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## Overview

This bill clarifies which Minnesota laws governing health insurance apply to fixed indemnity and similar insurance policies and which do not. (Fixed indemnity health insurance policies are those that pay to the insured a fixed amount of money when the insured develops a health problem, determined without regard to the health care, if any obtained, or to the cost of any health care obtained. For instance, a fixed indemnity policy might pay the insured \$15,000 if the insured gets cancer, or \$500 for each week the insured is unable to work due to a non-work-related injury. These products do not use a provider network.) Of the statutory referenced clauses in the amendment, clause (4) is fixed indemnity, clause (8) is accident-only coverage, and clause (9) is long-term care insurance. Insurance companies that offer these products are not usually considered to be health plan companies when doing so.

## Section

Health carrier. Specifies that the term "health plan company" used to describe insurance companies does not apply to an insurance company that sells only fixed indemnity, accident-only, or long-term care products in this state, unless a law expressly says it does apply in that context.