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Section

- 1 Citation. Provides that the act may be cited as "The Alec Smith Emergency Insulin Act."
- Volume purchase program for insulin. Amends § 256.01, by adding subd. 42. Requires the commissioner of human services to implement a preferred insulin product program by January 1, 2019. Requires the commissioner, through the program, to volume purchase insulin and related supplies, and make these available to individuals with low incomes who do not have prescription drug coverage through MA, MinnesotaCare, or a health plan. Requires the commissioner to establish cost-sharing requirements using a sliding scale and make insulin and supplies available in all areas of the state though contracts with local health care providers and pharmacies. Allows the commissioner to limit the number of months during which an individual may receive insulin and supplies through the program.
- **Appropriation; volume purchase program.** Appropriates money in FY 2019 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to implement section 2.