

HF9047 - 0 - Long-Term Safety Net Insulin Program

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 Lead Agency: **Pharmacy Board**
 Other Agencies:
 MNSure

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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State Cost (Savings) Dollars in Thousands	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
MNSure					
Health Care Access	-	-	32	22	22
Pharmacy Board					
Health Care Access	-	-	-	-	-
State Total					
Health Care Access	-	-	32	22	22
Total	-	-	32	22	22
Biennial Total			32		44

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
MNSure					
Health Care Access	-	-	-	-	-
Pharmacy Board					
Health Care Access	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Lead LBO Analyst's Comment

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Pharmacy Board		-	-	-	-	-
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MNsure						
Health Care Access		-	-	32	22	22
Pharmacy Board		-	-	-	-	-
Health Care Access						
Expenditures		-	-	3	5	5
Absorbed Costs		-	-	(3)	(5)	(5)
	Total	-	-	32	22	22
	Biennial Total			32		44
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
MNsure						
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Bill Description

Pharmacies and insulin manufacturers licensed by the Board are required to participate in urgent need and continuing needs insulin assistance programs.

Assumptions

Requirements and program support services provided by the Board since the program was implemented in 2020 include, maintaining program information, updates, and eligibility forms on our website. Additionally, the manufacturers must annually report to the Board information on the number of individuals participating in the programs, the quantity of insulin provided through the program, and other information necessary for the board to verify manufacturer compliance. The Board uses this data to prepare an annual report to the Legislature. Also, the continuing needs program requires manufacturers to provide insulin to eligible patients up to one year, with the option to renew annually. If an individual applies through a manufacturer for the Minnesota Insulin Safety Net continuing need program and the manufacturer has denied their application, they can appeal the denial and ask the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy to review their eligibility.

The Board has spent approximately \$5,000 in FY23 and FY24 and has absorbed those costs.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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Bill Description

HF 9047 appropriates \$38,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the state government special revenue fund to the Board of Pharmacy for costs related to the continuation of the long-term safety net insulin program. The base funding for this activity is \$76,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each successive fiscal year.

This bill also repeals the sunset for the long-term safety net insulin program (Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 151.74, subdivision 16) effective the day following final enactment.

Assumptions

Repealing the sunset for the long-term safety net insulin program would have a minor fiscal effect on MNsure. It is important to note that MNsure was appropriated \$800,000 in the 2023 legislative session to provide marketing and communications services to promote the insulin safety net program. These funds need to be spent by June 30, 2027. If the sunset is repealed, MNsure would need future funds to continue its marketing campaigns beyond the June 30, 2027, date.

Technical Comment: Additionally, \$547,000 was initially appropriated to MNsure for program administration in 2020, but because of inflexible language on how funds are to be used, about \$275,000 remains. This \$275,000 could help fund ongoing administrative costs for repealing the sunset for the insulin safety net program if that language were more flexible.

MNsure assumes it would continue to train navigators to assist individuals, provide navigators with the information and resources necessary to assist individuals in accessing appropriate long-term insulin options, maintain a public list of navigators who are available to assist individuals, and pay navigators a onetime application bonus of no less than \$25 if they assist an individual in accessing an insulin manufacturer’s patient assistance program. MNsure currently has more than 120 navigator agencies who have opted to add the insulin program to their contracted duties and more than 180 navigators trained to provide assistance.

To support navigators, MNsure assumes it will need on-going funding to:

- Update navigator contract language with eligible agencies. This assumes 100 hours annually for MNsure’s legal department at a cost of \$7,400 per year.
- Maintain navigator training and convert it to the new Captivate platform no later than FY 2027 (approximately 200 hours to convert, at \$10,000 in a one-time cost).

- Maintain processes in the agency management program like assigning insulin training, maintaining insulin directory. These hours also include work for contracting work and processing insulin payments and maintaining website resources and minor training updates. This assumes 48 hours of work annually at cost of \$3,945 per year.
- Maintain the directory of navigators eligible to help consumers in the agency management program. However, as MNsure moves to the Get Insured platform, it assumes that Department of Human Services will continue to use the existing agency management program fed online assister directory functionality which provides information regarding insulin assistance availability.
- Continue to pay navigators a one-time bonus of no less than \$25 for completion of eligible activities (\$5,000 per year ongoing).
- Continue communications work for the insulin safety net program. This assumes 60 hours of work annually at a cost of \$5,350 per year.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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