

Subject MA coverage and reimbursement for pharmacy services

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Overview

This bill provides that under both the medical assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare programs, services provided by a pharmacist that are within both a pharmacist's and a physician's scope of practice must be covered and reimbursed for at the same rate a physician would be reimbursed for the services.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Coverage and payment for certain pharmacy services.</p> <p>Adds a subdivision to § 256B.0625. Provides that MA covers services provided by a pharmacist as if they were provided by a physician if the services are within both a pharmacist's and physician's scope of practice. Applies this requirement to MA fee-for-service and managed care. Directs the commissioner and managed care organizations to reimburse a pharmacist for a service that is within both a pharmacist's and a physician's scope of practice at an amount no lower than a physician would be reimbursed for the service.</p> <p>Makes the section effective the later of January 1, 2026, or federal approval.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Coverage and payment for certain pharmacy services.</p> <p>Adds a subdivision to § 256L.03. Provides that MinnesotaCare must cover and pay for pharmacy services in the same way that MA does under section 1 of this bill.</p> <p>Makes the section effective the later of January 1, 2026, or federal approval.</p> |