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## Overview

This act makes several changes to various sections of law relating to the Department of Health, including, but not limited to, the Health Care Administrative Simplification Act, references to tuberculosis and formaldehyde, and reports on the maltreatment of vulnerable adults.

### Article 1: Health Care Administrative Simplification Act

#### Overview

This article changes language relating to the Health Care Administration Simplification Act, including, but not limited to, updates to statutory references in both Minnesota and federal law.

- 1 Citation.** Amends § 62J.50, subdivision 1. Removes “of 1994” from the citation for this act, making the citation “the Minnesota Health Care Administrative Simplification Act.”
- 2 Purpose.** Amends § 62J.50, subdivision 2. Clarifies that the federal Health Care Financing Administration is now known as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- 3 Definitions.** Amends § 62J.51. Changes multiple definitions to include reference to federal law. Deletes definitions, including, but not limited to, Category I and II industry participants, National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, Inc. standards, and the uniform remittance advice report.
- 4 Establishment of uniform billing forms.** Amends § 62J.52. Deletes reference to subdivision 5, which was repealed in 2008, and inserts references to using the most current version of uniform billing forms.

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- 5**        **Acceptance of uniform billing forms by group purchasers.** Amends 62J.53. Removes reference to category I and II group purchasers.
- 6**        **Uniform billing requirements for claim transactions.** Amends § 62J.535. Removes reference in subdivision 1a regarding acceptance of electronic claim transactions and removes subdivision 2, which required subdivision 1a to be effective concurrent with the date of required compliance under federal law.
- 7**        **Establishing uniform, standard companion guides.** Amends § 62J.536, subdivision 2. Changes reference to subdivision 1, paragraph (e) to instead refer to paragraph (f). This reflects a change made in 2010 to the paragraph lettering in subdivision 1.
- 8**        **Unique identification number for health care provider organizations.** Amends § 62J.54, subdivision 1. Changes references related to federal laws and codes and deletes paragraph (b) which references small health plans.
- 9**        **Unique identification number for individual health care providers.** Amends § 62J.54, subdivision 2. Changes references related to federal laws and codes and deletes paragraph (b) which references small health plans.
- 10**       **Unique identification number for group purchaser.** Amends § 62J.54, subdivision 3. Changes references related to federal laws and codes and deletes paragraph (b) which references small health plans. Requires that the unique health identifier for group purchasers that are health plans as defined by federal law be the Standard Unique Health Identifier for Health Plans as required by under the Code of Federal Regulations.
- 11**       **General provisions.** Amends § 62J.56, subdivision 1. Removes reference to the Minnesota Health Data Institute and category I and II industry participants.
- 12**       **Identification of core transaction sets.** Amends § 62J.56, subdivision 2. Removes paragraph (a) which references category I and II industry participants' compliance with ANSI ASC X12 standards and removes reference to the Minnesota Health Data Institute.
- 13**       **Implementation guides.** Amends § 62J.56, subdivision 3. Changes reference to the Uniform Claim Task Force to the National Uniform Claim Committee.
- 14**       **Minnesota uniform remittance advice.** Amends § 62J.581, subdivision 1. Changes reference to a uniform remittance advice report to a uniform claim payment/advice transaction. Also adds reference to other sections and removes paragraph (b), which precludes application of this section to certain group purchasers.
- 15**       **Scope.** Amends § 62J.581, subdivision 2. Changes references to a uniform remittance advice reports to a uniform claim payment/advice transaction.
- 16**       **Specifications.** Amends § 62J.581, subdivision 4. Changes references to a uniform remittance advice report to a uniform claim payment/advice transaction and removes reference to ANSI X12N 835 standard electronic format as established under federal law.

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- 17 Exemption.** Amends § 62J.61, subdivision 1. Changes statutory reference to section 62J.59 to section 62J.581. This bill repeals section 62J.59.
- 18 Revisor's instruction.** Instructs the Revisor to make necessary punctuation, grammar, and structure changes.
- 19 Repealer.** Repeals section 62J.59, related to the implementation of NCPDP telecommunications standard for pharmacy claims.

**Article 2: Combining Reports on Vulnerable Adults Maltreatment****Overview**

This article requires reports by the commissioners of health and human services to be published on their websites and requires a biennial report to the governor on information relating to maltreatment of vulnerable adults.

- 1 Data management.** Amends § 626.557, subdivision 12b, paragraph e. Requires Web site publication by the commissioners of health and human services of reports already required under current law. Requires the commissioners, on a biennial basis, to jointly report to the governor information, including, but not limited to, trends about types of substantiated maltreatment, efforts undertaken or recommended to improve the protection of vulnerable adults, and recommended changes to statutes affecting the protection of vulnerable adults.

**Article 3: Tuberculosis****Overview**

This article removes reference to tuberculosis from various sections of Minnesota statute and repeals multiple statutes related to tuberculosis.

- 1 Suspension and leave of absence for health reasons.** Amends § 122A.40, subdivision 12. Removes active tuberculosis from the reasons a teacher would be temporarily suspended and required to take a leave of absence. Leaves intact the remainder of the grounds for temporary suspension and leave of absence while the teacher is suffering from the disability, including affliction of a communicable disease, mental illness, drug or alcoholic addiction, or other serious incapacity.
- 2 Grounds for discharge or demotion.** Amends § 122A.41, subdivision 6. Removes active tuberculosis from the reasons a teacher could be removed or suspended temporarily while the teacher is suffering from the disability. Leaves intact the remainder of the grounds for temporary suspension and leave of absence while the teacher is suffering from the disability, including affliction of a communicable disease.
- 3 Not to serve certain persons.** Amends § 154.25. Removes tuberculosis from the list of afflictions for which a barber, barber school, or college is precluded from knowingly serving.

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- 4**      **Revisor's instruction.** Instructs the Revisor to make necessary punctuation, grammar, and structure changes.
- 5**      **Repealer.** Repeals sections 144.443 (tuberculosis health threat to others); 144.444 (tuberculosis emergency hold); and 144.45 (tuberculosis in schools; certificate).

**Article 4: Miscellaneous****Overview**

This article changes or repeals multiple sections of law relating to the Department of Health.

- 1**      **Rules.** Amends § 144.12, subdivision 1 by removing paragraph 9. Removes the commissioner of health's rulemaking authority regarding smallpox vaccinations during an epidemic of smallpox.
- 2**      **Revisor's instruction.** Instructs the Revisor to make necessary punctuation, grammar, and structure changes.
- 3**      **Repealer.** Repeals sections:
- ▶ 62J.322 (requiring the commissioner of health to conduct a pilot study to collect comparative data from health care providers on opportunities and barriers to the provision of quality, cost-effective health care)
  - ▶ 144.011, subdivision 2 (state health advisory task force)
  - ▶ 144.0506 (allowing the commissioner of health to post certain information to an agency website, and requiring the commissioner to include other Internet resources and consult with the commissioner of commerce)
  - ▶ 144.071 (merit system for local employees)
  - ▶ 144.072 (implementation of Social Security amendments of 1972)
  - ▶ 144.076 (allowing the commissioner of health to establish a mobile health clinic)
  - ▶ 144.146, subdivision 1 (requiring the commissioner of health to develop and conduct a program including medical care and hospital treatment for persons age 21 and over who are suffering cystic fibrosis)
  - ▶ 144.1475 (requiring the commissioner of health to establish demonstration projects to assist rural hospitals for the biennium ending June 30, 1999)
  - ▶ 145.132 (authorized removal of brain of victim's of Alzheimer's disease)
  - ▶ 145.97 (Hill-Burton program; record keeping)
  - ▶ 145.98, subdivisions 1 and 3 (council on health promotion and wellness)