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H. F. No. 1438

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; increasing medical assistance reimbursement rate for
1.3 administration of COVID-19 vaccine; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. INCREASE IN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE
1.6 FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION ADMINISTRATION.

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.76, the medical assistance
1.8 reimbursement rate for administering the COVID-19 vaccination is the Medicare rate for
1.9 health care professionals who administer a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Food and
1.10 Drug Administration, including through emergency use authorization, to a medical assistance
1.11 enrollee in accordance with the professional's scope of practice.

1.12 (b) This section expires on the last day of the first quarter that begins at least one year
1.13 after the last day of the federal public health emergency described in section 1135(g)(1)(B)
1.14 of the Social Security Act for COVID-19.

1.15 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective April 1, 2021, or upon federal approval,
1.16 whichever is later.

1.17 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.18 The commissioner of management and budget shall review all appropriations and transfers
1.19 from the general fund in Laws 2020, chapters 66, 70, 71, 74, and 81, to determine whether
1.20 those appropriations and transfers are eligible expenditures from the coronavirus relief
1.21 federal fund. The commissioner shall designate up to \$500,000 of general fund appropriations

2.1 and transfers in Laws 2020, chapters 66, 70, 71, 74, and 81, to be an eligible expenditure
2.2 from the coronavirus relief federal fund. The commissioner may designate a portion of an
2.3 appropriation or transfer for cancellation. All appropriations and transfers designated by
2.4 the commissioner in an amount up to \$500,000 are canceled to the general fund. Up to
2.5 \$500,000 is appropriated from the coronavirus relief federal fund for the purposes of the
2.6 original general fund appropriation. Up to \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from
2.7 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for payments for COVID-19 vaccine
2.8 administration under section 1.

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