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Overview

This bill amends Minnesota Health Care Administrative Simplification Act by including provisions related to health care clearinghouses.

Section

- 1 Health care clearinghouse.** Amends § 62J.51 by adding subd. 11a. Provides a definition of “health care clearinghouse.”
- 2 Standard transaction.** Amends § 62J.51 by adding subd. 16a. Provides a definition of “standard transaction.”
- 3 Electronic claims and eligibility transactions required.** Amends § 62J.536.
 - Requires all health care providers, clearinghouses and group purchasers to provide electronic acknowledgement when receiving health care claims, encounter information transactions, payments or a remittance advice transaction. Requires acknowledgements to be based on one or more listed standards.
 - Permits health care providers, clearinghouses and group purchasers to send or receive more than one type of standard acknowledgement. Specifies that electronic acknowledgement does not include e-mail or facsimile.
 - Provides that group purchasers may not impose fees on providers’ clearinghouses for use of certain transactions.
 - Clarifies that health care providers may not impose fees on group purchasers or group purchasers’ clearinghouses for use of certain transactions.
 - Limits fees that may be imposed by clearinghouses.
- 4 Compliance and investigations.** Amends § 62J.536, subd. 2b. Adds health care clearinghouses to the enforcement provisions related to uniform electronic transactions.

5 Health care clearinghouses. Amends § 62J.536 by adding subd. 4.

- Requires health care clearinghouses, beginning January 1, 2012, to use and make available tracking mechanisms for health care providers and group purchasers to track health care claims and encounter information transactions. Provides certain requirements on the information provided by clearinghouses.
- Provides certain requirements on the electronic connections among clearinghouses. Specifies that providers and group purchasers may determine with which clearinghouses to work and with which to enter into agent relationships.
- Prohibits clearinghouses from restricting acceptance of standard transactions based on purchases of additional services.
- Provides authority to the commissioner of health related to the following: requiring certain information and data from clearinghouses; requiring clearinghouses to post and maintain certain information on websites; information clearinghouses provide to clients and potential clients; and posting clearinghouse information on the department of health website.

6 Nonsubmission of health care claim by clearinghouse; significant disruption. Provides circumstances that shall be considered a significant disruption to normal operations under Minnesota Statutes, § 62Q.75.

Provides that this section expires January 1, 2012.