

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETIETH SESSION**

S.F. No. 3963

(SENATE AUTHORS: WIKLUND)

DATE
04/12/2018

D-PG
7294

OFFICIAL STATUS
Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; requiring commissioner of human services to make
1.3 insulin available to uninsured individuals through volume purchase; appropriating
1.4 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256.01, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. CITATION.

1.7 This act may be cited as "The Alec Smith Emergency Insulin Act."

1.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.9 read:

1.10 Subd. 42. Volume purchase program for insulin. The commissioner shall implement
1.11 a preferred insulin product program by January 1, 2019. The program shall require the
1.12 commissioner to volume purchase insulin and related supplies using the procedures specified
1.13 in section 256B.04, subdivision 14, and make insulin and related supplies available to
1.14 individuals with low incomes who do not have coverage for prescription drugs through
1.15 medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, or a health plan, as defined in section 62Q.01, subdivision
1.16 3. The commissioner shall establish cost-sharing requirements for the program using a
1.17 sliding scale. The commissioner shall make insulin and related supplies purchased through
1.18 the program available to eligible individuals in all geographic areas of the state through
1.19 contracts with local health care providers and pharmacies. The commissioner may limit the
1.20 number of months during which an individual may receive insulin and related supplies
1.21 through the program.

2.1 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; VOLUME PURCHASE PROGRAM.**

2.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.3 human services to implement section 2.