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Overview

This bill directs the legislative auditor to give high priority to auditing the programs, services, and benefits administered by the Department of Human Services. The bill also directs the legislative auditor to periodically test whether a representative sample of MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees are eligible to receive benefits, to report the results to the commissioner and recommend corrective actions (which the commissioner must implement within 20 business days), and to monitor and report on the implementation of corrective actions.

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- 1 Audits of the Department of Human Services (DHS).** (a) Directs the legislative auditor to give high priority to auditing the programs, services, and benefits administered by DHS, in order to ensure continuous legislative oversight and accountability. Requires the audits to determine whether DHS offered programs and provided services and benefits only to eligible persons and organizations, and complied with applicable legal requirements.
- (b) Requires the legislative auditor, no less than three times each year, to test a representative sample of MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees, to determine whether they are eligible to receive benefits under those programs. Requires the legislative auditor to report the results to the commissioner of human services and recommend corrective actions, which the commissioner must implement within 20 business days. Requires the legislative auditor to monitor implementation of corrective actions and periodically report to the legislative audit commission and the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance. Requires these reports to include recommendations for any legislative

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actions needed to ensure that MA and MinnesotaCare benefits are provided only to eligible persons.

- 2** **Appropriation.** Appropriates money for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, from the health care access fund to the legislative auditor to establish and maintain a team of auditors with the training and experience necessary to fulfill the requirements of section 1. Includes this amount in the base budget of the legislative auditor.