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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Early Childhood Finance and Policy Division
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Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration
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Joint Rule 2.03 has been waived for any subsequent committee action on this bill
05/09/2020 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to human services; amending the definition of provider; modifying the
- 1.3 child care assistance provider reimbursement rates; amending Minnesota Statutes
- 1.4 2018, section 119B.13, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section
- 1.5 119B.011, subdivision 19.
- 1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 119B.011, subdivision 19, is
- 1.8 amended to read:
- 1.9 Subd. 19. **Provider.** "Provider" means:
- 1.10 (1) an individual or child care center or facility licensed to provide child care under
- 1.11 chapter 245A when operating within the terms of the license;
- 1.12 (2) a license-exempt center required to be certified under chapter 245H;
- 1.13 (3) an individual or child care center or facility that: (i) holds a valid child care license
- 1.14 issued by another state or a tribe; (ii) provides child care services in the licensing state or
- 1.15 in the area under the licensing tribe's jurisdiction; and (iii) is in compliance with federal
- 1.16 health and safety requirements as certified by the licensing state or tribe, or as determined
- 1.17 by receipt of child care development block grant funds in the licensing state; ~~or~~
- 1.18 (4) a legal nonlicensed child care provider as defined under section 119B.011, subdivision
- 1.19 16, providing legal child care services. A legal nonlicensed child care provider must be at
- 1.20 least 18 years of age, and not a member of the MFIP assistance unit or a member of the
- 1.21 family receiving child care assistance to be authorized under this chapter; or

(5) an individual or child care center or facility that is operated under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2020.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Subsidy restrictions.** (a) ~~Beginning February 3, 2014,~~ The maximum rate paid for child care assistance in any county or county price cluster under the child care fund shall be the greater of the 25th percentile of the ~~2011~~ most recent child care provider rate survey under section 119B.02, subdivision 7, or the ~~maximum rate effective November 28, 2011~~ rates in effect at the time of the update. For a child care provider located within the boundaries of a city located in two or more of the counties of Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns, the maximum rate paid for child care assistance shall be equal to the maximum rate paid in the county with the highest maximum reimbursement rates or the provider's charge, whichever is less. The commissioner may: (1) assign a county with no reported provider prices to a similar price cluster; and (2) consider county level access when determining final price clusters.

(b) A rate which includes a special needs rate paid under subdivision 3 may be in excess of the maximum rate allowed under this subdivision.

(c) The department shall monitor the effect of this paragraph on provider rates. The county shall pay the provider's full charges for every child in care up to the maximum established. The commissioner shall determine the maximum rate for each type of care on an hourly, full-day, and weekly basis, including special needs and disability care.

(d) If a child uses one provider, the maximum payment for one day of care must not exceed the daily rate. The maximum payment for one week of care must not exceed the weekly rate.

(e) If a child uses two providers under section 119B.097, the maximum payment must not exceed:

(1) the daily rate for one day of care;

(2) the weekly rate for one week of care by the child's primary provider; and

(3) two daily rates during two weeks of care by a child's secondary provider.

(f) Child care providers receiving reimbursement under this chapter must not be paid activity fees or an additional amount above the maximum rates for care provided during nonstandard hours for families receiving assistance.

3.1 (g) If the provider charge is greater than the maximum provider rate allowed, the parent
3.2 is responsible for payment of the difference in the rates in addition to any family co-payment
3.3 fee.

3.4 (h) All maximum provider rates changes shall be implemented on the Monday following
3.5 the effective date of the maximum provider rate.

3.6 (i) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0130, subpart 7, maximum registration
3.7 fees in effect on January 1, 2013, shall remain in effect.