not apply to
1.18 federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, state-operated dental clinics, or Indian
1.19 health centers.