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Overview

In November 2014, the Legislative Auditor issued an audit report related to the Department of Human Services' oversight of MNsure eligibility determinations for public health care programs. The auditor's report included a finding that "[t]he Department of Human Services lacked adequate controls to ensure the accurate and complete transfer of recipient data from MNsure to DHS's medical payment system, and to detect whether Office of MN.IT Services staff inappropriately accessed recipients' personal information."

The legislative auditor's report can be accessed online at the following link:
<http://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us/fad/pdf/fad1422.pdf>

This bill modifies existing data transfer and security requirements of MNsure, by requiring that control procedures be implemented to ensure data are accurate, complete, and secure before they are transferred or authorized for access. The bill also requires other state agencies that receive data from MNsure to implement certain security measures to protect the data, in the same manner as is currently required for MNsure.

Section

- 1 Data sharing.** Requires MNsure to adopt adequate control procedures to ensure that data is accurate, complete, and secure before it is transferred or authorized for access. These control procedures must include an audit trail and other security requirements of existing law.

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To the extent that MNsure enters a contract or data-sharing agreement, the control procedures must be included in the terms of the contract or agreement.

- 2** **Access to data; audit trail.** Requires all state agencies that receive data from MNsure to implement an audit trail system and other related security protections for the data, in the same manner as required for MNsure under current law.
- 3** **Effective date.** Provides that the bill is effective the day following final enactment. New or revised contracts or data sharing agreements required by this bill must be entered no later than July 1, 2015.