A bill for an act

relating to health; requiring health care providers to participate in the federal TRICARE program as a condition of participating in state and public health care programs; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62J.

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

Section 1. **[62J.27] PROVIDER PARTICIPATION IN TRICARE.**

Subdivision 1. **Participation required.** A vendor of medical care, as defined in section 256B.02, subdivision 7, must participate as a provider or contractor in the federal TRICARE program, as a condition of participating as a provider or contractor in: (1) health insurance plans and programs for state employees established under section 43A.18; (2) the public employees insurance program under section 43A.316; (3) health insurance plans offered to local statutory or home rule charter city, county, and school district employees; (4) the workers' compensation program under section 176.135; (5) insurance plans provided through the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association under sections 62E.01 to 62E.19; (6) medical assistance under chapter 256B; (7) MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L; and (8) general assistance medical care under chapter 256D.

Subd. 2. **Participation defined; exemption.** For purposes of this section, participation in TRICARE means that the provider accepts new TRICARE patients. A provider is exempt from this section, if the provider is no longer accepting new patients under any of the programs listed in subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **Agency duties.** The commissioner of health shall obtain a listing of TRICARE providers and contractors from the TRICARE administration, and shall provide this list on a quarterly basis to the commissioners of management and budget, human services, labor and industry, and commerce. Each of the commissioners shall develop and

implement procedures to exclude as participating providers in the program or programs under their jurisdiction those providers who do not participate in the TRICARE program and who are not exempt under subdivision 2.