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Section

1 **Provider peer grouping.** Amends § 62U.04, subd. 3. Delays by four months the start date for dissemination of certain provider-specific cost and quality information to providers and extends providers' review period from 21 to 30 days for review of the data and initiation of an appeal.

Adds that the commissioner must begin, by January 1, 2011, disseminating certain condition-specific information to providers and requires that reports identifying providers may not be published until providers have an the opportunity to review their information and submit comments. Gives providers 30 days to review the data and initiate an appeal.

Specifies requirements for a provider's appeal of the accuracy of peer grouping data.

Delays by four months the start date for publication of certain provider information by the commissioner of health and requires annual publication of certain condition-specific data beginning March 20, 2011. Requires the commissioner to ensure scientific validity and reliability of the peer grouping results, provides standards for such assurances, and gives some oversight authority to the Legislative Commission on Health Care Access.

2 **Uses of information.** Amends § 62U.04, subd. 9. Delays certain uses of peer grouping data by government entities to no later than 12 months after the commissioner of health publishes the information.

3 **Payment reform.** Amends § 256B.0754, subd. 2. Delays the commissioner of human services use of provider peer grouping data to no later than 12 months after the commissioner of health publishes the information.

4 **Repealer.** Repeals Minnesota Statutes, § 256B.032 (establishing cost and quality threshold for providers to participate in state health care programs).