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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; adding community paramedics to the list of
1.3 community health workers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement,
1.4 section 256B.0625, subdivision 49.

1.5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 256B.0625, subdivision 49,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 49. **Community health worker.** (a) Medical assistance covers the care
1.9 coordination and patient education services provided by a community health worker if
1.10 the community health worker ~~has~~:

1.11 (1) has received a certificate from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
1.12 System approved community health worker curriculum; ~~or~~

1.13 (2) has at least five years of supervised experience with an enrolled physician,
1.14 registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, mental health professional as defined
1.15 in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (5), and section 245.4871, subdivision
1.16 27, clauses (1) to (5), or dentist, or at least five years of supervised experience by a
1.17 certified public health nurse operating under the direct authority of an enrolled unit
1.18 of government; or

1.19 (3) is a certified paramedic, under chapter 144E, who has completed a curriculum
1.20 from an accredited college or university that includes, but is not limited to, patient
1.21 education and chronic disease monitoring. A community paramedic may perform
1.22 skills that are approved by a physician medical director and are within the community
1.23 paramedic's training as determined by state certification.

2.1 Community health workers eligible for payment under clause (2) must complete the
2.2 certification program by January 1, 2010, to continue to be eligible for payment.

2.3 (b) Community health workers must work under the supervision of a medical
2.4 assistance enrolled physician, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, mental
2.5 health professional as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (5),
2.6 and section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (5), or dentist, or work under the
2.7 supervision of a certified public health nurse operating under the direct authority of an
2.8 enrolled unit of government.

2.9 (c) Care coordination and patient education services covered under this subdivision
2.10 include, but are not limited to, services relating to oral health and dental care.