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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of human services to address the issue of the abuse of prescribed controlled substances by participants in Minnesota health care programs.

Section

1 **Controlled substance prescriptions; abuse prevention.** Amends § 256B.0636. Requires the commissioner of human services to develop and implement a plan to

- review information collected by the prescription electronic reporting system to determine whether a participant in Minnesota health care programs is overusing schedule II or III controlled substances;
- enroll controlled substance abusers in the Minnesota restricted recipient program; and
- educate pharmacists on the Minnesota restricted recipient program and prevention of controlled substance abuse.

The Minnesota restricted recipient program identifies Minnesota health care program participants who have used services that are not medically necessary or have used services that resulted in unnecessary costs to the program. When these participants are identified, they are placed under the care of a primary care physician or other provider who coordinates the participant's care for 24 months.