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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3244

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; modifying continuing education requirements for certain health
1.3 professionals; providing coverage for certain acupuncture services; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 214.12, by adding a subdivision; proposing
1.5 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[62Q.528] COVERAGE FOR ACUPUNCTURE SERVICES.**

1.8 All health plans must cover acupuncture services for the treatment of pain and
1.9 ongoing pain management when those services are performed by an individual who is
1.10 licensed as an acupuncture practitioner under chapter 147B.

1.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2017, and applies to health
1.12 plans offered, issued, or renewed to a Minnesota resident on or after that date.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 214.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.14 to read:

1.15 **Subd. 6. Opioid alternatives.** The Board of Medical Practice, the Board of Nursing,
1.16 and the Board of Dentistry shall require that licensees with the authority to prescribe
1.17 opioid medicines receive two hours of continuing education on nonpharmacological
1.18 alternatives for treatment of pain and ongoing pain management.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2017.