

62U.10 HEALTH CARE TRANSFER, SAVINGS, AND REPAYMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Health care access fund transfer.** On June 30, 2009, the commissioner of finance shall transfer \$50,000,000 from the health care access fund to the general fund.

Subd. 2. **Projected spending baseline.** (a) By June 1, 2009, the commissioner of health shall calculate the annual projected total private and public health care spending for residents of this state and establish a health care spending baseline, beginning for calendar year 2008 and for the next ten years based on the annual projected growth in spending.

(b) In establishing the health care spending baseline, the commissioner shall use the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services forecast for total growth in national health care expenditures and adjust this forecast to reflect the demographics, health status, and other factors deemed necessary by the commissioner. The commissioner shall contract with an actuarial consultant to make recommendations for the adjustments needed to specifically reflect projected spending for residents of this state.

(c) The commissioner may adjust the projected baseline as necessary to reflect any updated federal projections or account for unanticipated changes in federal policy.

(d) Medicare and long-term care spending must not be included in the calculations required under this section.

Subd. 3. **Actual spending and savings determination.** By June 1, 2010, and each June 1 thereafter until June 1, 2020, the commissioner of health shall determine the actual total private and public health care spending for residents of this state for the calendar year two years before the current calendar year, based on data collected under chapter 62J, and shall determine the difference between the projected spending, as determined under subdivision 2, and the actual spending for that year. The actual spending must be certified by an independent actuarial consultant. If the actual spending is less than the projected spending, the commissioner shall determine, based on the proportion of spending for state-administered health care programs to total private and public health care spending for the calendar year two years before the current calendar year, the percentage of the calculated aggregate savings amount accruing to state-administered health care programs.

Subd. 4. **Repayment of transfer.** When accumulated savings accruing to state-administered health care programs, as calculated under subdivision 3, meet or exceed \$50,000,000, the commissioner of health shall certify that event to the commissioner of finance. In the next fiscal year following the certification, the commissioner of finance shall transfer \$50,000,000 from the general fund to the health care access fund. The amount necessary to make the transfer is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of finance.

Subd. 5. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply.

(b) "Public health care spending" means spending for a state-administered health care program.

(c) "State-administered health care program" means medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, general assistance medical care, and the state employee group insurance program.

History: *2008 c 363 art 17 s 1*