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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; extending essential community provider designation;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62Q.19, subdivisions 2, 6.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62Q.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Application.** (a) Any provider may apply to the commissioner for  
1.7 designation as an essential community provider by submitting an application form  
1.8 developed by the commissioner. ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d), applications must be~~  
1.9 ~~accepted within two years after the effective date of the rules adopted by the commissioner~~  
1.10 ~~to implement this section.~~

1.11 (b) Each application submitted must be accompanied by an application fee ~~in an~~  
1.12 ~~amount determined by the commissioner~~ of \$60. The fee shall be no more than what is  
1.13 needed to cover the administrative costs of processing the application.

1.14 (c) The name, address, contact person, and the date by which the commissioner's  
1.15 decision is expected to be made shall be classified as public data under section 13.41. All  
1.16 other information contained in the application form shall be classified as private data  
1.17 under section 13.41 until the application has been approved, approved as modified, or  
1.18 denied by the commissioner. Once the decision has been made, all information shall be  
1.19 classified as public data unless the applicant designates and the commissioner determines  
1.20 that the information contains trade secret information.

1.21 ~~(d) The commissioner shall accept an application for designation as an essential~~  
1.22 ~~community provider until June 30, 2004, from one applicant that is a nonprofit community~~  
1.23 ~~services agency certified as a medical assistance provider that provides mental health,~~  
1.24 ~~behavioral health, chemical dependency, employment, and health wellness services to~~

2.1 ~~the underserved Spanish-speaking Latino families and individuals with locations in~~  
2.2 ~~Minneapolis and St. Paul.~~

2.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62Q.19, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 6. **Termination or renewal of designation; commissioner review.** The  
2.5 designation as an essential community provider shall be ~~valid for a five-year period from~~  
2.6 ~~the date of designation~~ renewed every five years. Five years after the designation of  
2.7 essential community provider is granted to a provider, and every five years thereafter, the  
2.8 commissioner shall review the need for and appropriateness of continuing the designation  
2.9 for that provider. The commissioner may require a provider whose designation is to be  
2.10 reviewed to submit an application to the commissioner for renewal of the designation and  
2.11 may require an application fee of \$60 to be submitted with the application to cover the  
2.12 administrative costs of processing the application. Based on that review, the commissioner  
2.13 may renew a provider's essential community provider designation for an additional  
2.14 five-year period or terminate the designation. Once the designation terminates, the former  
2.15 essential community provider has no rights or privileges beyond those of any other health  
2.16 care provider.