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H. F. No. 4484

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy
03/07/2024 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; modifying and extending the appropriation for the long-term
1.3 safety net insulin program; repealing the sunset for the long-term safety net insulin
1.4 program; amending Laws 2020, chapter 73, section 8; repealing Minnesota Statutes
1.5 2022, section 151.74, subdivision 16.

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

1.7 Section 1. Laws 2020, chapter 73, section 8, is amended to read:

1.8 Sec. 8. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.9 (a) \$297,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2020 from the health care access fund to the
1.10 Board of Directors of MNsure to train navigators to assist individuals and provide
1.11 compensation as required for the insulin safety net program under Minnesota Statutes,
1.12 section 151.74, subdivision 7. Of this appropriation, \$108,000 is for implementing the
1.13 training requirements for navigators and \$189,000 is for application assistance bonus
1.14 payments. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until ~~December 31, 2024~~ June
1.15 30, 2027.

1.16 (b) \$250,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2020 from the health care access fund to the
1.17 Board of Directors of MNsure for a public awareness campaign for the insulin safety net
1.18 program established under Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74. This is a onetime appropriation
1.19 and is available until December 31, 2024.

1.20 (c) \$76,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2021 from the health care access fund to the
1.21 Board of Pharmacy to implement Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74. The base for this
1.22 appropriation is \$76,000 in fiscal year 2022; \$76,000 in fiscal year 2023; \$76,000 in fiscal
1.23 year 2024; \$38,000 in fiscal year 2025; and \$0 in fiscal year 2026.

2.1 (d) \$136,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the health care access fund to the
2.2 commissioner of health to implement the survey to assess program satisfaction in Minnesota
2.3 Statutes, section 151.74, subdivision 12. The base for this appropriation is \$80,000 in fiscal
2.4 year 2022 and \$0 in fiscal year 2023. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.5 Sec. 2. **REPEALER; SUNSET FOR THE LONG-TERM SAFETY NET INSULIN**
2.6 **PROGRAM.**

2.7 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 151.74, subdivision 16, is repealed.

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

151.74 INSULIN SAFETY NET PROGRAM.

Subd. 16. **Legislative review; sunset.** (a) The legislature shall review the reports from the Board of Pharmacy under subdivision 13, paragraph (b); the program review by the legislative auditor under subdivision 14; and the report from the commissioner of health on the survey results under subdivision 15, paragraph (e); and any other relevant information related to the cost, access, and affordability of insulin, and make a determination on whether there is a need for the continued implementation of the long-term safety net program described in subdivisions 4 to 6 to ensure that Minnesota residents have access to affordable emergency and long-term insulin or whether the market has sufficiently changed to where the continuation of this program is no longer needed past December 31, 2024, or whether there are more appropriate options available to ensure access to affordable insulin for all Minnesota residents.

(b) Subdivisions 4 to 6, 8, and 9 expire December 31, 2024, unless the legislature affirmatively determines the need for the continuation of the long-term safety net program described in subdivisions 4 to 6.