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## Bill Summary

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### Section

#### Article 1: Health Care

- 1 Postpartum depression education and information.** Amends § 145.906. Requires the commissioner of health to reduce the racial disparity gap in the knowledge of postpartum depression reported in surveys of maternal attitudes and experiences.
- 2 Maternal depression; definition.** Creates § 145.907. Defines “maternal depression” as depression or other perinatal mood or anxiety disorder experienced by a woman during pregnancy or during the first year following the birth of her child.
- 3 Establishment; goals.** Amends § 145A.17, subd. 1. Requires family home visiting programs to target families in which a family member has a serious mental health disorder, including maternal depression.
- 4 Maternal depression screening and referral.** Amends § 245B.04, by adding subd. 22. Paragraph (a) instructs the commissioner of human services to provide technical assistance to providers to improve maternal depression screening.  
  
Paragraph (b) instructs the commissioner of human services to monitor maternal depression screening and referral rates and the impact of screening and referrals.
- 5 Pregnant women; dependent unborn child.** Amends § 256B.055, subd. 5. Provides that a woman is considered pregnant for the first year postpartum. Current law states a woman is considered pregnant for 60 days postpartum. Makes this section effective July 1, 2013, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

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- 6 Pregnant women; needing unborn child.** Amends § 256B.055, subd. 6. Provides that a woman is considered pregnant for one year postpartum. Current law states a woman is considered pregnant for 60 days postpartum. Makes this section effective July 1, 2013, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.
- 7 Infants and pregnant women.** Amends § 256B.057, subd. 1. Provides that an infant born to a woman who was receiving MA when the child was born shall remain eligible for MA without redetermination until the child's second birthday. Makes this section effective July 1, 2013, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.
- 8 Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0623, subd. 2. Recognizes parenting as a skill or competency to be addressed in adult rehabilitative mental health services.

## **Article 2: Miscellaneous**

- 1 Parental depression.** Amends § 214.12, by adding subd. 4. Requires specified health-related licensing boards to provide licensees with educational materials on the subject of parental depression.
- 2 Instructions to the commissioners; plan.** Instructs the commissioners of human services, health, and education to develop a plan to reduce the prevalence of parental depression and the impact of unaddressed mental illness on children. Requires jointly prepared progress reports to the legislature.

## **Article 3: Appropriations**

- 1 Mental health consultation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to provide mental health consultation to child care centers, family day care providers, and legally unlicensed family child care providers.
- 2 Children's mental health grants.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for children's mental health grants.
- 3 Home visiting programs.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of health for family home visiting programs.