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Overview

This act modifies provisions related to health information technology requirements in an effort to align state requirements with the requirements in federal legislation: the American Recovery and Reimbursement Act.

Section

1 Health Information Technology and Infrastructure. Amends § 62J.495.

Subd. 1. Implementation. Changes the name of the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee to the e-Health Advisory Committee. Requires the uniform standards be updated on an ongoing basis and an annual report to the legislature.

Subd. 1a. Definitions. Defines key terms used in this section.

Subd. 2. e-Health Advisory Committee. Includes the name change for the advisory committee. Modifies the matters which the advisory committee will address.

Subd. 3. Interoperable electronic health record requirements. Requires the electronic health record to be a “qualified electronic health record.” Makes changes to conform to federal law.

Subd. 4. Coordination with national HIT activities. Requires that the state update its implementation plan to be consistent with the updated federal HIT strategic plan. Requires the commissioner to coordinate among state, regional, and national efforts to support the effective use of health information technology (HIT). Requires the commissioner to monitor national activity in this area and coordinate state responses and input on related policy. Requires the Departments of Health and

Human Services to apply for federal funding to the extent eligible. Requires a report to the legislature as to any recommended policy changes the state should consider.

Subd. 5. Collection of data for assessment and eligibility determination.

Authorizes the commissioner to collect certain data from providers, group purchasers, and others to assess the adoption, effective use, and interoperability of e-health records for a variety of listed purposes. Prohibits the commissioner from collecting or publishing data that identify, or could potentially identify, individual patients.

- 2 **Electronic health record system revolving account and loan program.** Amends § 62J.496. Modifies existing loan program to align with the requirements for the federal loan program.
- 3 **Definitions.** Amends § 62J.497, subd. 1. Adds a definition of “backward compatible” and modifies the definitions of “e-prescribing,” “NCPDP SCRIPT Standard,” and “prescriber.”
- 4 **Requirements for electronic prescribing.** Amends § 62J.497, subd. 2. Modifies certain requirements for e-prescribing.