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A bill for an act

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relating to health care; creating a demonstration project to allow county-based

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purchasing plans to sell health plans in the individual and small group markets;

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proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

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

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Section 1. **[62Q.225] COUNTY-BASED PURCHASING PLAN DEMONSTRATION**

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PROJECT.

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Subdivision 1. **Projects allowed.** (a) The commissioner of health may establish

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demonstration projects to allow county-based purchasing plans to sell health insurance

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coverage in the individual and small group health insurance markets.

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(b) For purposes of this section, a county-based purchasing plan must meet the

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requirements in section 256B.692, subdivision 2, unless waived by the commissioner.

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(c) The commissioner shall have all enforcement and rulemaking powers available under

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section 256B.692, subdivision 2, with respect to the county-based purchasing plans

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participating in the demonstration project.

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Subd. 2. **Minimum health benefits required.** If a county-based purchasing plan elects

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to participate in the demonstration project, the plan must meet the essential health benefits

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requirements under section 62Q.81; the requirements under this chapter; chapter 62D; and

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chapter 62K, unless waived by the commissioner.

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Subd. 3. **Application.** A county-based purchasing plan electing to participate in a

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demonstration project shall apply to the commissioner for approval on a form developed

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by the commissioner. The application shall include the following:

2.1 (1) a statement identifying the geographic area that the project is designed to serve;

2.2 (2) a statement indicating whether any limits in enrollment will be necessary consistent
2.3 with Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 147.104;

2.4 (3) a description of the proposed project, including a statement projecting a schedule of
2.5 costs and benefits for the enrollee;

2.6 (4) reference to the sections of Minnesota Statutes and Department of Health rules, if
2.7 applicable, for which a waiver is requested, including evidence that unless waived, would
2.8 prohibit the operation of the demonstration project;

2.9 (5) evidence that another arrangement is available for assumption of full financial risk
2.10 if the fiscal solvency requirements of chapter 62D will not be met according to the schedule
2.11 under section 256B.692, subdivision 2; and

2.12 (6) other information the commissioner may reasonably require.

2.13 Subd. 4. **Consideration of application.** (a) The commissioner shall approve, deny, or
2.14 refer back to the county-based purchasing plan for modification the application for a
2.15 demonstration project within 60 days of receipt from the county-based purchasing plan.

2.16 (b) The commissioner shall inform the chairs and ranking minority members of the
2.17 legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care policy and finance of any
2.18 applications received by the commissioner, the action taken by the commissioner on the
2.19 application, and any statutes or rules waived by the commissioner.

2.20 Subd. 5. **Term of project.** The commissioner may approve an application for a
2.21 demonstration project for a maximum of six years, with an option to renew.

2.22 Subd. 6. **Annual report.** Each county-based purchasing plan for which a demonstration
2.23 project is approved shall annually file a report with the commissioner summarizing the
2.24 project's experience. The report shall be on a form developed by the commissioner.

2.25 Subd. 7. **Approval rescission.** The commissioner may rescind approval of a demonstration
2.26 project if the commissioner makes a finding that the requirements of this section are not
2.27 being met, or if the commissioner finds that the project's operation is contrary to the
2.28 information contained in the approved application.

2.29 Sec. 2. **WAIVER REQUEST.**

2.30 The commissioner shall seek any federal waivers necessary to permit a county-based
2.31 purchasing plan to be offered as a qualified health plan through MNsure.