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Section

1 Developing technology standards and tools. Amends § 62J.60, by adding subd. 6.

(a) Requires the Health Information Technology and Infrastructure Advisory Committee, established in 2005 under § 62J.495, to apply the electronic data exchange standards set out in § 62J.56 and to make recommendations as to the following:

- simplifying eligibility and coverage verification using swipe card or other technology;
- using swipe card or other technology for certain notifications and authorizations;
- incorporating electronic prescribing information;
- whether standardized printed cards are necessary once the electronic data interchange technology is fully implemented;
- when this technology could be implemented for MinnesotaCare and medical assistance programs; and
- creating a pilot program for initial use of the technology, if the committee so chooses.

(b) Requires the committee to report to the commissioner of health no later than six months after the first meeting, unless the commissioner extends the deadline.

(c) Requires the commissioner to report the committee's recommendations to the Legislature and request authorization to adopt rules to implement a standardized electronic swipe card technology for group purchasers, providers, and beneficiaries of a health benefit plan.

Requires that group purchasers implement the new technology no later than two years after

the rules are effective unless the commissioner grants an extension.

(d) Requires that rules adopted pursuant this section conform to applicable federal guidelines.

(e) Requires the commissioner to continue to update rules adopted pursuant to this section as necessary as technology changes.

(f) Requires health care providers to use the standardized printed card provided to beneficiaries and the electronic technology, once implemented, to access information about coverage.

- 2** **Assignment of benefits for health savings accounts.** Adds § 62J.84. Requires all persons using a health savings account (HSA) or medical savings account to make an assignment of benefits from the HSA or medical savings account to a health care provider, and requires the person's health plan company to pay the provider directly for services provided.
- 3** **Effective date.** Provides an immediate effective date for section 2.