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Overview

This bill exempts dental providers who provide services outside of the seven-county metropolitan area from the requirement that they participate as providers in the MA and MinnesotaCare programs, in order to participate as providers in state employee, local government and school district, and other health insurance programs. This requirement is sometimes referred to as “rule 101.” Under current law, “participation” means that the dental provider accepts new MA and MinnesotaCare patients, at least 10 percent of the provider’s patients are covered by MA and MinnesotaCare, or the provider accepts new MA and MinnesotaCare patients who are children with special health care needs.

Section

- 1 Reimbursement under other state health care programs.** Amends § 256B.0644. Exempts dental providers providing dental services outside of the seven-county metropolitan area from the requirement that they participate as a provider in MA and MinnesotaCare, in order to participate as a provider in insurance plans and programs for state employees, the public employees insurance program, insurance plans for local government and school district employees, the workers’ compensation system, and MCHA. Provides that the section is effective upon any necessary federal waiver or approval.
- 2 Federal waiver or approval.** Requires the commissioner to seek any federal waiver or approval necessary to implement section 1.