

Noor and Schomacker from the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy to which was referred:

H. F. No. 729, A bill for an act relating to human services; expanding certain medical assistance services to include coverage of care evaluations; modifying medical assistance rates for homemaker services, home health agency services, and home care nursing services; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 256B.0651, subdivisions 1, 2; 256B.0652, subdivision 11; 256B.0653, subdivisions 1, 6, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0654, by adding a subdivision.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 6, delete section 9, and insert:

"Sec. 9. **HOME CARE PRECEPTOR GRANT PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services must establish a onetime grant program for incentive compensation and benefits for home care nurse employees who serve as a preceptor of a nursing student.

Subd. 2. **Eligible grant recipients.** Only home care providers licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144A, are eligible grant recipients under this section.

Subd. 3. **Allowable uses.** Grant money must be directed toward employees providing home care services licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144A. The only allowable use of grant money is incentive compensation and benefits for home care nurse employees who serve as a preceptor of a nursing student.

Subd. 4. **Selection process.** The commissioner shall select grantees based on information submitted in a grant proposal in a format as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall take into account relevant factors including the demonstrated need for an award for preceptors, the percentage of an organization's clients that are enrolled in medical assistance and MinnesotaCare, statewide geographical distribution of awarded grants, and other criteria as determined by the commissioner.

Subd. 5. **Report.** By July 1, 2028, each grant recipient must submit a report to the commissioner that includes details of how the grant money was distributed.

Subd. 6. **Expiration.** Subdivisions 1 to 4 expire January 1, 2028. This subdivision and subdivision 5 expire July 1, 2028.

Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATION; HOME CARE PRECEPTOR GRANT PROGRAM.**

\$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the home care preceptor grant program. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, after "services;" insert "establishing a home care preceptor grant program;"

Page 1, line 5, after the semicolon, insert "appropriating money;"

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General Register.

This Committee action taken March 26, 2025

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