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Overview

This bill modifies provisions of the Minnesota Health Records Act.

Section

- 1 Authorization; noninsurers.** Amends § 72A.501, subd. 4. Modifies provision related to insurance industry authorizations by providing that the authorization is valid for one year, or for a period specified in the authorization or as provided in law.
- 2 Other laws or order.** Amends § 72A.502, subd. 6. Modifies a provision related to permitted disclosures of certain personal or privileged information by adding that disclosure without written authorization is permitted if permitted or required by a state or federal law or regulation.
- 3 Definitions.** Amends § 144.291, subd. 2. Changes the definition of “health record” for purposes of the Minnesota Health Records Act by stating that it has the same meaning as protected health information as defined under the HIPAA privacy rule. HIPAA refers to federal law, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and subsequent regulation adopted under that act.
- 4 Patient consent to release of records.** Amends § 144.293, subd. 2. Permits providers to release health records without a signed, dated consent from the patient if release is permitted or required under HIPAA.
- 5 Release from one provider to another.** Amends § 144.293, subd. 3. Specifies that releases permitted under this provision are in addition to releases permitted under subdivision 2.

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- 6** **Exceptions to consent requirement.** Amends § 144.293, subd. 5. Specifies that releases permitted under this provision are in addition to releases permitted under subdivision 2. Broadens permitted releases for current treatment of patients.
- 7** **Record locator service.** Amends § 144.293, subd. 8. Specifies that releases permitted under this provision are in addition to releases permitted under subdivision 2.
- 8** **Methods of release.** Amends § 144.295, subd. 1. Specifies that releases permitted under this provision are in addition to releases permitted under § 144.293.