

62A.62 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish demonstration projects to allow health insurers regulated under this chapter and nonprofit health service plan corporations regulated under chapter 62C to extend coverage for health and services to individuals or groups currently unable to afford such coverage. For purposes of this section, the commissioner may recommend legislation granting an exemption from minimum benefits required under chapter 62A, and any applicable rules if there is reasonable evidence that the rules prohibit the operation of the demonstration project. The commissioner shall provide for public comment before recommending an exemption from any statute or rule.

Subd. 2. **Application and approval.** An insurer or health service plan corporation electing to participate in a demonstration project shall apply to the commissioner for approval on a form developed by the commissioner. The application shall include at least the following:

- (1) a statement identifying the population that the project is designed to serve;
- (2) a description of the proposed project including a statement projecting a schedule of costs and benefits for the enrollee;
- (3) reference to the sections of Minnesota Statutes and Department of Commerce rules for which waiver is requested;
- (4) evidence that application of the requirements of applicable Minnesota Statutes and Department of Commerce rules would, unless waived, prohibit the operation of the demonstration project;
- (5) an estimate of the number of years needed to adequately demonstrate the project's effects; and
- (6) other information the commissioner may reasonably require.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner's review of application for demonstration project.** The commissioner shall approve, deny, or refer back to the insurer or health service plan corporation for modification, the application for a demonstration project within 60 days of receipt from the insurer or health service plan corporation. If the commissioner approves a project that requires legislation exempting the project from minimum benefit requirements, the commissioner shall make the approval contingent on enactment of the required legislation.

Subd. 4. **Length of project.** The commissioner may approve an application for a demonstration project for a maximum of six years, with an option to renew.

Subd. 5. **Report required.** Each insurer or health service plan corporation for which a demonstration project is approved shall annually file a report with the commissioner summarizing the project's experience at the same time it files its annual report. The report shall be on a form developed by the commissioner and shall be separate from the annual report.

Subd. 6. **Approval may be rescinded.** The commissioner may rescind approval of a demonstration project if the commissioner finds that the project's operation is contrary to the information contained in the approved application.

Subd. 7. **Applicability.** This section does not apply to the demonstration project established under section 256B.73.

History: 1990 c 568 art 3 s 2