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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **551**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing network access standards based on
1.3 appointment wait times for managed care and county-based purchasing plans;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.69, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.69, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 6e. Access standards; appointment wait times. (a) Managed care and
1.9 county-based purchasing plans must comply with the access standards for appointment wait
1.10 times specified in this subdivision.

1.11 (b) Appointment wait times for primary care services must not exceed 45 days from the
1.12 date of an enrollee's request for routine and preventive care and 24 hours for urgent care.

1.13 (c) Appointment wait times for specialty care services must be in accordance with the
1.14 time frame appropriate for the needs of the enrollee or the generally accepted community
1.15 standards.

1.16 (d) Appointment wait times for dental, optometry, lab, and x-ray services must not
1.17 exceed 60 days for regular appointments and 48 hours for urgent care. For purposes of this
1.18 paragraph, regular appointments for dental care means preventive care and initial
1.19 appointments for restorative visits.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for managed care and county-based
1.21 purchasing contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2020.