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H. F. No. 3529

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03/11/2024 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy
Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; requiring health maintenance organizations to be nonprofit
1.3 corporations organized under chapter 317A; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,
1.4 sections 62D.02, subdivision 4; 62D.03, subdivision 1; 62D.05, subdivision 1;
1.5 62D.06, subdivision 1; 62D.19; 62E.02, subdivision 3.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62D.02, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. Health maintenance organization. "Health maintenance organization" means
1.9 a foreign or domestic nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 317A, or a local
1.10 governmental unit as defined in subdivision 11, controlled and operated as provided in
1.11 sections 62D.01 to 62D.30, which provides, either directly or through arrangements with
1.12 providers or other persons, comprehensive health maintenance services, or arranges for the
1.13 provision of these services, to enrollees on the basis of a fixed prepaid sum without regard
1.14 to the frequency or extent of services furnished to any particular enrollee.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62D.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.16 Subdivision 1. Certificate of authority required. Notwithstanding any law of this state
1.17 to the contrary, any foreign or domestic nonprofit corporation organized to do so or a local
1.18 governmental unit may apply to the commissioner of health for a certificate of authority to
1.19 establish and operate a health maintenance organization in compliance with sections 62D.01
1.20 to 62D.30. No person shall establish or operate a health maintenance organization in this
1.21 state, nor sell or offer to sell, or solicit offers to purchase or receive advance or periodic
1.22 consideration in conjunction with a health maintenance organization or health maintenance

2.1 contract unless the organization has a certificate of authority under sections 62D.01 to
2.2 62D.30.

2.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62D.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.4 Subdivision 1. **Authority granted.** Any nonprofit corporation or local governmental
2.5 unit may, upon obtaining a certificate of authority as required in sections 62D.01 to 62D.30,
2.6 operate as a health maintenance organization.

2.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62D.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.8 Subdivision 1. **Governing body composition; enrollee advisory body.** The governing
2.9 body of any health maintenance organization which is a nonprofit corporation may include
2.10 enrollees, providers, or other individuals; provided, however, that after a health maintenance
2.11 organization which is a nonprofit corporation has been authorized under sections 62D.01
2.12 to 62D.30 for one year, at least 40 percent of the governing body shall be composed of
2.13 enrollees and members elected by the enrollees and members from among the enrollees and
2.14 members. For purposes of this section, "member" means a consumer who receives health
2.15 care services through a self-insured contract that is administered by the health maintenance
2.16 organization or its related third-party administrator. The number of members elected to the
2.17 governing body shall not exceed the number of enrollees elected to the governing body. An
2.18 enrollee or member elected to the governing board may not be a person:

2.19 (1) whose occupation involves, or before retirement involved, the administration of
2.20 health activities or the provision of health services;

2.21 (2) who is or was employed by a health care facility as a licensed health professional;
2.22 or

2.23 (3) who has or had a direct substantial financial or managerial interest in the rendering
2.24 of a health service, other than the payment of a reasonable expense reimbursement or
2.25 compensation as a member of the board of a health maintenance organization.

2.26 After a health maintenance organization which is a local governmental unit has been
2.27 authorized under sections 62D.01 to 62D.30 for one year, an enrollee advisory body shall
2.28 be established. The enrollees who make up this advisory body shall be elected by the enrollees
2.29 from among the enrollees.

3.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62D.19, is amended to read:

3.2 **62D.19 UNREASONABLE EXPENSES.**

3.3 No health maintenance organization shall incur or pay for any expense of any nature
3.4 which is unreasonably high in relation to the value of the service or goods provided. The
3.5 commissioner of health shall implement and enforce this section by rules adopted under
3.6 this section.

3.7 In an effort to achieve the stated purposes of sections 62D.01 to 62D.30, in order to
3.8 safeguard the underlying nonprofit status of health maintenance organizations, and in order
3.9 to ensure that the payment of health maintenance organization money to major participating
3.10 entities results in a corresponding benefit to the health maintenance organization and its
3.11 enrollees, when determining whether an organization has incurred an unreasonable expense
3.12 in relation to a major participating entity, due consideration shall be given to, in addition
3.13 to any other appropriate factors, whether the officers and trustees of the health maintenance
3.14 organization have acted with good faith and in the best interests of the health maintenance
3.15 organization in entering into, and performing under, a contract under which the health
3.16 maintenance organization has incurred an expense. The commissioner has standing to sue,
3.17 on behalf of a health maintenance organization, officers or trustees of the health maintenance
3.18 organization who have breached their fiduciary duty in entering into and performing such
3.19 contracts.

3.20 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62E.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.21 Subd. 3. **Health maintenance organization.** "Health maintenance organization" means
3.22 a nonprofit corporation licensed and operated as provided in chapter 62D.

3.23 Sec. 7. **TRANSITION.**

3.24 (a) A health maintenance organization that has a certificate of authority under Minnesota
3.25 Statutes, chapter 62D, but that is not a nonprofit corporation organized under Minnesota
3.26 Statutes, chapter 317A, or a local governmental unit, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
3.27 section 62D.02, subdivision 11:

3.28 (1) must not offer, sell, issue, or renew any health maintenance contracts on or after
3.29 August 1, 2024;

3.30 (2) may otherwise continue to operate as a health maintenance organization until
3.31 December 31, 2025; and

4.1 (3) must provide notice to the health maintenance organization's enrollees as of August
4.2 1, 2024, of the date the health maintenance organization will cease to operate in this state
4.3 and any plans to transition enrollee coverage to another insurer. This notice must be provided
4.4 by October 1, 2024.

4.5 (b) The commissioner of health must not issue or renew a certificate of authority to
4.6 operate as a health maintenance organization on or after August 1, 2024, unless the entity
4.7 seeking the certificate of authority meets the requirements for a health maintenance
4.8 organization under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62D, in effect on or after August 1, 2024.