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Overview

This bill establishes a wound prevention and care formulary demonstration project for state veterans homes.

Section

- Subdivision 1. Establishment. Directs the commissioner of veterans affairs to establish a three-year demonstration project for wound prevention and care at each of Minnesota's five state veterans homes (in Minneapolis, Hastings, Luverne, Silver Bay, and Fergus Falls). The commissioner must contract with a private vendor to administer the program.
 - **Subd. 2. Formulary components.** Directs that the formulary must cover all skin care, including wound management, and must include provider training, new technologies, computerized monitoring and reporting, and guidelines.
 - **Subd. 3. Performance milestones.** Specifies goals of wound reduction, cost savings, and high compliance.
 - Subd. 4. Reimbursement, pay-for-performance and evaluation. Specifies details.
 - Subd. 5. Reports. Required.
- **Appropriation.** Blank appropriation to commissioner of veterans affairs to implement the program during FY09.