EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 119B.125, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 119B.125, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Authorization. (a) Except as provided in subdivision 5, a county must authorize the provider chosen by an applicant or a participant before the county can authorize payment for care provided by that provider. The commissioner must establish the requirements necessary for authorization of providers. In order to be authorized, a provider must:
(1) beginning July 1, 2018, participate in the quality rating and improvement system under section 124D.142; and
(2) beginning July 1, 2020, have a three- or four-star rating in the quality rating and improvement system.
(b) A provider must be reauthorized every two years. A legal, nonlicensed family child care provider also must be reauthorized when another person over the age of 13 joins the household, a current household member turns 13 , or there is reason to believe that a household member has a factor that prevents authorization. The provider is required to report all family changes that would require reauthorization. When a provider has been authorized for payment for providing care for families in more than one county, the county responsible for reauthorization of that provider is the county of the family with a current authorization for that provider and who has used the provider for the longest length of time.

