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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **710**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health occupations; requiring health care providers to obtain a direct
1.3 secure messaging address; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapters 62J; 214.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[62J.4983] DIRECT SECURE MESSAGING.**

1.7 (a) Each health care provider must have a direct secure messaging address provided by
1.8 a health information service provider in order to securely exchange protected health
1.9 information via the Internet. The direct secure messaging transport mechanism must meet
1.10 national encryption standards for securely exchanging health care data via the Internet.

1.11 (b) Each provider's direct secure messaging address must be included for each provider
1.12 as part of the provider demographic information compiled by a health plan company, state
1.13 agency, or health care system, and made available to the public as part of a provider directory.

1.14 (c) For purposes of this section, "health care provider" includes hospitals.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

1.16 Sec. 2. **[214.26] DIRECT SECURE MESSAGING.**

1.17 (a) Each health-related licensing board shall require a licensee, as part of the licensee's
1.18 licensure renewal requirements, to submit to the board evidence of compliance with section
1.19 62J.4983.

2.1 (b) Each health-related licensing board shall collect each licensee's direct secure
2.2 messaging address under section 62J.4983, and include the address as part of the licensee's
2.3 demographic profile compiled by the board and made available to the public.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.