

**Subject** Coverage for diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases

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## Overview

This bill prohibits health plan companies from restricting where an enrollee can receive services related to the diagnosis or treatment of a rare disease or condition.

## Summary

**Section** **Description**

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- 1** **[62Q.451] Unrestricted access to services for the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases.**
- (a) Prohibits a health plan company from restricting where an enrollee can receive services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a rare disease or condition. Defines “rare disease or condition” as one that affects less than 200,000 persons in the U.S. or affects more than 200,000 persons in the U.S. but treatment includes drugs designated as for a rare disease or condition.
- (b) Requires that cost-sharing and benefit or services limitations for the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases or conditions cannot place a great financial burden on the enrollee or be more restrictive than those applied for in-network medical treatment.
- (c) Clarifies that this subdivision does not apply to coverage provided through a public health care program under Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare.
- Effective date.** This section is effective July 1, 2021, and applies to health plans offered, issued, or renewed on or after that date.