

**Article 1: Department of Health Finance**

Section	Description
1-2, 87	Governor initiative: increases fees for health maintenance organizations to apply for or renew a certificate of authority and to file documents, reports, and plans with the commissioner of health. Increases annual fees for county-based purchasing plans.
3-23, 99 para (a)	Governor initiative: modifies fees related to wells and borings for variance applications, permits, notifications, well disclosures, state core functions, and licensure, registration, and certification.
24	Directs the commissioner of health to establish a dementia services program.
25, 48	Increases the newborn screening program fee to support the cost of adding metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD) to the conditions screened for under the program.
26	Governor initiative: authorizes Tribal Nations to receive American Indian health special emphasis grants through a noncompetitive formula and community-based organizations to receive these grants through a competitive process.
27-31	Governor initiative: increases fees for licensure, applications for licensure and license renewal, reciprocal recognition of licenses issued by another state or the federal government, and license amendments for radioactive material or source or special nuclear material, and for registration of generally licensed devices.
32-42	Governor initiative: increases fees for registration of ionizing radiation-producing equipment. Establishes requirements for registration and registration fees for service providers of ionizing radiation-producing equipment. Modifies requirements for inspection frequency of x-ray equipment and other sources of ionizing radiation. Authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules on the use of handheld dental x-ray equipment.
43, 50, 57, 66, 67	Governor initiative: modifies license and registration fees for certain acute care and long-term care facilities, birth centers, supplemental nursing services agencies, and hospice providers.
44, 80-84, 92-95	Governor initiative: increases fees for plan reviews and inspections of public pools and spas; licensure and license renewal of food establishments, lodging establishments, youth camps, public pools and spas, and resorts; food manager certification; penalties for operating without a license; construction plan reviews; and licensure of manufactured home parks and recreational camping areas. Modifies the statewide hospitality fee and establishes a technology fee that must be paid at licensure and license renewal.

Section	Description
45	Exempts spa pools at stand-alone, single-unit rental properties from certain requirements for public pools and establishes requirements for their use by rental parties.
46, 98, 99 para (b)	Governor initiative: increases fees for registration of sanitarians and environmental health specialists and repeals a rule establishing application and penalty fees for sanitarian and environmental health specialist registration.
47	Requires pediatric primary care providers to provide caregivers of infants with information on the signs of physical abuse in infants.
49	Governor initiative: increases the annual fee for service connection to a public water supply.
51, 76	Governor initiative: increases fees for engineering plan reviews for certain health care facilities and adds assisted living facilities to the facilities that must submit plans to the commissioner for review and approval before construction projects.
52-55, 85- 86, 88	Modifies hospital license conditions for swing beds for a critical access hospital in Cook County with an attached nursing home.
56	Governor initiative: extends the state Trauma Advisory Council to 2035.
58	Governor initiative: makes permanent the Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee.
59-65, 68- 75	Governor initiative: modifies the violation levels that apply to home care providers and assisted living facilities by moving from four violation levels to five and makes related technical changes.
77	Governor initiative: makes the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Task Force an advisory committee.
78	Directs the commissioner of health to collect data on epilepsy and other seizure disorders and develop a statewide coordination plan to support persons with epilepsy or seizure disorders and their caregivers.
79	Increases the minimum percentage a federally qualified health center must receive of the money appropriated for subsidies for federally qualified health centers, from two percent of the money appropriated to five percent.
89-91	Governor initiative: clarifies circumstances in which a person must be licensed to perform asbestos-related work and increases an asbestos-related work project permit fee and training course permit fees for permit applications and renewals.
96	Establishes a spoken language health care interpreter work group and specifies work group membership and duties.

Section	Description
97	Requires hospitals and health systems to report to the commissioner of health on facility fees billed and collected in calendar year 2026, and requires the commissioner to publish this information on a publicly accessible website.

## Article 2: Department of Health Policy

Section	Description
1-3	Agency initiative: modifies the information that 340B covered entities must report to the commissioner of health and makes technical changes to the reporting section.
4-5	Agency initiative: allows uniform explanations of benefits to be made available to patients in electronic form.
6-14	Agency initiative: modifies requirements for reporting to the commissioner of health on prescription drug prices and related information.
15-17, 36	Agency initiative: modifies time and distance standards to providers with which health carriers offering individual or small group health plans must comply for purposes of ensuring geographic access to providers.
18-21	Agency initiative: modifies duties of the commissioner of health related to groundwater thermal exchange devices, submerged closed loop heat exchangers, and inspecting well construction notifications.
22-26, 34-35	Transfers administration of the healthy eating, here at home program from the Minnesota Humanities Center to the commissioner of health and adds SUN bucks (Summer EBT) benefits to the healthy eating, here at home program.
27-29	Agency initiative: defines controlling person for statutes governing hospitals; modifies circumstances in which notice must be provided before a hospital closes or curtails operations; modifies requirements for public hearings held before a hospital closes or curtails operations.
30	Establishes requirements that must be met for health professionals, students, and residents to perform sensitive examinations on anesthetized or unconscious patients.
31-32	Agency initiative: authorizes the health equity advisory and leadership council to include on the advisory council members of communities and groups other than the listed communities and groups; and removes language regarding the timing of recommendations for new members.
33	Establishes qualifications central service technicians must meet in order to provide services at a hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

## Article 3: Health Licensing Boards

Section	Description
1, 4-5	Establishes limited licensure for graduates of foreign medical schools, provides for the practice of medicine under a limited license, and establishes requirements for a limited license holder to obtain an unrestricted medical license.
2-3, 20-77, 124, 125	Modifies statutes governing licensure of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.
6, 15, 16, 84-104, 107, 114, 123	Authorizes the Board of Nursing to license certified midwives, establishes scope of practice for certified midwives, and establishes fees for licensure. Provides for medical assistance (MA) coverage of certified midwife services.
7-14, 125	Governor initiative: establishes in statute and modifies fees collected by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
17-19	Modifies requirements for supervision of speech-language pathology assistants and reduces SLPA licensure fees.
78	Governor initiative: establishes a fee for an interstate compact privilege to practice for licensed professional counselors.
79-83	Governor initiative: establishes compact multistate license fees and compact multistate license renewal fees for social workers.
105	Establishes requirements for dentist supervision of dental therapists practicing while in the armed forces.
106, 108-111, 125	Modifies qualifications, fees, and other requirements for pharmacy interns.
112-113	Permits the central medication repository to purchase drugs to fill patient prescriptions in certain circumstances; modifies circumstances in which local repositories must transfer or dispose of donated drugs.
115-117, 125	Governor initiative: establishes certain fees in statute and modifies the fees collected by the Board of Podiatric Examiners.
118-121, 125	Governor initiative: establishes certain fees in statute and modifies the fees collected by the Board of Veterinary Medicine.
122	Requires the commissioner of management and budget to submit a report to certain members of the legislature identifying health-related licensing boards with one year or more of operating funds.

## Article 4: Pharmacy Benefits

Section	Description
1-2, 4	Prohibits certain modifications to a health plan's formulary.
3	Extends the sunset of the Drug Formulary Committee to June 30, 2029.
5-7, 9	Directs DHS to select a single state pharmacy benefit manager to process all pharmacy claims for MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees served under managed care.
8	Establishes a directed pharmacy dispensing payment of \$4.50 per filled prescription for the MA program through calendar year 2026.

## Article 5: Office of Emergency Medical Services

Section	Description
1	Modifies a program reimbursing ambulance services for the cost of emergency medical responder and emergency medical technician initial and continuing education courses.
2	Establishes a rural EMS uncompensated care pool payment program at the Office of Emergency Medical Services, in which ambulance services receive payments for certain EMS responses for which they were not reimbursed from other sources.
3	Establishes an ambulance service training and staffing grant program at the Office of Emergency Medical Services, in which ambulance services receive grants to cover training and salary costs to train individuals as emergency medical technicians.
4	Establishes an ambulance operating deficit grant program at the Office of Emergency Medical Services, in which grants are provided to ambulance services with an operating deficit.

## Article 6: Health Policy

Section	Description
1-2	Strikes obsolete effective dates from sections governing accreditation of environmental laboratories.
3	Requires the commissioner of health to conduct maternal death studies within the limits of available funding.
4	Modifies requirements for collaborative agreements between physician assistants and physicians.

5-6	Makes changes to the scope of practice for optometrists and requires optometrists to obtain approval from the Board of Optometry to perform permitted injections.
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## Article 7: Minnesota Health and Education Facilities Authority

Section	Description
1-31	Expands the existing Higher Education Facilities Authority to allow it to also provide capital financing to nonprofit health care organizations, renames the authority the Minnesota Health and Education Facilities Authority, modifies membership of the authority, increases the cap on outstanding bonds to \$5 billion, and allocates \$2.25 billion of this amount for higher education projects and \$2.75 billion for health care projects.

## Article 8: Human Services Health Care Finance

Section	Description
1, 9	Extends access to audio-only telehealth in MA, MinnesotaCare, and private health plans through fiscal year 2027.
2	Makes a technical update to a prior authorization requirement.
3, 7-8, 13-14, 43 para. (b)	Authorizes a uniform nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) program for MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees.
4-5, 20-23, 35	Directs DHS to seek federal approval for an assessment on hospitals and a directed payment to hospitals that participate in MA managed care.
6, 34, 36	Delays implementation of the single dental administrator for MA and MinnesotaCare to January 1, 2028, and establishes a subgroup of the Dental Services Advisory Council to make recommendations to DHS about contracting with a dental administrator.
10-11	Establishes limits for MA coverage of physical and occupational therapy.
12, 31	Limits MA and MinnesotaCare coverage of chiropractic services to individuals under the age of 21.
15	Clarifies MA and MinnesotaCare payment rates to FQHCs after a merger or acquisition and FQHC reimbursement for mental health targeted case management services.
16, 26	Modifies MA reimbursement for licensed birth centers and licensed health professionals working in licensed birth centers.
17	Establishes MA coverage of birth services provided at home.

18-19, 28-29, 33, 41-42, 43 para. (c)	Establishes an MCO assessment to fund increases in MA reimbursement rates for specified mental health services.
24-25, 37-38	Establishes a county-administered rural medical assistance (CARMA) program.
27	Establishes MA coverage for certain long-term ambulatory electrocardiogram monitoring services.
30	Establishes a payment rate for MA coverage for phototherapy services.
32	Includes rebates in the calculation of “gross revenues” for a tax on wholesale drug distributors.
39	Directs DHS to seek federal approval for MA to cover traditional health care practices.
40	Directs DHS to make the necessary systems modifications to claim enhanced federal reimbursement for family planning services under MA.
43 para. (a)	Repeals the commissioner of commerce’s authority to seek federal approval to implement a public option in the state.

## Article 9: Economic Supports

Section	Description
1	Exempts the commissioner of DCYF from contract term limitations for the issuance of public benefits through an EBT system and related services.
2	Changes the food shelf program grantee from Hunger Solutions to The Food Group due to the merger of those two organizations.
3	Establishes a prepared meals grant program to provide hunger relief to Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity who have difficulty preparing meals due to limited mobility, disability, or limited resources.
4	Establishes regional food bank grants to increase the availability of food to individuals and families in need.

## Article 10: Child Protection and Welfare Policy

Section	Description
1-7, 27	Modifying definitions, licensing and training requirements, and guidelines related to child foster care provided by relatives.

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8, 33-34	Changes to child welfare investigations and the appeal of agency decisions related to child maltreatment that occurred in another state.
9-13, 15-30, 32, 35-38, 40	DCYF policy bill child welfare provisions related to the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act, inquiries into a child's heritage, extended foster care, case plan documentation, reestablishment of parental rights, and noncaregiver human trafficking response.
14, 39	DCYF policy bill child welfare provisions related to truancy and reporting requirements for school attendance concerns.
31	Modifying the definition of neglect for purposes of child maltreatment reporting, to address continued hospital stays for children with mental, physical, or emotional conditions who cannot return home but for whom necessary services are not available.

## Article 11: Child Protection and Welfare Finance

Section	Description
1	Governor's budget bill (DCYF): Allows the DCYF commissioner to contract with a licensed child-placing agency or Tribal social services agency to provide permanency services for children in out-of-home care.
2-4	Governor's budget bill (DCYF): Modifying Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) grant payment timelines and reporting requirements, and removing annual cap on special focus grant awards under MIFPA.
5	Allowing for modification of child support redirection when in the best interest of the child.
6	Outlining requirements for DCYF modernization of the child welfare information system.
7	Requiring a scan and report on out-of-school and youth programming.

## Article 12: Early Care and Learning Policy

Section	Description
1	Makes the diaper distribution grant program a sole-source grant to the Diaper Bank of Minnesota.
2	Governor initiative: specifies data privacy requirements for the great start compensation support payments program.



## Article 13: Early Care and Learning Finance

Section	Description
1-2	Technical changes to conform with DCYF administration of the Office of Restorative Practices.
3	Provides that child care centers must have video security cameras and comply with specified requirements if they are required to post a maltreatment investigation memorandum.
4	Provides that technology grants for child care programs can cover the cost of video security cameras.
5	Governor initiative: modifies the TEACH scholarship program for individuals in the early care and learning field.
6	Governor initiative: modifies CCAP redetermination dates for federal compliance purposes.
7-9, 16	Governor initiative: prohibits scheduled reporters in CCAP for federal compliance purposes.
10	Governor initiative: limits a family's CCAP co-payments to 6.9 percent of income for federal compliance purposes.
11	Governor initiative: sets training requirements for legal nonlicensed child care providers for CCAP federal compliance purposes.
12	Governor initiative: requires that CCAP providers submit data on child enrollment and attendance to the commissioner.
13, 18	Governor initiative: clarifies that the quality parenting initiative grant is administered by DCYF.
14	Explicitly establishes the Office of the Ombudsperson for Family Child Care Providers.
15	Directs DCYF to develop a proposal for updated family child care licensing standards.
17	Directs the commissioner of children, youth, and families to establish and implement specified IT systems for early care and education programs, to the extent funding is available for child care IT systems in the state systems account.
19	Governor initiative: directs the revisor to recodify an early childhood literacy program for children participating in Head Start in an MDE section of statute.
20	Governor initiative: directs the revisor to recodify the educate parents partnership in a DCYF section of statute.

## Article 14: Department of Children, Youth, and Families Licensing and Certification Policy

Section	Description
1, 22	Defines “education” for purposes of determining an individual’s qualifications for working in a child care center.
2, 7	Governor initiative: makes changes related to the move to continuous licensing.
3	Allows a child care program license holder to request interpretive guidance on a correction order. Modifies the timelines for when the commissioner may publicly post a correction order issued to a child care program.
4, 6	Directs a child care program to publicly post licensing actions accompanied by a maltreatment investigation for four years.
5	Governor initiative: removes the prohibition on publishing documented technical assistance under the weighted risk system.
8	Makes permanent the temporary staffing changes for child care centers that were enacted in 2023.
9-10, 13, 19	Governor initiative: makes changes to child passenger restraint system training requirements.
11	Governor initiative: modifies training requirements for substitutes and unsupervised volunteers in child care centers.
12	Governor initiative: makes technical changes to requirements for a child care center’s emergency plan.
14	Governor initiative: modifies training requirements for substitutes and adult caregivers in family child care settings.
15-18	Governor initiative: makes changes to requirements governing certified license-exempt child care centers for federal compliance purposes.
20	Directs the commissioner to develop and implement standardized licensing timelines and standards for child care centers.
21	Directs the commissioner to establish time frames for county licensors to respond to requests from family child care providers and requires that county licensors use the electronic licensing inspection tool when doing an inspection of family child care programs.

## Article 15: Behavioral Health

Section	Description
1-3	Governor's DHS budget bill; adult mental health initiative changes.
4	Expands definition of "child" in Children's Mental Health Act to include a person 18 to 21 years of age receiving continuous children's mental health targeted case management services.
5	Adds evidence-based interventions for youth and young adults at risk of developing or experiencing an early episode of bipolar disorder to children's mental health grants.
6	Directs the commissioner to support the Mental Health Collaboration Hub pilot project addressing children's mental health boarding decompression.
7	Directs the commissioner to produce a report related to children's psychiatric residential treatment facilities.
8	Requires the commissioner to establish a pilot project for the Lower Sioux Indian community to provide mental health case management services to individuals with complex post-traumatic stress disorder.

## Article 16: Background Studies

Section	Description
1-9, 11, 17-19	Technical and clarifying changes; federal compliance changes.
10	Sets fees for child foster care and adoption background studies.
12, 15	Establishes disqualifications for violations of statutes related to human services program exclusion and sanctions.
13-14	Adds child torture crime to permanent disqualifications.
16	Requires commissioner to give preeminent weight to program integrity when reviewing reconsideration requests.

## Article 17: Department of Human Services Program Integrity

Section	Description
1-7, 10	Governor's DHS budget bill: program integrity and fraud prevention provisions related to investigative data and data exchanges, pending investigations and actions, and background study documentation.

8-9, 11	Governor's DHS budget bill: for MA enrollment, requires that actions to obtain monetary recovery or sanctions from a surety bond occur within six years from the date the debt is affirmed by a final agency decision.
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## Article 18: Homelessness, Housing, and Housing Support

Section	Description
1	Modifies the MSA equivalent rate adjustment under the chapter of statutes governing housing support.
2	Establishes a family supportive housing grant program to help families and children maintain safe and stable housing.
3	Requires the commissioner of human services to seek federal approval to authorize MA housing services reimbursement for services provided by Indian Health Services and facilities owned and operated by a Tribe or Tribal organization.

## Article 19: Miscellaneous

Section	Description
1	Directs the commissioner of health to distribute money to Tribal colleges to make opiate antagonists available at each campus and at each campus residential building.
2-6	Authorizes the use of nonopioid directives to instruct health care providers to not administer or prescribe an opioid to a patient.
7, 9-12	Establishes requirements for green burials and for the scattering of cremated or hydrolyzed remains in public and private cemeteries.
8	Governor initiative: modifies eligibility requirements for housing stabilization services.
13-14	Requires social media platforms to have a mental health warning label appear when users access the platform; authorizes the attorney general to investigate and bring actions against social media companies for violations of the warning label requirements.
15	DCYF policy bill: transfers to the commissioner of children, youth, and families powers and duties of the commissioner of human services that are found in uncoded laws and that are related to powers and duties in statute being transferred to the commissioner of children, youth, and families in other law.
16	On a biennial basis, requires the commissioner of health, commissioner of human services, and commissioner of children, youth, and families to report information on grants administered by each agency to certain members of the legislature and certain legislative offices.

Section	Description
17	Requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to allocate the specified amounts from the child care and development block grant for the specified purposes.
18	Requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to reduce general fund expenditures by specified amounts each fiscal year and allocate money from the TANF fund for those activities instead.



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