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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; directing the commissioner of human services to make
1.3 recommendations for substance use disorder treatment provider paperwork
1.4 reduction and systems improvement; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **DIRECTION TO THE COMMISSIONER; SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**
1.7 **TREATMENT PAPERWORK REDUCTION.**

1.8 (a) The commissioner of human services, in consultation with counties, tribes, managed
1.9 care organizations, substance use disorder treatment professional associations, and other
1.10 relevant stakeholders, shall develop, test, and recommend systems improvements to minimize
1.11 regulatory paperwork and improve systems for substance use disorder programs licensed
1.12 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245A, and regulated under Minnesota Statutes, chapters
1.13 245F and 245G, and Minnesota Rules, chapters 2960 and 9530. The commissioner of human
1.14 services shall make available any resources needed from other divisions within the department
1.15 to implement systems improvements.

1.16 (b) The commissioner of health shall make available needed information and resources
1.17 from the Division of Health Policy.

1.18 (c) The Office of MN.IT Services shall provide advance consultation and implementation
1.19 of the changes needed in data systems.

1.20 (d) The commissioner of human services shall contract with a vendor that has experience
1.21 with developing statewide system changes for multiple states at the payer and provider
1.22 levels. When developing recommendations, the commissioner shall consider input from all

2.1 stakeholders. The commissioner's recommendations shall maximize benefits for clients and
2.2 utility for providers, regulatory agencies, and payers.

2.3 (e) The commissioner of human services and contracted vendor shall follow the
2.4 recommendations from the report issued in response to Laws 2019, First Special Session
2.5 chapter 9, article 6, section 76.

2.6 (f) By December 15, 2022, the commissioner of human services shall take steps to
2.7 implement paperwork reductions and systems improvements within the commissioner's
2.8 authority and submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
2.9 with jurisdiction over health and human services a report that includes recommendations
2.10 for changes in statutes that would further enhance systems improvements to reduce
2.11 paperwork. The report shall include a summary of the approaches developed and tested by
2.12 the commissioner of human services and stakeholders and the results of any tests conducted.

2.13 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.14 \$318,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.15 of human services for the purposes of section 1. \$200,000 of this appropriation shall be
2.16 used to contract with the vendor described in section 1, paragraph (d). \$118,000 in fiscal
2.17 year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for
2.18 the purposes of section 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until December
2.19 15, 2023.