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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3827

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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 human services; modifying the timeline and procedure for periodic
1.3 data matching; amending Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section
1.4 256B.0561, subdivisions 2, 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 256B.0561, subdivision 2,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Periodic data matching.** (a) Beginning ~~March 1, 2016~~ July 1, 2017,
1.9 the commissioner shall conduct periodic data matching to identify recipients who,
1.10 based on available electronic data, may not meet eligibility criteria for the public health
1.11 care program in which the recipient is enrolled. The commissioner shall conduct data
1.12 matching for medical assistance or MinnesotaCare recipients at least once during a
1.13 recipient's 12-month period of eligibility, but is not required to conduct data matching
1.14 on all recipients during the same time period. The commissioner may instead conduct
1.15 data matching on a random sample of recipients, or may limit data matching to a subset of
1.16 medical assistance or MinnesotaCare recipients based upon the date of initial program
1.17 enrollment, the estimated probability of a recipient being found ineligible, or other factors.

1.18 (b) If data matching indicates a recipient may no longer qualify for medical
1.19 assistance or MinnesotaCare, the commissioner must notify the recipient and allow the
1.20 recipient no more than 30 days to confirm the information obtained through the periodic
1.21 data matching or provide a reasonable explanation for the discrepancy to the state or
1.22 county agency directly responsible for the recipient's case. If a recipient does not respond
1.23 within the advance notice period or does not respond with information that demonstrates
1.24 eligibility or provides a reasonable explanation for the discrepancy within the 30-day time

2.1 period, the commissioner shall terminate the recipient's eligibility in the manner provided
2.2 for by the laws and regulations governing the health care program for which the recipient
2.3 has been identified as being ineligible.

2.4 (c) The commissioner shall not terminate eligibility for a recipient who is
2.5 cooperating with the requirements of paragraph (b) and needs additional time to provide
2.6 information in response to the notification.

2.7 (d) Any termination of eligibility for benefits under this section may be appealed
2.8 as provided for in sections 256.045 to 256.0451, and the laws governing the health care
2.9 programs for which eligibility is terminated.

2.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 256B.0561, subdivision 4,
2.11 is amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 4. **Report.** By ~~September~~ December 1, 2017, and each ~~September~~ December
2.13 1 thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority
2.14 members of the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over human services
2.15 finance that includes the number of cases affected by periodic data matching under this
2.16 section, the method and rationale for choosing those cases, the number of recipients
2.17 identified as possibly ineligible as a result of a periodic data match, and the number of
2.18 recipients whose eligibility was terminated as a result of a periodic data match. The
2.19 report must also specify, for recipients whose eligibility was terminated, how many cases
2.20 were closed due to failure to cooperate.