

**16A.724 HEALTH CARE ACCESS FUND.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation of fund.** A health care access fund is created in the state treasury. The fund is a direct appropriated special revenue fund. The commissioner shall deposit to the credit of the fund money made available to the fund. Notwithstanding section 11A.20, after June 30, 1997, all investment income and all investment losses attributable to the investment of the health care access fund not currently needed shall be credited to the health care access fund.

Subd. 2. **Transfers.** (a) Notwithstanding section 295.581, to the extent available resources in the health care access fund exceed expenditures in that fund, effective for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, the commissioner of finance shall transfer the excess funds from the health care access fund to the general fund on June 30 of each year, provided that the amount transferred in any fiscal biennium shall not exceed \$96,000,000. The purpose of this transfer is to meet the rate increase required under Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 14, article 13C, section 2, subdivision 6.

(b) For fiscal years 2006 to 2011, MinnesotaCare shall be a forecasted program, and, if necessary, the commissioner shall reduce these transfers from the health care access fund to the general fund to meet annual MinnesotaCare expenditures or, if necessary, transfer sufficient funds from the general fund to the health care access fund to meet annual MinnesotaCare expenditures.

Subd. 3. **MinnesotaCare federal receipts.** Receipts received as a result of federal participation pertaining to administrative costs of the Minnesota health care reform waiver shall be deposited as nondedicated revenue in the health care access fund. Receipts received as a result of federal participation pertaining to grants shall be deposited in the federal fund and shall offset health care access funds for payments to providers.

Subd. 4. **MinnesotaCare funding.** The commissioner of human services may expend money appropriated from the health care access fund for MinnesotaCare in either year of the biennium.

**History:** 1992 c 549 art 9 s 1; 1995 c 234 art 9 s 1; 1Sp2005 c 4 art 8 s 1; 2007 c 147 art 4 s 1; art 5 s 1; art 19 s 11,12