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Overview

This bill directs the DHS health services policy committee, in consultation and collaboration with specified health practitioners, to evaluate and make recommendations on guidelines for nonpharmacologic pain management. The health services policy committee was established in law to advise the Commissioner of Human Services on the administration of health care benefits under MA and MinnesotaCare. The bill requires the commissioner to report recommendations to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance. The report may also include recommendations for a pilot program to direct patients to nonpharmacologic treatments.

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- 1** **Pain management guidelines.** (a) Directs the DHS health services policy committee to evaluate and make recommendations on guidelines for nonpharmacologic pain management. Specifies criteria for guidelines and requires health practitioners represented under paragraph (b) to present minimum best integrative practice guidelines that are within their professional scope.
- (b) Requires the health services policy committee, in evaluating and making recommendations on guidelines, to consult and collaborate with acupuncture practitioners, chiropractors, massage therapists, physical therapists, physicians, and psychologists and specifies related criteria.
- (c) Requires the commissioner to report preliminary recommendations on guidelines to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance

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by January 15, 2019, and final recommendations by August 1, 2019. States that the final report may also include recommendations for developing and implementing a pilot program to direct patients toward effective nonpharmacologic treatments and methods of managing musculoskeletal pain.