

Subject Home care competitive grant program; home care and assisted living advisory council

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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of health to annually distribute money in an account holding revenue from fines paid by home care providers, through a competitive grant program to improve quality of care and outcomes for home care clients. It also specifies a timeframe within which vacancies on the home care and assisted living advisory council must be filled.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Fines.
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Amends § 144A.474, subd. 11. Current law requires the balance in the special revenue account into which fines paid by home care providers are deposited, to be annually appropriated to the commissioner of health to implement recommendations of the home care and assisted living advisory council. This section instead annually appropriates money in this account to the commissioner of health for a competitive grant program for special projects to improve quality of care and outcomes for home care clients in Minnesota. Specifies entities eligible and not eligible for grants, and allows the commissioner to retain up to ten percent of each grant for administrative costs.

2	Membership.
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Amends § 144A.4799, subd. 1. If there is a vacancy on the home care and assisted living advisory council, requires the commissioner of health to choose an applicant for that vacancy within 60 days after receiving applications from individuals via the secretary of state. Requires the vacancy to be posted for 21 days before the secretary of state sends the names of applicants to the commissioner.

Section	Description
3	<p data-bbox="316 262 1430 300">Special projects grant program for home care providers.</p> <p data-bbox="316 310 1430 539">By December 31, 2028, requires the commissioner of health to distribute the balance in the account holding revenue from fines paid by home care providers, through a competitive grant program for special projects to improve quality of care and outcomes for home care clients in Minnesota. Specifies amounts not awarded as grants by December 31, 2028, must be awarded through annual distributions beginning January 1, 2029.</p>



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