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Overview

This bill removes the expiration date of the quality assurance system, establishes a statewide quality assurance and improvement system, and appropriates money for the system.

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- 1** **Quality assurance system established.** Amends § 256B.095. Changes the expiration date of the quality assurance system. Adds paragraph (d), which allows the quality assurance system to be expanded to include programs for persons with disabilities and older adults beginning July 1, 2007.
- 2** **Membership.** Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 1. Changes the expiration date of the quality assurance commission.
- 3** **Quality management; assurance; and improvement system for Minnesotans receiving disability services.** Creates § 256B.096.

Subd. 1. Scope. Establishes a statewide quality assurance and improvement system for Minnesotans receiving disability services in order to improve quality of services provided. Lists the disability services included.

Subd. 2. Stakeholder advisory group. Requires the commissioner to consult with a stakeholder advisory group on the development and implementation of the state quality management, assurance, and improvement system. Lists who must be included in the advisory group.

Subd. 3. Annual survey of service recipients. Requires the commissioner, in

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consultation with the advisory group, to conduct an annual independent statewide survey of between 5 and 10 percent of service recipients, randomly selected, to determine the effectiveness and quality of disability services. Requires the survey to be consistent with the system performance expectations of the CMS quality management requirements and framework. Requires annual statewide and regional reports of the results to be published for use by regions, counties, and providers to plan and measure the impact of quality improvement activities.

Subd. 4. Improvements for incident reporting, investigation, analysis, and follow-up. Requires the commissioner to improve the system of incident reporting.

Subd. 5. Biennial report. Requires the commissioner to provide a biennial report to the legislature beginning January 1, 2009, on the development and activities of the quality management, assurance, and improvement system.

Requires the commissioner to provide a preliminary report by January 15, 2008, on several issues including priorities for meeting federal requirements and progress on the annual survey.

- 4 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, to develop and establish the quality assurance and improvement system. Requires federal Medicaid match obtained for this purpose to be dedicated to the commissioner for this purpose.