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Overview

The MA program reimburses dentists and clinics determined to be critical access dental providers at a rate 30 percent above the regular MA payment rate. This bill allows critical access dental providers to receive this higher rate for services provided off-site at a private dental office, if certain requirements are met.

- 1 Critical access dental providers.** Amends § 256B.76, subd. 4. Allows designated critical access clinics to receive payment at the critical access dental provider rate for dental services provided off-site at a private dental office, if:
 - (1) the designated critical access dental clinic is not able to provide the service and refers the patient to the off-site dentist;
 - (2) the service, if provided at the critical access dental clinic, would be reimbursed at the critical access reimbursement rate;
 - (3) the dentist and allied dental professionals providing the service off-site are licensed and in good standing under the laws governing dental practice;
 - (4) the critical access dental clinic submits the claim for the services provided off-site and receives the payment; and
 - (5) the critical access dental clinic maintains dental records with specified information for each claim submitted.

Provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.