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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of human services to fully implement the Office of the Legislative Auditor's recommendations related to oversight of eligibility determinations for state public health care programs. The bill requires the commissioner to present quarterly reports on implementation and savings to the legislature and the Office of the Legislative Auditor. The bill also requires the commissioner to deposit savings into a medical assistance audit special revenue account. Requires money in the account to be used for a one-time long-term care provider increase and for other uses authorized by the legislature.

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- 1 Improved oversight of MNsure eligibility determinations. Adds § 256B.0562.
 - **Subd. 1. Implementation of OLA findings.** (a) Requires the commissioner of human services to ensure that MA and MinnesotaCare eligibility determinations through the MNsure information technology system fully implement the recommendations of the Office of Legislative Auditor (OLA) in reports 14-22 and 16-02.
 - (b) Allows the commissioner to contract with a vendor for technical assistance in fully implementing the OLA report findings.
 - (c) Requires the commissioner to coordinate implementation of this section with periodic data matching.
 - (d) Requires the commissioner to use existing resources to implement this section.

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- **Subd. 2. Duties of the commissioner.** (a) Lists the OLA report recommendations that the commissioner must fully implement.
- (b) Requires the commissioner to implement the OLA recommendations retroactively for MA and MinnesotaCare applications and renewals submitted on or after January 1, 2016. Requires the commissioner to submit quarterly reports to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance that provide information on: (1) progress in implementing the OLA recommendations; (2) the number of applicants and enrollees affected by implementation; and (3) savings to the state. Requires the quarterly report submitted October 1, 2016 to include a timetable for full implementation of the OLA recommendations.
- **Subd. 3. Office of Legislative Auditor.** Requires the legislative auditor to review each quarterly report for accuracy and review compliance by DHS with the OLA report recommendations. Requires the legislative auditor to notify legislative committee on whether or not these requirements are met.
- **Subd. 4. Special revenue account; use of savings.** (a) Establishes a medical assistance audit special revenue account in the general fund. Requires the commissioner to deposit into this account all savings from implementing the OLA recommendations, and all savings from implementing periodic data matching that are above the forecasted savings.
- (b) Requires the commissioner to provide a one-time payment increase to long-term care providers, once the balance in the fund is sufficient.
- (c) States that further expenditures from the account are subject to legislative authorization.

Provides an immediate effective date.