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Overview

This bill establishes in statute an executive steering committee to govern the Minnesota eligibility system, which is used to determine eligibility for and enroll certain individuals in qualified health plans and public health care programs. It also modifies the composition of the MNsure board, by removing the commissioner of human services and adding a member to represent the general public.

Section

- 1** **Application of other law.** Amends § 62V.03, subd. 2. Makes the Minnesota Eligibility System Executive Steering Committee subject to the open meeting law.
- 2** **Appointment.** Amends § 62V.04, subd. 2. Removes the commissioner of human services or a designee from membership on the MNsure board and adds a member representing the interests of the general public.
- 3** **Terms.** Amends § 62V.04, subd. 3. Removes a reference to the term served on the MNsure board by the commissioner of human services or a designee, to conform to section 2.
- 4** **Conflicts of interest.** Amends § 62V.04, subd. 4. Modifies a cross-reference to require all board members, including the member representing the interests of the general public, to comply with the conflict of interest requirements for MNsure board members. (Under current law the conflict of interest requirements do not apply to the commissioner of human services.)
- 5** **Minnesota Eligibility System Executive Steering Committee.** Adds § 62V.055. Establishes an executive steering committee to govern the Minnesota eligibility system.

Section

Subd. 1. Definition; Minnesota eligibility system. Defines Minnesota eligibility system as the system that supports eligibility determinations using the modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) methodology for certain medical assistance applicants and enrollees (mainly children, parents, pregnant women, and adults without children); for MinnesotaCare applicants and enrollees; and for people applying for or enrolled in a qualified health plan.

Subd. 2. Establishment; committee membership. Establishes the Minnesota Eligibility System Executive Steering Committee and specifies committee membership: one member appointed by the commissioner of human services, one member appointed by the MNsure board, one member representing counties, and one nonvoting member representing MN.IT.

Subd. 3. Duties. Directs the steering committee to establish a governance structure for the Minnesota eligibility system and to be responsible for the system's governance. Requires quarterly reports to the Legislative Oversight Committee, and requires the steering committee to adopt bylaws, policies, and agreements to administer the Minnesota eligibility system.

Subd. 4. Meetings. Requires steering committee meetings to be held in the State Office Building and to be available for viewing over the Internet. Requires the steering committee to provide opportunities for public testimony at every meeting and to post meeting documents to the legislature's Web site. Requires steering committee votes to be recorded, with each member's vote identified.

Subd. 5. Administrative structure. Lists duties of the Office of MN.IT Services for the Minnesota eligibility system.

- 6 Review of Minnesota eligibility system funding and expenditures.** Adds subd. 5 to § 62V.11. Requires the Legislative Oversight Committee to review quarterly reports submitted by the steering committee related to Minnesota eligibility system funding and expenditures.