

62Q.01 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health for purposes of regulating health maintenance organizations, and community integrated service networks, or the commissioner of commerce for purposes of regulating all other health plan companies. For all other purposes, "commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

Subd. 2a. **Enrollee.** "Enrollee" means a natural person covered by a health plan and includes an insured, policyholder, subscriber, contract holder, member, covered person, or certificate holder.

Subd. 3. **Health plan.** "Health plan" means a health plan as defined in section 62A.011 or a policy, contract, or certificate issued by a community integrated service network.

Subd. 4. **Health plan company.** "Health plan company" means:

- (1) a health carrier as defined under section 62A.011, subdivision 2; or
- (2) a community integrated service network as defined under section 62N.02, subdivision 4a.

Subd. 4a. **High deductible health plans.** "High deductible health plans" means those health coverage plans issued by a health plan company as defined under the provisions of sections 220 and 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and implementing regulations.

Subd. 5. **Managed care organization.** "Managed care organization" means: (1) a health maintenance organization operating under chapter 62D; (2) a community integrated service network as defined under section 62N.02, subdivision 4a; or (3) an insurance company licensed under chapter 60A, nonprofit health service plan corporation operating under chapter 62C, fraternal benefit society operating under chapter 64B, or any other health plan company, to the extent that it covers health care services delivered to Minnesota residents through a preferred provider organization or a network of selected providers.

Subd. 6. **Medicare-related coverage.** "Medicare-related coverage" means a policy, contract, or certificate issued as a supplement to Medicare, regulated under sections 62A.3099 to 62A.44, including Medicare select coverage; policies, contracts, or certificates that supplement Medicare issued by health maintenance organizations; or policies, contracts, or certificates governed by sections 1833 (known as "cost" or "HCPP" contracts), 1851 to 1859 (Medicare Advantage), 1860D (Medicare Part D), or 1876 (known as "TEFRA" or "risk" contracts) of the federal Social Security Act, United States Code, title 42, section 1395, et seq., as amended; or Section 4001 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA)(Public Law 105-33), Sections 1851 to 1859 of the Social Security Act establishing Part C of the Medicare program, known as the "Medicare Advantage program."

History: 1994 c 625 art 2 s 14; 1995 c 234 art 2 s 2-6; art 3 s 5; 1997 c 225 art 2 s 37-39,62; 1998 c 254 art 1 s 15; 2001 c 215 s 26; 2004 c 268 s 7; 2005 c 17 art 1 s 14; art 3 s 2