

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 65A.50, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

Subd. 16. **EXCEPTIONS TO WITHHOLDING REQUIREMENTS.** The withholding requirements of this section do not apply if all of the following occur:

(1) within ~~15~~ 30 days after agreement on a final settlement between the insured and the insurer, the insured has filed with the insurer evidence of a contract to repair as described in subdivision 7;

(2) the insured consents to the payment of funds directly to the contractor performing the repair services. Funds released under this clause may be forwarded only to a contractor performing the repair services on the insured property; and

(3) on receipt of the contract to repair, the insurer gives notice to the municipality in which the property is situated that there will not be a withholding under this section because of the repair contract.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 65A.50, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

Subd. 17. **DEMOLITION COSTS OR DEBRIS REMOVAL COSTS AS PART OF FINAL SETTLEMENT; WITHHOLDING.** If the insured and the insurer have agreed on the demolition costs or the debris removal costs as part of the final settlement of the real property insured claim, the insurer shall withhold one of the following sums, whichever sum is the largest, and shall pay that sum in accordance with this section:

(1) the agreed cost of demolition or debris removal;

(2) ~~15~~ 25 percent of the actual cash value of the insured real property at the time of loss; or

(3) ~~15~~ 25 percent of the final settlement of the insured real property claim.

Presented to the governor April 17, 1997

Signed by the governor April 21, 1997, 10:26 a.m.

CHAPTER 48—S.F.No. 475

An act relating to drivers' licenses; exempting applicants for farm work licenses from minimum six-month permit possession requirement; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 171.041.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 171.041, is amended to read:

171.041 RESTRICTED LICENSES FOR FARM WORK.

Notwithstanding any provisions of section 171.04~~1~~, relating to the age of an applicant to the contrary, the commissioner may issue a restricted farm work license to operate a

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motor vehicle to a person who has attained the age of 15 years but who is under the age of 16 years and who, except for age, is qualified to hold a driver's license. The applicant is not required to comply with the six-month instruction permit possession provisions of sections 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (2), and 171.05, subdivision 2a. The restricted license shall be issued solely for the purpose of authorizing the person to whom the restricted license is issued to assist the person's parents or guardians with farm work. A person holding such a this restricted license may operate a motor vehicle only during daylight hours and only within a radius of 20 miles of the parent's or guardian's farmhouse; however, in no case may a person holding such a the restricted license operate a motor vehicle in a city of the first class. An applicant for a restricted license shall apply to the commissioner for the license on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of a property tax statement showing that the applicant's residence is classified as agricultural land and by a written verified statement by the applicant's parent or guardian setting forth the necessity for the license.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 21, 1997

Signed by the governor April 23, 1997, 1:25 p.m.

CHAPTER 49—H.F.No. 645

An act relating to insurance; providing a uniform minimum definition of medically necessary care for mental health coverage in health plans; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

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

Section 1. [62Q.53] MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE; MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE.

Subdivision 1. REQUIREMENT. No health plan that covers mental health services may be offered, sold, issued, or renewed in this state that requires mental health services to satisfy a definition of "medically necessary care," "medical necessity," or similar term that is more restrictive with respect to mental health than the definition provided in subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. MINIMUM DEFINITION. "Medically necessary care" means health care services appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, level, setting, and duration, to the enrollee's diagnosis or condition, and diagnostic testing and preventive services. Medically necessary care must be consistent with generally accepted practice parameters as determined by health care providers in the same or similar general specialty as typically manages the condition, procedure, or treatment at issue and must:

- (1) help restore or maintain the enrollee's health; or

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