

of Minnesota resident or resident alien residing in Minnesota who served in the military or naval forces of the United States and who is indigent or suffering from any disability whether acquired in the service or not; to assist the person and the person's dependents as hereinafter provided in establishing and proving any just claim the person may have against the United States government, or any other government or state for compensation, insurance, relief, or other benefits; to provide emergency hospitalization, treatment, maintenance, and relief for any person suffering from disability who was a bona fide resident of the state at the time the need arose and the person's dependents, as hereinafter provided; and to cooperate with other state, municipal, and county officials and civic or civilian agencies or organizations in carrying out the provisions of sections 197.03 to 197.07. The commissioner shall limit financial assistance to veterans and dependents to six months, unless recipients have been certified as ineligible for other benefit programs.

(b) For purposes of this section, "resident" means a person living in Minnesota for at least 30 days with the intention of residing in the state and not for any temporary purpose. An applicant may verify a residence address by presenting a valid state driver's license, a state identification card, a voter registration card, a rent receipt, a statement by the landlord, apartment manager, or homeowner verifying that the individual is residing at the address, or other form of verification approved by the commissioner.

(c) The fund is appropriated to be used in the manner determined by the commissioner of veterans affairs for these purposes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 16, 2003

Signed by the governor April 17, 2003, 10:40 a.m.

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#### CHAPTER 19—H.F.No. 51

*An act relating to insurance; clarifying that a certain law includes long-term care insurance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 61B.20, subdivision 10.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 61B.20, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **HEALTH INSURANCE.** "Health insurance" means accident and health insurance as described in section 60A.06, subdivision 1, clause (5)(a), long-term care insurance, credit accident and health insurance regulated under chapter 62B, and subscriber contracts issued by a nonprofit health service plan corporation operating under chapter 62C.

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 22, 2003

Signed by the governor April 23, 2003, 3:30 p.m.

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**CHAPTER 20—H.F.No. 266**

*An act relating to human services; modifying the purchasing alliance stop-loss fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 256.956, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 256.956, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

(b) "Health plan" means a policy, contract, or certificate issued by a health plan company to a qualifying purchasing alliance. Any health plan issued to the members of a qualifying purchasing alliance must meet the requirements of chapter 62L.

(c) "Health plan company" means:

- (1) a health carrier as defined under section 62A.011, subdivision 2;
- (2) a community integrated service network operating under chapter 62N; or
- (3) an accountable provider network operating under chapter 62T.

(d) "Qualifying employer" means an employer who:

- (1) is a member of a qualifying purchasing alliance;
- (2) has at least one employee but no more than ten employees at the time of initial membership to a qualifying purchasing alliance or is a sole proprietor or farmer;
- (3) did not offer employer-subsidized health care coverage to its employees for at least 12 months prior to joining the purchasing alliance; and
- (4) is offering health coverage through the purchasing alliance to all employees who work at least 20 hours per week unless the employee is eligible for Medicare.

For purposes of this subdivision, "employer-subsidized health coverage" means health coverage for which the employer pays at least 50 percent of the cost of coverage for the employee.

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