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BILL SUMMARY

S.F. No. 3705 – Requirement extension that health plan companies must credential and contract with certain providers of mental health services (as amended by the A-1)

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Bill Overview

This bill reimposes a previous requirement that health plan companies credential and contract with mental health providers that meet specified conditions. The policy is intended to increase access to mental health services by preventing health plan companies from refusing to contract with qualified providers based on network adequacy claims (*e.g.,* the network already has a sufficient number of mental health providers).

Section Summaries

Section 1. (amends Minn. Stat. § 62Q.096; Credentialing of providers). This section reimposes a requirement (previously in place from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025) that health plan companies credential and contract with mental health providers who meet all the following requirements:

- meet the company's credentialing requirements;
- request credentialing;
- agree to the company's contract terms;
- are accepting new patients; and
- are not already contracted with the plan under another tax identification number (or have terminated that contract).

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