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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 74

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying ambulance services payment rates;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17a.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17a, is amended to
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 17a. **Payment for ambulance services.** (a) Medical assistance covers
1.8 ambulance services. Providers shall bill ambulance services according to Medicare
1.9 criteria. Nonemergency ambulance services shall not be paid as emergencies. Effective
1.10 for services rendered on or after July 1, 2001, medical assistance payments for ambulance
1.11 services shall be paid at the Medicare reimbursement rate or at the medical assistance
1.12 payment rate in effect on July 1, 2000, whichever is greater.

1.13 (b) Effective for services provided on or after September 1, 2011, through June 30,
1.14 2013, ambulance services payment rates are reduced 4.5 percent. Payments made to
1.15 managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans must be reduced for services
1.16 provided on or after January 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, to reflect this reduction.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.