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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of human services to develop and present to the legislature a plan to integrate the delivery of services to certain enrollees of state-administered health care programs.

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1 Integration plan for state-administered health care programs.

Subd. 1. Required submittal. Requires the commissioner of human services to present to the legislature, by January 15, 2007, an implementation plan and draft legislation to integrate the delivery of services under state-administered health care programs to eligible enrollees.

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines "eligible enrollees" to mean MA enrollees who are eligible for the program as families and children, all MinnesotaCare enrollees, General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) enrollees who are not receiving General Assistance or Group Residential Housing payments, and individuals covered under the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA). Defines "state-administered health care program" as MA, MinnesotaCare, GAMC, and MCHA.

Subd. 3. Plan requirements. Requires the integration plan and draft legislation to:

- (1) provide for a common benefit set that may differ from the benefit set provided to persons who are aged, blind, or disabled;
- (2) establish income and asset standards and other eligibility criteria that in the

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aggregate do not increase state costs above that of existing programs (the commissioner is to consider but is not required to adopt uniform standards and criteria for enrollees);

(3) require enrollees to pay premiums based on a sliding scale;

(4) require enrollees to pay cost-sharing for nonpreventive services on a sliding scale;

(5) provide for streamlined administration;

(6) establish procedures to ensure continuity of care for persons who transition out of the integrated program due to turning age 65 or becoming blind or disabled;

(7) identify any federal approvals and waivers necessary to implement the integration plan; and

(8) identify state costs and savings that would result from plan integration.

Subd. 4. Federal coordination. Requires the commissioner, in developing the plan, to consider the state options for benefit package and cost-sharing flexibility that are contained in the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.