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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of human services to submit to the legislature a plan to restructure and reform state health care programs in the event the federal government makes significant changes to the Medicaid program. The bill also specifies criteria for the plan.

1 Delivering health care through state programs.

Subd. 1. Plan submittal. Requires the commissioner of human services, in consultation with the commissioners of health and commerce, to submit to the legislature by December 15, 2012, a plan to restructure and reform MA, MinnesotaCare, and other state health care programs. The plan must maintain and improve health care access, quality, cost-effectiveness, and affordability, in the event the federal government makes significant changes in Medicaid service delivery, eligibility, and financing.

Subd. 2. Plan criteria. Requires the plan to: (1) provide for continuity of care and minimize the loss of health care access or coverage; (2) emphasize personal responsibility and involvement; (3) provide financial incentives to deliver services efficiently and achieve better health outcomes; (4) incorporate innovative and effective health delivery approaches; and (5) build upon and be consistent with state initiatives to improve health care quality and increase transparency.