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ARTICLE 1

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES **HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS**

Section 1. **[62A.002] APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER.**

Any benefit or coverage mandate included in this chapter does not apply to managed care plans or county-based purchasing plans when the plan is providing coverage to state public health care program enrollees under chapter 256B or 256L.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 62C.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. **Applicability.** Any benefit or coverage mandate included in this chapter does not apply to managed care plans or county-based purchasing plans when the plan is providing coverage to state public health care program enrollees under chapter 256B or 256L.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 62D.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. **Applicability.** Any benefit or coverage mandate included in this chapter does not apply to managed care plans or county-based purchasing plans when the plan is providing coverage to state public health care program enrollees under chapter 256B or 256L.

Sec. 4. **[62J.011] APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER.**

Any benefit or coverage mandate included in this chapter does not apply to managed care plans or county-based purchasing plans when the plan is providing coverage to state public health care program enrollees under chapter 256B or 256L.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 62Q.02, is amended to read:

**62Q.02 APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER.**

(a) This chapter applies only to health plans, as defined in section 62Q.01, and not to other types of insurance issued or renewed by health plan companies, unless otherwise specified.

(b) This chapter applies to a health plan company only with respect to health plans, as defined in section 62Q.01, issued or renewed by the health plan company, unless otherwise specified.

(c) If a health plan company issues or renews health plans in other states, this chapter applies only to health plans issued or renewed in this state for Minnesota residents, or to cover a resident of the state, unless otherwise specified.

(d) Any benefit or coverage mandate included in this chapter does not apply to managed care plans or county-based purchasing plans when the plan is providing coverage to state public health care program enrollees under chapter 256B or 256L.

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**HEALTH CARE;** DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

5.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 174.30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

5.2 Subd. 3. **Other standards; wheelchair securement; protected transport.** (a) A special  
5.3 transportation service that transports individuals occupying wheelchairs is subject to the  
5.4 provisions of sections 299A.11 to 299A.17 concerning wheelchair securement devices. The  
5.5 commissioners of transportation and public safety shall cooperate in the enforcement of  
5.6 this section and sections 299A.11 to 299A.17 so that a single inspection is sufficient to  
5.7 ascertain compliance with sections 299A.11 to 299A.17 and with the standards adopted  
5.8 under this section. Representatives of the Department of Transportation may inspect  
5.9 wheelchair securement devices in vehicles operated by special transportation service  
5.10 providers to determine compliance with sections 299A.11 to 299A.17 and to issue certificates  
5.11 under section 299A.14, subdivision 4.

5.12 (b) In place of a certificate issued under section 299A.14, the commissioner may issue  
5.13 a decal under subdivision 4 for a vehicle equipped with a wheelchair securement device if  
5.14 the device complies with sections 299A.11 to 299A.17 and the decal displays the information  
5.15 in section 299A.14, subdivision 4.

5.16 (c) For vehicles designated as protected transport under section 256B.0625, subdivision  
5.17 17, paragraph ~~(h)~~ (g), the commissioner of transportation, during the commissioner's  
5.18 inspection, shall check to ensure the safety provisions contained in that paragraph are in  
5.19 working order.

5.20 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.01, subdivision 28, is amended to read:

5.21 Subd. 28. **Statewide health information exchange.** (a) The commissioner has the  
5.22 authority to join and participate as a member in a legal entity developing and operating a  
5.23 statewide health information exchange or to develop and operate an encounter alerting  
5.24 service that shall meet the following criteria:

5.25 (1) the legal entity must meet all constitutional and statutory requirements to allow the  
5.26 commissioner to participate; and

5.27 (2) the commissioner or the commissioner's designated representative must have the  
5.28 right to participate in the governance of the legal entity under the same terms and conditions  
5.29 and subject to the same requirements as any other member in the legal entity and in that  
5.30 role shall act to advance state interests and lessen the burdens of government.

5.31 (b) Notwithstanding chapter 16C, the commissioner may pay the state's prorated share  
5.32 of development-related expenses of the legal entity retroactively from October 29, 2007,  
5.33 regardless of the date the commissioner joins the legal entity as a member.

12.17 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.01, subdivision 28, is amended to read:

12.18 Subd. 28. **Statewide health information exchange.** (a) The commissioner has the  
12.19 authority to join and participate as a member in a legal entity developing and operating a  
12.20 statewide health information exchange or to develop and operate an encounter alerting  
12.21 service that shall meet the following criteria:

12.22 (1) the legal entity must meet all constitutional and statutory requirements to allow the  
12.23 commissioner to participate; and

12.24 (2) the commissioner or the commissioner's designated representative must have the  
12.25 right to participate in the governance of the legal entity under the same terms and conditions  
12.26 and subject to the same requirements as any other member in the legal entity and in that  
12.27 role shall act to advance state interests and lessen the burdens of government.

12.28 (b) Notwithstanding chapter 16C, the commissioner may pay the state's prorated share  
12.29 of development-related expenses of the legal entity retroactively from October 29, 2007,  
12.30 regardless of the date the commissioner joins the legal entity as a member.

13.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
13.2 read:

13.3 Subd. 42. **Expiration of report mandates.** (a) If the submission of a report by the  
13.4 commissioner of human services to the legislature is mandated by statute and the enabling

6.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.969, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

6.2 Subd. 2b. **Hospital payment rates.** (a) For discharges occurring on or after November

6.3 1, 2014, hospital inpatient services for hospitals located in Minnesota shall be paid according

6.4 to the following:

6.5 (1) critical access hospitals as defined by Medicare shall be paid using a cost-based

6.6 methodology;

6.7 (2) long-term hospitals as defined by Medicare shall be paid on a per diem methodology

6.8 under subdivision 25;

6.9 (3) rehabilitation hospitals or units of hospitals that are recognized as rehabilitation

6.10 distinct parts as defined by Medicare shall be paid according to the methodology under

6.11 subdivision 12; and

6.12 (4) all other hospitals shall be paid on a diagnosis-related group (DRG) methodology.

6.13 (b) For the period beginning January 1, 2011, through October 31, 2014, rates shall not

6.14 be rebased, except that a Minnesota long-term hospital shall be rebased effective January

6.15 1, 2011, based on its most recent Medicare cost report ending on or before September 1,

6.16 2008, with the provisions under subdivisions 9 and 23, based on the rates in effect on

6.17 December 31, 2010. For rate setting periods after November 1, 2014, in which the base

6.18 years are updated, a Minnesota long-term hospital's base year shall remain within the same

6.19 period as other hospitals.

13.5 legislation does not include a date for the submission of a final report, the mandate to submit

13.6 the report shall expire in accordance with this section.

13.7 (b) If the mandate requires the submission of an annual report and the mandate was

13.8 enacted before January 1, 2021, the mandate shall expire on January 1, 2023. If the mandate

13.9 requires the submission of a biennial or less frequent report and the mandate was enacted

13.10 before January 1, 2021, the mandate shall expire on January 1, 2024.

13.11 (c) Any reporting mandate enacted on or after January 1, 2021 shall expire three years

13.12 after the date of enactment if the mandate requires the submission of an annual report and

13.13 shall expire five years after the date of enactment if the mandate requires the submission

13.14 of a biennial or less frequent report unless the enacting legislation provides for a different

13.15 expiration date.

13.16 (d) The commissioner shall submit a list to the chairs and ranking minority members of

13.17 the legislative committee with jurisdiction over human services by February 15 of each

13.18 year, beginning February 15, 2022, of all reports set to expire during the following calendar

13.19 year in accordance with this section.

13.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

6.20 (c) Effective for discharges occurring on and after November 1, 2014, payment rates  
6.21 for hospital inpatient services provided by hospitals located in Minnesota or the local trade  
6.22 area, except for the hospitals paid under the methodologies described in paragraph (a),  
6.23 clauses (2) and (3), shall be rebased, incorporating cost and payment methodologies in a  
6.24 manner similar to Medicare. The base year or years for the rates effective November 1,  
6.25 2014, shall be calendar year 2012. The rebasing under this paragraph shall be budget neutral,  
6.26 ensuring that the total aggregate payments under the rebased system are equal to the total  
6.27 aggregate payments that were made for the same number and types of services in the base  
6.28 year. Separate budget neutrality calculations shall be determined for payments made to  
6.29 critical access hospitals and payments made to hospitals paid under the DRG system. Only  
6.30 the rate increases or decreases under subdivision 3a or 3c that applied to the hospitals being  
6.31 rebased during the entire base period shall be incorporated into the budget neutrality  
6.32 calculation.

7.1 (d) For discharges occurring on or after November 1, 2014, through the next rebasing  
7.2 that occurs, the rebased rates under paragraph (c) that apply to hospitals under paragraph  
7.3 (a), clause (4), shall include adjustments to the projected rates that result in no greater than  
7.4 a five percent increase or decrease from the base year payments for any hospital. Any  
7.5 adjustments to the rates made by the commissioner under this paragraph and paragraph (e)  
7.6 shall maintain budget neutrality as described in paragraph (c).

7.7 (e) For discharges occurring on or after November 1, 2014, the commissioner may make  
7.8 additional adjustments to the rebased rates, and when evaluating whether additional  
7.9 adjustments should be made, the commissioner shall consider the impact of the rates on the  
7.10 following:

7.11 (1) pediatric services;

7.12 (2) behavioral health services;

7.13 (3) trauma services as defined by the National Uniform Billing Committee;

7.14 (4) transplant services;

7.15 (5) obstetric services, newborn services, and behavioral health services provided by  
7.16 hospitals outside the seven-county metropolitan area;

7.17 (6) outlier admissions;

7.18 (7) low-volume providers; and

7.19 (8) services provided by small rural hospitals that are not critical access hospitals.

7.20 (f) Hospital payment rates established under paragraph (c) must incorporate the following:

7.21 (1) for hospitals paid under the DRG methodology, the base year payment rate per  
7.22 admission is standardized by the applicable Medicare wage index and adjusted by the  
7.23 hospital's disproportionate population adjustment;

7.24 (2) for critical access hospitals, payment rates for discharges between November 1, 2014,  
7.25 and June 30, 2015, shall be set to the same rate of payment that applied for discharges on  
7.26 October 31, 2014;

7.27 (3) the cost and charge data used to establish hospital payment rates must only reflect  
7.28 inpatient services covered by medical assistance; and

7.29 (4) in determining hospital payment rates for discharges occurring on or after the rate  
7.30 year beginning January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2012, the hospital payment rate per  
7.31 discharge shall be based on the cost-finding methods and allowable costs of the Medicare  
8.1 program in effect during the base year or years. In determining hospital payment rates for  
8.2 discharges in subsequent base years, the per discharge rates shall be based on the cost-finding  
8.3 methods and allowable costs of the Medicare program in effect during the base year or  
8.4 years.

8.5 (g) The commissioner shall validate the rates effective November 1, 2014, by applying  
8.6 the rates established under paragraph (c), and any adjustments made to the rates under  
8.7 paragraph (d) or (e), to hospital claims paid in calendar year 2013 to determine whether the  
8.8 total aggregate payments for the same number and types of services under the rebased rates  
8.9 are equal to the total aggregate payments made during calendar year 2013.

8.10 (h) Effective for discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2017, and every two years  
8.11 thereafter, payment rates under this section shall be rebased to reflect only those changes  
8.12 in hospital costs between the existing base year or years and the next base year or years. In  
8.13 any year that inpatient claims volume falls below the threshold required to ensure a statically  
8.14 valid sample of claims, the commissioner may combine claims data from two consecutive  
8.15 years to serve as the base year. Years in which inpatient claims volume is reduced or altered  
8.16 due to a pandemic or other public health emergency shall not be used as a base year or part  
8.17 of a base year if the base year includes more than one year. Changes in costs between base  
8.18 years shall be measured using the lower of the hospital cost index defined in subdivision 1,  
8.19 paragraph (a), or the percentage change in the case mix adjusted cost per claim. The  
8.20 commissioner shall establish the base year for each rebasing period considering the most  
8.21 recent year or years for which filed Medicare cost reports are available. The estimated  
8.22 change in the average payment per hospital discharge resulting from a scheduled rebasing  
8.23 must be calculated and made available to the legislature by January 15 of each year in which  
8.24 rebasing is scheduled to occur, and must include by hospital the differential in payment  
8.25 rates compared to the individual hospital's costs.

8.26 (i) Effective for discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2015, inpatient payment rates  
8.27 for critical access hospitals located in Minnesota or the local trade area shall be determined  
8.28 using a new cost-based methodology. The commissioner shall establish within the  
8.29 methodology tiers of payment designed to promote efficiency and cost-effectiveness.  
8.30 Payment rates for hospitals under this paragraph shall be set at a level that does not exceed  
8.31 the total cost for critical access hospitals as reflected in base year cost reports. Until the  
8.32 next rebasing that occurs, the new methodology shall result in no greater than a five percent  
8.33 decrease from the base year payments for any hospital, except a hospital that had payments

8.34 that were greater than 100 percent of the hospital's costs in the base year shall have their  
 8.35 rate set equal to 100 percent of costs in the base year. The rates paid for discharges on and  
 9.1 after July 1, 2016, covered under this paragraph shall be increased by the inflation factor  
 9.2 in subdivision 1, paragraph (a). The new cost-based rate shall be the final rate and shall not  
 9.3 be settled to actual incurred costs. Hospitals shall be assigned a payment tier based on the  
 9.4 following criteria:

9.5 (1) hospitals that had payments at or below 80 percent of their costs in the base year  
 9.6 shall have a rate set that equals 85 percent of their base year costs;

9.7 (2) hospitals that had payments that were above 80 percent, up to and including 90  
 9.8 percent of their costs in the base year shall have a rate set that equals 95 percent of their  
 9.9 base year costs; and

9.10 (3) hospitals that had payments that were above 90 percent of their costs in the base year  
 9.11 shall have a rate set that equals 100 percent of their base year costs.

9.12 (j) The commissioner may refine the payment tiers and criteria for critical access hospitals  
 9.13 to coincide with the next rebasing under paragraph (h). The factors used to develop the new  
 9.14 methodology may include, but are not limited to:

9.15 (1) the ratio between the hospital's costs for treating medical assistance patients and the  
 9.16 hospital's charges to the medical assistance program;

9.17 (2) the ratio between the hospital's costs for treating medical assistance patients and the  
 9.18 hospital's payments received from the medical assistance program for the care of medical  
 9.19 assistance patients;

9.20 (3) the ratio between the hospital's charges to the medical assistance program and the  
 9.21 hospital's payments received from the medical assistance program for the care of medical  
 9.22 assistance patients;

9.23 (4) the statewide average increases in the ratios identified in clauses (1), (2), and (3);

9.24 (5) the proportion of that hospital's costs that are administrative and trends in  
 9.25 administrative costs; and

9.26 (6) geographic location.

9.27 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.969, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 9.28 read:

9.29 Subd. 2f. **Alternate inpatient payment rate.** Effective January 1, 2022, for a hospital  
 9.30 eligible to receive disproportionate share hospital payments under subdivision 9, paragraph  
 9.31 (d), clause (6), the commissioner shall reduce the amount calculated under subdivision 9,  
 9.32 paragraph (d), clause (6), by 99 percent and compute an alternate inpatient payment rate.  
 10.1 The alternate payment rate shall be structured to target a total aggregate reimbursement  
 10.2 amount equal to what the hospital would have received for providing fee-for-service inpatient

14.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.969, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 14.27 to read:

14.28 Subd. 2f. **Alternate inpatient payment rate.** Effective January 1, 2022, for a hospital  
 14.29 eligible to receive disproportionate share hospital payments under subdivision 9, paragraph  
 14.30 (d), clause (6), the commissioner shall reduce the amount calculated under subdivision 9,  
 14.31 paragraph (d), clause (6), by 99 percent and compute an alternate inpatient payment rate.  
 14.32 The alternate payment rate shall be structured to target a total aggregate reimbursement  
 14.33 amount equal to what the hospital would have received for providing fee-for-service inpatient

10.3 services under this section to patients enrolled in medical assistance had the hospital received  
 10.4 the entire amount calculated under subdivision 9, paragraph (d), clause (6).

10.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

10.6 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.969, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

10.7 Subd. 9. **Disproportionate numbers of low-income patients served.** (a) For admissions  
 10.8 occurring on or after July 1, 1993, the medical assistance disproportionate population  
 10.9 adjustment shall comply with federal law and shall be paid to a hospital, excluding regional  
 10.10 treatment centers and facilities of the federal Indian Health Service, with a medical assistance  
 10.11 inpatient utilization rate in excess of the arithmetic mean. The adjustment must be determined  
 10.12 as follows:

10.13 (1) for a hospital with a medical assistance inpatient utilization rate above the arithmetic  
 10.14 mean for all hospitals excluding regional treatment centers and facilities of the federal Indian  
 10.15 Health Service but less than or equal to one standard deviation above the mean, the  
 10.16 adjustment must be determined by multiplying the total of the operating and property  
 10.17 payment rates by the difference between the hospital's actual medical assistance inpatient  
 10.18 utilization rate and the arithmetic mean for all hospitals excluding regional treatment centers  
 10.19 and facilities of the federal Indian Health Service; and

10.20 (2) for a hospital with a medical assistance inpatient utilization rate above one standard  
 10.21 deviation above the mean, the adjustment must be determined by multiplying the adjustment  
 10.22 that would be determined under clause (1) for that hospital by 1.1. The commissioner shall  
 10.23 report annually on the number of hospitals likely to receive the adjustment authorized by  
 10.24 this paragraph. The commissioner shall specifically report on the adjustments received by  
 10.25 public hospitals and public hospital corporations located in cities of the first class.

10.26 (b) Certified public expenditures made by Hennepin County Medical Center shall be  
 10.27 considered Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments. Hennepin County and  
 10.28 Hennepin County Medical Center shall report by June 15, 2007, on payments made beginning  
 10.29 July 1, 2005, or another date specified by the commissioner, that may qualify for  
 10.30 reimbursement under federal law. Based on these reports, the commissioner shall apply for  
 10.31 federal matching funds.

11.1 (c) Upon federal approval of the related state plan amendment, paragraph (b) is effective  
 11.2 retroactively from July 1, 2005, or the earliest effective date approved by the Centers for  
 11.3 Medicare and Medicaid Services.

11.4 (d) Effective July 1, 2015, disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments shall be paid  
 11.5 in accordance with a new methodology using 2012 as the base year. Annual payments made  
 11.6 under this paragraph shall equal the total amount of payments made for 2012. A licensed  
 11.7 children's hospital shall receive only a single DSH factor for children's hospitals. Other  
 11.8 DSH factors may be combined to arrive at a single factor for each hospital that is eligible  
 11.9 for DSH payments. The new methodology shall make payments only to hospitals located  
 11.10 in Minnesota and include the following factors:

15.1 services under this section to patients enrolled in medical assistance had the hospital received  
 15.2 the entire amount calculated under subdivision 9, paragraph (d), clause (6).

15.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

- 11.11 (1) a licensed children's hospital with at least 1,000 fee-for-service discharges in the  
11.12 base year shall receive a factor of 0.868. A licensed children's hospital with less than 1,000  
11.13 fee-for-service discharges in the base year shall receive a factor of 0.7880;
- 11.14 (2) a hospital that has in effect for the initial rate year a contract with the commissioner  
11.15 to provide extended psychiatric inpatient services under section 256.9693 shall receive a  
11.16 factor of 0.0160;
- 11.17 (3) a hospital that has received medical assistance payment from the fee-for-service  
11.18 program for at least 20 transplant services in the base year shall receive a factor of 0.0435;
- 11.19 (4) a hospital that has a medical assistance utilization rate in the base year between 20  
11.20 percent up to one standard deviation above the statewide mean utilization rate shall receive  
11.21 a factor of 0.0468;
- 11.22 (5) a hospital that has a medical assistance utilization rate in the base year that is at least  
11.23 one standard deviation above the statewide mean utilization rate but is less than two and  
11.24 one-half standard deviations above the mean shall receive a factor of 0.2300; and
- 11.25 (6) a hospital that is a level one trauma center and that has a medical assistance utilization  
11.26 rate in the base year that is at least two and one-half standard deviations above the statewide  
11.27 mean utilization rate shall receive a factor of 0.3711.
- 11.28 (e) For the purposes of determining eligibility for the disproportionate share hospital  
11.29 factors in paragraph (d), clauses (1) to (6), the medical assistance utilization rate and  
11.30 discharge thresholds shall be measured using only one year when a two-year base period  
11.31 is used.
- 11.32 (f) Any payments or portion of payments made to a hospital under this subdivision  
11.33 that are subsequently returned to the commissioner because the payments are found to  
12.1 exceed the hospital-specific DSH limit for that hospital shall be redistributed, proportionate  
12.2 to the number of fee-for-service discharges, to other DSH-eligible non-children's hospitals  
12.3 that have a medical assistance utilization rate that is at least one standard deviation above  
12.4 the mean.
- 12.5 (g) An additional payment adjustment shall be established by the commissioner under  
12.6 this subdivision for a hospital that provides high levels of administering high-cost drugs to  
12.7 enrollees in fee-for-service medical assistance. The commissioner shall consider factors  
12.8 including fee-for-service medical assistance utilization rates and payments made for drugs  
12.9 purchased through the 340B drug purchasing program and administered to fee-for-service  
12.10 enrollees. If any part of this adjustment exceeds a hospital's hospital-specific disproportionate  
12.11 share hospital limit, or if the hospital qualifies for the alternative payment rate described in  
12.12 subdivision 2e, the commissioner shall make a payment to the hospital that equals the  
12.13 nonfederal share of the amount that exceeds the limit. The total nonfederal share of the  
12.14 amount of the payment adjustment under this paragraph shall not exceed ~~\$1,500,000~~  
12.15 \$9,750,000 in fiscal year 2023 and \$14,000,000 per year beginning July 1, 2023.

12.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021, except that the amendment  
12.17 to paragraph (g) is effective January 1, 2023.

12.18 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.9695, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

12.19 Subdivision 1. **Appeals.** A hospital may appeal a decision arising from the application  
12.20 of standards or methods under section 256.9685, 256.9686, or 256.969, if an appeal would  
12.21 result in a change to the hospital's payment rate or payments. Both overpayments and  
12.22 underpayments that result from the submission of appeals shall be implemented. Regardless  
12.23 of any appeal outcome, relative values, Medicare wage indexes, Medicare cost-to-charge  
12.24 ratios, and policy adjusters shall not be changed. The appeal shall be heard by an  
12.25 administrative law judge according to sections 14.57 to 14.62, or upon agreement by both  
12.26 parties, according to a modified appeals procedure established by the commissioner and the  
12.27 Office of Administrative Hearings. In any proceeding under this section, the appealing party  
12.28 must demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the commissioner's determination  
12.29 is incorrect or not according to law.

12.30 To appeal a payment rate or payment determination or a determination made from base  
12.31 year information, the hospital shall file a written appeal request to the commissioner within  
12.32 60 days of the date the preliminary payment rate determination was mailed. The appeal  
12.33 request shall specify: (i) the disputed items; (ii) the authority in federal or state statute or  
12.34 rule upon which the hospital relies for each disputed item; and (iii) the name and address  
13.1 of the person to contact regarding the appeal. Facts to be considered in any appeal of base  
13.2 year information are limited to those in existence ~~12~~ 18 months after the last day of the  
13.3 calendar year that is the base year for the payment rates in dispute.

13.4 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.983, is amended to read:

13.5 **256.983 FRAUD PREVENTION INVESTIGATIONS.**

13.6 Subdivision 1. **Programs established.** Within the limits of available appropriations, the  
13.7 commissioner of human services shall require the maintenance of budget neutral fraud  
13.8 prevention investigation programs in the counties or tribal agencies participating in the  
13.9 fraud prevention investigation project established under this section. If funds are sufficient,  
13.10 the commissioner may also extend fraud prevention investigation programs to other counties  
13.11 or tribal agencies provided the expansion is budget neutral to the state. Under any expansion,  
13.12 the commissioner has the final authority in decisions regarding the creation and realignment  
13.13 of individual county, tribal agency, or regional operations.

13.14 Subd. 2. **County and tribal agency proposals.** Each participating county and tribal  
13.15 agency shall develop and submit an annual staffing and funding proposal to the commissioner  
13.16 no later than April 30 of each year. Each proposal shall include, but not be limited to, the  
13.17 staffing and funding of the fraud prevention investigation program, a job description for  
13.18 investigators involved in the fraud prevention investigation program, and the organizational  
13.19 structure of the county or tribal agency unit, training programs for case workers, and the  
13.20 operational requirements which may be directed by the commissioner. The proposal shall

15.4 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.9695, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

15.5 Subdivision 1. **Appeals.** A hospital may appeal a decision arising from the application  
15.6 of standards or methods under section 256.9685, 256.9686, or 256.969, if an appeal would  
15.7 result in a change to the hospital's payment rate or payments. Both overpayments and  
15.8 underpayments that result from the submission of appeals shall be implemented. Regardless  
15.9 of any appeal outcome, relative values, Medicare wage indexes, Medicare cost-to-charge  
15.10 ratios, and policy adjusters shall not be changed. The appeal shall be heard by an  
15.11 administrative law judge according to sections 14.57 to 14.62, or upon agreement by both  
15.12 parties, according to a modified appeals procedure established by the commissioner and the  
15.13 Office of Administrative Hearings. In any proceeding under this section, the appealing party  
15.14 must demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the commissioner's determination  
15.15 is incorrect or not according to law.

15.16 To appeal a payment rate or payment determination or a determination made from base  
15.17 year information, the hospital shall file a written appeal request to the commissioner within  
15.18 60 days of the date the preliminary payment rate determination was mailed. The appeal  
15.19 request shall specify: (i) the disputed items; (ii) the authority in federal or state statute or  
15.20 rule upon which the hospital relies for each disputed item; and (iii) the name and address  
15.21 of the person to contact regarding the appeal. Facts to be considered in any appeal of base  
15.22 year information are limited to those in existence ~~12~~ 18 months after the last day of the  
15.23 calendar year that is the base year for the payment rates in dispute.

15.24 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.983, is amended to read:

15.25 **256.983 FRAUD PREVENTION INVESTIGATIONS.**

15.26 Subdivision 1. **Programs established.** Within the limits of available appropriations, the  
15.27 commissioner of human services shall require the maintenance of budget neutral fraud  
15.28 prevention investigation programs in the counties or tribal agencies participating in the  
15.29 fraud prevention investigation project established under this section. If funds are sufficient,  
15.30 the commissioner may also extend fraud prevention investigation programs to other counties  
15.31 or tribal agencies provided the expansion is budget neutral to the state. Under any expansion,  
15.32 the commissioner has the final authority in decisions regarding the creation and realignment  
15.33 of individual county, tribal agency, or regional operations.

16.1 Subd. 2. **County and tribal agency proposals.** Each participating county and tribal  
16.2 agency shall develop and submit an annual staffing and funding proposal to the commissioner  
16.3 no later than April 30 of each year. Each proposal shall include, but not be limited to, the  
16.4 staffing and funding of the fraud prevention investigation program, a job description for  
16.5 investigators involved in the fraud prevention investigation program, and the organizational  
16.6 structure of the county or tribal agency unit, training programs for case workers, and the  
16.7 operational requirements which may be directed by the commissioner. The proposal shall

13.21 be approved, to include any changes directed or negotiated by the commissioner, no later  
13.22 than June 30 of each year.

13.23 Subd. 3. **Department responsibilities.** The commissioner shall establish training  
13.24 programs which shall be attended by all investigative and supervisory staff of the involved  
13.25 county and tribal agencies. The commissioner shall also develop the necessary operational  
13.26 guidelines, forms, and reporting mechanisms, which shall be used by the involved county  
13.27 or tribal agencies. An individual's application or redetermination form for public assistance  
13.28 benefits, including child care assistance programs and medical care programs, must include  
13.29 an authorization for release by the individual to obtain documentation for any information  
13.30 on that form which is involved in a fraud prevention investigation. The authorization for  
13.31 release is effective for six months after public assistance benefits have ceased.

13.32 Subd. 4. **Funding.** (a) County and tribal agency reimbursement shall be made through  
13.33 the settlement provisions applicable to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
14.1 (SNAP), MFIP, child care assistance programs, the medical assistance program, and other  
14.2 federal and state-funded programs.

14.3 (b) The commissioner will maintain program compliance if for any three consecutive  
14.4 month period, a county or tribal agency fails to comply with fraud prevention investigation  
14.5 program guidelines, or fails to meet the cost-effectiveness standards developed by the  
14.6 commissioner. This result is contingent on the commissioner providing written notice,  
14.7 including an offer of technical assistance, within 30 days of the end of the third or subsequent  
14.8 month of noncompliance. The county or tribal agency shall be required to submit a corrective  
14.9 action plan to the commissioner within 30 days of receipt of a notice of noncompliance.  
14.10 Failure to submit a corrective action plan or, continued deviation from standards of more  
14.11 than ten percent after submission of a corrective action plan, will result in denial of funding  
14.12 for each subsequent month, or billing the county or tribal agency for fraud prevention  
14.13 investigation (FPI) service provided by the commissioner, or reallocation of program grant  
14.14 funds, or investigative resources, or both, to other counties or tribal agencies. The denial of  
14.15 funding shall apply to the general settlement received by the county or tribal agency on a  
14.16 quarterly basis and shall not reduce the grant amount applicable to the FPI project.

14.17 Subd. 5. **Child care providers; financial misconduct.** (a) A county or tribal agency  
14.18 may conduct investigations of financial misconduct by child care providers as described in  
14.19 chapter 245E. Prior to opening an investigation, a county or tribal agency must contact the  
14.20 commissioner to determine whether an investigation under this chapter may compromise  
14.21 an ongoing investigation.

14.22 (b) If, upon investigation, a preponderance of evidence shows a provider committed an  
14.23 intentional program violation, intentionally gave the county or tribe materially false  
14.24 information on the provider's billing forms, provided false attendance records to a county,  
14.25 tribe, or the commissioner, or committed financial misconduct as described in section  
14.26 245E.01, subdivision 8, the county or tribal agency may suspend a provider's payment  
14.27 pursuant to chapter 245E, or deny or revoke a provider's authorization pursuant to section  
14.28 119B.13, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), clause (2), prior to pursuing other available remedies.

16.8 be approved, to include any changes directed or negotiated by the commissioner, no later  
16.9 than June 30 of each year.

16.10 Subd. 3. **Department responsibilities.** The commissioner shall establish training  
16.11 programs which shall be attended by all investigative and supervisory staff of the involved  
16.12 county and tribal agencies. The commissioner shall also develop the necessary operational  
16.13 guidelines, forms, and reporting mechanisms, which shall be used by the involved county  
16.14 or tribal agencies. An individual's application or redetermination form for public assistance  
16.15 benefits, including child care assistance programs and medical care programs, must include  
16.16 an authorization for release by the individual to obtain documentation for any information  
16.17 on that form which is involved in a fraud prevention investigation. The authorization for  
16.18 release is effective for six months after public assistance benefits have ceased.

16.19 Subd. 4. **Funding.** (a) County and tribal agency reimbursement shall be made through  
16.20 the settlement provisions applicable to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
16.21 (SNAP), MFIP, child care assistance programs, the medical assistance program, and other  
16.22 federal and state-funded programs.

16.23 (b) The commissioner will maintain program compliance if for any three consecutive  
16.24 month period, a county or tribal agency fails to comply with fraud prevention investigation  
16.25 program guidelines, or fails to meet the cost-effectiveness standards developed by the  
16.26 commissioner. This result is contingent on the commissioner providing written notice,  
16.27 including an offer of technical assistance, within 30 days of the end of the third or subsequent  
16.28 month of noncompliance. The county or tribal agency shall be required to submit a corrective  
16.29 action plan to the commissioner within 30 days of receipt of a notice of noncompliance.  
16.30 Failure to submit a corrective action plan or, continued deviation from standards of more  
16.31 than ten percent after submission of a corrective action plan, will result in denial of funding  
16.32 for each subsequent month, or billing the county or tribal agency for fraud prevention  
16.33 investigation (FPI) service provided by the commissioner, or reallocation of program grant  
16.34 funds, or investigative resources, or both, to other counties or tribal agencies. The denial of  
17.1 funding shall apply to the general settlement received by the county or tribal agency on a  
17.2 quarterly basis and shall not reduce the grant amount applicable to the FPI project.

17.3 Subd. 5. **Child care providers; financial misconduct.** (a) A county or tribal agency  
17.4 may conduct investigations of financial misconduct by child care providers as described in  
17.5 chapter 245E. Prior to opening an investigation, a county or tribal agency must contact the  
17.6 commissioner to determine whether an investigation under this chapter may compromise  
17.7 an ongoing investigation.

17.8 (b) If, upon investigation, a preponderance of evidence shows a provider committed an  
17.9 intentional program violation, intentionally gave the county or tribe materially false  
17.10 information on the provider's billing forms, provided false attendance records to a county,  
17.11 tribe, or the commissioner, or committed financial misconduct as described in section  
17.12 245E.01, subdivision 8, the county or tribal agency may suspend a provider's payment  
17.13 pursuant to chapter 245E, or deny or revoke a provider's authorization pursuant to section  
17.14 119B.13, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), clause (2), prior to pursuing other available remedies.

14.29 The county or tribe must send notice in accordance with the requirements of section  
 14.30 119B.161, subdivision 2. If a provider's payment is suspended under this section, the payment  
 14.31 suspension shall remain in effect until: (1) the commissioner, county, tribe, or a law  
 14.32 enforcement authority determines that there is insufficient evidence warranting the action  
 14.33 and a county, tribe, or the commissioner does not pursue an additional administrative remedy  
 14.34 under chapter 119B or 245E, or section 256.046 or 256.98; or (2) all criminal, civil, and  
 15.1 administrative proceedings related to the provider's alleged misconduct conclude and any  
 15.2 appeal rights are exhausted.

15.3 (c) For the purposes of this section, an intentional program violation includes intentionally  
 15.4 making false or misleading statements; intentionally misrepresenting, concealing, or  
 15.5 withholding facts; and repeatedly and intentionally violating program regulations under  
 15.6 chapters 119B and 245E.

15.7 (d) A provider has the right to administrative review under section 119B.161 if: (1)  
 15.8 payment is suspended under chapter 245E; or (2) the provider's authorization was denied  
 15.9 or revoked under section 119B.13, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), clause (2).

15.10 Sec. 13. 256B.0371 ADMINISTRATION OF DENTAL SERVICES.

15.11 (a) Effective January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall contract with a dental administrator  
 15.12 to administer dental services for all recipients of medical assistance and MinnesotaCare,  
 15.13 including persons enrolled in managed care as described in section 256B.69.

15.14 (b) The dental administrator must provide administrative services, including but not  
 15.15 limited to:

15.16 (1) provider recruitment, contracting, and assistance;

15.17 (2) recipient outreach and assistance;

15.18 (3) utilization management and reviews of medical necessity for dental services;

15.19 (4) dental claims processing;

15.20 (5) coordination of dental care with other services;

15.21 (6) management of fraud and abuse;

15.22 (7) monitoring access to dental services;

15.23 (8) performance measurement;

15.24 (9) quality improvement and evaluation; and

15.25 (10) management of third-party liability requirements.

15.26 (c) Payments to contracted dental providers must be at the rates established under section  
 15.27 256B.76.

17.15 The county or tribe must send notice in accordance with the requirements of section  
 17.16 119B.161, subdivision 2. If a provider's payment is suspended under this section, the payment  
 17.17 suspension shall remain in effect until: (1) the commissioner, county, tribe, or a law  
 17.18 enforcement authority determines that there is insufficient evidence warranting the action  
 17.19 and a county, tribe, or the commissioner does not pursue an additional administrative remedy  
 17.20 under chapter 119B or 245E, or section 256.046 or 256.98; or (2) all criminal, civil, and  
 17.21 administrative proceedings related to the provider's alleged misconduct conclude and any  
 17.22 appeal rights are exhausted.

17.23 (c) For the purposes of this section, an intentional program violation includes intentionally  
 17.24 making false or misleading statements; intentionally misrepresenting, concealing, or  
 17.25 withholding facts; and repeatedly and intentionally violating program regulations under  
 17.26 chapters 119B and 245E.

17.27 (d) A provider has the right to administrative review under section 119B.161 if: (1)  
 17.28 payment is suspended under chapter 245E; or (2) the provider's authorization was denied  
 17.29 or revoked under section 119B.13, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), clause (2).

15.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2023.

16.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.04, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

16.2 Subd. 12. **Limitation on services.** (a) Place limits on the types of services covered by  
16.3 medical assistance, the frequency with which the same or similar services may be covered  
16.4 by medical assistance for an individual recipient, and the amount paid for each covered  
16.5 service. ~~The state agency shall promulgate rules establishing maximum reimbursement rates  
16.6 for emergency and nonemergency transportation.~~

16.7 ~~The rules shall provide:~~

16.8 ~~(1) an opportunity for all recognized transportation providers to be reimbursed for  
16.9 nonemergency transportation consistent with the maximum rates established by the agency;  
16.10 and~~

16.11 ~~(2) reimbursement of public and private nonprofit providers serving the population with  
16.12 a disability generally at reasonable maximum rates that reflect the cost of providing the  
16.13 service regardless of the fare that might be charged by the provider for similar services to  
16.14 individuals other than those receiving medical assistance or medical care under this chapter.~~

16.15 ~~(b) The commissioner shall encourage providers reimbursed under this chapter to  
16.16 coordinate their operation with similar services that are operating in the same community.  
16.17 To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall encourage eligible individuals to utilize  
16.18 less expensive providers capable of serving their needs.~~

16.19 ~~(c) For the purpose of this subdivision and section 256B.02, subdivision 8, and effective  
16.20 on January 1, 1981, "recognized provider of transportation services" means an operator of  
16.21 special transportation service as defined in section 174.29 that has been issued a current  
16.22 certificate of compliance with operating standards of the commissioner of transportation  
16.23 or, if those standards do not apply to the operator, that the agency finds is able to provide  
16.24 the required transportation in a safe and reliable manner. Until January 1, 1981, "recognized  
16.25 transportation provider" includes an operator of special transportation service that the agency  
16.26 finds is able to provide the required transportation in a safe and reliable manner.~~

16.27 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.04, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

16.28 Subd. 14. **Competitive bidding.** (a) When determined to be effective, economical, and  
16.29 feasible, the commissioner may utilize volume purchase through competitive bidding and  
16.30 negotiation under the provisions of chapter 16C, to provide items under the medical assistance  
16.31 program including but not limited to the following:

16.32 (1) eyeglasses;

17.1 (2) oxygen. The commissioner shall provide for oxygen needed in an emergency situation  
17.2 on a short-term basis, until the vendor can obtain the necessary supply from the contract  
17.3 dealer;

17.4 (3) hearing aids and supplies; ~~and~~

17.5 (4) durable medical equipment, including but not limited to:

17.6 (i) hospital beds;

17.7 (ii) commodes;

17.8 (iii) glide-about chairs;

17.9 (iv) patient lift apparatus;

17.10 (v) wheelchairs and accessories;

17.11 (vi) oxygen administration equipment;

17.12 (vii) respiratory therapy equipment;

17.13 (viii) electronic diagnostic, therapeutic and life-support systems; and

17.14 (ix) allergen-reducing products as described in section 256B.0625, subdivision 67,

17.15 paragraph (c) or (d);

17.16 (5) nonemergency medical transportation level of need determinations, disbursement of

17.17 public transportation passes and tokens, and volunteer and recipient mileage and parking

17.18 reimbursements; and

17.19 (6) drugs.

17.20 (b) Rate changes and recipient cost-sharing under this chapter and chapter 256L do not

17.21 affect contract payments under this subdivision unless specifically identified.

17.22 (c) The commissioner may not utilize volume purchase through competitive bidding

17.23 and negotiation under the provisions of chapter 16C for special transportation services or

17.24 incontinence products and related supplies.

17.25 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.055, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

17.26 Subd. 6. **Pregnant women; needy unborn child.** Medical assistance may be paid for

17.27 a pregnant woman who meets the other eligibility criteria of this section and whose unborn

17.28 child would be eligible as a needy child under subdivision 10 if born and living with the

17.29 woman. In accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 435.956, the

17.30 commissioner must accept self-attestation of pregnancy unless the agency has information

18.1 that is not reasonably compatible with such attestation. For purposes of this subdivision, a

18.2 woman is considered pregnant for ~~60 days~~ 12 months postpartum.

18.3 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,

18.4 whichever is later. The commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal

18.5 approval has been obtained.

17.30 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.055, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

17.31 Subd. 6. **Pregnant women; needy unborn child.** Medical assistance may be paid for

17.32 a pregnant woman who meets the other eligibility criteria of this section and whose unborn

17.33 child would be eligible as a needy child under subdivision 10 if born and living with the

17.34 woman. In accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 435.956, the

18.1 commissioner must accept self-attestation of pregnancy unless the agency has information

18.2 that is not reasonably compatible with such attestation. For purposes of this subdivision, a

18.3 woman is considered pregnant for ~~60 days~~ six months postpartum.

18.4 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,

18.5 whichever is later. The commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal

18.6 approval has been obtained.

18.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

18.7 Subd. 10. **Eligibility verification.** (a) The commissioner shall require women who are  
18.8 applying for the continuation of medical assistance coverage following the end of the ~~60-day~~  
18.9 12-month postpartum period to update their income and asset information and to submit  
18.10 any required income or asset verification.

18.11 (b) The commissioner shall determine the eligibility of private-sector health care coverage  
18.12 for infants less than one year of age eligible under section 256B.055, subdivision 10, or  
18.13 256B.057, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and shall pay for private-sector coverage if this is  
18.14 determined to be cost-effective.

18.15 (c) The commissioner shall verify assets and income for all applicants, and for all  
18.16 recipients upon renewal.

18.17 (d) The commissioner shall utilize information obtained through the electronic service  
18.18 established by the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services  
18.19 and other available electronic data sources in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, sections  
18.20 435.940 to 435.956, to verify eligibility requirements. The commissioner shall establish  
18.21 standards to define when information obtained electronically is reasonably compatible with  
18.22 information provided by applicants and enrollees, including use of self-attestation, to  
18.23 accomplish real-time eligibility determinations and maintain program integrity.

18.24 (e) Each person applying for or receiving medical assistance under section 256B.055,  
18.25 subdivision 7, and any other person whose resources are required by law to be disclosed to  
18.26 determine the applicant's or recipient's eligibility must authorize the commissioner to obtain  
18.27 information from financial institutions to identify unreported accounts as required in section  
18.28 256.01, subdivision 18f. If a person refuses or revokes the authorization, the commissioner  
18.29 may determine that the applicant or recipient is ineligible for medical assistance. For purposes  
18.30 of this paragraph, an authorization to identify unreported accounts meets the requirements  
18.31 of the Right to Financial Privacy Act, United States Code, title 12, chapter 35, and need not  
18.32 be furnished to the financial institution.

19.1 (f) County and tribal agencies shall comply with the standards established by the  
19.2 commissioner for appropriate use of the asset verification system specified in section 256.01,  
19.3 subdivision 18f.

19.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,  
19.5 whichever is later. The commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal  
19.6 approval has been obtained.

19.7 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.057, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

19.8 Subd. 3. **Qualified Medicare beneficiaries.** (a) A person ~~who is entitled to Part A~~  
19.9 ~~Medicare benefits, whose income is equal to or less than 100 percent of the federal poverty~~  
19.10 ~~guidelines, and whose assets are no more than \$10,000 for a single individual and \$18,000~~  
19.11 ~~for a married couple or family of two or more, is eligible for medical assistance~~

18.7 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

18.8 Subd. 10. **Eligibility verification.** (a) The commissioner shall require women who are  
18.9 applying for the continuation of medical assistance coverage following the end of the ~~60-day~~  
18.10 six months postpartum period to update their income and asset information and to submit  
18.11 any required income or asset verification.

18.12 (b) The commissioner shall determine the eligibility of private-sector health care coverage  
18.13 for infants less than one year of age eligible under section 256B.055, subdivision 10, or  
18.14 256B.057, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and shall pay for private-sector coverage if this is  
18.15 determined to be cost-effective.

18.16 (c) The commissioner shall verify assets and income for all applicants, and for all  
18.17 recipients upon renewal.

18.18 (d) The commissioner shall utilize information obtained through the electronic service  
18.19 established by the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services  
18.20 and other available electronic data sources in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, sections  
18.21 435.940 to 435.956, to verify eligibility requirements. The commissioner shall establish  
18.22 standards to define when information obtained electronically is reasonably compatible with  
18.23 information provided by applicants and enrollees, including use of self-attestation, to  
18.24 accomplish real-time eligibility determinations and maintain program integrity.

18.25 (e) Each person applying for or receiving medical assistance under section 256B.055,  
18.26 subdivision 7, and any other person whose resources are required by law to be disclosed to  
18.27 determine the applicant's or recipient's eligibility must authorize the commissioner to obtain  
18.28 information from financial institutions to identify unreported accounts as required in section  
18.29 256.01, subdivision 18f. If a person refuses or revokes the authorization, the commissioner  
18.30 may determine that the applicant or recipient is ineligible for medical assistance. For purposes  
18.31 of this paragraph, an authorization to identify unreported accounts meets the requirements  
18.32 of the Right to Financial Privacy Act, United States Code, title 12, chapter 35, and need not  
18.33 be furnished to the financial institution.

19.1 (f) County and tribal agencies shall comply with the standards established by the  
19.2 commissioner for appropriate use of the asset verification system specified in section 256.01,  
19.3 subdivision 18f.

19.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,  
19.5 whichever is later. The commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal  
19.6 approval has been obtained.

19.7 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.057, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

19.8 Subd. 3. **Qualified Medicare beneficiaries.** (a) A person ~~who is entitled to Part A~~  
19.9 ~~Medicare benefits, whose income is equal to or less than 100 percent of the federal poverty~~  
19.10 ~~guidelines, and whose assets are no more than \$10,000 for a single individual and \$18,000~~  
19.11 ~~for a married couple or family of two or more, is eligible for medical assistance~~

19.12 reimbursement of Medicare Part A and Part B premiums, Part A and Part B coinsurance  
 19.13 and deductibles, and cost-effective premiums for enrollment with a health maintenance  
 19.14 organization or a competitive medical plan under section 1876 of the Social Security Act;  
 19.15 if:

19.16 (1) the person is entitled to Medicare Part A benefits;

19.17 (2) the person's income is equal to or less than 100 percent of the federal poverty  
 19.18 guidelines; and

19.19 (3) the person's assets are no more than (i) \$10,000 for a single individual, or (ii) \$18,000  
 19.20 for a married couple or family of two or more; or, when the resource limits for eligibility  
 19.21 for the Medicare Part D extra help low income subsidy (LIS) exceed either amount in item  
 19.22 (i) or (ii), the person's assets are no more than the LIS resource limit in United States Code,  
 19.23 title 42, section 1396d, subsection (p).

19.24 (b) Reimbursement of the Medicare coinsurance and deductibles, when added to the  
 19.25 amount paid by Medicare, must not exceed the total rate the provider would have received  
 19.26 for the same service or services if the person were a medical assistance recipient with  
 19.27 Medicare coverage. Increases in benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act shall not  
 19.28 be counted as income for purposes of this subdivision until July 1 of each year.

19.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

19.30 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.06, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

19.31 Subd. 4. **Citizenship requirements.** (a) Eligibility for medical assistance is limited to  
 19.32 citizens of the United States, qualified noncitizens as defined in this subdivision, and other  
 20.1 persons residing lawfully in the United States. Citizens or nationals of the United States  
 20.2 must cooperate in obtaining satisfactory documentary evidence of citizenship or nationality  
 20.3 according to the requirements of the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Public Law  
 20.4 109-171.

20.5 (b) "Qualified noncitizen" means a person who meets one of the following immigration  
 20.6 criteria:

20.7 (1) admitted for lawful permanent residence according to United States Code, title 8;

20.8 (2) admitted to the United States as a refugee according to United States Code, title 8,  
 20.9 section 1157;

20.10 (3) granted asylum according to United States Code, title 8, section 1158;

20.11 (4) granted withholding of deportation according to United States Code, title 8, section  
 20.12 1253(h);

20.13 (5) paroled for a period of at least one year according to United States Code, title 8,  
 20.14 section 1182(d)(5);

19.12 reimbursement of Medicare Part A and Part B premiums, Part A and Part B coinsurance  
 19.13 and deductibles, and cost-effective premiums for enrollment with a health maintenance  
 19.14 organization or a competitive medical plan under section 1876 of the Social Security Act;  
 19.15 if:

19.16 (1) the person is entitled to Medicare Part A benefits;

19.17 (2) the person's income is equal to or less than 100 percent of the federal poverty  
 19.18 guidelines; and

19.19 (3) the person's assets are no more than (i) \$10,000 for a single individual, or (ii) \$18,000  
 19.20 for a married couple or family of two or more; or, when the resource limits for eligibility  
 19.21 for the Medicare Part D extra help low income subsidy (LIS) exceed either amount in item  
 19.22 (i) or (ii), the person's assets are no more than the LIS resource limit in United States Code,  
 19.23 title 42, section 1396d, subsection (p).

19.24 (b) Reimbursement of the Medicare coinsurance and deductibles, when added to the  
 19.25 amount paid by Medicare, must not exceed the total rate the provider would have received  
 19.26 for the same service or services if the person were a medical assistance recipient with  
 19.27 Medicare coverage. Increases in benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act shall not  
 19.28 be counted as income for purposes of this subdivision until July 1 of each year.

19.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

19.30 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.06, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

19.31 Subd. 4. **Citizenship requirements.** (a) Eligibility for medical assistance is limited to  
 19.32 citizens of the United States, qualified noncitizens as defined in this subdivision, and other  
 20.1 persons residing lawfully in the United States. Citizens or nationals of the United States  
 20.2 must cooperate in obtaining satisfactory documentary evidence of citizenship or nationality  
 20.3 according to the requirements of the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Public Law  
 20.4 109-171.

20.5 (b) "Qualified noncitizen" means a person who meets one of the following immigration  
 20.6 criteria:

20.7 (1) admitted for lawful permanent residence according to United States Code, title 8;

20.8 (2) admitted to the United States as a refugee according to United States Code, title 8,  
 20.9 section 1157;

20.10 (3) granted asylum according to United States Code, title 8, section 1158;

20.11 (4) granted withholding of deportation according to United States Code, title 8, section  
 20.12 1253(h);

20.13 (5) paroled for a period of at least one year according to United States Code, title 8,  
 20.14 section 1182(d)(5);

20.15 (6) granted conditional entrant status according to United States Code, title 8, section  
 20.16 1153(a)(7);

20.17 (7) determined to be a battered noncitizen by the United States Attorney General  
 20.18 according to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996,  
 20.19 title V of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Bill, Public Law 104-200;

20.20 (8) is a child of a noncitizen determined to be a battered noncitizen by the United States  
 20.21 Attorney General according to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility  
 20.22 Act of 1996, title V, of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Bill, Public Law 104-200;  
 20.23 or

20.24 (9) determined to be a Cuban or Haitian entrant as defined in section 501(e) of Public  
 20.25 Law 96-422, the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980.

20.26 (c) All qualified noncitizens who were residing in the United States before August 22,  
 20.27 1996, who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of this chapter, are eligible for medical  
 20.28 assistance with federal financial participation.

20.29 (d) Beginning December 1, 1996, qualified noncitizens who entered the United States  
 20.30 on or after August 22, 1996, and who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of this  
 20.31 chapter are eligible for medical assistance with federal participation for five years if they  
 20.32 meet one of the following criteria:

21.1 (1) refugees admitted to the United States according to United States Code, title 8, section  
 21.2 1157;

21.3 (2) persons granted asylum according to United States Code, title 8, section 1158;

21.4 (3) persons granted withholding of deportation according to United States Code, title 8,  
 21.5 section 1253(h);

21.6 (4) veterans of the United States armed forces with an honorable discharge for a reason  
 21.7 other than noncitizen status, their spouses and unmarried minor dependent children; or

21.8 (5) persons on active duty in the United States armed forces, other than for training,  
 21.9 their spouses and unmarried minor dependent children.

21.10 Beginning July 1, 2010, children and pregnant women who are noncitizens described  
 21.11 in paragraph (b) or who are lawfully present in the United States as defined in Code of  
 21.12 Federal Regulations, title 8, section 103.12, and who otherwise meet eligibility requirements  
 21.13 of this chapter, are eligible for medical assistance with federal financial participation as  
 21.14 provided by the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009,  
 21.15 Public Law 111-3.

21.16 (e) Nonimmigrants who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of this chapter are  
 21.17 eligible for the benefits as provided in paragraphs (f) to (h). For purposes of this subdivision,

20.15 (6) granted conditional entrant status according to United States Code, title 8, section  
 20.16 1153(a)(7);

20.17 (7) determined to be a battered noncitizen by the United States Attorney General  
 20.18 according to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996,  
 20.19 title V of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Bill, Public Law 104-200;

20.20 (8) is a child of a noncitizen determined to be a battered noncitizen by the United States  
 20.21 Attorney General according to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility  
 20.22 Act of 1996, title V, of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Bill, Public Law 104-200;  
 20.23 or

20.24 (9) determined to be a Cuban or Haitian entrant as defined in section 501(e) of Public  
 20.25 Law 96-422, the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980.

20.26 (c) All qualified noncitizens who were residing in the United States before August 22,  
 20.27 1996, who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of this chapter, are eligible for medical  
 20.28 assistance with federal financial participation.

20.29 (d) Beginning December 1, 1996, qualified noncitizens who entered the United States  
 20.30 on or after August 22, 1996, and who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of this  
 20.31 chapter are eligible for medical assistance with federal participation for five years if they  
 20.32 meet one of the following criteria:

21.1 (1) refugees admitted to the United States according to United States Code, title 8, section  
 21.2 1157;

21.3 (2) persons granted asylum according to United States Code, title 8, section 1158;

21.4 (3) persons granted withholding of deportation according to United States Code, title 8,  
 21.5 section 1253(h);

21.6 (4) veterans of the United States armed forces with an honorable discharge for a reason  
 21.7 other than noncitizen status, their spouses and unmarried minor dependent children; or

21.8 (5) persons on active duty in the United States armed forces, other than for training,  
 21.9 their spouses and unmarried minor dependent children.

21.10 Beginning July 1, 2010, children and pregnant women who are noncitizens described  
 21.11 in paragraph (b) or who are lawfully present in the United States as defined in Code of  
 21.12 Federal Regulations, title 8, section 103.12, and who otherwise meet eligibility requirements  
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 21.14 provided by the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009,  
 21.15 Public Law 111-3.

21.16 (e) Nonimmigrants who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of this chapter are  
 21.17 eligible for the benefits as provided in paragraphs (f) to (h). For purposes of this subdivision,

21.18 a "nonimmigrant" is a person in one of the classes listed in United States Code, title 8,  
21.19 section 1101(a)(15).

21.20 (f) Payment shall also be made for care and services that are furnished to noncitizens,  
21.21 regardless of immigration status, who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of this  
21.22 chapter, if such care and services are necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical  
21.23 condition.

21.24 (g) For purposes of this subdivision, the term "emergency medical condition" means a  
21.25 medical condition that meets the requirements of United States Code, title 42, section  
21.26 1396b(v).

21.27 (h)(1) Notwithstanding paragraph (g), services that are necessary for the treatment of  
21.28 an emergency medical condition are limited to the following:

21.29 (i) services delivered in an emergency room or by an ambulance service licensed under  
21.30 chapter 144E that are directly related to the treatment of an emergency medical condition;

21.31 (ii) services delivered in an inpatient hospital setting following admission from an  
21.32 emergency room or clinic for an acute emergency condition; and

22.1 (iii) follow-up services that are directly related to the original service provided to treat  
22.2 the emergency medical condition and are covered by the global payment made to the  
22.3 provider.

22.4 (2) Services for the treatment of emergency medical conditions do not include:

22.5 (i) services delivered in an emergency room or inpatient setting to treat a nonemergency  
22.6 condition;

22.7 (ii) organ transplants, stem cell transplants, and related care;

22.8 (iii) services for routine prenatal care;

22.9 (iv) continuing care, including long-term care, nursing facility services, home health  
22.10 care, adult day care, day training, or supportive living services;

22.11 (v) elective surgery;

22.12 (vi) outpatient prescription drugs, unless the drugs are administered or dispensed as part  
22.13 of an emergency room visit;

22.14 (vii) preventative health care and family planning services;

22.15 (viii) rehabilitation services;

22.16 (ix) physical, occupational, or speech therapy;

22.17 (x) transportation services;

22.18 (xi) case management;

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22.16 (ix) physical, occupational, or speech therapy;

22.17 (x) transportation services;

22.18 (xi) case management;

22.19 (xii) prosthetics, orthotics, durable medical equipment, or medical supplies;

22.20 (xiii) dental services;

22.21 (xiv) hospice care;

22.22 (xv) audiology services and hearing aids;

22.23 (xvi) podiatry services;

22.24 (xvii) chiropractic services;

22.25 (xviii) immunizations;

22.26 (xix) vision services and eyeglasses;

22.27 (xx) waiver services;

22.28 (xxi) individualized education programs; or

23.1 (xxii) chemical dependency treatment.

23.2 (i) Pregnant noncitizens who are ineligible for federally funded medical assistance

23.3 because of immigration status, are not covered by a group health plan or health insurance

23.4 coverage according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 457.310, and who

23.5 otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of this chapter, are eligible for medical assistance

23.6 through the period of pregnancy, including labor and delivery, and ~~60 days~~ 12 months

23.7 postpartum, ~~to the extent federal funds are available under title XXI of the Social Security~~

23.8 ~~Act, and the state children's health insurance program.~~

23.9 (j) Beginning October 1, 2003, persons who are receiving care and rehabilitation services

23.10 from a nonprofit center established to serve victims of torture and are otherwise ineligible

23.11 for medical assistance under this chapter are eligible for medical assistance without federal

23.12 financial participation. These individuals are eligible only for the period during which they

23.13 are receiving services from the center. Individuals eligible under this paragraph shall not

23.14 be required to participate in prepaid medical assistance. The nonprofit center referenced

23.15 under this paragraph may establish itself as a provider of mental health targeted case

23.16 management services through a county contract under section 256.0112, subdivision 6. If

23.17 the nonprofit center is unable to secure a contract with a lead county in its service area, then,

23.18 notwithstanding the requirements of section 256B.0625, subdivision 20, the commissioner

23.19 may negotiate a contract with the nonprofit center for provision of mental health targeted

23.20 case management services. When serving clients who are not the financial responsibility

23.21 of their contracted lead county, the nonprofit center must gain the concurrence of the county

23.22 of financial responsibility prior to providing mental health targeted case management services

23.23 for those clients.

23.24 (k) Notwithstanding paragraph (h), clause (2), the following services are covered as

23.25 emergency medical conditions under paragraph (f) except where coverage is prohibited

23.26 under federal law for services under clauses (1) and (2):

22.19 (xii) prosthetics, orthotics, durable medical equipment, or medical supplies;

22.20 (xiii) dental services;

22.21 (xiv) hospice care;

22.22 (xv) audiology services and hearing aids;

22.23 (xvi) podiatry services;

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23.23 for those clients.

23.24 (k) Notwithstanding paragraph (h), clause (2), the following services are covered as

23.25 emergency medical conditions under paragraph (f) except where coverage is prohibited

23.26 under federal law for services under clauses (1) and (2):

23.27 (1) dialysis services provided in a hospital or freestanding dialysis facility;

23.28 (2) surgery and the administration of chemotherapy, radiation, and related services

23.29 necessary to treat cancer if the recipient has a cancer diagnosis that is not in remission and

23.30 requires surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation treatment; and

23.31 (3) kidney transplant if the person has been diagnosed with end stage renal disease, is

23.32 currently receiving dialysis services, and is a potential candidate for a kidney transplant.

23.33 (l) Effective July 1, 2013, recipients of emergency medical assistance under this

23.34 subdivision are eligible for coverage of the elderly waiver services provided under chapter

24.1 256S, and coverage of rehabilitative services provided in a nursing facility. The age limit

24.2 for elderly waiver services does not apply. In order to qualify for coverage, a recipient of

24.3 emergency medical assistance is subject to the assessment and reassessment requirements

24.4 of section 256B.0911. Initial and continued enrollment under this paragraph is subject to

24.5 the limits of available funding.

24.6 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,

24.7 whichever is later. The commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal

24.8 approval has been obtained.

24.9 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

24.10 Subd. 3c. ~~Health Services Policy Committee Advisory Council.~~ (a) The commissioner,

24.11 after receiving recommendations from professional physician associations, professional

24.12 associations representing licensed nonphysician health care professionals, and consumer

24.13 groups, shall establish a ~~13-member~~ 14-member Health Services ~~Policy Committee Advisory~~

24.14 Council, which consists of ~~12~~ 13 voting members and one nonvoting member. The Health

24.15 ~~Services Policy Committee Advisory Council~~ shall advise the commissioner regarding (1)

24.16 ~~health services pertaining to the administration of health care benefits covered under the~~

24.17 ~~medical assistance and MinnesotaCare programs~~ Minnesota health care programs (MHCP);

24.18 and (2) evidence-based decision-making and health care benefit and coverage policies for

24.19 MHCP. The Health Services Advisory Council shall consider available evidence regarding

24.20 quality, safety, and cost-effectiveness when advising the commissioner. The Health Services

24.21 ~~Policy Committee Advisory Council~~ shall meet at least quarterly. The Health Services ~~Policy~~

24.22 ~~Committee Advisory Council~~ shall annually ~~elect~~ select a ~~physician~~ chair from among its

24.23 members; who shall work directly with the commissioner's medical director; to establish

24.24 the agenda for each meeting. The Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ Advisory

24.25 Council may recommend criteria for verifying centers of excellence for specific aspects of

24.26 medical care where a specific set of combined services, a volume of patients necessary to

24.27 maintain a high level of competency, or a specific level of technical capacity is associated

24.28 with improved health outcomes.

24.29 (b) The commissioner shall establish a dental ~~subcommittee~~ subcouncil to operate under

24.30 the Health Services ~~Policy Committee Advisory Council.~~ The dental ~~subcommittee~~

24.31 subcouncil consists of general dentists, dental specialists, safety net providers, dental

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24.31 subcouncil consists of general dentists, dental specialists, safety net providers, dental

24.32 hygienists, health plan company and county and public health representatives, health  
 24.33 researchers, consumers, and a designee of the commissioner of health. The dental  
 24.34 ~~subcommittee~~ subcouncil shall advise the commissioner regarding:

25.1 (1) the critical access dental program under section 256B.76, subdivision 4, including  
 25.2 but not limited to criteria for designating and terminating critical access dental providers;

25.3 (2) any changes to the critical access dental provider program necessary to comply with  
 25.4 program expenditure limits;

25.5 (3) dental coverage policy based on evidence, quality, continuity of care, and best  
 25.6 practices;

25.7 (4) the development of dental delivery models; and

25.8 (5) dental services to be added or eliminated from subdivision 9, paragraph (b).

25.9 ~~(e) The Health Services Policy Committee shall study approaches to making provider~~  
 25.10 ~~reimbursement under the medical assistance and MinnesotaCare programs contingent on~~  
 25.11 ~~patient participation in a patient-centered decision-making process, and shall evaluate the~~  
 25.12 ~~impact of these approaches on health care quality, patient satisfaction, and health care costs.~~  
 25.13 ~~The committee shall present findings and recommendations to the commissioner and the~~  
 25.14 ~~legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care by January 15, 2010.~~

25.15 ~~(d)~~ (c) The Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ shall Advisory Council may monitor and  
 25.16 track the practice patterns of ~~physicians providing services to medical assistance and~~  
 25.17 ~~MinnesotaCare enrollees~~ health care providers who serve MHCP recipients under  
 25.18 fee-for-service, managed care, and county-based purchasing. The ~~committee monitoring~~  
 25.19 ~~and tracking~~ shall focus on services or specialties for which there is a high variation in  
 25.20 utilization or quality across ~~physicians providers~~, or which are associated with high medical  
 25.21 costs. The commissioner, based upon the findings of the ~~committee~~ Health Services Advisory  
 25.22 Council, shall ~~regularly~~ may notify ~~physicians providers~~ whose practice patterns indicate  
 25.23 below average quality or higher than average utilization or costs. Managed care and  
 25.24 county-based purchasing plans shall provide the commissioner with utilization and cost  
 25.25 data necessary to implement this paragraph, and the commissioner shall make ~~this~~ these  
 25.26 data available to the ~~committee~~ Health Services Advisory Council.

25.27 ~~(e) The Health Services Policy Committee shall review caesarean section rates for the~~  
 25.28 ~~fee-for-service medical assistance population. The committee may develop best practices~~  
 25.29 ~~policies related to the minimization of caesarean sections, including but not limited to~~  
 25.30 ~~standards and guidelines for health care providers and health care facilities.~~

25.31 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 3d, is amended to read:

25.32 Subd. 3d. Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ Advisory Council members. (a) The  
 25.33 Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ Advisory Council consists of:

24.32 hygienists, health plan company and county and public health representatives, health  
 24.33 researchers, consumers, and a designee of the commissioner of health. The dental  
 24.34 ~~subcommittee~~ subcouncil shall advise the commissioner regarding:

25.1 (1) the critical access dental program under section 256B.76, subdivision 4, including  
 25.2 but not limited to criteria for designating and terminating critical access dental providers;

25.3 (2) any changes to the critical access dental provider program necessary to comply with  
 25.4 program expenditure limits;

25.5 (3) dental coverage policy based on evidence, quality, continuity of care, and best  
 25.6 practices;

25.7 (4) the development of dental delivery models; and

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25.31 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 3d, is amended to read:

25.32 Subd. 3d. Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ Advisory Council members. (a) The  
 25.33 Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ Advisory Council consists of:

26.1 (1) ~~seven six~~ voting members who are licensed physicians actively engaged in the practice  
 26.2 of medicine in Minnesota, ~~one of whom must be actively engaged in the treatment of persons~~  
 26.3 ~~with mental illness, and~~ three of whom must represent health plans currently under contract  
 26.4 to serve ~~medical assistance~~ MHCP recipients;

26.5 (2) two voting members who are licensed physician specialists actively practicing their  
 26.6 specialty in Minnesota;

26.7 (3) two voting members who are nonphysician health care professionals licensed or  
 26.8 registered in their profession and actively engaged in their practice of their profession in  
 26.9 Minnesota;

26.10 (4) one voting member who is a health care or mental health professional licensed or  
 26.11 registered in the member's profession, actively engaged in the practice of the member's  
 26.12 profession in Minnesota, and actively engaged in the treatment of persons with mental  
 26.13 illness;

26.14 ~~(4) one consumer~~ (5) two consumers who shall serve as a voting ~~member~~ members; and

26.15 ~~(5) (6)~~ the commissioner's medical director who shall serve as a nonvoting member.

26.16 (b) Members of the Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ Advisory Council shall not be  
 26.17 employed by the ~~Department of Human Services~~ state of Minnesota, except for the medical  
 26.18 director. A quorum shall comprise a simple majority of the voting members. Vacant seats  
 26.19 shall not count toward a quorum.

26.20 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 3e, is amended to read:

26.21 Subd. 3e. **Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ Advisory Council terms and**  
 26.22 **compensation.** ~~Committee~~ Members shall serve staggered three-year terms, with one-third  
 26.23 of the voting members' terms expiring annually. Members may be reappointed by the  
 26.24 commissioner. The commissioner may require more frequent Health Services ~~Policy~~  
 26.25 ~~Committee~~ Advisory Council meetings as needed. An honorarium of \$200 per meeting and  
 26.26 reimbursement for mileage and parking shall be paid to each ~~committee~~ council member  
 26.27 in attendance except the medical director. The Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ Advisory  
 26.28 Council does not expire as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 6.

26.29 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

26.30 Subd. 9. **Dental services.** (a) Medical assistance covers dental services. The commissioner  
 26.31 shall contract with a dental administrator for the administration of dental services. The  
 27.1 contract shall include the administration of dental services for persons enrolled in managed  
 27.2 care as described in section 256B.69.

27.3 (b) Medical assistance dental coverage for nonpregnant adults is limited to the following  
 27.4 services:

27.5 (1) comprehensive exams, limited to once every five years;

26.1 (1) ~~seven six~~ voting members who are licensed physicians actively engaged in the practice  
 26.2 of medicine in Minnesota, ~~one of whom must be actively engaged in the treatment of persons~~  
 26.3 ~~with mental illness, and~~ three of whom must represent health plans currently under contract  
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26.5 (2) two voting members who are licensed physician specialists actively practicing their  
 26.6 specialty in Minnesota;

26.7 (3) two voting members who are nonphysician health care professionals licensed or  
 26.8 registered in their profession and actively engaged in their practice of their profession in  
 26.9 Minnesota;

26.10 (4) one voting member who is a health care or mental health professional licensed or  
 26.11 registered in the member's profession, actively engaged in the practice of the member's  
 26.12 profession in Minnesota, and actively engaged in the treatment of persons with mental  
 26.13 illness;

26.14 ~~(4) one consumer~~ (5) two consumers who shall serve as a voting ~~member~~ members; and

26.15 ~~(5) (6)~~ the commissioner's medical director who shall serve as a nonvoting member.

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 26.27 in attendance except the medical director. The Health Services ~~Policy Committee~~ Advisory  
 26.28 Council does not expire as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 6.

26.29 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

26.30 Subd. 9. **Dental services.** (a) Medical assistance covers dental services.

27.1 (b) Medical assistance dental coverage for nonpregnant adults is limited to the following  
 27.2 services:

27.3 (1) comprehensive exams, limited to once every five years;

- 27.6 (2) periodic exams, limited to one per year;
- 27.7 (3) limited exams;
- 27.8 (4) bitewing x-rays, limited to one per year;
- 27.9 (5) periapical x-rays;
- 27.10 (6) panoramic x-rays, limited to one every five years except (1) when medically necessary
- 27.11 for the diagnosis and follow-up of oral and maxillofacial pathology and trauma or (2) once
- 27.12 every two years for patients who cannot cooperate for intraoral film due to a developmental
- 27.13 disability or medical condition that does not allow for intraoral film placement;
- 27.14 (7) prophylaxis, limited to one per year;
- 27.15 (8) application of fluoride varnish, limited to one per year;
- 27.16 (9) posterior fillings, all at the amalgam rate;
- 27.17 (10) anterior fillings;
- 27.18 (11) endodontics, limited to root canals on the anterior and premolars only;
- 27.19 (12) removable prostheses, each dental arch limited to one every six years;
- 27.20 (13) oral surgery, limited to extractions, biopsies, and incision and drainage of abscesses;
- 27.21 (14) palliative treatment and sedative fillings for relief of pain; ~~and~~
- 27.22 (15) full-mouth debridement, limited to one every five years; and
- 27.23 (16) nonsurgical treatment for periodontal disease, including scaling and root planing
- 27.24 once every two years for each quadrant, and routine periodontal maintenance procedures.
- 27.25 (c) In addition to the services specified in paragraph (b), medical assistance covers the
- 27.26 following services for adults, if provided in an outpatient hospital setting or freestanding
- 27.27 ambulatory surgical center as part of outpatient dental surgery:
- 27.28 (1) periodontics, limited to periodontal scaling and root planing once every two years;
- 27.29 (2) general anesthesia; and
- 28.1 (3) full-mouth survey once every five years.
- 28.2 (d) Medical assistance covers medically necessary dental services for children and
- 28.3 pregnant women. The following guidelines apply:
- 28.4 (1) posterior fillings are paid at the amalgam rate;
- 28.5 (2) application of sealants are covered once every five years per permanent molar for
- 28.6 children only;
- 28.7 (3) application of fluoride varnish is covered once every six months; and

- 27.4 (2) periodic exams, limited to one per year;
- 27.5 (3) limited exams;
- 27.6 (4) bitewing x-rays, limited to one per year;
- 27.7 (5) periapical x-rays;
- 27.8 (6) panoramic x-rays, limited to one every five years except (1) when medically necessary
- 27.9 for the diagnosis and follow-up of oral and maxillofacial pathology and trauma or (2) once
- 27.10 every two years for patients who cannot cooperate for intraoral film due to a developmental
- 27.11 disability or medical condition that does not allow for intraoral film placement;
- 27.12 (7) prophylaxis, limited to one per year;
- 27.13 (8) application of fluoride varnish, limited to one per year;
- 27.14 (9) posterior fillings, all at the amalgam rate;
- 27.15 (10) anterior fillings;
- 27.16 (11) endodontics, limited to root canals on the anterior and premolars only;
- 27.17 (12) removable prostheses, each dental arch limited to one every six years;
- 27.18 (13) oral surgery, limited to extractions, biopsies, and incision and drainage of abscesses;
- 27.19 (14) palliative treatment and sedative fillings for relief of pain; ~~and~~
- 27.20 (15) full-mouth debridement, limited to one every five years; and
- 27.21 (16) nonsurgical treatment for periodontal disease, including scaling and root planing
- 27.22 once every two years for each quadrant, and routine periodontal maintenance procedures.
- 27.23 (c) In addition to the services specified in paragraph (b), medical assistance covers the
- 27.24 following services for adults, if provided in an outpatient hospital setting or freestanding
- 27.25 ambulatory surgical center as part of outpatient dental surgery:
- 27.26 (1) periodontics, limited to periodontal scaling and root planing once every two years;
- 27.27 (2) general anesthesia; and
- 27.28 (3) full-mouth survey once every five years.
- 28.1 (d) Medical assistance covers medically necessary dental services for children and
- 28.2 pregnant women. The following guidelines apply:
- 28.3 (1) posterior fillings are paid at the amalgam rate;
- 28.4 (2) application of sealants are covered once every five years per permanent molar for
- 28.5 children only;
- 28.6 (3) application of fluoride varnish is covered once every six months; and

28.8 (4) orthodontia is eligible for coverage for children only.

28.9 (e) In addition to the services specified in paragraphs (b) and (c), medical assistance

28.10 covers the following services for adults:

28.11 (1) house calls or extended care facility calls for on-site delivery of covered services;

28.12 (2) behavioral management when additional staff time is required to accommodate

28.13 behavioral challenges and sedation is not used;

28.14 (3) oral or IV sedation, if the covered dental service cannot be performed safely without

28.15 it or would otherwise require the service to be performed under general anesthesia in a

28.16 hospital or surgical center; and

28.17 (4) prophylaxis, in accordance with an appropriate individualized treatment plan, but

28.18 no more than four times per year.

28.19 (f) The commissioner shall not require prior authorization for the services included in

28.20 paragraph (e), clauses (1) to (3), ~~and shall prohibit managed care and county-based purchasing~~

28.21 ~~plans from requiring prior authorization for the services included in paragraph (e), clauses~~

28.22 ~~(1) to (3), when provided under sections 256B.69, 256B.692, and 256L.12.~~

28.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021, except that the amendments

28.24 to paragraphs (a) and (f) are effective January 1, 2023.

28.7 (4) orthodontia is eligible for coverage for children only.

28.8 (e) In addition to the services specified in paragraphs (b) and (c), medical assistance

28.9 covers the following services for adults:

28.10 (1) house calls or extended care facility calls for on-site delivery of covered services;

28.11 (2) behavioral management when additional staff time is required to accommodate

28.12 behavioral challenges and sedation is not used;

28.13 (3) oral or IV sedation, if the covered dental service cannot be performed safely without

28.14 it or would otherwise require the service to be performed under general anesthesia in a

28.15 hospital or surgical center; and

28.16 (4) prophylaxis, in accordance with an appropriate individualized treatment plan, but

28.17 no more than four times per year.

28.18 (f) The commissioner shall not require prior authorization for the services included in

28.19 paragraph (e), clauses (1) to (3), and shall prohibit managed care and county-based purchasing

28.20 plans from requiring prior authorization for the services included in paragraph (e), clauses

28.21 (1) to (3), when provided under sections 256B.69, 256B.692, and 256L.12.

28.22 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision

28.23 to read:

28.24 Subd. 9c. **Uniform prior authorization for dental services.** (a) For purposes of this

28.25 subdivision, "dental benefits administrator" means an organization licensed under chapter

28.26 62C or 62D that contracts with a managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan to

28.27 provide covered dental care services to enrollees of the plan.

28.28 (b) By January 1, 2022, the commissioner, in consultation with interested stakeholders,

28.29 shall develop uniform prior authorization criteria for all dental services requiring prior

28.30 authorization. The commissioner shall publish a list of the dental services requiring prior

28.31 authorization and the process for obtaining prior authorization on the department's website.

29.1 Dental services on the list and the process for obtaining prior authorization approval must

29.2 be consistent. The commissioner shall require that dental providers, managed care plans,

29.3 county-based purchasing plans, and dental benefit administrators use the dental services on

29.4 the list regardless of whether the services are provided through a fee-for-service system or

29.5 through a prepaid medical assistance program.

29.6 (c) Managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans may require prior

29.7 authorization for additional dental services not on the list described in paragraph (b) if a

29.8 uniform process for obtaining prior approvals is applied, including a process for

28.25 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

28.26 Subd. 13. **Drugs.** (a) Medical assistance covers drugs, except for fertility drugs when  
28.27 specifically used to enhance fertility, if prescribed by a licensed practitioner and dispensed  
28.28 by a licensed pharmacist, by a physician enrolled in the medical assistance program as a  
28.29 dispensing physician, or by a physician, a physician assistant, or an advanced practice  
28.30 registered nurse employed by or under contract with a community health board as defined  
28.31 in section 145A.02, subdivision 5, for the purposes of communicable disease control.

29.1 (b) The dispensed quantity of a prescription drug must not exceed a 34-day supply,  
29.2 unless authorized by the commissioner; or the drug appears on the 90-day supply list  
29.3 published by the commissioner. The 90-day supply list shall be published by the  
29.4 commissioner on the department's website. The commissioner may add to, delete from, and  
29.5 otherwise modify the 90-day supply list after providing public notice and the opportunity  
29.6 for a 15-day public comment period. The 90-day supply list may include cost-effective  
29.7 generic drugs and shall not include controlled substances.

29.8 (c) For the purpose of this subdivision and subdivision 13d, an "active pharmaceutical  
29.9 ingredient" is defined as a substance that is represented for use in a drug and when used in  
29.10 the manufacturing, processing, or packaging of a drug becomes an active ingredient of the

29.9 reconsideration when a prior approval request is denied that can be utilized by both the  
29.10 patient and the patient's dental provider.

29.11 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
29.12 to read:

29.13 Subd. 9d. **Uniform credentialing process.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "dental  
29.14 benefits administrator" has the meaning given in subdivision 9c.

29.15 (b) By January 1, 2022, the commissioner, in consultation with interested stakeholders,  
29.16 shall develop a uniform credentialing process for dental providers. Upon federal approval,  
29.17 the credentialing process must be accepted by all managed care plans, county-based  
29.18 purchasing plans, and dental benefits administrators that contract with the commissioner or  
29.19 subcontract with plans to provide dental services to medical assistance or MinnesotaCare  
29.20 enrollees.

29.21 (c) The process developed in this subdivision must include a uniform credentialing  
29.22 application that must be available in electronic format and accessible on the department's  
29.23 website. The process developed under this subdivision must include an option to submit a  
29.24 completed application electronically. The uniform credentialing application must be available  
29.25 to providers for free.

29.26 (d) If applicable, a managed care plan, county-based purchasing plan, dental benefits  
29.27 administrator, contractor, or vendor that reviews and approves a credentialing application  
29.28 must notify a provider regarding a deficiency on a submitted credentialing application form  
29.29 no later than 30 business days after receiving the application form from the provider.

29.30 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

29.31 Subd. 13. **Drugs.** (a) Medical assistance covers drugs, except for fertility drugs when  
29.32 specifically used to enhance fertility, if prescribed by a licensed practitioner and dispensed  
30.1 by a licensed pharmacist, by a physician enrolled in the medical assistance program as a  
30.2 dispensing physician, or by a physician, a physician assistant, or an advanced practice  
30.3 registered nurse employed by or under contract with a community health board as defined  
30.4 in section 145A.02, subdivision 5, for the purposes of communicable disease control.

30.5 (b) The dispensed quantity of a prescription drug must not exceed a 34-day supply,  
30.6 unless authorized by the commissioner; or the drug appears on the 90-day supply list  
30.7 published by the commissioner. The 90-day supply list shall be published by the  
30.8 commissioner on the department's website. The commissioner may add to, delete from, and  
30.9 otherwise modify the 90-day supply list after providing public notice and the opportunity  
30.10 for a 15-day public comment period. The 90-day supply list may include cost-effective  
30.11 generic drugs and shall not include controlled substances.

30.12 (c) For the purpose of this subdivision and subdivision 13d, an "active pharmaceutical  
30.13 ingredient" is defined as a substance that is represented for use in a drug and when used in  
30.14 the manufacturing, processing, or packaging of a drug becomes an active ingredient of the

29.11 drug product. An "excipient" is defined as an inert substance used as a diluent or vehicle  
 29.12 for a drug. The commissioner shall establish a list of active pharmaceutical ingredients and  
 29.13 excipients which are included in the medical assistance formulary. Medical assistance covers  
 29.14 selected active pharmaceutical ingredients and excipients used in compounded prescriptions  
 29.15 when the compounded combination is specifically approved by the commissioner or when  
 29.16 a commercially available product:

29.17 (1) is not a therapeutic option for the patient;

29.18 (2) does not exist in the same combination of active ingredients in the same strengths  
 29.19 as the compounded prescription; and

29.20 (3) cannot be used in place of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the compounded  
 29.21 prescription.

29.22 (d) Medical assistance covers the following over-the-counter drugs when prescribed by  
 29.23 a licensed practitioner or by a licensed pharmacist who meets standards established by the  
 29.24 commissioner, in consultation with the board of pharmacy: antacids, acetaminophen, family  
 29.25 planning products, aspirin, insulin, products for the treatment of lice, vitamins for adults  
 29.26 with documented vitamin deficiencies, vitamins for children under the age of seven and  
 29.27 pregnant or nursing women, and any other over-the-counter drug identified by the  
 29.28 commissioner, in consultation with the Formulary Committee, as necessary, appropriate,  
 29.29 and cost-effective for the treatment of certain specified chronic diseases, conditions, or  
 29.30 disorders, and this determination shall not be subject to the requirements of chapter 14. A  
 29.31 pharmacist may prescribe over-the-counter medications as provided under this paragraph  
 29.32 for purposes of receiving reimbursement under Medicaid. When prescribing over-the-counter  
 29.33 drugs under this paragraph, licensed pharmacists must consult with the recipient to determine  
 30.1 necessity, provide drug counseling, review drug therapy for potential adverse interactions,  
 30.2 and make referrals as needed to other health care professionals.

30.3 (e) Effective January 1, 2006, medical assistance shall not cover drugs that are coverable  
 30.4 under Medicare Part D as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and  
 30.5 Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-2(e), for individuals eligible  
 30.6 for drug coverage as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and  
 30.7 Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-1(a)(3)(A). For these  
 30.8 individuals, medical assistance may cover drugs from the drug classes listed in United States  
 30.9 Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2), subject to this subdivision and subdivisions 13a to  
 30.10 13g, except that drugs listed in United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2)(E), shall  
 30.11 not be covered.

30.12 (f) Medical assistance covers drugs acquired through the federal 340B Drug Pricing  
 30.13 Program and dispensed by 340B covered entities and ambulatory pharmacies under common  
 30.14 ownership of the 340B covered entity. Medical assistance does not cover drugs acquired  
 30.15 through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and dispensed by 340B contract pharmacies.  
 30.16 By March 1 of each year, each 340B covered entity and ambulatory pharmacy under common  
 30.17 ownership of the 340B covered entity must report to the commissioner its reimbursements

30.15 drug product. An "excipient" is defined as an inert substance used as a diluent or vehicle  
 30.16 for a drug. The commissioner shall establish a list of active pharmaceutical ingredients and  
 30.17 excipients which are included in the medical assistance formulary. Medical assistance covers  
 30.18 selected active pharmaceutical ingredients and excipients used in compounded prescriptions  
 30.19 when the compounded combination is specifically approved by the commissioner or when  
 30.20 a commercially available product:

30.21 (1) is not a therapeutic option for the patient;

30.22 (2) does not exist in the same combination of active ingredients in the same strengths  
 30.23 as the compounded prescription; and

30.24 (3) cannot be used in place of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the compounded  
 30.25 prescription.

30.26 (d) Medical assistance covers the following over-the-counter drugs when prescribed by  
 30.27 a licensed practitioner or by a licensed pharmacist who meets standards established by the  
 30.28 commissioner, in consultation with the board of pharmacy: antacids, acetaminophen, family  
 30.29 planning products, aspirin, insulin, products for the treatment of lice, vitamins for adults  
 30.30 with documented vitamin deficiencies, vitamins for children under the age of seven and  
 30.31 pregnant or nursing women, and any other over-the-counter drug identified by the  
 30.32 commissioner, in consultation with the Formulary Committee, as necessary, appropriate,  
 30.33 and cost-effective for the treatment of certain specified chronic diseases, conditions, or  
 30.34 disorders, and this determination shall not be subject to the requirements of chapter 14. A  
 31.1 pharmacist may prescribe over-the-counter medications as provided under this paragraph  
 31.2 for purposes of receiving reimbursement under Medicaid. When prescribing over-the-counter  
 31.3 drugs under this paragraph, licensed pharmacists must consult with the recipient to determine  
 31.4 necessity, provide drug counseling, review drug therapy for potential adverse interactions,  
 31.5 and make referrals as needed to other health care professionals.

31.6 (e) Effective January 1, 2006, medical assistance shall not cover drugs that are coverable  
 31.7 under Medicare Part D as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and  
 31.8 Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-2(e), for individuals eligible  
 31.9 for drug coverage as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and  
 31.10 Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-1(a)(3)(A). For these  
 31.11 individuals, medical assistance may cover drugs from the drug classes listed in United States  
 31.12 Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2), subject to this subdivision and subdivisions 13a to  
 31.13 13g, except that drugs listed in United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2)(E), shall  
 31.14 not be covered.

31.15 (f) Medical assistance covers drugs acquired through the federal 340B Drug Pricing  
 31.16 Program and dispensed by 340B covered entities and ambulatory pharmacies under common  
 31.17 ownership of the 340B covered entity. Medical assistance does not cover drugs acquired  
 31.18 through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and dispensed by 340B contract pharmacies.

30.18 for the previous calendar year from each managed care and county-based purchasing plan,  
 30.19 or the pharmacy benefit manager contracted with the managed care or county-based  
 30.20 purchasing plan. The report must include:

30.21 (1) the National Provider Identification (NPI) number for each 340B covered entity or  
 30.22 ambulatory pharmacy under common ownership of the 340B covered entity;

30.23 (2) the name of each 340B covered entity;

30.24 (3) the servicing address of each 340B covered entity;

30.25 (4) the aggregate cost of drugs purchased during the prior calendar year through the  
 30.26 340B program;

30.27 (5) the aggregate cost of drugs purchased during the prior calendar year outside of the  
 30.28 340B program;

30.29 (6) the total reimbursement received by the 340B covered entity from all payers, including  
 30.30 uninsured patients, for all drugs during the prior calendar year; and

30.31 (7) either: (i) the number of outpatient 340B pharmacy claims and reimbursement amounts  
 30.32 from each managed care and county-based purchasing plan, or pharmacy benefit manager  
 30.33 contracted with the managed care or county-based purchasing plan; or (ii) the number of  
 31.1 professional or facility 340B claim lines and reimbursement amounts during the prior  
 31.2 calendar year from each managed care and county-based purchasing plan.

31.3 The commissioner shall submit a copy of the reports to the chairs and ranking minority  
 31.4 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care policy and finance  
 31.5 by April 1 of each year. Drugs acquired through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program  
 31.6 and dispensed by a 340B covered entity or ambulatory pharmacy under common ownership  
 31.7 of the 340B covered entity are not eligible for coverage if the 340B covered entity or  
 31.8 ambulatory pharmacy under common ownership of the 340B covered entity fails to submit  
 31.9 a report to the commissioner containing the information required under clauses (1) to (7).

31.10 (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), medical assistance covers self-administered hormonal  
 31.11 contraceptives prescribed and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist in accordance with section  
 31.12 151.37, subdivision 14; nicotine replacement medications prescribed and dispensed by a  
 31.13 licensed pharmacist in accordance with section 151.37, subdivision 15; and opiate antagonists  
 31.14 used for the treatment of an acute opiate overdose prescribed and dispensed by a licensed  
 31.15 pharmacist in accordance with section 151.37, subdivision 16.

31.19 (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), medical assistance covers self-administered hormonal  
 31.20 contraceptives prescribed and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist in accordance with section  
 31.21 151.37, subdivision 14; nicotine replacement medications prescribed and dispensed by a  
 31.22 licensed pharmacist in accordance with section 151.37, subdivision 15; and opiate antagonists  
 31.23 used for the treatment of an acute opiate overdose prescribed and dispensed by a licensed  
 31.24 pharmacist in accordance with section 151.37, subdivision 16.

31.16 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13c, is amended to  
31.17 read:

31.18 Subd. 13c. **Formulary Committee.** The commissioner, after receiving recommendations  
31.19 from professional medical associations and professional pharmacy associations, and consumer  
31.20 groups shall designate a Formulary Committee to carry out duties as described in subdivisions  
31.21 13 to 13g. The Formulary Committee shall be comprised of four licensed physicians actively  
31.22 engaged in the practice of medicine in Minnesota, one of whom must be actively engaged  
31.23 in the treatment of persons with mental illness; at least three licensed pharmacists actively  
31.24 engaged in the practice of pharmacy in Minnesota; and one consumer representative; the  
31.25 remainder to be made up of health care professionals who are licensed in their field and  
31.26 have recognized knowledge in the clinically appropriate prescribing, dispensing, and  
31.27 monitoring of covered outpatient drugs. Members of the Formulary Committee shall not  
31.28 be employed by the Department of Human Services, but the committee shall be staffed by  
31.29 an employee of the department who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the  
31.30 committee. The department's medical director shall also serve as an ex officio, nonvoting  
31.31 member for the committee. Committee members shall serve three-year terms and may be  
31.32 reappointed by the commissioner. The Formulary Committee shall meet at least twice per  
31.33 year. The commissioner may require more frequent Formulary Committee meetings as  
31.34 needed. An honorarium of \$100 per meeting and reimbursement for mileage shall be paid  
32.1 to each committee member in attendance. ~~The Formulary Committee expires June 30, 2022.~~  
32.2 ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 6, the Formulary Committee does not expire.~~

32.3 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13d, is amended to  
32.4 read:

32.5 Subd. 13d. **Drug formulary.** (a) ~~The commissioner shall establish a drug formulary. Its~~  
32.6 ~~establishment and publication shall not be subject to the requirements of the Administrative~~  
32.7 ~~Procedure Act, but the Formulary Committee shall review and comment on the formulary~~  
32.8 ~~contents.~~

32.9 (b) ~~The formulary shall not include:~~

32.10 (1) ~~drugs, active pharmaceutical ingredients, or products for which there is no federal~~  
32.11 ~~funding;~~

32.12 (2) ~~over-the-counter drugs, except as provided in subdivision 13;~~

32.13 (3) ~~drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients used for weight loss, except that medically~~  
32.14 ~~necessary lipase inhibitors may be covered for a recipient with type II diabetes;~~

32.15 (4) ~~(3) drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients when used for the treatment of~~  
32.16 ~~impotence or erectile dysfunction;~~

32.17 (5) ~~(4) drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients for which medical value has not been~~  
32.18 ~~established;~~

31.25 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13c, is amended to  
31.26 read:

31.27 Subd. 13c. **Formulary Committee.** The commissioner, after receiving recommendations  
31.28 from professional medical associations and professional pharmacy associations, and consumer  
31.29 groups shall designate a Formulary Committee to carry out duties as described in subdivisions  
31.30 13 to 13g. The Formulary Committee shall be comprised of four licensed physicians actively  
31.31 engaged in the practice of medicine in Minnesota, one of whom must be actively engaged  
31.32 in the treatment of persons with mental illness; at least three licensed pharmacists actively  
31.33 engaged in the practice of pharmacy in Minnesota; and one consumer representative; the  
31.34 remainder to be made up of health care professionals who are licensed in their field and  
32.1 have recognized knowledge in the clinically appropriate prescribing, dispensing, and  
32.2 monitoring of covered outpatient drugs. Members of the Formulary Committee shall not  
32.3 be employed by the Department of Human Services, but the committee shall be staffed by  
32.4 an employee of the department who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the  
32.5 committee. The department's medical director shall also serve as an ex officio, nonvoting  
32.6 member for the committee. Committee members shall serve three-year terms and may be  
32.7 reappointed by the commissioner. The Formulary Committee shall meet at least twice per  
32.8 year. The commissioner may require more frequent Formulary Committee meetings as  
32.9 needed. An honorarium of \$100 per meeting and reimbursement for mileage shall be paid  
32.10 to each committee member in attendance. ~~The Formulary Committee expires June 30, 2022.~~

32.19 ~~(6)~~ (5) drugs from manufacturers who have not signed a rebate agreement with the  
32.20 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 1927 of title XIX of the  
32.21 Social Security Act; and

32.22 ~~(7)~~ (6) medical cannabis as defined in section 152.22, subdivision 6.

32.23 (c) If a single-source drug used by at least two percent of the fee-for-service medical  
32.24 assistance recipients is removed from the formulary due to the failure of the manufacturer  
32.25 to sign a rebate agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services, the  
32.26 commissioner shall notify prescribing practitioners within 30 days of receiving notification  
32.27 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that a rebate agreement was  
32.28 not signed.

33.1 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13e, is amended to  
33.2 read:

33.3 Subd. 13e. **Payment rates.** (a) The basis for determining the amount of payment shall  
33.4 be the lower of the ingredient costs of the drugs plus the professional dispensing fee; or the  
33.5 usual and customary price charged to the public. The usual and customary price means the  
33.6 lowest price charged by the provider to a patient who pays for the prescription by cash,  
33.7 check, or charge account and includes prices the pharmacy charges to a patient enrolled in  
33.8 a prescription savings club or prescription discount club administered by the pharmacy or  
33.9 pharmacy chain. The amount of payment basis must be reduced to reflect all discount  
33.10 amounts applied to the charge by any third-party provider/insurer agreement or contract for  
33.11 submitted charges to medical assistance programs. The net submitted charge may not be  
33.12 greater than the patient liability for the service. The professional dispensing fee shall be  
33.13 ~~\$10.48~~ \$10.77 for prescriptions filled with legend drugs meeting the definition of "covered  
33.14 outpatient drugs" according to United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(k)(2). The  
33.15 dispensing fee for intravenous solutions that must be compounded by the pharmacist shall  
33.16 be ~~\$10.48~~ \$10.77 per bag claim. The professional dispensing fee for prescriptions filled  
33.17 with over-the-counter drugs meeting the definition of covered outpatient drugs shall be  
33.18 ~~\$10.48~~ \$10.77 for dispensed quantities equal to or greater than the number of units contained  
33.19 in the manufacturer's original package. The professional dispensing fee shall be prorated  
33.20 based on the percentage of the package dispensed when the pharmacy dispenses a quantity  
33.21 less than the number of units contained in the manufacturer's original package. The pharmacy  
33.22 dispensing fee for prescribed over-the-counter drugs not meeting the definition of covered  
33.23 outpatient drugs shall be \$3.65 for quantities equal to or greater than the number of units  
33.24 contained in the manufacturer's original package and shall be prorated based on the  
33.25 percentage of the package dispensed when the pharmacy dispenses a quantity less than the  
33.26 number of units contained in the manufacturer's original package. The National Average  
33.27 Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) shall be used to determine the ingredient cost of a drug.  
33.28 For drugs for which a NADAC is not reported, the commissioner shall estimate the ingredient  
33.29 cost at the wholesale acquisition cost minus two percent. The ingredient cost of a drug for  
33.30 a provider participating in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program shall be either the 340B  
33.31 Drug Pricing Program ceiling price established by the Health Resources and Services

32.11 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13e, is amended to  
32.12 read:

32.13 Subd. 13e. **Payment rates.** (a) The basis for determining the amount of payment shall  
32.14 be the lower of the ingredient costs of the drugs plus the professional dispensing fee; or the  
32.15 usual and customary price charged to the public. The usual and customary price means the  
32.16 lowest price charged by the provider to a patient who pays for the prescription by cash,  
32.17 check, or charge account and includes prices the pharmacy charges to a patient enrolled in  
32.18 a prescription savings club or prescription discount club administered by the pharmacy or  
32.19 pharmacy chain. The amount of payment basis must be reduced to reflect all discount  
32.20 amounts applied to the charge by any third-party provider/insurer agreement or contract for  
32.21 submitted charges to medical assistance programs. The net submitted charge may not be  
32.22 greater than the patient liability for the service. The professional dispensing fee shall be  
32.23 ~~\$10.48~~ \$10.77 for prescriptions filled with legend drugs meeting the definition of "covered  
32.24 outpatient drugs" according to United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(k)(2). The  
32.25 dispensing fee for intravenous solutions that must be compounded by the pharmacist shall  
32.26 be ~~\$10.48~~ \$10.77 per bag claim. The professional dispensing fee for prescriptions filled  
32.27 with over-the-counter drugs meeting the definition of covered outpatient drugs shall be  
32.28 ~~\$10.48~~ \$10.77 for dispensed quantities equal to or greater than the number of units contained  
32.29 in the manufacturer's original package. The professional dispensing fee shall be prorated  
32.30 based on the percentage of the package dispensed when the pharmacy dispenses a quantity  
32.31 less than the number of units contained in the manufacturer's original package. The pharmacy  
32.32 dispensing fee for prescribed over-the-counter drugs not meeting the definition of covered  
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32.35 percentage of the package dispensed when the pharmacy dispenses a quantity less than the  
33.1 number of units contained in the manufacturer's original package. The National Average  
33.2 Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) shall be used to determine the ingredient cost of a drug.  
33.3 For drugs for which a NADAC is not reported, the commissioner shall estimate the ingredient  
33.4 cost at the wholesale acquisition cost minus two percent. The ingredient cost of a drug for  
33.5 a provider participating in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program shall be either the 340B  
33.6 Drug Pricing Program ceiling price established by the Health Resources and Services

33.32 Administration or NADAC, whichever is lower. Wholesale acquisition cost is defined as  
 33.33 the manufacturer's list price for a drug or biological to wholesalers or direct purchasers in  
 33.34 the United States, not including prompt pay or other discounts, rebates, or reductions in  
 33.35 price, for the most recent month for which information is available, as reported in wholesale  
 33.36 price guides or other publications of drug or biological pricing data. The maximum allowable  
 34.1 cost of a multisource drug may be set by the commissioner and it shall be comparable to  
 34.2 the actual acquisition cost of the drug product and no higher than the NADAC of the generic  
 34.3 product. Establishment of the amount of payment for drugs shall not be subject to the  
 34.4 requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

34.5 (b) Pharmacies dispensing prescriptions to residents of long-term care facilities using  
 34.6 an automated drug distribution system meeting the requirements of section 151.58, or a  
 34.7 packaging system meeting the packaging standards set forth in Minnesota Rules, part  
 34.8 6800.2700, that govern the return of unused drugs to the pharmacy for reuse, may employ  
 34.9 retrospective billing for prescription drugs dispensed to long-term care facility residents. A  
 34.10 retrospectively billing pharmacy must submit a claim only for the quantity of medication  
 34.11 used by the enrolled recipient during the defined billing period. A retrospectively billing  
 34.12 pharmacy must use a billing period not less than one calendar month or 30 days.

34.13 (c) A pharmacy provider using packaging that meets the standards set forth in Minnesota  
 34.14 Rules, part 6800.2700, is required to credit the department for the actual acquisition cost  
 34.15 of all unused drugs that are eligible for reuse, unless the pharmacy is using retrospective  
 34.16 billing. The commissioner may permit the drug clozapine to be dispensed in a quantity that  
 34.17 is less than a 30-day supply.

34.18 (d) If a pharmacy dispenses a multisource drug, the ingredient cost shall be the NADAC  
 34.19 of the generic product or the maximum allowable cost established by the commissioner  
 34.20 unless prior authorization for the brand name product has been granted according to the  
 34.21 criteria established by the Drug Formulary Committee as required by subdivision 13f,  
 34.22 paragraph (a), and the prescriber has indicated "dispense as written" on the prescription in  
 34.23 a manner consistent with section 151.21, subdivision 2.

34.24 (e) The basis for determining the amount of payment for drugs administered in an  
 34.25 outpatient setting shall be the lower of the usual and customary cost submitted by the  
 34.26 provider, 106 percent of the average sales price as determined by the United States  
 34.27 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to title XVIII, section 1847a of the  
 34.28 federal Social Security Act, the specialty pharmacy rate, or the maximum allowable cost  
 34.29 set by the commissioner. If average sales price is unavailable, the amount of payment must  
 34.30 be lower of the usual and customary cost submitted by the provider, the wholesale acquisition  
 34.31 cost, the specialty pharmacy rate, or the maximum allowable cost set by the commissioner.  
 34.32 The commissioner shall discount the payment rate for drugs obtained through the federal  
 34.33 340B Drug Pricing Program by 28.6 percent. The payment for drugs administered in an  
 34.34 outpatient setting shall be made to the administering facility or practitioner. A retail or  
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 35.6 by the department to obtain specialty pharmacy products from providers with whom the  
 35.7 commissioner has negotiated lower reimbursement rates. Specialty pharmacy products are  
 35.8 defined as those used by a small number of recipients or recipients with complex and chronic  
 35.9 diseases that require expensive and challenging drug regimens. Examples of these conditions  
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 35.12 cancer. Specialty pharmaceutical products include injectable and infusion therapies,  
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 35.15 develop a list of specialty pharmacy products subject to maximum allowable cost  
 35.16 reimbursement. In consulting with the Formulary Committee in developing this list, the  
 35.17 commissioner shall take into consideration the population served by specialty pharmacy  
 35.18 products, the current delivery system and standard of care in the state, and access to care  
 35.19 issues. The commissioner shall have the discretion to adjust the maximum allowable cost  
 35.20 to prevent access to care issues.

35.21 (g) Home infusion therapy services provided by home infusion therapy pharmacies must  
 35.22 be paid at rates according to subdivision 8d.

35.23 (h) The commissioner shall contract with a vendor to conduct a cost of dispensing survey  
 35.24 for all pharmacies that are physically located in the state of Minnesota that dispense outpatient  
 35.25 drugs under medical assistance. The commissioner shall ensure that the vendor has prior  
 35.26 experience in conducting cost of dispensing surveys. Each pharmacy enrolled with the  
 35.27 department to dispense outpatient prescription drugs to fee-for-service members must  
 35.28 respond to the cost of dispensing survey. The commissioner may sanction a pharmacy under  
 35.29 section 256B.064 for failure to respond. The commissioner shall require the vendor to  
 35.30 measure a single statewide cost of dispensing for specialty prescription drugs and a single  
 35.31 statewide cost of dispensing for nonspecialty prescription drugs for all responding pharmacies  
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 35.35 commissioner shall post a copy of the final cost of dispensing survey report on the  
 36.1 department's website. The initial survey must be completed no later than January 1, 2021,  
 36.2 and repeated every three years. The commissioner shall provide a summary of the results  
 36.3 of each cost of dispensing survey and provide recommendations for any changes to the  
 36.4 dispensing fee to the chairs and ranking members of the legislative committees with  
 36.5 jurisdiction over medical assistance pharmacy reimbursement.

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 36.7 paragraphs (a) and (f) by 1.8 percent for prescription and nonprescription drugs subject to  
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 35.19 the wholesale drug distributor tax under section 295.52.

35.20 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13g, is amended to  
35.21 read:

35.22 Subd. 13g. **Preferred drug list.** (a) The commissioner shall adopt and implement a  
35.23 preferred drug list by January 1, 2004. The commissioner may enter into a contract with a  
35.24 vendor for the purpose of participating in a preferred drug list and supplemental rebate  
35.25 program. The commissioner shall ensure that any contract meets all federal requirements  
35.26 and maximizes federal financial participation. The commissioner shall publish the preferred  
35.27 drug list annually in the State Register and shall maintain an accurate and up-to-date list on  
35.28 the agency website.

35.29 (b) The commissioner may add to, delete from, and otherwise modify the preferred drug  
35.30 list, after consulting with the Formulary Committee and appropriate medical specialists and  
35.31 providing public notice and the opportunity for public comment.

35.32 (c) The commissioner shall adopt and administer the preferred drug list as part of the  
35.33 administration of the supplemental drug rebate program. Reimbursement for prescription  
35.34 drugs not on the preferred drug list may be subject to prior authorization.

36.1 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, "preferred drug list" means a list of prescription  
36.2 drugs within designated therapeutic classes selected by the commissioner, for which prior  
36.3 authorization based on the identity of the drug or class is not required.

36.4 (e) The commissioner shall seek any federal waivers or approvals necessary to implement  
36.5 this subdivision.

36.6 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), before the commissioner may delete a drug from the  
36.7 preferred drug list or modify the inclusion of a drug on the preferred drug list, the  
36.8 commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, shall consider any  
36.9 implications the deletion or modification may have on state public health policies or  
36.10 initiatives and any impact the deletion or modification may have on increasing health  
36.11 disparities in the state. Prior to deleting a drug or modifying the inclusion of a drug, the  
36.12 commissioner shall also conduct a public hearing. The commissioner shall provide adequate  
36.13 notice to the public prior to the hearing that specifies the drug the commissioner is proposing  
36.14 to delete or modify, any medical or clinical analysis that the commissioner has relied on in  
36.15 proposing the deletion or modification, and evidence that the commissioner has consulted  
36.16 with the commissioner of health and has evaluated the impact of the proposed deletion or  
36.17 modification on public health and health disparities.

36.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

36.19 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
36.20 to read:

36.21 Subd. 13k. **Eligible providers.** (a) To be eligible to dispense prescription drugs under  
36.22 this section as an enrolled dispensing provider, the dispensing provider must be a:

36.9 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

36.10 Subd. 17. **Transportation costs.** (a) "Nonemergency medical transportation service"  
 36.11 means motor vehicle transportation provided by a public or private person that serves  
 36.12 Minnesota health care program beneficiaries who do not require emergency ambulance  
 36.13 service, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 3, to obtain covered medical services.

36.14 (b) Medical assistance covers medical transportation costs incurred solely for obtaining  
 36.15 emergency medical care or transportation costs incurred by eligible persons in obtaining  
 36.16 emergency or nonemergency medical care when paid directly to an ambulance company,  
 36.17 nonemergency medical transportation company, or other recognized providers of  
 36.18 transportation services. Medical transportation must be provided by:

36.19 (1) nonemergency medical transportation providers who meet the requirements of this  
 36.20 subdivision;

36.21 (2) ambulances, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 2;

36.23 (1) pharmacy located within the state that is licensed by the Board of Pharmacy under  
 36.24 chapter 151;

36.25 (2) physician located in a service area where there is no medical assistance enrolled  
 36.26 pharmacy; or

36.27 (3) physician or advanced practice registered nurse employed by or under contract with  
 36.28 a community health board for communicable disease control.

36.29 (b) A licensed out-of-state pharmacy may be enrolled as a dispensing provider under  
 36.30 paragraph (a) if the pharmacy is:

37.1 (1) a retail pharmacy located within 50 miles of the Minnesota border that serves walk-in  
 37.2 medical assistance enrollees and whose walk-in customers represent at least 75 percent of  
 37.3 the pharmacy's prescription volume;

37.4 (2) a retail pharmacy serving foster children enrolled in medical assistance and living  
 37.5 outside of Minnesota;

37.6 (3) serving enrollees receiving preapproved organ transplants who require medication  
 37.7 during after-care while residing outside of Minnesota; or

37.8 (4) providing products with limited or exclusive distribution channels for which there  
 37.9 is no potential dispensing provider located within the state.

37.10 (c) A dispensing provider must attest that they meet the requirements in paragraphs (a)  
 37.11 and (b) before enrolling as a dispensing provider in the medical assistance program. If a  
 37.12 provider is found to be out of compliance with the requirements in paragraphs (a) and (b),  
 37.13 any funds paid to that provider during the time they were out of compliance shall be recovered  
 37.14 under section 256B.064.

- 36.22 (3) taxicabs that meet the requirements of this subdivision;
- 36.23 (4) public transit, as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7; or
- 36.24 (5) not-for-hire vehicles, including volunteer drivers.
- 36.25 (c) Medical assistance covers nonemergency medical transportation provided by
- 36.26 nonemergency medical transportation providers enrolled in the Minnesota health care
- 36.27 programs. All nonemergency medical transportation providers must comply with the
- 36.28 operating standards for special transportation service as defined in sections 174.29 to 174.30
- 36.29 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 8840, and all drivers must be individually enrolled with the
- 36.30 commissioner and reported on the claim as the individual who provided the service. All
- 36.31 nonemergency medical transportation providers shall bill for nonemergency medical
- 36.32 transportation services in accordance with Minnesota health care programs criteria. Publicly
- 37.1 operated transit systems, volunteers, and not-for-hire vehicles are exempt from the
- 37.2 requirements outlined in this paragraph.
- 37.3 (d) An organization may be terminated, denied, or suspended from enrollment if:
- 37.4 (1) the provider has not initiated background studies on the individuals specified in
- 37.5 section 174.30, subdivision 10, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3); or
- 37.6 (2) the provider has initiated background studies on the individuals specified in section
- 37.7 174.30, subdivision 10, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), and:
- 37.8 (i) the commissioner has sent the provider a notice that the individual has been
- 37.9 disqualified under section 245C.14; and
- 37.10 (ii) the individual has not received a disqualification set-aside specific to the special
- 37.11 transportation services provider under sections 245C.22 and 245C.23.
- 37.12 (e) The administrative agency of nonemergency medical transportation must:
- 37.13 (1) adhere to the policies defined by the commissioner ~~in consultation with the~~
- 37.14 ~~Nonemergency Medical Transportation Advisory Committee;~~
- 37.15 (2) pay nonemergency medical transportation providers for services provided to
- 37.16 Minnesota health care programs beneficiaries to obtain covered medical services; and
- 37.17 (3) provide data monthly to the commissioner on appeals, complaints, no-shows, canceled
- 37.18 trips, and number of trips by mode; and
- 37.19 (4) ~~by July 1, 2016, in accordance with subdivision 18c, utilize a web-based single~~
- 37.20 ~~administrative structure assessment tool that meets the technical requirements established~~
- 37.21 ~~by the commissioner, reconciles trip information with claims being submitted by providers,~~
- 37.22 ~~and ensures prompt payment for nonemergency medical transportation services.~~
- 37.23 (f) ~~Until the commissioner implements the single administrative structure and delivery~~
- 37.24 ~~system under subdivision 18c, clients shall obtain their level-of-service certificate from the~~

37.25 ~~commissioner or an entity approved by the commissioner that does not dispatch rides for~~  
37.26 ~~clients using modes of transportation under paragraph (i), clauses (4), (5), (6), and (7):~~

37.27 ~~(g) (f)~~ The commissioner may use an order by the recipient's attending physician,  
37.28 advanced practice registered nurse, or a medical or mental health professional to certify that  
37.29 the recipient requires nonemergency medical transportation services. Nonemergency medical  
37.30 transportation providers shall perform driver-assisted services for eligible individuals, when  
37.31 appropriate. Driver-assisted service includes passenger pickup at and return to the individual's  
37.32 residence or place of business, assistance with admittance of the individual to the medical  
38.1 facility, and assistance in passenger securement or in securing of wheelchairs, child seats,  
38.2 or stretchers in the vehicle.

38.3 Nonemergency medical transportation providers must take clients to the health care  
38.4 provider using the most direct route, and must not exceed 30 miles for a trip to a primary  
38.5 care provider or 60 miles for a trip to a specialty care provider, unless the client receives  
38.6 authorization from the ~~local agency~~ administrator.

38.7 Nonemergency medical transportation providers may not bill for separate base rates for  
38.8 the continuation of a trip beyond the original destination. Nonemergency medical  
38.9 transportation providers must maintain trip logs, which include pickup and drop-off times,  
38.10 signed by the medical provider or client, whichever is deemed most appropriate, attesting  
38.11 to mileage traveled to obtain covered medical services. Clients requesting client mileage  
38.12 reimbursement must sign the trip log attesting mileage traveled to obtain covered medical  
38.13 services.

38.14 ~~(h) (g)~~ The administrative agency shall use the level of service process established by  
38.15 the commissioner ~~in consultation with the Nonemergency Medical Transportation Advisory~~  
38.16 ~~Committee~~ to determine the client's most appropriate mode of transportation. If public transit  
38.17 or a certified transportation provider is not available to provide the appropriate service mode  
38.18 for the client, the client may receive a onetime service upgrade.

38.19 ~~(i) (h)~~ The covered modes of transportation are:

38.20 (1) client reimbursement, which includes client mileage reimbursement provided to  
38.21 clients who have their own transportation, or to family or an acquaintance who provides  
38.22 transportation to the client;

38.23 (2) volunteer transport, which includes transportation by volunteers using their own  
38.24 vehicle;

38.25 (3) unassisted transport, which includes transportation provided to a client by a taxicab  
38.26 or public transit. If a taxicab or public transit is not available, the client can receive  
38.27 transportation from another nonemergency medical transportation provider;

38.28 (4) assisted transport, which includes transport provided to clients who require assistance  
38.29 by a nonemergency medical transportation provider;

38.30 (5) lift-equipped/ramp transport, which includes transport provided to a client who is  
38.31 dependent on a device and requires a nonemergency medical transportation provider with  
38.32 a vehicle containing a lift or ramp;

39.1 (6) protected transport, which includes transport provided to a client who has received  
39.2 a prescreening that has deemed other forms of transportation inappropriate and who requires  
39.3 a provider: (i) with a protected vehicle that is not an ambulance or police car and has safety  
39.4 locks, a video recorder, and a transparent thermoplastic partition between the passenger and  
39.5 the vehicle driver; and (ii) who is certified as a protected transport provider; and

39.6 (7) stretcher transport, which includes transport for a client in a prone or supine position  
39.7 and requires a nonemergency medical transportation provider with a vehicle that can transport  
39.8 a client in a prone or supine position.

39.9 ~~(j) The local agency shall be the single administrative agency and shall administer and~~  
39.10 ~~reimburse for modes defined in paragraph (i) according to paragraphs (m) and (n) when the~~  
39.11 ~~commissioner has developed, made available, and funded the web-based single administrative~~  
39.12 ~~structure, assessment tool, and level of need assessment under subdivision 18c. The local~~  
39.13 ~~agency's financial obligation is limited to funds provided by the state or federal government.~~

39.14 ~~(k) (i) The commissioner shall:~~

39.15 ~~(1) in consultation with the Nonemergency Medical Transportation Advisory Committee,~~  
39.16 ~~verify that the mode and use of nonemergency medical transportation is appropriate;~~

39.17 ~~(2) verify that the client is going to an approved medical appointment; and~~

39.18 ~~(3) investigate all complaints and appeals.~~

39.19 ~~(4) The administrative agency shall pay for the services provided in this subdivision and~~  
39.20 ~~seek reimbursement from the commissioner, if appropriate. As vendors of medical care,~~  
39.21 ~~local agencies are subject to the provisions in section 256B.041, the sanctions and monetary~~  
39.22 ~~recovery actions in section 256B.064, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2160 to 9505.2245.~~

39.23 ~~(m) (j) Payments for nonemergency medical transportation must be paid based on the~~  
39.24 ~~client's assessed mode under paragraph (h) (g), not the type of vehicle used to provide the~~  
39.25 ~~service. The medical assistance reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation~~  
39.26 ~~services that are payable by or on behalf of the commissioner for nonemergency medical~~  
39.27 ~~transportation services are:~~

39.28 ~~(1) \$0.22 per mile for client reimbursement;~~

39.29 ~~(2) up to 100 percent of the Internal Revenue Service business deduction rate for volunteer~~  
39.30 ~~transport;~~

40.1 ~~(3) equivalent to the standard fare for unassisted transport when provided by public~~  
40.2 ~~transit, and \$11 for the base rate and \$1.30 per mile when provided by a nonemergency~~  
40.3 ~~medical transportation provider;~~

40.4 ~~(4) \$13 for the base rate and \$1.30 per mile for assisted transport;~~

40.5 ~~(5) \$18 for the base rate and \$1.55 per mile for lift-equipped/ramp transport;~~

40.6 ~~(6) \$75 for the base rate and \$2.40 per mile for protected transport; and~~

40.7 ~~(7) \$60 for the base rate and \$2.40 per mile for stretcher transport, and \$9 per trip for~~  
40.8 ~~an additional attendant if deemed medically necessary.~~

40.9 ~~(n) The base rate for nonemergency medical transportation services in areas defined~~  
40.10 ~~under RUCA to be super rural is equal to 111.3 percent of the respective base rate in~~  
40.11 ~~paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7). The mileage rate for nonemergency medical transportation~~  
40.12 ~~services in areas defined under RUCA to be rural or super rural areas is:~~

40.13 ~~(1) for a trip equal to 17 miles or less, equal to 125 percent of the respective mileage~~  
40.14 ~~rate in paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7); and~~

40.15 ~~(2) for a trip between 18 and 50 miles, equal to 112.5 percent of the respective mileage~~  
40.16 ~~rate in paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7);~~

40.17 ~~(o) For purposes of reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation~~  
40.18 ~~services under paragraphs (m) and (n), the zip code of the recipient's place of residence~~  
40.19 ~~shall determine whether the urban, rural, or super rural reimbursement rate applies.~~

40.20 ~~(p) For purposes of this subdivision, "rural urban commuting area" or "RUCA" means~~  
40.21 ~~a census tract based classification system under which a geographical area is determined~~  
40.22 ~~to be urban, rural, or super rural.~~

40.23 ~~(q) (k) The commissioner, when determining reimbursement rates for nonemergency~~  
40.24 ~~medical transportation under paragraphs (m) and (n), shall exempt all modes of transportation~~  
40.25 ~~listed under paragraph (i) (h) from Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0445, item R, subitem (2).~~

40.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2023.

40.27 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17b, is amended to  
40.28 read:

40.29 Subd. 17b. **Documentation required.** (a) As a condition for payment, nonemergency  
40.30 medical transportation providers must document each occurrence of a service provided to  
40.31 a recipient according to this subdivision. Providers must maintain odometer and other records  
41.1 sufficient to distinguish individual trips with specific vehicles and drivers. The documentation  
41.2 may be collected and maintained using electronic systems or software or in paper form but  
41.3 must be made available and produced upon request. Program funds paid for transportation  
41.4 that is not documented according to this subdivision shall be recovered by the nonemergency  
41.5 medical transportation vendor or department.

- 41.6 (b) A nonemergency medical transportation provider must compile transportation records  
41.7 that meet the following requirements:
- 41.8 (1) the record must be in English and must be legible according to the standard of a  
41.9 reasonable person;
- 41.10 (2) the recipient's name must be on each page of the record; and
- 41.11 (3) each entry in the record must document:
- 41.12 (i) the date on which the entry is made;
- 41.13 (ii) the date or dates the service is provided;
- 41.14 (iii) the printed last name, first name, and middle initial of the driver;
- 41.15 (iv) the signature of the driver attesting to the following: "I certify that I have accurately  
41.16 reported in this record the trip miles I actually drove and the dates and times I actually drove  
41.17 them. I understand that misreporting the miles driven and hours worked is fraud for which  
41.18 I could face criminal prosecution or civil proceedings.";
- 41.19 (v) the signature of the recipient or authorized party attesting to the following: "I certify  
41.20 that I received the reported transportation service.", or the signature of the provider of  
41.21 medical services certifying that the recipient was delivered to the provider;
- 41.22 (vi) the address, or the description if the address is not available, of both the origin and  
41.23 destination, and the mileage for the most direct route from the origin to the destination;
- 41.24 (vii) the mode of transportation in which the service is provided;
- 41.25 (viii) the license plate number of the vehicle used to transport the recipient;
- 41.26 (ix) whether the service was ambulatory or nonambulatory;
- 41.27 (x) the time of the pickup and the time of the drop-off with "a.m." and "p.m."  
41.28 designations;
- 41.29 (xi) the name of the extra attendant when an extra attendant is used to provide special  
41.30 transportation service; and
- 41.31 (xii) the electronic source documentation used to calculate driving directions and mileage.
- 42.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2023.
- 42.2 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 18, is amended to read:
- 42.3 Subd. 18. **Bus Public transit or taxicab transportation.** (a) To the extent authorized  
42.4 by rule of the state agency, medical assistance covers the most appropriate and cost-effective  
42.5 form of transportation incurred by any ambulatory eligible person for obtaining  
42.6 nonemergency medical care.

42.7 (b) The commissioner may provide a monthly public transit pass to recipients who are  
42.8 well-served by public transit for the recipient's nonemergency medical transportation needs.  
42.9 Any recipient who is eligible for one public transit trip for a medically necessary covered  
42.10 service may select to receive a transit pass for that month. Recipients who do not have any  
42.11 transportation needs for a medically necessary service in any given month or who have  
42.12 received a transit pass for that month through another program administered by a county or  
42.13 Tribe are not eligible for a transit pass that month. The commissioner shall not require  
42.14 recipients to select a monthly transit pass if the recipient's transportation needs cannot be  
42.15 served by public transit systems. Recipients who receive a monthly transit pass are not  
42.16 eligible for other modes of transportation, unless an unexpected need arises that cannot be  
42.17 accessed through public transit.

42.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

42.19 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 18b, is amended to  
42.20 read:

42.21 Subd. 18b. ~~Broker dispatching prohibition~~ **Administration of nonemergency medical**  
42.22 **transportation.** Except for establishing level of service process, the commissioner shall  
42.23 not use a broker or coordinator for any purpose related to nonemergency medical  
42.24 transportation services under subdivision 18. The commissioner shall contract either statewide  
42.25 or regionally for the administration of the nonemergency medical transportation program  
42.26 in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. The contract shall include the  
42.27 administration of all covered modes under the nonemergency medical transportation benefit  
42.28 for those enrolled in managed care as described in section 256B.69.

42.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2023.

42.30 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 30, is amended to read:

42.31 Subd. 30. **Other clinic services.** (a) Medical assistance covers rural health clinic services,  
42.32 federally qualified health center services, nonprofit community health clinic services, and  
43.1 public health clinic services. Rural health clinic services and federally qualified health center  
43.2 services mean services defined in United States Code, title 42, section 1396d(a)(2)(B) and  
43.3 (C). Payment for rural health clinic and federally qualified health center services shall be  
43.4 made according to applicable federal law and regulation.

43.5 (b) A federally qualified health center (FQHC) that is beginning initial operation shall  
43.6 submit an estimate of budgeted costs and visits for the initial reporting period in the form  
43.7 and detail required by the commissioner. An FQHC that is already in operation shall submit  
43.8 an initial report using actual costs and visits for the initial reporting period. Within 90 days  
43.9 of the end of its reporting period, an FQHC shall submit, in the form and detail required by  
43.10 the commissioner, a report of its operations, including allowable costs actually incurred for  
43.11 the period and the actual number of visits for services furnished during the period, and other  
43.12 information required by the commissioner. FQHCs that file Medicare cost reports shall  
43.13 provide the commissioner with a copy of the most recent Medicare cost report filed with

43.14 the Medicare program intermediary for the reporting year which support the costs claimed  
43.15 on their cost report to the state.

43.16 (c) In order to continue cost-based payment under the medical assistance program  
43.17 according to paragraphs (a) and (b), an FQHC or rural health clinic must apply for designation  
43.18 as an essential community provider within six months of final adoption of rules by the  
43.19 Department of Health according to section 62Q.19, subdivision 7. For those FQHCs and  
43.20 rural health clinics that have applied for essential community provider status within the  
43.21 six-month time prescribed, medical assistance payments will continue to be made according  
43.22 to paragraphs (a) and (b) for the first three years after application. For FQHCs and rural  
43.23 health clinics that either do not apply within the time specified above or who have had  
43.24 essential community provider status for three years, medical assistance payments for health  
43.25 services provided by these entities shall be according to the same rates and conditions  
43.26 applicable to the same service provided by health care providers that are not FQHCs or rural  
43.27 health clinics.

43.28 (d) Effective July 1, 1999, the provisions of paragraph (c) requiring an FQHC or a rural  
43.29 health clinic to make application for an essential community provider designation in order  
43.30 to have cost-based payments made according to paragraphs (a) and (b) no longer apply.

43.31 (e) Effective January 1, 2000, payments made according to paragraphs (a) and (b) shall  
43.32 be limited to the cost phase-out schedule of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

43.33 (f) Effective January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2020, each FQHC and rural health  
43.34 clinic may elect to be paid either under the prospective payment system established in United  
44.1 States Code, title 42, section 1396a(aa), or under an alternative payment methodology  
44.2 consistent with the requirements of United States Code, title 42, section 1396a(aa), and  
44.3 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The alternative payment  
44.4 methodology shall be 100 percent of cost as determined according to Medicare cost  
44.5 principles.

44.6 (g) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2021, all claims for payment  
44.7 of clinic services provided by FQHCs and rural health clinics shall be paid by the  
44.8 commissioner, according to an annual election by the FQHC or rural health clinic, under  
44.9 the current prospective payment system described in paragraph (f) or the alternative payment  
44.10 methodology described in paragraph (l).

44.11 (h) For purposes of this section, "nonprofit community clinic" is a clinic that:

44.12 (1) has nonprofit status as specified in chapter 317A;

44.13 (2) has tax exempt status as provided in Internal Revenue Code, section 501(c)(3);

44.14 (3) is established to provide health services to low-income population groups, uninsured,  
44.15 high-risk and special needs populations, underserved and other special needs populations;

44.16 (4) employs professional staff at least one-half of which are familiar with the cultural  
44.17 background of their clients;

44.18 (5) charges for services on a sliding fee scale designed to provide assistance to  
44.19 low-income clients based on current poverty income guidelines and family size; and

44.20 (6) does not restrict access or services because of a client's financial limitations or public  
44.21 assistance status and provides no-cost care as needed.

44.22 (i) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2015, all claims for payment  
44.23 of clinic services provided by FQHCs and rural health clinics shall be paid by the  
44.24 commissioner. the commissioner shall determine the most feasible method for paying claims  
44.25 from the following options:

44.26 (1) FQHCs and rural health clinics submit claims directly to the commissioner for  
44.27 payment, and the commissioner provides claims information for recipients enrolled in a  
44.28 managed care or county-based purchasing plan to the plan, on a regular basis; or

44.29 (2) FQHCs and rural health clinics submit claims for recipients enrolled in a managed  
44.30 care or county-based purchasing plan to the plan, and those claims are submitted by the  
44.31 plan to the commissioner for payment to the clinic.

45.1 (j) For clinic services provided prior to January 1, 2015, the commissioner shall calculate  
45.2 and pay monthly the proposed managed care supplemental payments to clinics, and clinics  
45.3 shall conduct a timely review of the payment calculation data in order to finalize all  
45.4 supplemental payments in accordance with federal law. Any issues arising from a clinic's  
45.5 review must be reported to the commissioner by January 1, 2017. Upon final agreement  
45.6 between the commissioner and a clinic on issues identified under this subdivision, and in  
45.7 accordance with United States Code, title 42, section 1396a(bb), no supplemental payments  
45.8 for managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan claims for services provided prior  
45.9 to January 1, 2015, shall be made after June 30, 2017. If the commissioner and clinics are  
45.10 unable to resolve issues under this subdivision, the parties shall submit the dispute to the  
45.11 arbitration process under section 14.57.

45.12 (k) The commissioner shall seek a federal waiver, authorized under section 1115 of the  
45.13 Social Security Act, to obtain federal financial participation at the 100 percent federal  
45.14 matching percentage available to facilities of the Indian Health Service or tribal organization  
45.15 in accordance with section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act for expenditures made to  
45.16 organizations dually certified under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act,  
45.17 Public Law 94-437, and as a federally qualified health center under paragraph (a) that  
45.18 provides services to American Indian and Alaskan Native individuals eligible for services  
45.19 under this subdivision.

45.20 (l) All claims for payment of clinic services provided by FQHCs and rural health clinics,  
45.21 that have elected to be paid under this paragraph, shall be paid by the commissioner according  
45.22 to the following requirements:

45.23 (1) the commissioner shall establish a single medical and single dental organization  
45.24 encounter rate for each FQHC and rural health clinic when applicable;

45.25 (2) each FQHC and rural health clinic is eligible for same day reimbursement of one  
45.26 medical and one dental organization encounter rate if eligible medical and dental visits are  
45.27 provided on the same day;

45.28 (3) the commissioner shall reimburse FQHCs and rural health clinics, in accordance  
45.29 with current applicable Medicare cost principles, their allowable costs, including direct  
45.30 patient care costs and patient-related support services. Nonallowable costs include, but are  
45.31 not limited to:

45.32 (i) general social services and administrative costs;

45.33 (ii) retail pharmacy;

46.1 (iii) patient incentives, food, housing assistance, and utility assistance;

46.2 (iv) external lab and x-ray;

46.3 (v) navigation services;

46.4 (vi) health care taxes;

46.5 (vii) advertising, public relations, and marketing;

46.6 (viii) office entertainment costs, food, alcohol, and gifts;

46.7 (ix) contributions and donations;

46.8 (x) bad debts or losses on awards or contracts;

46.9 (xi) fines, penalties, damages, or other settlements;

46.10 (xii) fund-raising, investment management, and associated administrative costs;

46.11 (xiii) research and associated administrative costs;

46.12 (xiv) nonpaid workers;

46.13 (xv) lobbying;

46.14 (xvi) scholarships and student aid; and

46.15 (xvii) nonmedical assistance covered services;

46.16 (4) the commissioner shall review the list of nonallowable costs in the years between  
46.17 the rebasing process established in clause (5), in consultation with the Minnesota Association  
46.18 of Community Health Centers, FQHCs, and rural health clinics. The commissioner shall  
46.19 publish the list and any updates in the Minnesota health care programs provider manual;

46.20 (5) the initial applicable base year organization encounter rates for FQHCs and rural  
46.21 health clinics shall be computed for services delivered on or after January 1, 2021, and:

46.22 (i) must be determined using each FQHC's and rural health clinic's Medicare cost reports  
46.23 from 2017 and 2018;

46.24 (ii) must be according to current applicable Medicare cost principles as applicable to  
46.25 FQHCs and rural health clinics without the application of productivity screens and upper  
46.26 payment limits or the Medicare prospective payment system FQHC aggregate mean upper  
46.27 payment limit;

46.28 (iii) must be subsequently rebased every two years thereafter using the Medicare cost  
46.29 reports that are three and four years prior to the rebasing year. Years in which organizational  
46.30 cost or claims volume is reduced or altered due to a pandemic, disease, or other public health  
47.1 emergency shall not be used as part of a base year when the base year includes more than  
47.2 one year. The commissioner may use the Medicare cost reports of a year unaffected by a  
47.3 pandemic, disease, or other public health emergency, or previous two consecutive years,  
47.4 inflated to the base year as established under item (iv);

47.5 (iv) must be inflated to the base year using the inflation factor described in clause (6);  
47.6 and

47.7 (v) the commissioner must provide for a 60-day appeals process under section 14.57;

47.8 (6) the commissioner shall annually inflate the applicable organization encounter rates  
47.9 for FQHCs and rural health clinics from the base year payment rate to the effective date by  
47.10 using the CMS FQHC Market Basket inflator established under United States Code, title  
47.11 42, section 1395m(o), less productivity;

47.12 (7) FQHCs and rural health clinics that have elected the alternative payment methodology  
47.13 under this paragraph shall submit all necessary documentation required by the commissioner  
47.14 to compute the rebased organization encounter rates no later than six months following the  
47.15 date the applicable Medicare cost reports are due to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
47.16 Services;

47.17 (8) the commissioner shall reimburse FQHCs and rural health clinics an additional  
47.18 amount relative to their medical and dental organization encounter rates that is attributable  
47.19 to the tax required to be paid according to section 295.52, if applicable;

47.20 (9) FQHCs and rural health clinics may submit change of scope requests to the  
47.21 commissioner if the change of scope would result in an increase or decrease of 2.5 percent  
47.22 or higher in the medical or dental organization encounter rate currently received by the  
47.23 FQHC or rural health clinic;

47.24 (10) for FQHCs and rural health clinics seeking a change in scope with the commissioner  
47.25 under clause (9) that requires the approval of the scope change by the federal Health  
47.26 Resources Services Administration;

47.27 (i) FQHCs and rural health clinics shall submit the change of scope request, including  
47.28 the start date of services, to the commissioner within seven business days of submission of  
47.29 the scope change to the federal Health Resources Services Administration;

47.30 (ii) the commissioner shall establish the effective date of the payment change as the  
47.31 federal Health Resources Services Administration date of approval of the FQHC's or rural  
47.32 health clinic's scope change request, or the effective start date of services, whichever is  
47.33 later; and

48.1 (iii) within 45 days of one year after the effective date established in item (ii), the  
48.2 commissioner shall conduct a retroactive review to determine if the actual costs established  
48.3 under clause (3) or encounters result in an increase or decrease of 2.5 percent or higher in  
48.4 the medical or dental organization encounter rate, and if this is the case, the commissioner  
48.5 shall revise the rate accordingly and shall adjust payments retrospectively to the effective  
48.6 date established in item (ii);

48.7 (11) for change of scope requests that do not require federal Health Resources Services  
48.8 Administration approval, the FQHC and rural health clinic shall submit the request to the  
48.9 commissioner before implementing the change, and the effective date of the change is the  
48.10 date the commissioner received the FQHC's or rural health clinic's request, or the effective  
48.11 start date of the service, whichever is later. The commissioner shall provide a response to  
48.12 the FQHC's or rural health clinic's request within 45 days of submission and provide a final  
48.13 approval within 120 days of submission. This timeline may be waived at the mutual  
48.14 agreement of the commissioner and the FQHC or rural health clinic if more information is  
48.15 needed to evaluate the request;

48.16 (12) the commissioner, when establishing organization encounter rates for new FQHCs  
48.17 and rural health clinics, shall consider the patient caseload of existing FQHCs and rural  
48.18 health clinics in a 60-mile radius for organizations established outside of the seven-county  
48.19 metropolitan area, and in a 30-mile radius for organizations in the seven-county metropolitan  
48.20 area. If this information is not available, the commissioner may use Medicare cost reports  
48.21 or audited financial statements to establish base rate;

48.22 (13) the commissioner shall establish a quality measures workgroup that includes  
48.23 representatives from the Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers, FQHCs,  
48.24 and rural health clinics, to evaluate clinical and nonclinical measures; and

48.25 (14) the commissioner shall not disallow or reduce costs that are related to an FQHC's  
48.26 or rural health clinic's participation in health care educational programs to the extent that  
48.27 the costs are not accounted for in the alternative payment methodology encounter rate  
48.28 established in this paragraph.

48.29 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 31, is amended to read:

48.30 Subd. 31. **Medical supplies and equipment.** (a) Medical assistance covers medical  
48.31 supplies and equipment. Separate payment outside of the facility's payment rate shall be  
48.32 made for wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories for recipients who are residents of  
48.33 intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled. Reimbursement for wheelchairs  
48.34 and wheelchair accessories for ICF/DD recipients shall be subject to the same conditions

- 49.1 and limitations as coverage for recipients who do not reside in institutions. A wheelchair  
49.2 purchased outside of the facility's payment rate is the property of the recipient.
- 49.3 (b) Vendors of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or medical supplies  
49.4 must enroll as a Medicare provider.
- 49.5 (c) When necessary to ensure access to durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics,  
49.6 or medical supplies, the commissioner may exempt a vendor from the Medicare enrollment  
49.7 requirement if:
- 49.8 (1) the vendor supplies only one type of durable medical equipment, prosthetic, orthotic,  
49.9 or medical supply;
- 49.10 (2) the vendor serves ten or fewer medical assistance recipients per year;
- 49.11 (3) the commissioner finds that other vendors are not available to provide same or similar  
49.12 durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or medical supplies; and
- 49.13 (4) the vendor complies with all screening requirements in this chapter and Code of  
49.14 Federal Regulations, title 42, part 455. The commissioner may also exempt a vendor from  
49.15 the Medicare enrollment requirement if the vendor is accredited by a Centers for Medicare  
49.16 and Medicaid Services approved national accreditation organization as complying with the  
49.17 Medicare program's supplier and quality standards and the vendor serves primarily pediatric  
49.18 patients.
- 49.19 (d) Durable medical equipment means a device or equipment that:
- 49.20 (1) can withstand repeated use;
- 49.21 (2) is generally not useful in the absence of an illness, injury, or disability; and
- 49.22 (3) is provided to correct or accommodate a physiological disorder or physical condition  
49.23 or is generally used primarily for a medical purpose.
- 49.24 (e) Electronic tablets may be considered durable medical equipment if the electronic  
49.25 tablet will be used as an augmentative and alternative communication system as defined  
49.26 under subdivision 31a, paragraph (a). To be covered by medical assistance, the device must  
49.27 be locked in order to prevent use not related to communication.
- 49.28 (f) Notwithstanding the requirement in paragraph (e) that an electronic tablet must be  
49.29 locked to prevent use not as an augmentative communication device, a recipient of waiver  
49.30 services may use an electronic tablet for a use not related to communication when the  
49.31 recipient has been authorized under the waiver to receive one or more additional applications  
50.1 that can be loaded onto the electronic tablet, such that allowing the additional use prevents  
50.2 the purchase of a separate electronic tablet with waiver funds.
- 50.3 (g) An order or prescription for medical supplies, equipment, or appliances must meet  
50.4 the requirements in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, part 440.70.

50.5 (h) Allergen-reducing products provided according to subdivision 67, paragraph (c) or  
50.6 (d), shall be considered durable medical equipment.

50.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,  
50.8 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
50.9 when federal approval is obtained.

50.10 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivision 58, is amended to read:

50.11 Subd. 58. **Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services.** (a) Medical  
50.12 assistance covers early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services (EPSDT).  
50.13 In administering the EPSDT program, the commissioner shall, at a minimum:

50.14 (1) provide information to children and families, using the most effective mode identified,  
50.15 regarding:

50.16 (i) the benefits of preventative health care visits;  
50.17 (ii) the services available as part of the EPSDT program; and  
50.18 (iii) assistance finding a provider, transportation, or interpreter services;

50.19 (2) maintain an up-to-date periodicity schedule published in the department policy  
50.20 manual, taking into consideration the most up-to-date community standard of care; and

50.21 (3) maintain up-to-date policies for providers on the delivery of EPSDT services that  
50.22 are in the provider manual on the department website.

50.23 (b) The commissioner may contract for the administration of the outreach services as  
50.24 required within the EPSDT program.

50.25 (c) The commissioner may contract for the required EPSDT outreach services, including  
50.26 but not limited to children enrolled or attributed to an integrated health partnership  
50.27 demonstration project described in section 256B.0755. Integrated health partnerships that  
50.28 choose to include the EPSDT outreach services within the integrated health partnership's  
50.29 contracted responsibilities must receive compensation from the commissioner on a  
50.30 per-member per-month basis for each included child. Integrated health partnerships must  
50.31 accept responsibility for the effectiveness of outreach services it delivers. For children who  
51.1 are not a part of the demonstration project, the commissioner may contract for the  
51.2 administration of the outreach services.

51.3 (d) The payment amount for a complete EPSDT screening shall not include charges for  
51.4 health care services and products that are available at no cost to the provider and shall not  
51.5 exceed the rate established per Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0445, item M, effective October  
51.6 1, 2010.

51.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021, except that paragraph (c)  
51.8 is effective January 1, 2022.

51.9 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
51.10 to read:

51.11 Subd. 67. **Enhanced asthma care services.** (a) Medical assistance covers enhanced  
51.12 asthma care services and related products to be provided in the children's homes for children  
51.13 with poorly controlled asthma. To be eligible for services and products under this subdivision,  
51.14 a child must:

51.15 (1) have poorly controlled asthma defined by having received health care for the child's  
51.16 asthma from a hospital emergency department at least one time in the past year or have  
51.17 been hospitalized for the treatment of asthma at least one time in the past year; and

51.18 (2) receive a referral for services and products under this subdivision from a treating  
51.19 health care provider.

51.20 (b) Covered services include home visits provided by a registered environmental health  
51.21 specialist or lead risk assessor currently credentialed by the Department of Health or a  
51.22 healthy homes specialist credentialed by the Building Performance Institute.

51.23 (c) Covered products include the following allergen-reducing products that are identified  
51.24 as needed and recommended for the child by a registered environmental health specialist,  
51.25 healthy homes specialist, lead risk assessor, certified asthma educator, public health nurse,  
51.26 or other health care professional providing asthma care for the child, and proven to reduce  
51.27 asthma triggers:

51.28 (1) allergen encasements for mattresses, box springs, and pillows;

51.29 (2) an allergen-rated vacuum cleaner, filters, and bags;

51.30 (3) a dehumidifier and filters;

51.31 (4) HEPA single-room air cleaners and filters;

52.1 (5) integrated pest management, including traps and starter packages of food storage  
52.2 containers;

52.3 (6) a damp mopping system;

52.4 (7) if the child does not have access to a bed, a waterproof hospital-grade mattress; and

52.5 (8) for homeowners only, furnace filters.

52.6 (d) The commissioner shall determine additional products that may be covered as new  
52.7 best practices for asthma care are identified.

52.8 (e) A home assessment is a home visit to identify asthma triggers in the home and to  
52.9 provide education on trigger-reducing products. A child is limited to two home assessments  
52.10 except that a child may receive an additional home assessment if the child moves to a new  
52.11 home; if a new asthma trigger, including tobacco smoke, enters the home; or if the child's  
52.12 health care provider identifies a new allergy for the child, including an allergy to mold.

52.13 pests, pets, or dust mites. The commissioner shall determine the frequency with which a  
52.14 child may receive a product under paragraph (c) or (d) based on the reasonable expected  
52.15 lifetime of the product.

52.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,  
52.17 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
52.18 when federal approval is obtained.

52.19 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0631, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

52.20 Subdivision 1. **Cost-sharing.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 2, the medical  
52.21 assistance benefit plan shall include the following cost-sharing for all recipients, effective  
52.22 for services provided on or after September 1, 2011:

52.23 (1) \$3 per nonpreventive visit, except as provided in paragraph (b). For purposes of this  
52.24 subdivision, a visit means an episode of service which is required because of a recipient's  
52.25 symptoms, diagnosis, or established illness, and which is delivered in an ambulatory setting  
52.26 by a physician or physician assistant, chiropractor, podiatrist, nurse midwife, advanced  
52.27 practice nurse, audiologist, optician, or optometrist;

52.28 (2) \$3.50 for nonemergency visits to a hospital-based emergency room, except that this  
52.29 co-payment shall be increased to \$20 upon federal approval;

52.30 (3) \$3 per brand-name drug prescription and \$1 per generic drug prescription, subject  
52.31 to a \$12 per month maximum for prescription drug co-payments. No co-payments shall  
52.32 apply to antipsychotic drugs when used for the treatment of mental illness. No co-payments  
53.1 shall apply to medications when used for the prevention or treatment of the human  
53.2 immunodeficiency virus (HIV);

53.3 (4) a family deductible equal to \$2.75 per month per family and adjusted annually by  
53.4 the percentage increase in the medical care component of the CPI-U for the period of  
53.5 September to September of the preceding calendar year, rounded to the next higher five-cent  
53.6 increment; and

53.7 (5) total monthly cost-sharing must not exceed five percent of family income. For  
53.8 purposes of this paragraph, family income is the total earned and unearned income of the  
53.9 individual and the individual's spouse, if the spouse is enrolled in medical assistance and  
53.10 also subject to the five percent limit on cost-sharing. This paragraph does not apply to  
53.11 premiums charged to individuals described under section 256B.057, subdivision 9.

53.12 (b) Recipients of medical assistance are responsible for all co-payments and deductibles  
53.13 in this subdivision.

53.14 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the commissioner, through the contracting process  
53.15 under sections 256B.69 and 256B.692, may allow managed care plans and county-based  
53.16 purchasing plans to waive the family deductible under paragraph (a), clause (4). The value  
53.17 of the family deductible shall not be included in the capitation payment to managed care

53.18 plans and county-based purchasing plans. Managed care plans and county-based purchasing  
 53.19 plans shall certify annually to the commissioner the dollar value of the family deductible.

53.20 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the commissioner may waive the collection of the  
 53.21 family deductible described under paragraph (a), clause (4), from individuals and allow  
 53.22 long-term care and waived service providers to assume responsibility for payment.

53.23 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the commissioner, through the contracting process  
 53.24 under section 256B.0756 shall allow the pilot program in Hennepin County to waive  
 53.25 co-payments. The value of the co-payments shall not be included in the capitation payment  
 53.26 amount to the integrated health care delivery networks under the pilot program.

53.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, subject to federal  
 53.28 approval. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when  
 53.29 federal approval is obtained.

53.30 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0638, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

53.31 Subd. 3. **Opioid prescribing work group.** (a) The commissioner of human services, in  
 53.32 consultation with the commissioner of health, shall appoint the following voting members  
 53.33 to an opioid prescribing work group:

54.1 (1) two consumer members who have been impacted by an opioid abuse disorder or  
 54.2 opioid dependence disorder, either personally or with family members;

54.3 (2) one member who is a licensed physician actively practicing in Minnesota and  
 54.4 registered as a practitioner with the DEA;

54.5 (3) one member who is a licensed pharmacist actively practicing in Minnesota and  
 54.6 registered as a practitioner with the DEA;

54.7 (4) one member who is a licensed nurse practitioner actively practicing in Minnesota  
 54.8 and registered as a practitioner with the DEA;

54.9 (5) one member who is a licensed dentist actively practicing in Minnesota and registered  
 54.10 as a practitioner with the DEA;

54.11 (6) two members who are nonphysician licensed health care professionals actively  
 54.12 engaged in the practice of their profession in Minnesota, and their practice includes treating  
 54.13 pain;

54.14 (7) one member who is a mental health professional who is licensed or registered in a  
 54.15 mental health profession, who is actively engaged in the practice of that profession in  
 54.16 Minnesota, and whose practice includes treating patients with chemical dependency or  
 54.17 substance abuse;

54.18 (8) one member who is a medical examiner for a Minnesota county;

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 38.2 registered as a practitioner with the DEA;

38.3 (4) one member who is a licensed nurse practitioner actively practicing in Minnesota  
 38.4 and registered as a practitioner with the DEA;

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 38.6 as a practitioner with the DEA;

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 38.8 engaged in the practice of their profession in Minnesota, and their practice includes treating  
 38.9 pain;

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 38.11 mental health profession, who is actively engaged in the practice of that profession in  
 38.12 Minnesota, and whose practice includes treating patients with chemical dependency or  
 38.13 substance abuse;

38.14 (8) one member who is a medical examiner for a Minnesota county;

54.19 (9) one member of the Health Services Policy Committee established under section  
54.20 256B.0625, subdivisions 3c to 3e;

54.21 (10) one member who is a medical director of a health plan company doing business in  
54.22 Minnesota;

54.23 (11) one member who is a pharmacy director of a health plan company doing business  
54.24 in Minnesota; ~~and~~

54.25 (12) one member representing Minnesota law enforcement; and

54.26 (13) two consumer members who are Minnesota residents and who have used or are  
54.27 using opioids to manage chronic pain.

54.28 (b) In addition, the work group shall include the following nonvoting members:

54.29 (1) the medical director for the medical assistance program;

54.30 (2) a member representing the Department of Human Services pharmacy unit; ~~and~~

54.31 (3) the medical director for the Department of Labor and Industry; and

55.1 (4) a member representing the Minnesota Department of Health.

55.2 (c) An honorarium of \$200 per meeting and reimbursement for mileage and parking  
55.3 shall be paid to each voting member in attendance.

55.4 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0638, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

55.5 Subd. 5. **Program implementation.** (a) The commissioner shall implement the programs  
55.6 within the Minnesota health care program to improve the health of and quality of care  
55.7 provided to Minnesota health care program enrollees. The commissioner shall annually  
55.8 collect and report to provider groups the sentinel measures of data showing individual opioid  
55.9 prescribers data showing the sentinel measures of their prescribers' opioid prescribing  
55.10 patterns compared to their anonymized peers. Provider groups shall distribute data to their  
55.11 affiliated, contracted, or employed opioid prescribers.

55.12 (b) The commissioner shall notify an opioid prescriber and all provider groups with  
55.13 which the opioid prescriber is employed or affiliated when the opioid prescriber's prescribing  
55.14 pattern exceeds the opioid quality improvement standard thresholds. An opioid prescriber  
55.15 and any provider group that receives a notice under this paragraph shall submit to the  
55.16 commissioner a quality improvement plan for review and approval by the commissioner  
55.17 with the goal of bringing the opioid prescriber's prescribing practices into alignment with  
55.18 community standards. A quality improvement plan must include:

55.19 (1) components of the program described in subdivision 4, paragraph (a);

55.20 (2) internal practice-based measures to review the prescribing practice of the opioid  
55.21 prescriber and, where appropriate, any other opioid prescribers employed by or affiliated

38.15 (9) one member of the Health Services Policy Committee established under section  
38.16 256B.0625, subdivisions 3c to 3e;

38.17 (10) one member who is a medical director of a health plan company doing business in  
38.18 Minnesota;

38.19 (11) one member who is a pharmacy director of a health plan company doing business  
38.20 in Minnesota; ~~and~~

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38.23 using opioids to manage chronic pain.

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38.27 (3) the medical director for the Department of Labor and Industry; and

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39.15 community standards. A quality improvement plan must include:

39.16 (1) components of the program described in subdivision 4, paragraph (a);

39.17 (2) internal practice-based measures to review the prescribing practice of the opioid  
39.18 prescriber and, where appropriate, any other opioid prescribers employed by or affiliated

55.22 with any of the provider groups with which the opioid prescriber is employed or affiliated;  
 55.23 and

55.24 (3) appropriate use of the prescription monitoring program under section 152.126.

55.25 (c) If, after a year from the commissioner's notice under paragraph (b), the opioid  
 55.26 prescriber's prescribing practices do not improve so that they are consistent with community  
 55.27 standards, the commissioner shall take one or more of the following steps:

55.28 (1) monitor prescribing practices more frequently than annually;

55.29 (2) monitor more aspects of the opioid prescriber's prescribing practices than the sentinel  
 55.30 measures; or

56.1 (3) require the opioid prescriber to participate in additional quality improvement efforts,  
 56.2 including but not limited to mandatory use of the prescription monitoring program established  
 56.3 under section 152.126.

56.4 (d) The commissioner shall terminate from Minnesota health care programs all opioid  
 56.5 prescribers and provider groups whose prescribing practices fall within the applicable opioid  
 56.6 disenrollment standards.

56.7 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0638, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

56.8 Subd. 6. **Data practices.** (a) Reports and data identifying an opioid prescriber are private  
 56.9 data on individuals as defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, until an opioid prescriber  
 56.10 is subject to termination as a medical assistance provider under this section. Notwithstanding  
 56.11 this data classification, the commissioner shall share with all of the provider groups with  
 56.12 which an opioid prescriber is employed, contracted, or affiliated, ~~a report identifying an~~  
 56.13 ~~opioid prescriber who is subject to quality improvement activities~~ the data under subdivision  
 56.14 5, paragraph (a), (b)<sub>2</sub> or (c).

56.15 (b) Reports and data identifying a provider group are nonpublic data as defined under  
 56.16 section 13.02, subdivision 9, until the provider group is subject to termination as a medical  
 56.17 assistance provider under this section.

56.18 (c) Upon termination under this section, reports and data identifying an opioid prescriber  
 56.19 or provider group are public, except that any identifying information of Minnesota health  
 56.20 care program enrollees must be redacted by the commissioner.

56.21 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0659, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

56.22 Subd. 13. **Qualified professional; qualifications.** (a) The qualified professional must  
 56.23 work for a personal care assistance provider agency, meet the definition of qualified  
 56.24 professional under section 256B.0625, subdivision 19c, ~~and enroll with the department as~~  
 56.25 ~~a qualified professional after clearing~~ clear a background study, and meet provider training  
 56.26 requirements. Before a qualified professional provides services, the personal care assistance  
 56.27 provider agency must initiate a background study on the qualified professional under chapter

39.19 with any of the provider groups with which the opioid prescriber is employed or affiliated;  
 39.20 and

39.21 (3) appropriate use of the prescription monitoring program under section 152.126.

39.22 (c) If, after a year from the commissioner's notice under paragraph (b), the opioid  
 39.23 prescriber's prescribing practices do not improve so that they are consistent with community  
 39.24 standards, the commissioner shall take one or more of the following steps:

39.25 (1) monitor prescribing practices more frequently than annually;

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 39.27 measures; or

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 39.29 including but not limited to mandatory use of the prescription monitoring program established  
 39.30 under section 152.126.

39.31 (d) The commissioner shall terminate from Minnesota health care programs all opioid  
 39.32 prescribers and provider groups whose prescribing practices fall within the applicable opioid  
 39.33 disenrollment standards.

40.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0638, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

40.2 Subd. 6. **Data practices.** (a) Reports and data identifying an opioid prescriber are private  
 40.3 data on individuals as defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, until an opioid prescriber  
 40.4 is subject to termination as a medical assistance provider under this section. Notwithstanding  
 40.5 this data classification, the commissioner shall share with all of the provider groups with  
 40.6 which an opioid prescriber is employed, contracted, or affiliated, ~~a report identifying an~~  
 40.7 ~~opioid prescriber who is subject to quality improvement activities~~ the data under subdivision  
 40.8 5, paragraph (a), (b)<sub>2</sub> or (c).

40.9 (b) Reports and data identifying a provider group are nonpublic data as defined under  
 40.10 section 13.02, subdivision 9, until the provider group is subject to termination as a medical  
 40.11 assistance provider under this section.

40.12 (c) Upon termination under this section, reports and data identifying an opioid prescriber  
 40.13 or provider group are public, except that any identifying information of Minnesota health  
 40.14 care program enrollees must be redacted by the commissioner.

40.15 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0659, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

40.16 Subd. 13. **Qualified professional; qualifications.** (a) The qualified professional must  
 40.17 work for a personal care assistance provider agency, meet the definition of qualified  
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 40.19 ~~a qualified professional after clearing~~ clear a background study, and meet provider training  
 40.20 requirements. Before a qualified professional provides services, the personal care assistance  
 40.21 provider agency must initiate a background study on the qualified professional under chapter

56.28 245C, and the personal care assistance provider agency must have received a notice from  
 56.29 the commissioner that the qualified professional:

56.30 (1) is not disqualified under section 245C.14; or

56.31 (2) is disqualified, but the qualified professional has received a set aside of the  
 56.32 disqualification under section 245C.22.

57.1 (b) The qualified professional shall perform the duties of training, supervision, and  
 57.2 evaluation of the personal care assistance staff and evaluation of the effectiveness of personal  
 57.3 care assistance services. The qualified professional shall:

57.4 (1) develop and monitor with the recipient a personal care assistance care plan based on  
 57.5 the service plan and individualized needs of the recipient;

57.6 (2) develop and monitor with the recipient a monthly plan for the use of personal care  
 57.7 assistance services;

57.8 (3) review documentation of personal care assistance services provided;

57.9 (4) provide training and ensure competency for the personal care assistant in the individual  
 57.10 needs of the recipient; and

57.11 (5) document all training, communication, evaluations, and needed actions to improve  
 57.12 performance of the personal care assistants.

57.13 (c) ~~Effective July 1, 2011~~; The qualified professional shall complete the provider training  
 57.14 with basic information about the personal care assistance program approved by the  
 57.15 commissioner. Newly hired qualified professionals must complete the training within six  
 57.16 months of the date hired by a personal care assistance provider agency. Qualified  
 57.17 professionals who have completed the required training as a worker from a personal care  
 57.18 assistance provider agency do not need to repeat the required training if they are hired by  
 57.19 another agency, if they have completed the training within the last three years. The required  
 57.20 training must be available with meaningful access according to title VI of the Civil Rights  
 57.21 Act and federal regulations adopted under that law or any guidance from the United States  
 57.22 Health and Human Services Department. The required training must be available online or  
 57.23 by electronic remote connection. The required training must provide for competency testing  
 57.24 to demonstrate an understanding of the content without attending in-person training. A  
 57.25 qualified professional is allowed to be employed and is not subject to the training requirement  
 57.26 until the training is offered online or through remote electronic connection. A qualified  
 57.27 professional employed by a personal care assistance provider agency certified for  
 57.28 participation in Medicare as a home health agency is exempt from the training required in  
 57.29 this subdivision. When available, the qualified professional working for a Medicare-certified  
 57.30 home health agency must successfully complete the competency test. The commissioner  
 57.31 shall ensure there is a mechanism in place to verify the identity of persons completing the  
 57.32 competency testing electronically.

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 40.23 the commissioner that the qualified professional:

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 41.26 shall ensure there is a mechanism in place to verify the identity of persons completing the  
 41.27 competency testing electronically.

58.1 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.196, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

58.2 Subd. 2. **Commissioner's duties.** (a) For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivision  
58.3 3, the commissioner shall determine the fee-for-service outpatient hospital services upper  
58.4 payment limit for nonstate government hospitals. The commissioner shall then determine  
58.5 the amount of a supplemental payment to Hennepin County Medical Center and Regions  
58.6 Hospital for these services that would increase medical assistance spending in this category  
58.7 to the aggregate upper payment limit for all nonstate government hospitals in Minnesota.  
58.8 In making this determination, the commissioner shall allot the available increases between  
58.9 Hennepin County Medical Center and Regions Hospital based on the ratio of medical  
58.10 assistance fee-for-service outpatient hospital payments to the two facilities. The commissioner  
58.11 shall adjust this allotment as necessary based on federal approvals, the amount of  
58.12 intergovernmental transfers received from Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, and other factors,  
58.13 in order to maximize the additional total payments. The commissioner shall inform Hennepin  
58.14 County and Ramsey County of the periodic intergovernmental transfers necessary to match  
58.15 federal Medicaid payments available under this subdivision in order to make supplementary  
58.16 medical assistance payments to Hennepin County Medical Center and Regions Hospital  
58.17 equal to an amount that when combined with existing medical assistance payments to  
58.18 nonstate governmental hospitals would increase total payments to hospitals in this category  
58.19 for outpatient services to the aggregate upper payment limit for all hospitals in this category  
58.20 in Minnesota. Upon receipt of these periodic transfers, the commissioner shall make  
58.21 supplementary payments to Hennepin County Medical Center and Regions Hospital.

58.22 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivision 3, the commissioner shall  
58.23 determine an upper payment limit for physicians and other billing professionals affiliated  
58.24 with Hennepin County Medical Center and with Regions Hospital. The upper payment limit  
58.25 shall be based on the average commercial rate or be determined using another method  
58.26 acceptable to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The commissioner shall  
58.27 inform Hennepin County and Ramsey County of the periodic intergovernmental transfers  
58.28 necessary to match the federal Medicaid payments available under this subdivision in order  
58.29 to make supplementary payments to physicians and other billing professionals affiliated  
58.30 with Hennepin County Medical Center and to make supplementary payments to physicians  
58.31 and other billing professionals affiliated with Regions Hospital through HealthPartners  
58.32 Medical Group equal to the difference between the established medical assistance payment  
58.33 for physician and other billing professional services and the upper payment limit. Upon  
58.34 receipt of these periodic transfers, the commissioner shall make supplementary payments  
58.35 to physicians and other billing professionals affiliated with Hennepin County Medical Center  
59.1 and shall make supplementary payments to physicians and other billing professionals  
59.2 affiliated with Regions Hospital through HealthPartners Medical Group.

59.3 (c) Beginning January 1, 2010, ~~Hennepin County and Ramsey County~~ may make monthly  
59.4 voluntary intergovernmental transfers to the commissioner in amounts not to exceed  
59.5 ~~\$12,000,000 per year from Hennepin County and \$6,000,000 per year from Ramsey County.~~  
59.6 The commissioner shall increase the medical assistance capitation payments to any licensed  
59.7 health plan under contract with the medical assistance program that agrees to make enhanced

44.13 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.196, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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44.33 supplementary payments to Hennepin County Medical Center and Regions Hospital.

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45.2 determine an upper payment limit for physicians and other billing professionals affiliated  
45.3 with Hennepin County Medical Center and with Regions Hospital. The upper payment limit  
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45.20 The commissioner shall increase the medical assistance capitation payments to any licensed  
45.21 health plan under contract with the medical assistance program that agrees to make enhanced

59.8 payments to ~~Hennepin County Medical Center~~ or Regions Hospital. The increase shall be  
 59.9 in an amount equal to the annual value of the monthly transfers plus federal financial  
 59.10 participation, with each health plan receiving its pro rata share of the increase based on the  
 59.11 pro rata share of medical assistance admissions to ~~Hennepin County Medical Center~~ and  
 59.12 Regions Hospital by those plans. For the purposes of this paragraph, "the base amount"  
 59.13 means the total annual value of increased medical assistance capitation payments, including  
 59.14 the voluntary intergovernmental transfers, under this paragraph in calendar year 2017. For  
 59.15 managed care contracts beginning on or after January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall reduce  
 59.16 the total annual value of increased medical assistance capitation payments under this  
 59.17 paragraph by an amount equal to ten percent of the base amount, and by an additional ten  
 59.18 percent of the base amount for each subsequent contract year until December 31, 2025.  
 59.19 Upon the request of the commissioner, health plans shall submit individual-level cost data  
 59.20 for verification purposes. The commissioner may ratably reduce these payments on a pro  
 59.21 rata basis in order to satisfy federal requirements for actuarial soundness. If payments are  
 59.22 reduced, transfers shall be reduced accordingly. Any licensed health plan that receives  
 59.23 increased medical assistance capitation payments under the intergovernmental transfer  
 59.24 described in this paragraph shall increase its medical assistance payments to ~~Hennepin~~  
 59.25 ~~County Medical Center~~ and Regions Hospital by the same amount as the increased payments  
 59.26 received in the capitation payment described in this paragraph. This paragraph expires  
 59.27 January 1, 2026.

59.28 (d) For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivision 3, the commissioner shall  
 59.29 determine an upper payment limit for ambulance services affiliated with Hennepin County  
 59.30 Medical Center and the city of St. Paul, and ambulance services owned and operated by  
 59.31 another governmental entity that chooses to participate by requesting the commissioner to  
 59.32 determine an upper payment limit. The upper payment limit shall be based on the average  
 59.33 commercial rate or be determined using another method acceptable to the Centers for  
 59.34 Medicare and Medicaid Services. The commissioner shall inform Hennepin County, the  
 59.35 city of St. Paul, and other participating governmental entities of the periodic  
 60.1 intergovernmental transfers necessary to match the federal Medicaid payments available  
 60.2 under this subdivision in order to make supplementary payments to Hennepin County  
 60.3 Medical Center, the city of St. Paul, and other participating governmental entities equal to  
 60.4 the difference between the established medical assistance payment for ambulance services  
 60.5 and the upper payment limit. Upon receipt of these periodic transfers, the commissioner  
 60.6 shall make supplementary payments to Hennepin County Medical Center, the city of St.  
 60.7 Paul, and other participating governmental entities. A tribal government that owns and  
 60.8 operates an ambulance service is not eligible to participate under this subdivision.

60.9 (e) For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivision 3, the commissioner shall  
 60.10 determine an upper payment limit for physicians, dentists, and other billing professionals  
 60.11 affiliated with the University of Minnesota and University of Minnesota Physicians. The  
 60.12 upper payment limit shall be based on the average commercial rate or be determined using  
 60.13 another method acceptable to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The  
 60.14 commissioner shall inform the University of Minnesota Medical School and University of

45.22 payments to ~~Hennepin County Medical Center~~ or Regions Hospital. The increase shall be  
 45.23 in an amount equal to the annual value of the monthly transfers plus federal financial  
 45.24 participation, with each health plan receiving its pro rata share of the increase based on the  
 45.25 pro rata share of medical assistance admissions to ~~Hennepin County Medical Center~~ and  
 45.26 Regions Hospital by those plans. For the purposes of this paragraph, "the base amount"  
 45.27 means the total annual value of increased medical assistance capitation payments, including  
 45.28 the voluntary intergovernmental transfers, under this paragraph in calendar year 2017. For  
 45.29 managed care contracts beginning on or after January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall reduce  
 45.30 the total annual value of increased medical assistance capitation payments under this  
 45.31 paragraph by an amount equal to ten percent of the base amount, and by an additional ten  
 45.32 percent of the base amount for each subsequent contract year until December 31, 2025.  
 45.33 Upon the request of the commissioner, health plans shall submit individual-level cost data  
 45.34 for verification purposes. The commissioner may ratably reduce these payments on a pro  
 45.35 rata basis in order to satisfy federal requirements for actuarial soundness. If payments are  
 45.36 reduced, transfers shall be reduced accordingly. Any licensed health plan that receives  
 46.1 increased medical assistance capitation payments under the intergovernmental transfer  
 46.2 described in this paragraph shall increase its medical assistance payments to ~~Hennepin~~  
 46.3 ~~County Medical Center~~ and Regions Hospital by the same amount as the increased payments  
 46.4 received in the capitation payment described in this paragraph. This paragraph expires  
 46.5 January 1, 2026.

46.6 (d) For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivision 3, the commissioner shall  
 46.7 determine an upper payment limit for ambulance services affiliated with Hennepin County  
 46.8 Medical Center and the city of St. Paul, and ambulance services owned and operated by  
 46.9 another governmental entity that chooses to participate by requesting the commissioner to  
 46.10 determine an upper payment limit. The upper payment limit shall be based on the average  
 46.11 commercial rate or be determined using another method acceptable to the Centers for  
 46.12 Medicare and Medicaid Services. The commissioner shall inform Hennepin County, the  
 46.13 city of St. Paul, and other participating governmental entities of the periodic  
 46.14 intergovernmental transfers necessary to match the federal Medicaid payments available  
 46.15 under this subdivision in order to make supplementary payments to Hennepin County  
 46.16 Medical Center, the city of St. Paul, and other participating governmental entities equal to  
 46.17 the difference between the established medical assistance payment for ambulance services  
 46.18 and the upper payment limit. Upon receipt of these periodic transfers, the commissioner  
 46.19 shall make supplementary payments to Hennepin County Medical Center, the city of St.  
 46.20 Paul, and other participating governmental entities. A tribal government that owns and  
 46.21 operates an ambulance service is not eligible to participate under this subdivision.

46.22 (e) For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivision 3, the commissioner shall  
 46.23 determine an upper payment limit for physicians, dentists, and other billing professionals  
 46.24 affiliated with the University of Minnesota and University of Minnesota Physicians. The  
 46.25 upper payment limit shall be based on the average commercial rate or be determined using  
 46.26 another method acceptable to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The  
 46.27 commissioner shall inform the University of Minnesota Medical School and University of

60.15 Minnesota School of Dentistry of the periodic intergovernmental transfers necessary to  
 60.16 match the federal Medicaid payments available under this subdivision in order to make  
 60.17 supplementary payments to physicians, dentists, and other billing professionals affiliated  
 60.18 with the University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Physicians equal to the  
 60.19 difference between the established medical assistance payment for physician, dentist, and  
 60.20 other billing professional services and the upper payment limit. Upon receipt of these periodic  
 60.21 transfers, the commissioner shall make supplementary payments to physicians, dentists,  
 60.22 and other billing professionals affiliated with the University of Minnesota and the University  
 60.23 of Minnesota Physicians.

60.24 (f) The commissioner shall inform the transferring governmental entities on an ongoing  
 60.25 basis of the need for any changes needed in the intergovernmental transfers in order to  
 60.26 continue the payments under paragraphs (a) to (e), at their maximum level, including  
 60.27 increases in upper payment limits, changes in the federal Medicaid match, and other factors.

60.28 (g) The payments in paragraphs (a) to (e) shall be implemented independently of each  
 60.29 other, subject to federal approval and to the receipt of transfers under subdivision 3.

60.30 (h) All of the data and funding transactions related to the payments in paragraphs (a) to  
 60.31 (e) shall be between the commissioner and the governmental entities.

60.32 (i) For purposes of this subdivision, billing professionals are limited to physicians, nurse  
 60.33 practitioners, nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, physician assistants,  
 61.1 anesthesiologists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, dentists, dental hygienists, and  
 61.2 dental therapists.

61.3 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval  
 61.4 of both this section and Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.1973, whichever is later. The  
 61.5 commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
 61.6 is obtained.

61.7 Sec. 42. [256B.1973] DIRECTED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS.

61.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
 61.9 the meanings given them.

61.10 (b) "Billing professionals" means physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, clinical  
 61.11 nurse specialists, physician assistants, anesthesiologists, and certified registered anesthetists,  
 61.12 and may include dentists, individually enrolled dental hygienists, and dental therapists.

61.13 (c) "Health plan" means a managed care or county-based purchasing plan that is under  
 61.14 contract with the commissioner to deliver services to medical assistance enrollees under  
 61.15 section 256B.69.

61.16 (d) "High medical assistance utilization" means a medical assistance utilization rate  
 61.17 equal to the standard established in section 256.969, subdivision 9, paragraph (d), clause  
 61.18 (6).

46.28 Minnesota School of Dentistry of the periodic intergovernmental transfers necessary to  
 46.29 match the federal Medicaid payments available under this subdivision in order to make  
 46.30 supplementary payments to physicians, dentists, and other billing professionals affiliated  
 46.31 with the University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Physicians equal to the  
 46.32 difference between the established medical assistance payment for physician, dentist, and  
 46.33 other billing professional services and the upper payment limit. Upon receipt of these periodic  
 46.34 transfers, the commissioner shall make supplementary payments to physicians, dentists,  
 47.1 and other billing professionals affiliated with the University of Minnesota and the University  
 47.2 of Minnesota Physicians.

47.3 (f) The commissioner shall inform the transferring governmental entities on an ongoing  
 47.4 basis of the need for any changes needed in the intergovernmental transfers in order to  
 47.5 continue the payments under paragraphs (a) to (e), at their maximum level, including  
 47.6 increases in upper payment limits, changes in the federal Medicaid match, and other factors.

47.7 (g) The payments in paragraphs (a) to (e) shall be implemented independently of each  
 47.8 other, subject to federal approval and to the receipt of transfers under subdivision 3.

47.9 (h) All of the data and funding transactions related to the payments in paragraphs (a) to  
 47.10 (e) shall be between the commissioner and the governmental entities.

47.11 (i) For purposes of this subdivision, billing professionals are limited to physicians, nurse  
 47.12 practitioners, nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, physician assistants,  
 47.13 anesthesiologists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, dentists, dental hygienists, and  
 47.14 dental therapists.

47.15 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective December 31, 2021, or upon federal  
 47.16 approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall inform the revisor  
 47.17 of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

47.18 Sec. 38. [256B.1973] DIRECTED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS.

47.19 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
 47.20 the meanings given them.

47.21 (b) "Billing professionals" means physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, clinical  
 47.22 nurse specialists, physician assistants, anesthesiologists, and certified registered anesthetists,  
 47.23 and may include dentists, individually enrolled dental hygienists, and dental therapists.

47.24 (c) "Health plan" means a managed care or county-based purchasing plan that is under  
 47.25 contract with the commissioner to deliver services to medical assistance enrollees under  
 47.26 section 256B.69.

47.27 (d) "High medical assistance utilization" means a medical assistance utilization rate  
 47.28 equal to the standard established in section 256.969, subdivision 9, paragraph (d), clause  
 47.29 (6).

61.19 Subd. 2. **Federal approval required.** Each directed payment arrangement under this  
 61.20 section is contingent on federal approval and must conform with the requirements for  
 61.21 permissible directed managed care organization expenditures under section 256B.6928,  
 61.22 subdivision 5.

61.23 Subd. 3. **Eligible providers.** Eligible providers under this section are nonstate government  
 61.24 teaching hospitals with high medical assistance utilization and a level 1 trauma center and  
 61.25 the hospital's affiliated billing professionals, ambulance services, and clinics.

61.26 Subd. 4. **Voluntary intergovernmental transfers.** A nonstate governmental entity that  
 61.27 is eligible to perform intergovernmental transfers may make voluntary intergovernmental  
 61.28 transfers to the commissioner. The commissioner shall inform the nonstate governmental  
 61.29 entity of the intergovernmental transfers necessary to maximize the allowable directed  
 61.30 payments.

61.31 Subd. 5. **Commissioner's duties; state-directed fee schedule requirement.** (a) For  
 61.32 each federally approved directed payment arrangement that is a state-directed fee schedule  
 62.1 requirement, the commissioner shall determine a uniform adjustment factor to be applied  
 62.2 to each claim submitted by an eligible provider to a health plan. The uniform adjustment  
 62.3 factor shall be determined using the average commercial payer rate or using another method  
 62.4 acceptable to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services if the average commercial  
 62.5 payer rate is not approved, minus the amount necessary for the plan to satisfy tax liabilities  
 62.6 under sections 256.9657 and 297I.05 attributable to the directed payment arrangement. The  
 62.7 commissioner shall ensure that the application of the uniform adjustment factor maximizes  
 62.8 the allowable directed payments and does not result in payments exceeding federal limits,  
 62.9 and may use an annual settle-up process. The directed payment shall be specific to each  
 62.10 health plan and prospectively incorporated into capitation payments for that plan.

62.11 (b) For each federally approved directed payment arrangement that is a state-directed  
 62.12 fee schedule requirement, the commissioner shall develop a plan for the initial  
 62.13 implementation of the state-directed fee schedule requirement to ensure that the eligible  
 62.14 provider receives the entire permissible value of the federally approved directed payment  
 62.15 arrangement. If federal approval of a directed payment arrangement under this subdivision  
 62.16 is retroactive, the commissioner shall make a onetime pro rata increase to the uniform  
 62.17 adjustment factor and the initial payments in order to include claims submitted between the  
 62.18 retroactive federal approval date and the period captured by the initial payments.

47.30 Subd. 2. **Federal approval required.** Each directed payment arrangement under this  
 47.31 section is contingent on federal approval and must conform with the requirements for  
 48.1 permissible directed managed care organization expenditures under section 256B.6928,  
 48.2 subdivision 5.

48.3 Subd. 3. **Eligible providers.** Eligible providers under this section are nonstate government  
 48.4 teaching hospitals with high medical assistance utilization and a level 1 trauma center and  
 48.5 the hospital's affiliated billing professionals, ambulance services, and clinics.

48.6 Subd. 4. **Voluntary intergovernmental transfers.** A nonstate governmental entity that  
 48.7 is eligible to perform intergovernmental transfers may make voluntary intergovernmental  
 48.8 transfers to the commissioner. The commissioner shall inform the nonstate governmental  
 48.9 entity of the intergovernmental transfers necessary to maximize the allowable directed  
 48.10 payments.

48.11 Subd. 5. **Commissioner's duties; state-directed fee schedule requirement.** (a) For  
 48.12 each federally approved directed payment arrangement that is a state-directed fee schedule  
 48.13 requirement, the commissioner shall determine a uniform adjustment factor to be applied  
 48.14 to each claim submitted by an eligible provider to a health plan. The commissioner shall  
 48.15 ensure that the application of the uniform adjustment factor maximizes the allowable directed  
 48.16 payments and does not result in payments exceeding federal limits, and may use a settle-up  
 48.17 process no less than annually to adjust health plan payments to comply with this requirement.  
 48.18 The commissioner shall apply the uniform adjustment to each submitted claim.

48.19 (b) For each federally approved directed payment arrangement that is a state-directed  
 48.20 fee schedule requirement, the commissioner must ensure that the total annual amount of  
 48.21 payments equals at least the sum of the annual value of the voluntary intergovernmental  
 48.22 transfers to the commissioner under subdivision 4 and federal financial participation.

48.23 (c) For each federally approved directed payment arrangement that is a state-directed  
 48.24 fee schedule requirement, the commissioner shall develop a plan for the initial  
 48.25 implementation of the state-directed fee schedule requirement to ensure that the eligible  
 48.26 provider receives the entire permissible value of the federally approved directed payment  
 48.27 arrangement. If federal approval of a directed payment arrangement under this subdivision  
 48.28 is retroactive, the commissioner shall make a onetime pro rata increase to the uniform  
 48.29 adjustment factor and the initial payments in order to include claims submitted between the  
 48.30 retroactive federal approval date and the period captured by the initial payments.

62.19 Subd. 6. **Health plan duties; submission of claims.** In accordance with its contract,  
 62.20 each health plan shall submit to the commissioner payment information for each claim paid  
 62.21 to an eligible provider for services provided to a medical assistance enrollee.

62.22 Subd. 7. **Health plan duties; directed payments.** In accordance with its contract, each  
 62.23 health plan shall make directed payments to the eligible provider in an amount equal to the  
 62.24 payment amounts the plan received from the commissioner.

62.25 Subd. 8. **State quality goals.** The directed payment arrangement and state-directed fee  
 62.26 schedule requirement must align the state quality goals to Hennepin Healthcare medical  
 62.27 assistance patients, including unstably housed individuals, those with higher levels of social  
 62.28 and clinical risk, limited English proficiency (LEP) patients, adults with serious chronic  
 62.29 conditions, and individuals of color. The directed payment arrangement must maintain  
 62.30 quality and access to a full range of health care delivery mechanisms for these patients that  
 62.31 may include behavioral health, emergent care, preventive care, hospitalization, transportation,  
 62.32 interpreter services, and pharmaceutical services. The commissioner, in consultation with  
 62.33 Hennepin Healthcare, shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a  
 62.34 methodology to measure access to care and the achievement of state quality goals.

63.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,  
 63.2 whichever is later, unless the federal approval provides for an effective date that is before  
 63.3 the date the federal approval was issued, including a retroactive effective date, in which  
 63.4 case this section is effective retroactively from the federally approved effective date. The  
 63.5 commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
 63.6 is obtained.

63.7 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.69, subdivision 6d, is amended to read:

63.8 Subd. 6d. **Prescription drugs.** The commissioner may shall exclude or modify coverage  
 63.9 for outpatient prescription drugs dispensed by a pharmacy to a member eligible for medical  
 63.10 assistance under this chapter from the prepaid managed care contracts entered into under  
 63.11 this section in order to increase savings to the state by collecting additional prescription  
 63.12 drug rebates. The contracts must maintain incentives for the managed care plan to manage  
 63.13 drug costs and utilization and may require that the managed care plans maintain an open  
 63.14 drug formulary. In order to manage drug costs and utilization, the contracts may authorize  
 63.15 the managed care plans to use preferred drug lists and prior authorization. This subdivision  
 63.16 is contingent on federal approval of the managed care contract changes and the collection  
 63.17 of additional prescription drug rebates.

48.31 Subd. 6. **Health plan duties; submission of claims.** In accordance with its contract,  
 48.32 each health plan shall submit to the commissioner payment information for each claim paid  
 48.33 to an eligible provider for services provided to a medical assistance enrollee.

49.1 Subd. 7. **Health plan duties; directed payments.** In accordance with its contract, each  
 49.2 health plan shall make directed payments to the eligible provider in an amount equal to the  
 49.3 payment amounts the plan received from the commissioner.

49.4 Subd. 8. **State quality goals.** The directed payment arrangement and state-directed fee  
 49.5 schedule requirement must align the state quality goals to Hennepin Healthcare medical  
 49.6 assistance patients, including unstably housed individuals, those with higher levels of social  
 49.7 and clinical risk, limited English proficiency patients, adults with serious chronic conditions,  
 49.8 or individuals of color. The directed payment arrangement will maintain quality and access  
 49.9 to a full range of health care delivery mechanisms for these patients, such as behavioral  
 49.10 health, emergent care, preventive care, hospitalization, transportation, interpretation, and  
 49.11 pharmaceutical. In partnership with the Department of Human Services, the Centers for  
 49.12 Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Hennepin Healthcare, mutually agreed upon measures  
 49.13 to demonstrate access to care must be identified and measured.

49.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,  
 49.15 whichever is later, unless the federal approval provides for an effective date after July 1,  
 49.16 2021, but before the date of federal approval, in which case the federally approved effective  
 49.17 date applies.

49.18 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.69, subdivision 6d, is amended to read:

49.19 Subd. 6d. **Prescription drugs.** (a) The commissioner may exclude or modify coverage  
 49.20 for prescription drugs from the prepaid managed care contracts entered into under this  
 49.21 section in order to increase savings to the state by collecting additional prescription drug  
 49.22 rebates. The contracts must maintain incentives for the managed care plan to manage drug  
 49.23 costs and utilization and may require that the managed care plans maintain an open drug  
 49.24 formulary. In order to manage drug costs and utilization, the contracts may authorize the  
 49.25 managed care plans to use preferred drug lists and prior authorization. This subdivision is  
 49.26 contingent on federal approval of the managed care contract changes and the collection of  
 49.27 additional prescription drug rebates.

49.28 (b) Managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans or the plan's subcontractor  
 49.29 if the plan subcontracts with a third party to administer pharmacy services, including a  
 49.30 pharmacy benefit manager, must comply with section 256B.0625, subdivision 13k, for  
 49.31 purposes of contracting with dispensing providers to provide pharmacy services to medical  
 49.32 assistance and MinnesotaCare enrollees.

63.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2023, or upon completion of  
 63.19 the Medicaid Management Information System pharmacy module modernization project,  
 63.20 whichever is later. The commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when the project  
 63.21 is completed.

63.22 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.69, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 63.23 to read:

63.24 Subd. 9f. **Annual report on provider reimbursement rates.** (a) The commissioner,  
 63.25 by December 15 of each year, shall submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of  
 63.26 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care policy and finance a report on  
 63.27 managed care and county-based purchasing plan provider reimbursement rates. The report  
 63.28 must comply with sections 3.195 and 3.197.

63.29 (b) The report must include, for each managed care and county-based purchasing plan,  
 63.30 the mean and median provider reimbursement rates by county for the calendar year preceding  
 63.31 the reporting year, for the five most common billing codes statewide across all plans, in  
 63.32 each of the following provider service categories:

63.33 (1) physician services - prenatal and preventive;

64.1 (2) physician services - nonprenatal and nonpreventive;

64.2 (3) dental services;

64.3 (4) inpatient hospital services;

64.4 (5) outpatient hospital services; and

64.5 (6) mental health services.

64.6 (c) The commissioner shall also include in the report:

50.1 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.69, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 50.2 to read:

50.3 Subd. 6f. **Dental fee schedules.** (a) A managed care plan, county-based purchasing plan,  
 50.4 or dental benefits administrator as defined under section 256B.0625, subdivision 9c,  
 50.5 paragraph (a), must provide individual dental providers, upon request, the applicable fee  
 50.6 schedules for covered dental services provided under the contract between the dental provider  
 50.7 and the managed care plan, county-based purchasing plan, or dental benefits administrator.

50.8 (b) A managed care plan, county-based purchasing plan, or dental benefits administrator  
 50.9 may fulfill this requirement by making the applicable fee schedules available through a  
 50.10 secure web portal for the contracted dental provider to access.

64.7 (1) the mean and median reimbursement rates across all plans by county for the calendar  
 64.8 year preceding the reporting year for the billing codes and provider service categories  
 64.9 described in paragraph (b); and

64.10 (2) the mean and median fee-for-service reimbursement rates by county for the calendar  
 64.11 year preceding the reporting year for the billing codes and provider service categories  
 64.12 described in paragraph (b).

64.13 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.69, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 64.14 to read:

64.15 Subd. 9g. Annual report on prepaid health plan reimbursement to 340B covered  
 64.16 entities. (a) By March 1 of each year, each managed care and county-based purchasing plan  
 64.17 shall report to the commissioner its reimbursement to 340B covered entities for the previous  
 64.18 calendar year. The report must include:

64.19 (1) the National Provider Identification (NPI) number for each 340B covered entity;

64.20 (2) the name of each 340B covered entity;

64.21 (3) the servicing address of each 340B covered entity; and

64.22 (4) either: (i) the number of outpatient 340B pharmacy claims and reimbursement  
 64.23 amounts; or (ii) the number of professional or facility 340B claim lines and reimbursement  
 64.24 amounts.

64.25 (b) The commissioner shall submit a copy of the reports to the chairs and ranking minority  
 64.26 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care policy and finance  
 64.27 by April 1 of each year.

64.28 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.6928, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

64.29 Subd. 5. **Direction of managed care organization expenditures.** (a) The commissioner  
 64.30 shall not direct managed care organizations expenditures under the managed care contract,  
 65.1 except in as permitted under Code of Federal Regulations, part 42, section 438.6(c). The  
 65.2 exception under this paragraph includes the following situations:

65.3 (1) implementation of a value-based purchasing model for provider reimbursement,  
 65.4 including pay-for-performance arrangements, bundled payments, or other service payments  
 65.5 intended to recognize value or outcomes over volume of services;

65.6 (2) participation in a multipayer or medical assistance-specific delivery system reform  
 65.7 or performance improvement initiative; or

65.8 (3) implementation of a minimum or maximum fee schedule, or a uniform dollar or  
 65.9 percentage increase for network providers that provide a particular service. The maximum  
 65.10 fee schedule must allow the managed care organization the ability to reasonably manage  
 65.11 risk and provide discretion in accomplishing the goals of the contract.

50.11 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.6928, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

50.12 Subd. 5. **Direction of managed care organization expenditures.** (a) The commissioner  
 50.13 shall not direct managed care organizations expenditures under the managed care contract,  
 50.14 except in as permitted under Code of Federal Regulations, part 42, section 438.6(c). The  
 50.15 exception under this paragraph includes the following situations:

50.16 (1) implementation of a value-based purchasing model for provider reimbursement,  
 50.17 including pay-for-performance arrangements, bundled payments, or other service payments  
 50.18 intended to recognize value or outcomes over volume of services;

50.19 (2) participation in a multipayer or medical assistance-specific delivery system reform  
 50.20 or performance improvement initiative; or

50.21 (3) implementation of a minimum or maximum fee schedule, or a uniform dollar or  
 50.22 percentage increase for network providers that provide a particular service. The maximum  
 50.23 fee schedule must allow the managed care organization the ability to reasonably manage  
 50.24 risk and provide discretion in accomplishing the goals of the contract.

65.12 (b) Any managed care contract that directs managed care organization expenditures as  
 65.13 permitted under paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), must be developed in accordance with  
 65.14 Code of Federal Regulations, part 42, sections 438.4 and 438.5; comply with actuarial  
 65.15 soundness and generally accepted actuarial principles and practices; and have written  
 65.16 approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services before implementation. To  
 65.17 obtain approval, the commissioner shall demonstrate in writing that the contract arrangement:

65.18 (1) is based on the utilization and delivery of services;

65.19 (2) directs expenditures equally, using the same terms of performance for a class of  
 65.20 providers providing service under the contract;

65.21 (3) is intended to advance at least one of the goals and objectives in the commissioner's  
 65.22 quality strategy;

65.23 (4) has an evaluation plan that measures the degree to which the arrangement advances  
 65.24 at least one of the goals in the commissioner's quality strategy;

65.25 (5) does not condition network provider participation on the network provider entering  
 65.26 into or adhering to an intergovernmental transfer agreement; and

65.27 (6) is not renewed automatically.

65.28 (c) For contract arrangements identified in paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), the  
 65.29 commissioner shall:

65.30 (1) make participation in the value-based purchasing model, special delivery system  
 65.31 reform, or performance improvement initiative available, using the same terms of  
 66.1 performance, to a class of providers providing services under the contract related to the  
 66.2 model, reform, or initiative; and

66.3 (2) use a common set of performance measures across all payers and providers.

66.4 (d) The commissioner shall not set the amount or frequency of the expenditures or recoup  
 66.5 from the managed care organization any unspent funds allocated for these arrangements.

66.6 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.75, is amended to read:

66.7 **256B.75 HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT REIMBURSEMENT.**

66.8 (a) For outpatient hospital facility fee payments for services rendered on or after October  
 66.9 1, 1992, the commissioner of human services shall pay the lower of (1) submitted charge,  
 66.10 or (2) 32 percent above the rate in effect on June 30, 1992, except for those services for  
 66.11 which there is a federal maximum allowable payment. Effective for services rendered on  
 66.12 or after January 1, 2000, payment rates for nonsurgical outpatient hospital facility fees and  
 66.13 emergency room facility fees shall be increased by eight percent over the rates in effect on  
 66.14 December 31, 1999, except for those services for which there is a federal maximum allowable  
 66.15 payment. Services for which there is a federal maximum allowable payment shall be paid  
 66.16 at the lower of (1) submitted charge, or (2) the federal maximum allowable payment. Total

50.25 (b) Any managed care contract that directs managed care organization expenditures as  
 50.26 permitted under paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), must be developed in accordance with  
 50.27 Code of Federal Regulations, part 42, sections 438.4 and 438.5; comply with actuarial  
 50.28 soundness and generally accepted actuarial principles and practices; and have written  
 50.29 approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services before implementation. To  
 50.30 obtain approval, the commissioner shall demonstrate in writing that the contract arrangement:

50.31 (1) is based on the utilization and delivery of services;

51.1 (2) directs expenditures equally, using the same terms of performance for a class of  
 51.2 providers providing service under the contract;

51.3 (3) is intended to advance at least one of the goals and objectives in the commissioner's  
 51.4 quality strategy;

51.5 (4) has an evaluation plan that measures the degree to which the arrangement advances  
 51.6 at least one of the goals in the commissioner's quality strategy;

51.7 (5) does not condition network provider participation on the network provider entering  
 51.8 into or adhering to an intergovernmental transfer agreement; and

51.9 (6) is not renewed automatically.

51.10 (c) For contract arrangements identified in paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), the  
 51.11 commissioner shall:

51.12 (1) make participation in the value-based purchasing model, special delivery system  
 51.13 reform, or performance improvement initiative available, using the same terms of  
 51.14 performance, to a class of providers providing services under the contract related to the  
 51.15 model, reform, or initiative; and

51.16 (2) use a common set of performance measures across all payers and providers.

51.17 (d) The commissioner shall not set the amount or frequency of the expenditures or recoup  
 51.18 from the managed care organization any unspent funds allocated for these arrangements.

51.19 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.75, is amended to read:

51.20 **256B.75 HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT REIMBURSEMENT.**

51.21 (a) For outpatient hospital facility fee payments for services rendered on or after October  
 51.22 1, 1992, the commissioner of human services shall pay the lower of (1) submitted charge,  
 51.23 or (2) 32 percent above the rate in effect on June 30, 1992, except for those services for  
 51.24 which there is a federal maximum allowable payment. Effective for services rendered on  
 51.25 or after January 1, 2000, payment rates for nonsurgical outpatient hospital facility fees and  
 51.26 emergency room facility fees shall be increased by eight percent over the rates in effect on  
 51.27 December 31, 1999, except for those services for which there is a federal maximum allowable  
 51.28 payment. Services for which there is a federal maximum allowable payment shall be paid  
 51.29 at the lower of (1) submitted charge, or (2) the federal maximum allowable payment. Total

66.17 aggregate payment for outpatient hospital facility fee services shall not exceed the Medicare  
 66.18 upper limit. If it is determined that a provision of this section conflicts with existing or  
 66.19 future requirements of the United States government with respect to federal financial  
 66.20 participation in medical assistance, the federal requirements prevail. The commissioner  
 66.21 may, in the aggregate, prospectively reduce payment rates to avoid reduced federal financial  
 66.22 participation resulting from rates that are in excess of the Medicare upper limitations.

66.23 (b) (1) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), payment for outpatient, emergency, and ambulatory  
 66.24 surgery hospital facility fee services for critical access hospitals designated under section  
 66.25 144.1483, clause (9), shall be paid on a cost-based payment system that is based on the  
 66.26 cost-finding methods and allowable costs of the Medicare program. Effective for services  
 66.27 provided on or after July 1, 2015, rates established for critical access hospitals under this  
 66.28 paragraph for the applicable payment year shall be the final payment and shall not be settled  
 66.29 to actual costs. Effective for services delivered on or after the first day of the hospital's fiscal  
 66.30 year ending in 2017, the rate for outpatient hospital services shall be computed using  
 66.31 information from each hospital's Medicare cost report as filed with Medicare for the year  
 66.32 that is two years before the year that the rate is being computed. Rates shall be computed  
 66.33 using information from Worksheet C series until the department finalizes the medical  
 66.34 assistance cost reporting process for critical access hospitals. After the cost reporting process  
 67.1 is finalized, rates shall be computed using information from Title XIX Worksheet D series.  
 67.2 The outpatient rate shall be equal to ancillary cost plus outpatient cost, excluding costs  
 67.3 related to rural health clinics and federally qualified health clinics, divided by ancillary  
 67.4 charges plus outpatient charges, excluding charges related to rural health clinics and federally  
 67.5 qualified health clinics.

67.6 (2) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2023, the rate described in  
 67.7 clause (1) shall be increased for hospitals providing high levels of high-cost drugs or 340B  
 67.8 drugs. The rate adjustment shall be based on each hospital's share of the total reimbursement  
 67.9 for 340B drugs to all critical access hospitals, but shall not exceed three percentage points.

67.10 (c) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2003, rates that are based on the  
 67.11 Medicare outpatient prospective payment system shall be replaced by a budget neutral  
 67.12 prospective payment system that is derived using medical assistance data. The commissioner  
 67.13 shall provide a proposal to the 2003 legislature to define and implement this provision.  
 67.14 When implementing prospective payment methodologies, the commissioner shall use general  
 67.15 methods and rate calculation parameters similar to the applicable Medicare prospective  
 67.16 payment systems for services delivered in outpatient hospital and ambulatory surgical center  
 67.17 settings unless other payment methodologies for these services are specified in this chapter.

51.30 aggregate payment for outpatient hospital facility fee services shall not exceed the Medicare  
 51.31 upper limit. If it is determined that a provision of this section conflicts with existing or  
 51.32 future requirements of the United States government with respect to federal financial  
 52.1 participation in medical assistance, the federal requirements prevail. The commissioner  
 52.2 may, in the aggregate, prospectively reduce payment rates to avoid reduced federal financial  
 52.3 participation resulting from rates that are in excess of the Medicare upper limitations.

52.4 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), payment for outpatient, emergency, and ambulatory  
 52.5 surgery hospital facility fee services for critical access hospitals designated under section  
 52.6 144.1483, clause (9), shall be paid on a cost-based payment system that is based on the  
 52.7 cost-finding methods and allowable costs of the Medicare program. Effective for services  
 52.8 provided on or after July 1, 2015, rates established for critical access hospitals under this  
 52.9 paragraph for the applicable payment year shall be the final payment and shall not be settled  
 52.10 to actual costs. Effective for services delivered on or after the first day of the hospital's fiscal  
 52.11 year ending in 2017, the rate for outpatient hospital services shall be computed using  
 52.12 information from each hospital's Medicare cost report as filed with Medicare for the year  
 52.13 that is two years before the year that the rate is being computed. Rates shall be computed  
 52.14 using information from Worksheet C series until the department finalizes the medical  
 52.15 assistance cost reporting process for critical access hospitals. After the cost reporting process  
 52.16 is finalized, rates shall be computed using information from Title XIX Worksheet D series.  
 52.17 The outpatient rate shall be equal to ancillary cost plus outpatient cost, excluding costs  
 52.18 related to rural health clinics and federally qualified health clinics, divided by ancillary  
 52.19 charges plus outpatient charges, excluding charges related to rural health clinics and federally  
 52.20 qualified health clinics.

52.21 (c) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2003, rates that are based on the  
 52.22 Medicare outpatient prospective payment system shall be replaced by a budget neutral  
 52.23 prospective payment system that is derived using medical assistance data. The commissioner  
 52.24 shall provide a proposal to the 2003 legislature to define and implement this provision.  
 52.25 When implementing prospective payment methodologies, the commissioner shall use general  
 52.26 methods and rate calculation parameters similar to the applicable Medicare prospective  
 52.27 payment systems for services delivered in outpatient hospital and ambulatory surgical center  
 52.28 settings unless other payment methodologies for these services are specified in this chapter.

52.29 (d) For fee-for-service services provided on or after July 1, 2002, the total payment,  
 52.30 before third-party liability and spenddown, made to hospitals for outpatient hospital facility  
 52.31 services is reduced by .5 percent from the current statutory rate.

67.18 (d) For fee-for-service services provided on or after July 1, 2002, the total payment,  
67.19 before third-party liability and spenddown, made to hospitals for outpatient hospital facility  
67.20 services is reduced by .5 percent from the current statutory rate.

67.21 (e) In addition to the reduction in paragraph (d), the total payment for fee-for-service  
67.22 services provided on or after July 1, 2003, made to hospitals for outpatient hospital facility  
67.23 services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced five percent from the current  
67.24 statutory rates. Facilities defined under section 256.969, subdivision 16, are excluded from  
67.25 this paragraph.

67.26 (f) In addition to the reductions in paragraphs (d) and (e), the total payment for  
67.27 fee-for-service services provided on or after July 1, 2008, made to hospitals for outpatient  
67.28 hospital facility services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced three percent  
67.29 from the current statutory rates. Mental health services and facilities defined under section  
67.30 256.969, subdivision 16, are excluded from this paragraph.

68.1 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.76, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

68.2 Subd. 2. **Dental reimbursement.** (a) Effective for services rendered on or after October  
68.3 1, 1992, through December 31, 2022, the commissioner shall make payments for dental  
68.4 services as follows:

68.5 (1) dental services shall be paid at the lower of (i) submitted charges, or (ii) 25 percent  
68.6 above the rate in effect on June 30, 1992; and

68.7 (2) dental rates shall be converted from the 50th percentile of 1982 to the 50th percentile  
68.8 of 1989, less the percent in aggregate necessary to equal the above increases.

68.9 (b) Beginning October 1, 1999, through December 31, 2022, the payment for tooth  
68.10 sealants and fluoride treatments shall be the lower of (1) submitted charge, or (2) 80 percent  
68.11 of median 1997 charges.

68.12 (c) Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2000, through December 31,  
68.13 2022, payment rates for dental services shall be increased by three percent over the rates in  
68.14 effect on December 31, 1999.

68.15 (d) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2002, through December 31,  
68.16 2022, payment for diagnostic examinations and dental x-rays provided to children under  
68.17 age 21 shall be the lower of (1) the submitted charge, or (2) 85 percent of median 1999  
68.18 charges.

68.19 (e) The increases listed in paragraphs (b) and (c) shall be implemented January 1, 2000,  
68.20 for managed care.

68.21 (f) Effective for dental services rendered on or after October 1, 2010, by a state-operated  
68.22 dental clinic, payment shall be paid on a reasonable cost basis that is based on the Medicare

52.32 (e) In addition to the reduction in paragraph (d), the total payment for fee-for-service  
52.33 services provided on or after July 1, 2003, made to hospitals for outpatient hospital facility  
52.34 services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced five percent from the current  
53.1 statutory rates. Facilities defined under section 256.969, subdivision 16, are excluded from  
53.2 this paragraph.

53.3 (f) In addition to the reductions in paragraphs (d) and (e), the total payment for  
53.4 fee-for-service services provided on or after July 1, 2008, made to hospitals for outpatient  
53.5 hospital facility services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced three percent  
53.6 from the current statutory rates. Mental health services and facilities defined under section  
53.7 256.969, subdivision 16, are excluded from this paragraph.

68.23 principles of reimbursement. This payment shall be effective for services rendered on or  
68.24 after January 1, 2011, to recipients enrolled in managed care plans or county-based  
68.25 purchasing plans.

68.26 (g) Beginning in fiscal year 2011, if the payments to state-operated dental clinics in  
68.27 paragraph (f), including state and federal shares, are less than \$1,850,000 per fiscal year, a  
68.28 supplemental state payment equal to the difference between the total payments in paragraph  
68.29 (f) and \$1,850,000 shall be paid from the general fund to state-operated services for the  
68.30 operation of the dental clinics.

68.31 (h) If the cost-based payment system for state-operated dental clinics described in  
68.32 paragraph (f) does not receive federal approval, then state-operated dental clinics shall be  
68.33 designated as critical access dental providers under subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and shall  
69.1 receive the critical access dental reimbursement rate as described under subdivision 4,  
69.2 paragraph (a).

69.3 (i) Effective for services rendered on or after September 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013,  
69.4 payment rates for dental services shall be reduced by three percent. This reduction does not  
69.5 apply to state-operated dental clinics in paragraph (f).

69.6 (j) (i) Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2014, through December 31,  
69.7 2022, payment rates for dental services shall be increased by five percent from the rates in  
69.8 effect on December 31, 2013. This increase does not apply to state-operated dental clinics  
69.9 in paragraph (f), federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, and Indian health  
69.10 services. Effective January 1, 2014, payments made to managed care plans and county-based  
69.11 purchasing plans under sections 256B.69, 256B.692, and 256L.12 shall reflect the payment  
69.12 increase described in this paragraph.

69.13 (k) Effective for services rendered on or after July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016,  
69.14 the commissioner shall increase payment rates for services furnished by dental providers  
69.15 located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area by the maximum percentage possible  
69.16 above the rates in effect on June 30, 2015, while remaining within the limits of funding  
69.17 appropriated for this purpose. This increase does not apply to state-operated dental clinics  
69.18 in paragraph (f), federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, and Indian health  
69.19 services. Effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, payments to managed care  
69.20 plans and county-based purchasing plans under sections 256B.69 and 256B.692 shall reflect  
69.21 the payment increase described in this paragraph. The commissioner shall require managed  
69.22 care and county-based purchasing plans to pass on the full amount of the increase, in the  
69.23 form of higher payment rates to dental providers located outside of the seven-county  
69.24 metropolitan area.

69.25 (l) (j) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2017, through December 31,  
69.26 2022, the commissioner shall increase payment rates by 9.65 percent for dental services  
69.27 provided outside of the seven-county metropolitan area. This increase does not apply to  
69.28 state-operated dental clinics in paragraph (f), federally qualified health centers, rural health  
69.29 centers, or Indian health services. Effective January 1, 2017, payments to managed care

69.30 plans and county-based purchasing plans under sections 256B.69 and 256B.692 shall reflect  
69.31 the payment increase described in this paragraph.

69.32 ~~(m)~~ (k) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2017, through December 31,  
69.33 2022, the commissioner shall increase payment rates by 23.8 percent for dental services  
69.34 provided to enrollees under the age of 21. This rate increase does not apply to state-operated  
70.1 dental clinics in paragraph (f), federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, or  
70.2 Indian health centers. This rate increase does not apply to managed care plans and  
70.3 county-based purchasing plans.

70.4 (l) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2023, payment for dental services  
70.5 shall be the lower of the submitted charge or 86 percent of the fifth percentile of 2018  
70.6 submitted charges from claims paid by the commissioner. The commissioner shall increase  
70.7 this payment amount by 20 percent for providers designated as critical access dental providers  
70.8 under medical assistance and MinnesotaCare. The critical access dental provider payment  
70.9 add-on shall be calculated to be specific to each individual clinic location within a larger  
70.10 system. This paragraph does not apply to federally qualified health centers, rural health  
70.11 centers, state-operated dental clinics, or Indian health centers.

70.12 (m) Beginning January 1, 2026, and every four years thereafter, the commissioner shall  
70.13 rebase payment rates for dental services to the first percentile of submitted charges for the  
70.14 applicable base year using charge data from paid claims submitted by providers. The base  
70.15 year used for each rebasing shall be the calendar year that is two years prior to the effective  
70.16 date of the rebasing.

70.17 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.76, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

70.18 Subd. 4. **Critical access dental providers.** (a) The commissioner shall increase  
70.19 reimbursements to dentists and dental clinics deemed by the commissioner to be critical  
70.20 access dental providers. For dental services rendered on or after July 1, 2016, through  
70.21 December 31, 2022, the commissioner shall increase reimbursement by 37.5 percent above  
70.22 the reimbursement rate that would otherwise be paid to the critical access dental provider,  
70.23 except as specified under paragraph (b). The commissioner shall pay the managed care  
70.24 plans and county-based purchasing plans in amounts sufficient to reflect increased  
70.25 reimbursements to critical access dental providers as approved by the commissioner.

70.26 (b) For dental services rendered on or after July 1, 2016, through December 31, 2022,  
70.27 by a dental clinic or dental group that meets the critical access dental provider designation  
70.28 under paragraph (d), clause (4), and is owned and operated by a health maintenance  
70.29 organization licensed under chapter 62D, the commissioner shall increase reimbursement  
70.30 by 35 percent above the reimbursement rate that would otherwise be paid to the critical  
70.31 access provider.

70.32 (c) Critical access dental payments made under paragraph (a) or (b) for dental services  
70.33 provided by a critical access dental provider to an enrollee of a managed care plan or  
70.34 county-based purchasing plan must not reflect any capitated payments or cost-based payments

- 71.1 from the managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan. The managed care plan or  
71.2 county-based purchasing plan must base the additional critical access dental payment on  
71.3 the amount that would have been paid for that service had the dental provider been paid  
71.4 according to the managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan's fee schedule that  
71.5 applies to dental providers that are not paid under a capitated payment or cost-based payment.
- 71.6 (d) The commissioner shall designate the following dentists and dental clinics as critical  
71.7 access dental providers:
- 71.8 (1) nonprofit community clinics that:
- 71.9 (i) have nonprofit status in accordance with chapter 317A;
- 71.10 (ii) have tax exempt status in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, section  
71.11 501(c)(3);
- 71.12 (iii) are established to provide oral health services to patients who are low income,  
71.13 uninsured, have special needs, and are underserved;
- 71.14 (iv) have professional staff familiar with the cultural background of the clinic's patients;
- 71.15 (v) charge for services on a sliding fee scale designed to provide assistance to low-income  
71.16 patients based on current poverty income guidelines and family size;
- 71.17 (vi) do not restrict access or services because of a patient's financial limitations or public  
71.18 assistance status; and
- 71.19 (vii) have free care available as needed;
- 71.20 (2) federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and public health clinics;
- 71.21 (3) hospital-based dental clinics owned and operated by a city, county, or former state  
71.22 hospital as defined in section 62Q.19, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (4);
- 71.23 (4) a dental clinic or dental group owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation in  
71.24 accordance with chapter 317A with more than 10,000 patient encounters per year with  
71.25 patients who are uninsured or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;
- 71.26 (5) a dental clinic owned and operated by the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota  
71.27 State Colleges and Universities system; and
- 71.28 (6) private practicing dentists if:
- 71.29 (i) the dentist's office is located within the seven-county metropolitan area and more  
71.30 than 50 percent of the dentist's patient encounters per year are with patients who are uninsured  
71.31 or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare; or
- 72.1 (ii) the dentist's office is located outside the seven-county metropolitan area and more  
72.2 than 25 percent of the dentist's patient encounters per year are with patients who are uninsured  
72.3 or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare.

72.4 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.79, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

72.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
72.6 the meanings given them.

72.7 (b) "Adverse outcomes" means maternal opiate addiction, other reportable prenatal  
72.8 substance abuse, low birth weight, or preterm birth.

72.9 (c) "Qualified integrated perinatal care collaborative" or "collaborative" means a  
72.10 combination of (1) members of community-based organizations that represent communities  
72.11 within the identified targeted populations, and (2) local or tribally based service entities,  
72.12 including health care, public health, social services, mental health, chemical dependency  
72.13 treatment, and community-based providers, determined by the commissioner to meet the  
72.14 criteria for the provision of integrated care and enhanced services for enrollees within  
72.15 targeted populations.

72.16 (d) "Targeted populations" means pregnant medical assistance enrollees residing in  
72.17 ~~geographic areas~~ communities identified by the commissioner as being at above-average  
72.18 risk for adverse outcomes.

72.19 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.79, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

72.20 Subd. 3. **Grant awards.** The commissioner shall award grants to qualifying applicants  
72.21 to support interdisciplinary, integrated perinatal care. Grant funds must be distributed through  
72.22 a request for proposals process to a designated lead agency within an entity that has been  
72.23 determined to be a qualified integrated perinatal care collaborative or within an entity in  
72.24 the process of meeting the qualifications to become a qualified integrated perinatal care  
72.25 collaborative, and priority shall be given to qualified integrated perinatal care collaboratives  
72.26 that received grants under this section prior to January 1, 2019. Grant awards must be used  
72.27 to support interdisciplinary, team-based needs assessments, planning, and implementation  
72.28 of integrated care and enhanced services for targeted populations. In determining grant  
72.29 award amounts, the commissioner shall consider the identified health and social risks linked  
72.30 to adverse outcomes and attributed to enrollees within the identified targeted population.

53.8 Sec. 43. **[256B.795] MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH REPORT.**

53.9 (a) The commissioner of human services, in consultation with the commissioner of  
53.10 health, shall submit a biennial report beginning April 15, 2022, to the chairs and ranking  
53.11 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health policy and  
53.12 finance on the effectiveness of state maternal and infant health policies and programs  
53.13 addressing health disparities in prenatal and postpartum health outcomes. For each reporting  
53.14 period, the commissioner shall determine the number of women enrolled in the medical  
53.15 assistance program who are pregnant or are in the six months postpartum period of eligibility  
53.16 and the percentage of women in that group who, during each reporting period:

73.1 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

73.2 Subd. 5. **Income.** "Income" has the meaning given for modified adjusted gross income,  
 73.3 as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-1, and means a household's  
 73.4 ~~current income, or if income fluctuates month to month, the income for the 12-month~~  
 73.5 ~~eligibility period~~ projected annual income for the applicable tax year.

73.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

73.7 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

73.8 Subd. 5. **Cost-sharing.** (a) Co-payments, coinsurance, and deductibles do not apply to  
 73.9 children under the age of 21 ~~and~~, to American Indians as defined in Code of Federal  
 73.10 Regulations, title 42, section 600.5, or to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and postexposure  
 73.11 prophylaxis (PEP) medications when used for the prevention or treatment of the human  
 73.12 immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

73.13 (b) The commissioner shall adjust co-payments, coinsurance, and deductibles for covered  
 73.14 services in a manner sufficient to maintain the actuarial value of the benefit to 94 percent.  
 73.15 The cost-sharing changes described in this paragraph do not apply to eligible recipients or  
 73.16 services exempt from cost-sharing under state law. The cost-sharing changes described in  
 73.17 this paragraph shall not be implemented prior to January 1, 2016.

53.17 (1) received prenatal services;

53.18 (2) received doula services;

53.19 (3) gave birth by primary cesarean section;

53.20 (4) gave birth to an infant who received care in the neonatal intensive care unit;

53.21 (5) gave birth to an infant who was premature or who had a low birth weight;

53.22 (6) experienced excessive blood loss of more than 500 cc of blood;

53.23 (7) received postpartum care within six weeks of giving birth; and

53.24 (8) received a prenatal and postpartum follow-up home visit from a public health nurse.

53.25 (b) These measurements must be determined through an analysis of the utilization data  
 53.26 from claims submitted during each reporting period and by any other appropriate means,  
 53.27 including the use of utilization data under section 62U.04. The measurements for each metric  
 53.28 must be determined in the aggregate and separately for white women, women of color, and  
 53.29 indigenous women.

53.30 (c) The commissioner shall establish a baseline for the metrics described in paragraph  
 53.31 (a) using calendar year 2017. The initial report due April 15, 2022 must contain the baseline  
 54.1 metrics and the metrics data for calendar years 2019 and 2021. The following reports due  
 54.2 biennially thereafter must contain the metrics for the preceding two calendar years.

54.3 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

54.4 Subd. 5. **Income.** "Income" has the meaning given for modified adjusted gross income,  
 54.5 as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-1, and means a household's  
 54.6 ~~current income, or if income fluctuates month to month, the income for the 12-month~~  
 54.7 ~~eligibility period~~ projected annual income for the applicable tax year.

54.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

73.18 (c) The cost-sharing changes authorized under paragraph (b) must satisfy the requirements  
 73.19 for cost-sharing under the Basic Health Program as set forth in Code of Federal Regulations,  
 73.20 title 42, sections 600.510 and 600.520.

73.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, subject to federal  
 73.22 approval. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when  
 73.23 federal approval is obtained.

73.24 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.04, subdivision 7b, is amended to read:

73.25 Subd. 7b. **Annual income limits adjustment.** The commissioner shall adjust the income  
 73.26 limits under this section annually ~~each July 1~~ on January 1 as described in section 256B.056,  
 73.27 ~~subdivision 1e~~ provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-1(h).

73.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

73.29 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.05, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

73.30 Subd. 3a. **Redetermination of eligibility.** (a) An enrollee's eligibility must be  
 73.31 redetermined on an annual basis, ~~in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42,~~  
 74.1 ~~section 435.916 (a). The 12-month eligibility period begins the month of application.~~  
 74.2 ~~Beginning July 1, 2017, the commissioner shall adjust the eligibility period for enrollees to~~  
 74.3 ~~implement renewals throughout the year according to guidance from the Centers for Medicare~~  
 74.4 ~~and Medicaid Services. The period of eligibility is the entire calendar year following the~~  
 74.5 ~~year in which eligibility is redetermined. Eligibility redeterminations shall occur during the~~  
 74.6 ~~open enrollment period for qualified health plans as specified in Code of Federal Regulations,~~  
 74.7 ~~title 45, section 155.410(e)(3).~~

74.8 (b) Each new period of eligibility must take into account any changes in circumstances  
 74.9 that impact eligibility and premium amount. Coverage begins as provided in section 256L.06.

74.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

74.11 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

74.12 Subd. 2. **Must not have access to employer-subsidized minimum essential**  
 74.13 **coverage.** (a) To be eligible, a family or individual must not have access to subsidized health  
 74.14 coverage that is affordable and provides minimum value as defined in Code of Federal  
 74.15 Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-2.

74.16 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an individual who has access through a spouse's or  
 74.17 parent's employer to subsidized health coverage that is deemed minimum essential coverage  
 74.18 under Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-2, is eligible for MinnesotaCare  
 74.19 if the employee's portion of the annual premium for employee and dependent coverage  
 74.20 exceeds the required contribution percentage, as defined for premium tax credit eligibility  
 74.21 under United States Code, title 26, section 36B(c)(2)(C)(i)(II), as indexed according to item  
 74.22 (iv) of that section, of the individual's household income for the coverage year.

54.9 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.04, subdivision 7b, is amended to read:

54.10 Subd. 7b. **Annual income limits adjustment.** The commissioner shall adjust the income  
 54.11 limits under this section annually ~~each July 1~~ on January 1 as described in section 256B.056,  
 54.12 ~~subdivision 1e~~ provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-1(h).

54.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

54.14 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.05, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

54.15 Subd. 3a. **Redetermination of eligibility.** (a) An enrollee's eligibility must be  
 54.16 redetermined on an annual basis, ~~in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42,~~  
 54.17 ~~section 435.916 (a). The 12-month eligibility period begins the month of application.~~  
 54.18 ~~Beginning July 1, 2017, the commissioner shall adjust the eligibility period for enrollees to~~  
 54.19 ~~implement renewals throughout the year according to guidance from the Centers for Medicare~~  
 54.20 ~~and Medicaid Services. The period of eligibility is the entire calendar year following the~~  
 54.21 ~~year in which eligibility is redetermined. Eligibility redeterminations shall occur during the~~  
 54.22 ~~open enrollment period for qualified health plans as specified in Code of Federal Regulations,~~  
 54.23 ~~title 45, section 155.410(e)(3).~~

54.24 (b) Each new period of eligibility must take into account any changes in circumstances  
 54.25 that impact eligibility and premium amount. Coverage begins as provided in section 256L.06.

54.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

74.23 (c) This subdivision does not apply to a family or individual who no longer has  
 74.24 employer-subsidized coverage due to the employer terminating health care coverage as an  
 74.25 employee benefit.

74.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

74.27 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.11, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

74.28 Subd. 6a. **Dental providers.** Effective for dental services provided to MinnesotaCare  
 74.29 enrollees on or after January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2022, the commissioner shall  
 74.30 increase payment rates to dental providers by 54 percent. Payments made to prepaid health  
 74.31 plans under section 256L.12 shall reflect the payment increase described in this subdivision.  
 74.32 The prepaid health plans under contract with the commissioner shall provide payments to  
 75.1 dental providers that are at least equal to a rate that includes the payment rate specified in  
 75.2 this subdivision, and if applicable to the provider, the rates described under subdivision 7.

75.3 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.11, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

75.4 Subd. 7. **Critical access dental providers.** Effective for dental services provided to  
 75.5 MinnesotaCare enrollees on or after July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2022, the  
 75.6 commissioner shall increase payment rates to dentists and dental clinics deemed by the  
 75.7 commissioner to be critical access providers under section 256B.76, subdivision 4, by 20  
 75.8 percent above the payment rate that would otherwise be paid to the provider. The  
 75.9 commissioner shall pay the prepaid health plans under contract with the commissioner  
 75.10 amounts sufficient to reflect this rate increase. The prepaid health plan must pass this rate  
 75.11 increase to providers who have been identified by the commissioner as critical access dental  
 75.12 providers under section 256B.76, subdivision 4.

75.13 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

75.14 Subd. 2. **Sliding fee scale; monthly individual or family income.** (a) The commissioner  
 75.15 shall establish a sliding fee scale to determine the percentage of monthly individual or family  
 75.16 income that households at different income levels must pay to obtain coverage through the  
 75.17 MinnesotaCare program. The sliding fee scale must be based on the enrollee's monthly  
 75.18 individual or family income.

75.19 (b) Beginning January 1, 2014, MinnesotaCare enrollees shall pay premiums according  
 75.20 to the premium scale specified in paragraph (d).

75.21 (c) Paragraph (b) does not apply to:

75.22 (1) children 20 years of age or younger; and

75.23 (2) individuals with household incomes below 35 percent of the federal poverty  
 75.24 guidelines.

75.25 (d) The following premium scale is established for each individual in the household who  
 75.26 is 21 years of age or older and enrolled in MinnesotaCare:

54.27 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

54.28 Subd. 2. **Sliding fee scale; monthly individual or family income.** (a) The commissioner  
 54.29 shall establish a sliding fee scale to determine the percentage of monthly individual or family  
 54.30 income that households at different income levels must pay to obtain coverage through the  
 55.1 MinnesotaCare program. The sliding fee scale must be based on the enrollee's monthly  
 55.2 individual or family income.

55.3 (b) Beginning January 1, 2014, MinnesotaCare enrollees shall pay premiums according  
 55.4 to the premium scale specified in paragraph (d).

55.5 (c) Paragraph (b) does not apply to:

55.6 (1) children 20 years of age or younger; and

55.7 (2) individuals with household incomes below 35 percent of the federal poverty  
 55.8 guidelines.

55.9 (d) The following premium scale is established for each individual in the household who  
 55.10 is 21 years of age or older and enrolled in MinnesotaCare:

	Federal Poverty Guideline	Less than	Individual Premium
	Greater than or Equal to		Amount
75.27			
75.28			
75.29	35%	55%	\$4
75.30	55%	80%	\$6
75.31	80%	90%	\$8
75.32	90%	100%	\$10
76.1	100%	110%	\$12
76.2	110%	120%	\$14
76.3	120%	130%	\$15
76.4	130%	140%	\$16
76.5	140%	150%	\$25
76.6	150%	160%	\$37
76.7	160%	170%	\$44
76.8	170%	180%	\$52
76.9	180%	190%	\$61
76.10	190%	200%	\$71
76.11	200%		\$80

76.12 (e) Retroactive to January 1, 2021, the commissioner shall adjust the premium schedule  
 76.13 under paragraph (d) to ensure that MinnesotaCare premiums do not exceed the amount that  
 76.14 an individual would have been required to pay if the individual was enrolled in an applicable  
 76.15 benchmark plan in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section  
 76.16 600.505(a)(1).

76.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

	Federal Poverty Guideline	Less than	Individual Premium
	Greater than or Equal to		Amount
55.11			
55.12			
55.13	35%	55%	\$4
55.14	55%	80%	\$6
55.15	80%	90%	\$8
55.16	90%	100%	\$10
55.17	100%	110%	\$12
55.18	110%	120%	\$14
55.19	120%	130%	\$15
55.20	130%	140%	\$16
55.21	140%	150%	\$25
55.22	150%	160%	\$37
55.23	160%	170%	\$44
55.24	170%	180%	\$52
55.25	180%	190%	\$61
55.26	190%	200%	\$71
55.27	200%		\$80

55.28 (e) Beginning January 1, 2021, the commissioner shall adjust the premium scale  
 55.29 established under paragraph (d) to ensure that premiums do not exceed the amount that an  
 55.30 individual would have been required to pay if the individual was enrolled in an applicable  
 55.31 benchmark plan in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section  
 55.32 600.505(a)(1).

55.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2021 and  
 55.34 applies to premiums due on or after that date.

56.1 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256L.15, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 56.2 to read:

56.3 Subd. 5. Tobacco use premium surcharge. (a) An enrollee who uses tobacco products  
 56.4 as defined in paragraph (e) and is not actively participating in a tobacco cessation program  
 56.5 must pay a tobacco premium surcharge in an amount that is equal to ten percent of the

76.18 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 295.53, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.19 Subdivision 1. **Exclusions and exemptions.** (a) The following payments are excluded

76.20 from the gross revenues subject to the hospital, surgical center, or health care provider taxes

76.21 under sections 295.50 to 295.59:

76.22 (1) payments received by a health care provider or the wholly owned subsidiary of a

76.23 health care provider for care provided outside Minnesota;

76.24 (2) government payments received by the commissioner of human services for

76.25 state-operated services;

56.6 enrollee's monthly premium. The tobacco use premium surcharge must be calculated on a

56.7 monthly basis and paid in accordance with section 256L.06, rounded up to the nearest dollar

56.8 amount. Nonpayment of the surcharge may result in disenrollment.

56.9 (b) Enrollees who initially apply or renew enrollment in the MinnesotaCare program on

56.10 or after July 1, 2021, must attest as part of the application or renewal process whether the

56.11 enrollee is using tobacco products and if so, whether the enrollee is actively participating

56.12 in a tobacco cessation program. Upon request of the commissioner, the enrollee must provide

56.13 documentation verifying that the enrollee is actively participating in tobacco cessation.

56.14 (c) If an enrollee indicates on the initial application or at renewal that the enrollee does

56.15 not use tobacco or is using tobacco products but is actively participating in a tobacco

56.16 cessation program, and it is determined that the enrollee was using tobacco products and

56.17 was not actively participating in a tobacco cessation program during the period of enrollment,

56.18 the enrollee must pay the total amount of the tobacco use premium surcharge that the enrollee

56.19 would have been required to pay as a tobacco user during that enrollment period. If the

56.20 enrollee fails to pay the surcharge amount due, the enrollee may be disenrolled and the

56.21 unpaid amount may be subject to recovery by the commissioner.

56.22 (d) Nonpayment of the surcharge amount owed by the enrollee under paragraph (a) or

56.23 (c) shall result in disenrollment effective for the calendar month following the month for

56.24 which the surcharge was due. Disenrollment for nonpayment of the surcharge must meet

56.25 the requirements in section 256L.06, subdivision 3, paragraphs (d) and (e).

56.26 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, the use of tobacco products means the use of a

56.27 tobacco product four or more times per week within the past six months. Tobacco products

56.28 include the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, or snuff. Tobacco

56.29 products do not include the use of tobacco by an American Indian who meets the

56.30 requirements in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, sections 447.51 and 447.56, as part

56.31 of a traditional Native American spiritual or cultural ceremony.

56.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2023, or upon federal approval,

56.33 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes

56.34 when federal approval is obtained.

57.1 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 295.53, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

57.2 Subdivision 1. **Exclusions and exemptions.** (a) The following payments are excluded

57.3 from the gross revenues subject to the hospital, surgical center, or health care provider taxes

57.4 under sections 295.50 to 295.59:

57.5 (1) payments received by a health care provider or the wholly owned subsidiary of a

57.6 health care provider for care provided outside Minnesota;

57.7 (2) government payments received by the commissioner of human services for

57.8 state-operated services;

76.26 (3) payments received by a health care provider for hearing aids and related equipment  
 76.27 or prescription eyewear delivered outside of Minnesota; and

76.28 (4) payments received by an educational institution from student tuition, student activity  
 76.29 fees, health care service fees, government appropriations, donations, or grants, and for  
 76.30 services identified in and provided under an individualized education program as defined  
 76.31 in section 256B.0625 or Code of Federal Regulations, chapter 34, section 300.340(a). Fee  
 76.32 for service payments and payments for extended coverage are taxable.

77.1 (b) The following payments are exempted from the gross revenues subject to hospital,  
 77.2 surgical center, or health care provider taxes under sections 295.50 to 295.59:

77.3 (1) payments received for services provided under the Medicare program, including  
 77.4 payments received from the government and organizations governed by sections 1833,  
 77.5 1853, and 1876 of title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act, United States Code, title  
 77.6 42, section 1395; and enrollee deductibles, co-insurance, and co-payments, whether paid  
 77.7 by the Medicare enrollee, by Medicare supplemental coverage as described in section  
 77.8 62A.011, subdivision 3, clause (10), or by Medicaid payments under title XIX of the federal  
 77.9 Social Security Act. Payments for services not covered by Medicare are taxable;

77.10 (2) payments received for home health care services;

77.11 (3) payments received from hospitals or surgical centers for goods and services on which  
 77.12 liability for tax is imposed under section 295.52 or the source of funds for the payment is  
 77.13 exempt under clause (1), (6), (9), (10), or (11);

77.14 (4) payments received from the health care providers for goods and services on which  
 77.15 liability for tax is imposed under this chapter or the source of funds for the payment is  
 77.16 exempt under clause (1), (6), (9), (10), or (11);

77.17 (5) amounts paid for legend drugs to a wholesale drug distributor who is subject to tax  
 77.18 under section 295.52, subdivision 3, reduced by reimbursement received for legend drugs  
 77.19 otherwise exempt under this chapter;

77.20 (6) payments received from the chemical dependency fund under chapter 254B;

77.21 (7) payments received in the nature of charitable donations that are not designated for  
 77.22 providing patient services to a specific individual or group;

77.23 (8) payments received for providing patient services incurred through a formal program  
 77.24 of health care research conducted in conformity with federal regulations governing research  
 77.25 on human subjects. Payments received from patients or from other persons paying on behalf  
 77.26 of the patients are subject to tax;

77.27 (9) payments received from any governmental agency for services benefiting the public,  
 77.28 not including payments made by the government in its capacity as an employer or insurer  
 77.29 or payments made by the government for services provided under the MinnesotaCare

57.9 (3) payments received by a health care provider for hearing aids and related equipment  
 57.10 or prescription eyewear delivered outside of Minnesota; and

57.11 (4) payments received by an educational institution from student tuition, student activity  
 57.12 fees, health care service fees, government appropriations, donations, or grants, and for  
 57.13 services identified in and provided under an individualized education program as defined  
 57.14 in section 256B.0625 or Code of Federal Regulations, chapter 34, section 300.340(a). Fee  
 57.15 for service payments and payments for extended coverage are taxable.

57.16 (b) The following payments are exempted from the gross revenues subject to hospital,  
 57.17 surgical center, or health care provider taxes under sections 295.50 to 295.59:

57.18 (1) payments received for services provided under the Medicare program, including  
 57.19 payments received from the government and organizations governed by sections 1833,  
 57.20 1853, and 1876 of title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act, United States Code, title  
 57.21 42, section 1395; and enrollee deductibles, co-insurance, and co-payments, whether paid  
 57.22 by the Medicare enrollee, by Medicare supplemental coverage as described in section  
 57.23 62A.011, subdivision 3, clause (10), or by Medicaid payments under title XIX of the federal  
 57.24 Social Security Act. Payments for services not covered by Medicare are taxable;

57.25 (2) payments received for home health care services;

57.26 (3) payments received from hospitals or surgical centers for goods and services on which  
 57.27 liability for tax is imposed under section 295.52 or the source of funds for the payment is  
 57.28 exempt under clause (1), (6), (9), (10), or (11);

57.29 (4) payments received from the health care providers for goods and services on which  
 57.30 liability for tax is imposed under this chapter or the source of funds for the payment is  
 57.31 exempt under clause (1), (6), (9), (10), or (11);

58.1 (5) amounts paid for legend drugs to a wholesale drug distributor who is subject to tax  
 58.2 under section 295.52, subdivision 3, reduced by reimbursement received for legend drugs  
 58.3 otherwise exempt under this chapter;

58.4 (6) payments received from the chemical dependency fund under chapter 254B;

58.5 (7) payments received in the nature of charitable donations that are not designated for  
 58.6 providing patient services to a specific individual or group;

58.7 (8) payments received for providing patient services incurred through a formal program  
 58.8 of health care research conducted in conformity with federal regulations governing research  
 58.9 on human subjects. Payments received from patients or from other persons paying on behalf  
 58.10 of the patients are subject to tax;

58.11 (9) payments received from any governmental agency for services benefiting the public,  
 58.12 not including payments made by the government in its capacity as an employer or insurer  
 58.13 or payments made by the government for services provided under the MinnesotaCare

77.30 program or the medical assistance program governed by title XIX of the federal Social  
 77.31 Security Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 1396 to 1396v;

78.1 (10) payments received under the federal Employees Health Benefits Act, United States  
 78.2 Code, title 5, section 8909(f), as amended by the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1990.  
 78.3 Enrollee deductibles, co-insurance, and co-payments are subject to tax;

78.4 (11) payments received under the federal Tricare program, Code of Federal Regulations,  
 78.5 title 32, section 199.17(a)(7). Enrollee deductibles, co-insurance, and co-payments are  
 78.6 subject to tax; and

78.7 (12) supplemental ~~or~~, enhanced, or uniform adjustment factor payments authorized under  
 78.8 section 256B.196 ~~or~~ 256B.197, or 256B.1973.

78.9 (c) Payments received by wholesale drug distributors for legend drugs sold directly to  
 78.10 veterinarians or veterinary bulk purchasing organizations are excluded from the gross  
 78.11 revenues subject to the wholesale drug distributor tax under sections 295.50 to 295.59.

78.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December  
 78.13 31, 2021.

78.14 Sec. 61. **COURT RULING ON AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.**

78.15 In the event the United States Supreme Court reverses, in whole or in part, Public Law  
 78.16 111-148, as amended by Public Law 111-152, the commissioner of human services shall  
 78.17 take all actions necessary to maintain the current policies of the medical assistance and  
 78.18 MinnesotaCare programs, including but not limited to pursuing federal funds, or if federal  
 78.19 funding is not available, operating programs with state funding for at least one year following  
 78.20 the date of the Supreme Court decision or until the conclusion of the next regular legislative  
 78.21 session, whichever is later. Nothing in this section prohibits the commissioner from making  
 78.22 changes necessary to comply with federal or state requirements for the medical assistance  
 78.23 or MinnesotaCare programs that were not affected by the Supreme Court decision.

78.24 Sec. 62. **DELIVERY REFORM ANALYSIS REPORT.**

78.25 (a) The commissioner of human services shall present to the chairs and ranking minority  
 78.26 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care policy and finance,  
 78.27 by January 15, 2023, a report comparing service delivery and payment system models for  
 78.28 delivering services to Medical Assistance enrollees for whom income eligibility is determined  
 78.29 using the modified adjusted gross income methodology under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 78.30 256B.056, subdivision 1a, paragraph (b), clause (1), and MinnesotaCare enrollees eligible  
 78.31 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L. The report must compare the current delivery  
 78.32 model with at least two alternative models. The alternative models must include a state-based  
 79.1 model in which the state holds the plan risk as the insurer and may contract with a third-party  
 79.2 administrator for claims processing and plan administration. The alternative models may  
 79.3 include but are not limited to:

58.14 program or the medical assistance program governed by title XIX of the federal Social  
 58.15 Security Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 1396 to 1396v;

58.16 (10) payments received under the federal Employees Health Benefits Act, United States  
 58.17 Code, title 5, section 8909(f), as amended by the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1990.  
 58.18 Enrollee deductibles, co-insurance, and co-payments are subject to tax;

58.19 (11) payments received under the federal Tricare program, Code of Federal Regulations,  
 58.20 title 32, section 199.17(a)(7). Enrollee deductibles, co-insurance, and co-payments are  
 58.21 subject to tax; and

58.22 (12) supplemental ~~or~~, enhanced, or directed payments authorized under section 256B.196  
 58.23 ~~or~~ 256B.197, or 256B.1973.

58.24 (c) Payments received by wholesale drug distributors for legend drugs sold directly to  
 58.25 veterinarians or veterinary bulk purchasing organizations are excluded from the gross  
 58.26 revenues subject to the wholesale drug distributor tax under sections 295.50 to 295.59.

58.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December  
 58.28 31, 2020.

79.4 (1) expanding the use of integrated health partnerships under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 79.5 256B.0755;

79.6 (2) delivering care under fee-for-service through a primary care case management system;  
 79.7 and

79.8 (3) continuing to contract with managed care and county-based purchasing plans for  
 79.9 some or all enrollees under modified contracts.

79.10 (b) The report must include:

79.11 (1) a description of how each model would address:

79.12 (i) racial and other inequities in the delivery of health care and health care outcomes;

79.13 (ii) geographic inequities in the delivery of health care;

79.14 (iii) the provision of incentives for preventive care and other best practices;

79.15 (iv) reimbursing providers for high-quality, value-based care at levels sufficient to sustain  
 79.16 or increase enrollee access to care; and

79.17 (v) transparency and simplicity for enrollees, health care providers, and policymakers;

79.18 (2) a comparison of the projected cost of each model; and

79.19 (3) an implementation timeline for each model, that includes the earliest date by which  
 79.20 each model could be implemented if authorized during the 2023 legislative session, and a  
 79.21 discussion of barriers to implementation.

79.22 **Sec. 63. DENTAL HOME DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

79.23 (a) The Dental Services Advisory Committee, in collaboration with stakeholders, shall  
 79.24 design a dental home demonstration project and present recommendations by February 1,  
 79.25 2022, to the commissioner and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
 79.26 committees with jurisdiction over health finance and policy.

79.27 (b) The Dental Services Advisory Committee, at a minimum, shall engage with the  
 79.28 following stakeholders: the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Dental  
 79.29 Association, the Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association, the University of Minnesota  
 79.30 School of Dentistry, dental programs operated by the Minnesota State Colleges and  
 80.1 Universities system, and representatives of each of the following dental provider types  
 80.2 serving medical assistance and MinnesotaCare enrollees:

80.3 (1) private practice dental clinics for which medical assistance and MinnesotaCare  
 80.4 enrollees comprise more than 25 percent of the clinic's patient load;

59.7 **Sec. 51. DENTAL HOME DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PLAN.**

59.8 (a) The commissioner of human services shall develop a plan to implement a dental  
 59.9 home demonstration project. The demonstration project must create dental homes to provide  
 59.10 incentives to dental providers for the provision of patient-centered, high quality,  
 59.11 comprehensive, and coordinated dental care to medical assistance and MinnesotaCare  
 59.12 enrollees. The demonstration project must be designed to establish and evaluate alternative  
 59.13 models of delivery systems and payment methods that:

59.14 (1) emphasize, enhance, and encourage access to primary dental care by using dental  
 59.15 teams that include dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, advanced dental therapists,  
 59.16 and dental assistants;

59.17 (2) ensure enrollees with a consistent and ongoing contact with a dental provider or  
 59.18 dental team and coordination with the enrollee's medical care;

80.5 (2) private practice dental clinics for which medical assistance and MinnesotaCare  
80.6 enrollees comprise 25 percent or less of the clinic's patient load;

80.7 (3) nonprofit dental clinics with a primary focus on serving Indigenous communities  
80.8 and other communities of color;

80.9 (4) nonprofit dental clinics with a primary focus on providing eldercare;

80.10 (5) nonprofit dental clinics with a primary focus on serving children;

80.11 (6) nonprofit dental clinics providing services within the seven-county metropolitan  
80.12 area;

80.13 (7) nonprofit dental clinics providing services outside of the seven-county metropolitan  
80.14 area; and

80.15 (8) multispecialty hospital-based dental clinics.

80.16 (c) The dental home demonstration project shall give incentives for qualified providers  
80.17 that provide high-quality, patient-centered, comprehensive, and coordinated oral health  
80.18 services. The demonstration project shall seek to increase the number of new dental providers  
80.19 servicing medical assistance and MinnesotaCare enrollees and increase the capacity of existing  
80.20 providers. The demonstration project must test payment methods that establish value-based  
80.21 incentives to:

80.22 (1) increase the extent to which current dental providers serve medical assistance and  
80.23 MinnesotaCare enrollees across their lifespan;

80.24 (2) develop service models that create equity and reduce disparities in access to dental  
80.25 services for high-risk and medically and socially complex enrollees;

80.26 (3) advance alternative delivery models of care within community settings using  
80.27 evidence-based approaches and innovative workforce teams; and

80.28 (4) improve the quality of dental care by meeting dental home goals.

59.19 (3) decrease administrative burdens and create greater transparency and accountability;

59.20 (4) incorporate outcome measures on access, quality, cost of care and patient experience;  
59.21 and

59.22 (5) establish value-based incentives to:

59.23 (i) provide flexibility in enrollment criteria in order to increase the number of dental  
59.24 providers currently serving medical assistance and MinnesotaCare enrollees;

59.25 (ii) reduce disparities in access to dental services for high risk and medically and socially  
59.26 complex patients; and

59.27 (iii) increase overall access to quality dental services.

59.28 (b) The commissioner shall develop outcome measures for the demonstration projects  
59.29 that include measurements for access to preventive care, follow-up care after an oral health  
59.30 evaluation, patient satisfaction, and administrative costs for delivering dental services.

60.1 (c) In developing the dental home demonstration project, the commissioner shall consult  
60.2 with interested stakeholders including but not limited to representatives of:

60.3 (1) private practice dental clinics for which medical assistance and MinnesotaCare  
60.4 enrollees comprise more than 25 percent of the clinic's patient load;

60.5 (2) nonprofit dental clinics with a primary focus on serving Indigenous communities  
60.6 and other communities of color;

60.7 (3) nonprofit dental clinics with a primary focus on providing eldercare;

60.8 (4) nonprofit dental clinics with a primary focus on serving children;

60.9 (5) nonprofit dental clinics providing services in the seven-county metropolitan area;

60.10 (6) nonprofit dental clinics providing services outside of the seven-county metropolitan  
60.11 area;

60.12 (7) multispecialty hospital-based dental clinics; and

60.13 (8) educational institutions operating dental programs.

60.14 (d) The commissioner of human services shall submit recommendations for the  
60.15 establishment of a dental home demonstration project to the chairs and ranking minority

- 60.16 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services  
 60.17 policy and finance by February 1, 2022.  
 60.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

81.1 Sec. 64. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; INCOME AND ASSET EXCLUSION**  
 81.2 **FOR ST. PAUL GUARANTEED INCOME DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

81.3 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this  
 81.4 subdivision have the meanings given.

81.5 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services unless specified  
 81.6 otherwise.

81.7 (c) "Guaranteed income demonstration project" means a demonstration project in St.  
 81.8 Paul to evaluate how unconditional cash payments have a causal effect on income volatility,  
 81.9 financial well-being, and early childhood development in infants and toddlers.

81.10 Subd. 2. **Commissioner; income and asset exclusion.** (a) During the duration of the  
 81.11 guaranteed income demonstration project, the commissioner shall not count payments made  
 81.12 to families by the guaranteed income demonstration project as income or assets for purposes  
 81.13 of determining or redetermining eligibility for the following programs:

81.14 (1) child care assistance programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B; and

81.15 (2) the Minnesota family investment program, work benefit program, or diversionary  
 81.16 work program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J.

81.17 (b) During the duration of the guaranteed income demonstration project, the commissioner  
 81.18 shall not count payments made to families by the guaranteed income demonstration project  
 81.19 as income or assets for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility for the following  
 81.20 programs:

81.21 (1) medical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B; and

81.22 (2) MinnesotaCare under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L.

81.23 Subd. 3. **Report.** The city of St. Paul shall provide a report to the chairs and ranking  
 81.24 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy  
 81.25 and finance by February 15, 2023, with information on the progress and outcomes of the  
 81.26 guaranteed income demonstration project under this section.

81.27 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2023.

81.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021, except for subdivision 2,  
 81.29 paragraph (b), which is effective July 1, 2021, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

82.1 **Sec. 65. EXPANSION OF OUTPATIENT DRUG CARVE OUT; PRESCRIPTION**  
 82.2 **DRUG PURCHASING PROGRAM.**

82.3 The commissioner of human services, in consultation with the commissioners of  
 82.4 commerce and health, shall assess the feasibility of, and develop recommendations for: (1)  
 82.5 expanding the outpatient prescription drug carve out under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 82.6 256B.69, subdivision 6d, to include MinnesotaCare enrollees; and (2) establishing a  
 82.7 prescription drug purchasing program to serve nonpublic program enrollees of health plan  
 82.8 companies. The recommendations must address the process and terms by which the  
 82.9 commissioner would contract with health plan companies to administer prescription drug  
 82.10 benefits for the companies' enrollees and develop and manage a formulary. The commissioner  
 82.11 shall present recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
 82.12 committees with jurisdiction over commerce and health and human services policy and  
 82.13 finance by December 15, 2023.

82.14 **Sec. 66. FEDERAL APPROVAL; EXTENSION OF POSTPARTUM COVERAGE.**

82.15 The commissioner of human services shall seek all federal waivers and approvals  
 82.16 necessary to extend medical assistance postpartum coverage, as provided in Minnesota  
 82.17 Statutes, section 256B.055, subdivision 6.

82.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

82.19 **Sec. 67. PROPOSAL FOR A PUBLIC OPTION.**

82.20 (a) The commissioner of human services shall consult with the Centers for Medicare  
 82.21 and Medicaid Services, the Internal Revenue Service, and other relevant federal agencies  
 82.22 to develop a proposal for a public option program. The proposal may consider multiple  
 82.23 public option structures, at least one of which must be through expanded enrollment into  
 82.24 MinnesotaCare. Each option must:

58.29 **Sec. 50. CAPITATION PAYMENT DELAY.**

58.30 (a) The commissioner of human services shall delay \$93,742,000 of the medical assistance  
 58.31 capitation payment to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans due in May  
 59.1 2023 until July 1, 2023. The payment shall be made no earlier than July 1, 2023, and no  
 59.2 later than July 31, 2023.

59.3 (b) The commissioner of human services shall delay \$114,103,000 of the medical  
 59.4 assistance capitation payment to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans  
 59.5 due in May 2025 until July 1, 2025. The payment shall be made no earlier than July 1, 2025,  
 59.6 and no later than July 31, 2025

60.19 **Sec. 52. FEDERAL APPROVAL; EXTENSION OF POSTPARTUM COVERAGE.**

60.20 The commissioner of human services shall seek all necessary federal waivers and  
 60.21 approvals necessary to extend medical assistance postpartum coverage, as provided in  
 60.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.055, subdivision 6.

60.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- 82.25 (1) allow individuals with incomes above the maximum income eligibility limit under  
82.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 256L.04, subdivision 1 or 7, the option of purchasing coverage  
82.27 through the public option;
- 82.28 (2) allow undocumented noncitizens, and individuals with access to subsidized employer  
82.29 health coverage who are subject to the family glitch, the option of purchasing through the  
82.30 public option;
- 83.1 (3) establish a small employer public option that allows employers with 50 or fewer  
83.2 employees to offer the public option to the employer's employees and contribute to the  
83.3 employees' premiums;
- 83.4 (4) allow the state to:
- 83.5 (i) receive the maximum pass through of federal dollars that would otherwise be used  
83.6 to provide coverage for eligible public option enrollees if the enrollees were instead covered  
83.7 through qualified health plans with premium tax credits, emergency medical assistance, or  
83.8 other relevant programs; and
- 83.9 (ii) continue to receive basic health program payments for eligible MinnesotaCare  
83.10 enrollees; and
- 83.11 (5) be administered in coordination with the existing MinnesotaCare program to maximize  
83.12 efficiency and improve continuity of care, consistent with the requirements of Minnesota  
83.13 Statutes, sections 256L.06, 256L.10, and 256L.11.
- 83.14 (b) Each public option proposal must include:
- 83.15 (1) a premium scale for public option enrollees that at least meets the Affordable Care  
83.16 Act affordability standard for each income level;
- 83.17 (2) an analysis of the impact of the public option on MNsure enrollment and the consumer  
83.18 assistance program and, if necessary, a proposal to ensure that the public option has an  
83.19 adequate enrollment infrastructure and consumer assistance capacity;
- 83.20 (3) actuarial and financial analyses necessary to project program enrollment and costs;  
83.21 and
- 83.22 (4) an analysis of the cost of implementing the public option using current eligibility  
83.23 and enrollment technology systems, and at the option of the commissioner, an analysis of  
83.24 alternative eligibility and enrollment systems that may reduce initial and ongoing costs and  
83.25 improve functionality and accessibility.
- 83.26 (c) The commissioner shall incorporate into the design of the public option mechanisms  
83.27 to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of MinnesotaCare and mitigate any adverse  
83.28 financial impacts to MNsure. These mechanisms must minimize: (i) adverse selection; (ii)

83.29 state financial risk and expenditures; and (iii) potential impacts on premiums in the individual  
 83.30 and group insurance markets.

83.31 (d) The commissioner shall present the proposal to the chairs and ranking minority  
 83.32 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care policy and finance  
 84.1 by December 15, 2021. The proposal must include recommendations on any legislative  
 84.2 changes necessary to implement the public option. Any implementation of the proposal that  
 84.3 requires a state financial contribution must be contingent on legislative approval.

84.4 Sec. 68. **RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

84.5 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.057, subdivision 9, 256L.06,  
 84.6 subdivision 3, or any other provision to the contrary, the commissioner shall not collect any  
 84.7 unpaid premium for a coverage month that occurred during the COVID-19 public health  
 84.8 emergency declared by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

84.9 (b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, periodic data matching under  
 84.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0561, subdivision 2, may be suspended for up to six  
 84.11 months following the last day of the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the  
 84.12 United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

84.13 (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the requirement for the commissioner  
 84.14 of human services to issue an annual report on periodic data matching under Minnesota  
 84.15 Statutes, section 256B.0561, is suspended for one year following the last day of the  
 84.16 COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the United States Secretary of Health and  
 84.17 Human Services.

84.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment, except  
 84.19 paragraph (a) related to MinnesotaCare premiums is effective upon federal approval. The  
 84.20 commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is received.

60.24 Sec. 53. **OVERPAYMENTS FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT,**  
 60.25 **PROSTHETICS, ORTHOTICS, OR SUPPLIES.**

60.26 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, providers who received payment for  
 60.27 durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies between January 1, 2018, and  
 60.28 June 30, 2019, that were subject to the upper payment limits under United States Code, title  
 60.29 42, section 1396b(i)(27), shall not be required to repay any amount received in excess of  
 60.30 the allowable amount to either the state or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

61.1 (b) The state shall repay with state funds any amount owed to the Centers for Medicare  
 61.2 and Medicaid Services for the federal financial participation amount received by the state  
 61.3 for payments identified in paragraph (a) in excess of the amount allowed effective January  
 61.4 1, 2018, and the state shall hold harmless the providers who received these payments from

61.5 recovery of both the state and federal share of the amount determined to have exceeded the  
61.6 Medicare upper payment limit.

61.7 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the commissioner from recouping  
61.8 past overpayments due to false claims or for reasons other than exceeding the Medicare  
61.9 upper payment limits or from recouping future overpayments including the recoupment of  
61.10 payments that exceed the upper Medicare payment limits.

61.11 Sec. 54. **PROPOSED FORMULARY COMMITTEE.**

61.12 By March 1, 2022, the commissioner of human services, in consultation with relevant  
61.13 professional associations and consumer groups, shall submit to the chairs and ranking  
61.14 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human  
61.15 services a proposed reorganization of the Formulary Committee under Minnesota Statutes,  
61.16 section 256B.0625, subdivision 13c, that includes:

61.17 (1) the proposed membership of the committee, including adequate representation of  
61.18 consumers and health care professionals with expertise in clinical prescribing; and

61.19 (2) proposed policies and procedures for the operation of the committee that ensures  
61.20 public input, including providing public notice and gathering public comments on the  
61.21 committee's recommendations and proposed actions.

62.1 Sec. 56. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; DIRECTED PAYMENT**  
62.2 **APPLICATION.**

62.3 The commissioner of human services, in consultation with Hennepin Healthcare System,  
62.4 shall submit Section 438.6(c) Preprint to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
62.5 no later than July 31, 2021. The commissioner shall request from the Centers for Medicare  
62.6 and Medicaid Services an effective date of January 1, 2022.

62.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

62.24 Sec. 58. **DIRECTION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES;**  
62.25 **FUNDING FOR RECUPERATIVE CARE.**

62.26 The commissioner of human services shall develop a medical assistance reimbursable  
62.27 recuperative care service, not limited to a health home model, designed to serve individuals  
62.28 with chronic conditions, as defined in United States Code, title 42, section 1396w-4(h), who  
62.29 also lack a permanent place of residence at the time of discharge from an emergency  
62.30 department or hospital in order to prevent a return to the emergency department, readmittance  
62.31 to the hospital, or hospitalization. This section is contingent on the receipt of nonstate  
63.1 funding to the commissioner of human services for this purpose as permitted by Minnesota  
63.2 Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 25.

84.21 Sec. 69. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

84.22 The revisor of statutes must change the term "Health Services Policy Committee" to  
84.23 "Health Services Advisory Council" wherever the term appears in Minnesota Statutes and  
84.24 may make any necessary changes to grammar or sentence structure to preserve the meaning  
84.25 of the text.

84.26 Sec. 70. **REPEALER.**

84.27 (a) Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0275; 9505.1693; 9505.1696, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,  
84.28 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22; 9505.1699; 9505.1701; 9505.1703;  
84.29 9505.1706; 9505.1712; 9505.1715; 9505.1718; 9505.1724; 9505.1727; 9505.1730;  
84.30 9505.1733; 9505.1736; 9505.1739; 9505.1742; 9505.1745; and 9505.1748, are repealed.

85.1 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, subdivisions 18c, 18d, 18e, and 18h,  
85.2 are repealed.

85.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective July 1, 2021, and paragraph (b) is  
85.4 effective January 1, 2023.

63.11 Sec. 60. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

63.12 The revisor of statutes must change the term "Health Services Policy Committee" to  
63.13 "Health Services Advisory Council" wherever the term appears in Minnesota Statutes and  
63.14 may make any necessary changes to grammar or sentence structure to preserve the meaning  
63.15 of the text.

63.16 Sec. 61. **REPEALER.**

63.17 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16A.724, subdivision 2, is repealed effective July 1,  
63.18 2024.