

1.1 moves to amend S. F. No. 3656, the second engrossment, in conference
1.2 committee, as follows:

1.3 Page 400, delete article 24 and insert:

1.4 **"ARTICLE 24**

1.5 **HEALTH COVERAGE**

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 62A.30, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Mammograms.** (a) For purposes of subdivision 2, coverage for a preventive
1.9 mammogram screening shall include digital breast tomosynthesis for enrollees at risk for
1.10 breast cancer, and shall be covered as a preventive item or service, as described under section
1.11 62Q.46.

1.12 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "digital breast tomosynthesis" means a radiologic
1.13 procedure that involves the acquisition of projection images over the stationary breast to
1.14 produce cross-sectional digital three-dimensional images of the breast. "At risk for breast
1.15 cancer" means:

1.16 (1) having a family history with one or more first- or second-degree relatives with breast
1.17 cancer;

1.18 (2) testing positive for BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations;

1.19 (3) having heterogeneously dense breasts or extremely dense breasts based on the Breast
1.20 Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology; or

1.21 (4) having a previous diagnosis of breast cancer.

1.22 (c) This subdivision does not apply to coverage provided through a public health care
1.23 program under chapter 256B or 256L.

2.1 (d) Nothing in this subdivision limits the coverage of digital breast tomosynthesis in a
2.2 policy, plan, certificate, or contract referred to in subdivision 1 that is in effect prior to
2.3 January 1, 2019.

2.4 (e) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits a policy, plan, certificate, or contract referred
2.5 to in subdivision 1 from covering digital breast tomosynthesis for an enrollee who is not at
2.6 risk for breast cancer.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2019, and applies to health
2.8 plans issued, sold, or renewed on or after that date.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 62A.65, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.10 Subd. 7. **Short-term coverage.** (a) For purposes of this section, "short-term coverage"
2.11 means an individual health plan that:

2.12 (1) is issued to provide coverage for a period of ~~185 days or less, except that the health~~
2.13 ~~plan may permit coverage to continue until the end of a period of hospitalization for a~~
2.14 ~~condition for which the covered person was hospitalized on the day that coverage would~~
2.15 ~~otherwise have ended~~ than 12 months;

2.16 (2) ~~is nonrenewable, provided that the health carrier may provide coverage for one or~~
2.17 ~~more subsequent periods that satisfy clause (1), if the total of the periods of coverage do~~
2.18 ~~not exceed a total of 365 days out of any 555-day period, plus any additional days covered~~
2.19 ~~as a result of hospitalization on the day that a period of coverage would otherwise have~~
2.20 ~~ended~~ may be renewed for only one additional period meeting the requirements of clause
2.21 (1); and

2.22 (3) does not cover any preexisting conditions for the first six months of coverage,
2.23 including ones that originated during a previous identical policy or contract with the same
2.24 health carrier where coverage was continuous between the previous and the current policy
2.25 or contract; ~~and.~~

2.26 ~~(4) is available with an immediate effective date without underwriting upon receipt of~~
2.27 ~~a completed application indicating eligibility under the health carrier's eligibility~~
2.28 ~~requirements, provided that coverage that includes optional benefits may be offered on a~~
2.29 ~~basis that does not meet this requirement.~~

2.30 (b) Short-term coverage is not subject to subdivisions 2 and 5. Short-term coverage may
2.31 exclude as a preexisting condition any injury, illness, or condition for which the covered
2.32 person had medical treatment, symptoms, or any manifestations before the effective date

3.1 of the coverage, but dependent children born or placed for adoption during the policy period
3.2 must not be subject to this provision.

3.3 ~~(c) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, and section 62A.021, a health carrier may combine~~
3.4 ~~short-term coverage with its most commonly sold individual qualified plan, as defined in~~
3.5 ~~section 62E.02, other than short-term coverage, for purposes of complying with the loss~~
3.6 ~~ratio requirement.~~

3.7 ~~(d) The 365-day coverage limitation provided in paragraph (a) applies to the total number~~
3.8 ~~of days of short-term coverage that covers a person, regardless of the number of policies,~~
3.9 ~~contracts, or health carriers that provide the coverage. A written application for short-term~~
3.10 ~~coverage must ask the applicant whether the applicant has been covered by short-term~~
3.11 ~~coverage by any health carrier within the 555 days immediately preceding the effective date~~
3.12 ~~of the coverage being applied for. Short-term coverage issued in violation of the 365-day~~
3.13 ~~limitation is valid until the end of its term and does not lose its status as short-term coverage,~~
3.14 ~~in spite of the violation. A health carrier that knowingly issues short-term coverage in~~
3.15 ~~violation of the 365-day limitation is subject to the administrative penalties otherwise~~
3.16 ~~available to the commissioner of commerce or the commissioner of health, as appropriate.~~

3.17 **Sec. 3. [62J.824] FACILITY FEE DISCLOSURE.**

3.18 (a) Prior to the delivery of nonemergency services, a provider-based clinic that charges
3.19 a facility fee shall provide notice to any patient stating that the clinic is part of a hospital
3.20 and the patient may receive a separate charge or billing for the facility component, which
3.21 may result in a higher out-of-pocket expense.

3.22 (b) Each health care facility must post prominently in locations easily accessible to and
3.23 visible by patients, including its Web site, a statement that the provider-based clinic is part
3.24 of a hospital and the patient may receive a separate charge or billing for the facility, which
3.25 may result in a higher out-of-pocket expense.

3.26 (c) This section does not apply to laboratory services, imaging services, or other ancillary
3.27 health services that are provided by staff who are not employed by the health care facility
3.28 or clinic.

3.29 (d) For purposes of this section:

3.30 (1) "facility fee" means any separate charge or billing by a provider-based clinic in
3.31 addition to a professional fee for physicians' services that is intended to cover building,
3.32 electronic medical records systems, billing, and other administrative and operational
3.33 expenses; and

4.1 (2) "provider-based clinic" means the site of an off-campus clinic or provider office
4.2 located at least 250 yards from the main hospital buildings or as determined by the Centers
4.3 for Medicare and Medicaid Services, that is owned by a hospital licensed under chapter 144
4.4 or a health system that operates one or more hospitals licensed under chapter 144, and is
4.5 primarily engaged in providing diagnostic and therapeutic care, including medical history,
4.6 physical examinations, assessment of health status, and treatment monitoring. This definition
4.7 does not include clinics that are exclusively providing laboratory, x-ray, testing, therapy,
4.8 pharmacy, or educational services and does not include facilities designated as rural health
4.9 clinics.

4.10 Sec. 4. [62Q.48] POINT OF SALE ALLOWABLE COST.

4.11 (a) No health plan company or pharmacy benefits manager shall require an enrollee to
4.12 make a payment at the point of sale for a prescription drug that is covered under the enrollee's
4.13 health plan in an amount greater than the allowable cost to consumers.

4.14 (b) For purposes of this section:

4.15 (1) "allowable cost to consumers" means the lowest of:

4.16 (i) the applicable co-payment for the prescription drug under the enrollee's health plan;
4.17 or

4.18 (ii) the amount an individual would pay for the prescription drug if the individual
4.19 purchased the prescription drug without using a health plan benefit; and

4.20 (2) "pharmacy benefit manager" has the meaning provided in section 151.71, subdivision
4.21 1.

4.22 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 62Q.55, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

4.23 Subd. 5. **Coverage restrictions or limitations.** (a) If emergency services are provided
4.24 by a nonparticipating provider, with or without prior authorization, the health plan company
4.25 shall not impose coverage restrictions or limitations that are more restrictive than apply to
4.26 emergency services received from a participating provider. Cost-sharing requirements that
4.27 apply to emergency services received out-of-network must be the same as the cost-sharing
4.28 requirements that apply to services received in-network.

4.29 (b) If emergency services are provided by a nonparticipating provider:

4.30 (1) the nonparticipating provider shall not request payment from the enrollee in addition
4.31 to the applicable cost-sharing requirements authorized under paragraph (a); and

5.1 (2) the enrollee shall be held harmless and not liable for payment to the nonparticipating
 5.2 provider that are in addition to the applicable cost-sharing requirements under paragraph
 5.3 (a).

5.4 (c) For services provided under this section, a health plan company complies with the
 5.5 requirements of this section if it calculates benefits and applies in-network cost-sharing
 5.6 requirements with respect to an out-of-network provider for an out-of-network emergency
 5.7 service based on an allowed amount that is at least equal to the greatest of these three possible
 5.8 amounts:

5.9 (1) the median amount negotiated with in-network providers for the emergency services
 5.10 furnished;

5.11 (2) the amount for the emergency service calculated using the same method the plan
 5.12 generally uses to determine payments for out-of-network services, such as the usual,
 5.13 customary, and reasonable charges; or

5.14 (3) the amount that would be paid under Medicare for the emergency service.

5.15 (d) This section does not apply to coverage provided under chapter 256B or 256L.

5.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2019, and applies to emergency
 5.17 services provided on or after that date.

5.18 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 151.214, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

5.19 Subd. 2. **No prohibition on disclosure.** No contracting agreement between an
 5.20 employer-sponsored health plan or health plan company, or its contracted pharmacy benefit
 5.21 manager, and a resident or nonresident pharmacy ~~registered~~ licensed under this chapter,
 5.22 may prohibit ~~the~~:

5.23 (1) a pharmacy from disclosing to patients information a pharmacy is required or given
 5.24 the option to provide under subdivision 1; or

5.25 (2) a pharmacist from informing a patient when the amount the patient is required to
 5.26 pay under the patient's health plan for a particular drug is greater than the amount the patient
 5.27 would be required to pay for the same drug if purchased out-of-pocket at the pharmacy's
 5.28 usual and customary price.

5.29 Sec. 7. **[151.555] PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM.**

5.30 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
 5.31 subdivision have the meanings given.

6.1 (b) "Central repository" means a wholesale distributor that meets the requirements under
6.2 subdivision 3 and enters into a contract with the Board of Pharmacy in accordance with this
6.3 section.

6.4 (c) "Distribute" means to deliver, other than by administering or dispensing.

6.5 (d) "Donor" means:

6.6 (1) a health care facility as defined in this subdivision;

6.7 (2) a skilled nursing facility licensed under chapter 144A;

6.8 (3) an assisted living facility registered under chapter 144D where there is centralized
6.9 storage of drugs and 24-hour on-site licensed nursing coverage provided seven days a week;

6.10 (4) a pharmacy licensed under section 151.19, and located either in the state or outside
6.11 the state;

6.12 (5) a drug wholesaler licensed under section 151.47; or

6.13 (6) a drug manufacturer licensed under section 151.252.

6.14 (e) "Drug" means any prescription drug that has been approved for medical use in the
6.15 United States, is listed in the United States Pharmacopoeia or National Formulary, and
6.16 meets the criteria established under this section for donation. This definition includes cancer
6.17 drugs and antirejection drugs, but does not include controlled substances, as defined in
6.18 section 152.01, subdivision 4, or a prescription drug that can only be dispensed to a patient
6.19 registered with the drug's manufacturer in accordance with federal Food and Drug
6.20 Administration requirements.

6.21 (f) "Health care facility" means:

6.22 (1) a physician's office or health care clinic where licensed practitioners provide health
6.23 care to patients;

6.24 (2) a hospital licensed under section 144.50;

6.25 (3) a pharmacy licensed under section 151.19 and located in Minnesota; or

6.26 (4) a nonprofit community clinic, including a federally qualified health center; a rural
6.27 health clinic; public health clinic; or other community clinic that provides health care utilizing
6.28 a sliding fee scale to patients who are low-income, uninsured, or underinsured.

6.29 (g) "Local repository" means a health care facility that elects to accept donated drugs
6.30 and medical supplies and meets the requirements of subdivision 4.

7.1 (h) "Medical supplies" or "supplies" means any prescription and nonprescription medical
7.2 supply needed to administer a prescription drug.

7.3 (i) "Original, sealed, unopened, tamper-evident packaging" means packaging that is
7.4 sealed, unopened, and tamper-evident, including a manufacturer's original unit dose or
7.5 unit-of-use container, a repackager's original unit dose or unit-of-use container, or unit-dose
7.6 packaging prepared by a licensed pharmacy according to the standards of Minnesota Rules,
7.7 part 6800.3750.

7.8 (j) "Practitioner" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision 23, except that
7.9 it does not include a veterinarian.

7.10 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** By January 1, 2019, the Board of Pharmacy shall establish a
7.11 drug repository program, through which donors may donate a drug or medical supply for
7.12 use by an individual who meets the eligibility criteria specified under subdivision 5. The
7.13 board shall contract with a central repository that meets the requirements of subdivision 3
7.14 to implement and administer the prescription drug repository program.

7.15 Subd. 3. **Central repository requirements.** (a) The board shall publish a request for
7.16 proposal for participants who meet the requirements of this subdivision and are interested
7.17 in acting as the central repository for the drug repository program. The board shall follow
7.18 all applicable state procurement procedures in the selection process.

7.19 (b) To be eligible to act as the central repository, the participant must be a wholesale
7.20 drug distributor located in Minnesota, licensed pursuant to section 151.47, and in compliance
7.21 with all applicable federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations.

7.22 (c) The central repository shall be subject to inspection by the board pursuant to section
7.23 151.06, subdivision 1.

7.24 Subd. 4. **Local repository requirements.** (a) To be eligible for participation in the drug
7.25 repository program, a health care facility must agree to comply with all applicable federal
7.26 and state laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the drug repository program, drug storage,
7.27 and dispensing. The facility must also agree to maintain in good standing any required state
7.28 license or registration that may apply to the facility.

7.29 (b) A local repository may elect to participate in the program by submitting the following
7.30 information to the central repository on a form developed by the board and made available
7.31 on the board's Web site:

8.1 (1) the name, street address, and telephone number of the health care facility and any
8.2 state-issued license or registration number issued to the facility, including the issuing state
8.3 agency;

8.4 (2) the name and telephone number of a responsible pharmacist or practitioner who is
8.5 employed by or under contract with the health care facility; and

8.6 (3) a statement signed and dated by the responsible pharmacist or practitioner indicating
8.7 that the health care facility meets the eligibility requirements under this section and agrees
8.8 to comply with this section.

8.9 (c) Participation in the drug repository program is voluntary. A local repository may
8.10 withdraw from participation in the drug repository program at any time by providing written
8.11 notice to the central repository on a form developed by the board and made available on
8.12 the board's Web site. The central repository shall provide the board with a copy of the
8.13 withdrawal notice within ten business days from the date of receipt of the withdrawal notice.

8.14 Subd. 5. **Individual eligibility and application requirements.** (a) To be eligible for
8.15 the drug repository program, an individual must submit to a local repository an intake
8.16 application form that is signed by the individual and attests that the individual:

8.17 (1) is a resident of Minnesota;

8.18 (2) is uninsured, has no prescription drug coverage, or is underinsured;

8.19 (3) acknowledges that the drugs or medical supplies to be received through the program
8.20 may have been donated; and

8.21 (4) consents to a waiver of the child-resistant packaging requirements of the federal
8.22 Poison Prevention Packaging Act.

8.23 (b) Upon determining that an individual is eligible for the program, the local repository
8.24 shall furnish the individual with an identification card. The card shall be valid for one year
8.25 from the date of issuance and may be used at any local repository. A new identification card
8.26 may be issued upon expiration once the individual submits a new application form.

8.27 (c) The local repository shall send a copy of the intake application form to the central
8.28 repository by regular mail, facsimile, or secured e-mail within ten days from the date the
8.29 application is approved by the local repository.

8.30 (d) The board shall develop and make available on the board's Web site an application
8.31 form and the format for the identification card.

9.1 Subd. 6. Standards and procedures for accepting donations of drugs and supplies.

9.2 (a) A donor may donate prescription drugs or medical supplies to the central repository or
9.3 a local repository if the drug or supply meets the requirements of this section as determined
9.4 by a pharmacist or practitioner who is employed by or under contract with the central
9.5 repository or a local repository.

9.6 (b) A prescription drug is eligible for donation under the drug repository program if the
9.7 following requirements are met:

9.8 (1) the donation is accompanied by a drug repository donor form described under
9.9 paragraph (d) that is signed by an individual who is authorized by the donor to attest to the
9.10 donor's knowledge in accordance with paragraph (d);

9.11 (2) the drug's expiration date is at least six months after the date the drug was donated.
9.12 If a donated drug bears an expiration date that is less than six months from the donation
9.13 date, the drug may be accepted and distributed if the drug is in high demand and can be
9.14 dispensed for use by a patient before the drug's expiration date;

9.15 (3) the drug is in its original, sealed, unopened, tamper-evident packaging that includes
9.16 the expiration date. Single-unit-dose drugs may be accepted if the single-unit-dose packaging
9.17 is unopened;

9.18 (4) the drug or the packaging does not have any physical signs of tampering, misbranding,
9.19 deterioration, compromised integrity, or adulteration;

9.20 (5) the drug does not require storage temperatures other than normal room temperature
9.21 as specified by the manufacturer or United States Pharmacopoeia, unless the drug is being
9.22 donated directly by its manufacturer, a wholesale drug distributor, or a pharmacy located
9.23 in Minnesota; and

9.24 (6) the prescription drug is not a controlled substance.

9.25 (c) A medical supply is eligible for donation under the drug repository program if the
9.26 following requirements are met:

9.27 (1) the supply has no physical signs of tampering, misbranding, or alteration and there
9.28 is no reason to believe it has been adulterated, tampered with, or misbranded;

9.29 (2) the supply is in its original, unopened, sealed packaging;

9.30 (3) the donation is accompanied by a drug repository donor form described under
9.31 paragraph (d) that is signed by an individual who is authorized by the donor to attest to the
9.32 donor's knowledge in accordance with paragraph (d); and

10.1 (4) if the supply bears an expiration date, the date is at least six months later than the
10.2 date the supply was donated. If the donated supply bears an expiration date that is less than
10.3 six months from the date the supply was donated, the supply may be accepted and distributed
10.4 if the supply is in high demand and can be dispensed for use by a patient before the supply's
10.5 expiration date.

10.6 (d) The board shall develop the drug repository donor form and make it available on the
10.7 board's Web site. The form must state that to the best of the donor's knowledge the donated
10.8 drug or supply has been properly stored and that the drug or supply has never been opened,
10.9 used, tampered with, adulterated, or misbranded.

10.10 (e) Donated drugs and supplies may be shipped or delivered to the premises of the central
10.11 repository or a local repository, and shall be inspected by a pharmacist or an authorized
10.12 practitioner who is employed by or under contract with the repository and who has been
10.13 designated by the repository to accept donations. A drop box must not be used to deliver
10.14 or accept donations.

10.15 (f) The central repository and local repository shall inventory all drugs and supplies
10.16 donated to the repository. For each drug, the inventory must include the drug's name, strength,
10.17 quantity, manufacturer, expiration date, and the date the drug was donated. For each medical
10.18 supply, the inventory must include a description of the supply, its manufacturer, the date
10.19 the supply was donated, and, if applicable, the supply's brand name and expiration date.

10.20 **Subd. 7. Standards and procedures for inspecting and storing donated prescription**
10.21 **drugs and supplies.** (a) A pharmacist or authorized practitioner who is employed by or
10.22 under contract with the central repository or a local repository shall inspect all donated
10.23 prescription drugs and supplies to determine, to the extent reasonably possible in the
10.24 professional judgment of the pharmacist or practitioner, that the drug or supply is not
10.25 adulterated or misbranded, has not been tampered with, is safe and suitable for dispensing,
10.26 and meets the requirements for donation. The pharmacist or practitioner who inspects the
10.27 drugs or supplies shall sign an inspection record stating that the requirements for donation
10.28 have been met. If a local repository receives drugs and supplies from the central repository,
10.29 the local repository does not need to reinspect the drugs and supplies.

10.30 (b) The central repository and local repositories shall store donated drugs and supplies
10.31 in a secure storage area under environmental conditions appropriate for the drug or supply
10.32 being stored. Donated drugs and supplies may not be stored with nondonated inventory. If
10.33 donated drugs or supplies are not inspected immediately upon receipt, a repository must
10.34 quarantine the donated drugs or supplies separately from all dispensing stock until the

11.1 donated drugs or supplies have been inspected and approved for dispensing under the
11.2 program.

11.3 (c) The central repository and local repositories shall dispose of all prescription drugs
11.4 and medical supplies that are not suitable for donation in compliance with applicable federal
11.5 and state statutes, regulations, and rules concerning hazardous waste.

11.6 (d) In the event that controlled substances or prescription drugs that can only be dispensed
11.7 to a patient registered with the drug's manufacturer are shipped or delivered to a central or
11.8 local repository for donation, the shipment delivery must be documented by the repository
11.9 and returned immediately to the donor or the donor's representative that provided the drugs.

11.10 (e) Each repository must develop drug and medical supply recall policies and procedures.
11.11 If a repository receives a recall notification, the repository shall destroy all of the drug or
11.12 medical supply in its inventory that is the subject of the recall and complete a record of
11.13 destruction form in accordance with paragraph (f). If a drug or medical supply that is the
11.14 subject of a Class I or Class II recall has been dispensed, the repository shall immediately
11.15 notify the recipient of the recalled drug or medical supply. A drug that potentially is subject
11.16 to a recall need not be destroyed if its packaging bears a lot number and that lot of the drug
11.17 is not subject to the recall. If no lot number is on the drug's packaging, it must be destroyed.

11.18 (f) A record of destruction of donated drugs and supplies that are not dispensed under
11.19 subdivision 8, are subject to a recall under paragraph (e), or are not suitable for donation
11.20 shall be maintained by the repository for at least five years. For each drug or supply
11.21 destroyed, the record shall include the following information:

11.22 (1) the date of destruction;

11.23 (2) the name, strength, and quantity of the drug destroyed; and

11.24 (3) the name of the person or firm that destroyed the drug.

11.25 **Subd. 8. Dispensing requirements.** (a) Donated drugs and supplies may be dispensed
11.26 if the drugs or supplies are prescribed by a practitioner for use by an eligible individual and
11.27 are dispensed by a pharmacist or practitioner. A repository shall dispense drugs and supplies
11.28 to eligible individuals in the following priority order: (1) individuals who are uninsured;
11.29 (2) individuals with no prescription drug coverage; and (3) individuals who are underinsured.
11.30 A repository shall dispense donated prescription drugs in compliance with applicable federal
11.31 and state laws and regulations for dispensing prescription drugs, including all requirements
11.32 relating to packaging, labeling, record keeping, drug utilization review, and patient
11.33 counseling.

12.1 (b) Before dispensing or administering a drug or supply, the pharmacist or practitioner
12.2 shall visually inspect the drug or supply for adulteration, misbranding, tampering, and date
12.3 of expiration. Drugs or supplies that have expired or appear upon visual inspection to be
12.4 adulterated, misbranded, or tampered with in any way must not be dispensed or administered.

12.5 (c) Before a drug or supply is dispensed or administered to an individual, the individual
12.6 must sign a drug repository recipient form acknowledging that the individual understands
12.7 the information stated on the form. The board shall develop the form and make it available
12.8 on the board's Web site. The form must include the following information:

12.9 (1) that the drug or supply being dispensed or administered has been donated and may
12.10 have been previously dispensed;

12.11 (2) that a visual inspection has been conducted by the pharmacist or practitioner to ensure
12.12 that the drug or supply has not expired, has not been adulterated or misbranded, and is in
12.13 its original, unopened packaging; and

12.14 (3) that the dispensing pharmacist, the dispensing or administering practitioner, the
12.15 central repository or local repository, the Board of Pharmacy, and any other participant of
12.16 the drug repository program cannot guarantee the safety of the drug or medical supply being
12.17 dispensed or administered and that the pharmacist or practitioner has determined that the
12.18 drug or supply is safe to dispense or administer based on the accuracy of the donor's form
12.19 submitted with the donated drug or medical supply and the visual inspection required to be
12.20 performed by the pharmacist or practitioner before dispensing or administering.

12.21 Subd. 9. **Handling fees.** (a) The central or local repository may charge the individual
12.22 receiving a drug or supply a handling fee of no more than 250 percent of the medical
12.23 assistance program dispensing fee for each drug or medical supply dispensed or administered
12.24 by that repository.

12.25 (b) A repository that dispenses or administers a drug or medical supply through the drug
12.26 repository program shall not receive reimbursement under the medical assistance program
12.27 or the MinnesotaCare program for that dispensed or administered drug or supply.

12.28 Subd. 10. **Distribution of donated drugs and supplies.** (a) The central repository and
12.29 local repositories may distribute drugs and supplies donated under the drug repository
12.30 program to other participating repositories for use pursuant to this program.

12.31 (b) A local repository that elects not to dispense donated drugs or supplies must transfer
12.32 all donated drugs and supplies to the central repository. A copy of the donor form that was

13.1 completed by the original donor under subdivision 6 must be provided to the central
13.2 repository at the time of transfer.

13.3 Subd. 11. **Forms and record-keeping requirements.** (a) The following forms developed
13.4 for the administration of this program shall be utilized by the participants of the program
13.5 and shall be available on the board's Web site:

13.6 (1) intake application form described under subdivision 5;

13.7 (2) local repository participation form described under subdivision 4;

13.8 (3) local repository withdrawal form described under subdivision 4;

13.9 (4) drug repository donor form described under subdivision 6;

13.10 (5) record of destruction form described under subdivision 7; and

13.11 (6) drug repository recipient form described under subdivision 8.

13.12 (b) All records, including drug inventory, inspection, and disposal of donated prescription
13.13 drugs and medical supplies must be maintained by a repository for a minimum of five years.
13.14 Records required as part of this program must be maintained pursuant to all applicable
13.15 practice acts.

13.16 (c) Data collected by the drug repository program from all local repositories shall be
13.17 submitted quarterly or upon request to the central repository. Data collected may consist of
13.18 the information, records, and forms required to be collected under this section.

13.19 (d) The central repository shall submit reports to the board as required by the contract
13.20 or upon request of the board.

13.21 Subd. 12. **Liability.** (a) The manufacturer of a drug or supply is not subject to criminal
13.22 or civil liability for injury, death, or loss to a person or to property for causes of action
13.23 described in clauses (1) and (2). A manufacturer is not liable for:

13.24 (1) the intentional or unintentional alteration of the drug or supply by a party not under
13.25 the control of the manufacturer; or

13.26 (2) the failure of a party not under the control of the manufacturer to transfer or
13.27 communicate product or consumer information or the expiration date of the donated drug
13.28 or supply.

13.29 (b) A health care facility participating in the program, a pharmacist dispensing a drug
13.30 or supply pursuant to the program, a practitioner dispensing or administering a drug or
13.31 supply pursuant to the program, or a donor of a drug or medical supply is immune from

14.1 civil liability for an act or omission that causes injury to or the death of an individual to
14.2 whom the drug or supply is dispensed and no disciplinary action by a health-related licensing
14.3 board shall be taken against a pharmacist or practitioner so long as the drug or supply is
14.4 donated, accepted, distributed, and dispensed according to the requirements of this section.
14.5 This immunity does not apply if the act or omission involves reckless, wanton, or intentional
14.6 misconduct, or malpractice unrelated to the quality of the drug or medical supply.

14.7 Subd. 13. **Sunset.** This section expires July 1, 2022.

14.8 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 151.71, is amended by adding a subdivision to
14.9 read:

14.10 Subd. 3. **Synchronization of refills.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision,
14.11 "synchronization" means the coordination of prescription drug refills for a patient taking
14.12 two or more medications for one or more chronic conditions, to allow the patient's
14.13 medications to be refilled on the same schedule for a given period of time.

14.14 (b) A contract between a pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy must allow for
14.15 synchronization of prescription drug refills for a patient on at least one occasion per year,
14.16 if the following criteria are met:

14.17 (1) the prescription drugs are covered under the patient's health plan or have been
14.18 approved by a formulary exceptions process;

14.19 (2) the prescription drugs are maintenance medications as defined by the health plan
14.20 and have one or more refills available at the time of synchronization;

14.21 (3) the prescription drugs are not Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances;

14.22 (4) the patient meets all utilization management criteria relevant to the prescription drug
14.23 at the time of synchronization;

14.24 (5) the prescription drugs are of a formulation that can be safely split into short-fill
14.25 periods to achieve synchronization; and

14.26 (6) the prescription drugs do not have special handling or sourcing needs that require a
14.27 single, designated pharmacy to fill or refill the prescription.

14.28 (c) When necessary to permit synchronization, the pharmacy benefit manager shall apply
14.29 a prorated, daily patient cost-sharing rate to any prescription drug dispensed by a pharmacy
14.30 under this subdivision. The dispensing fee shall not be prorated, and all dispensing fees
14.31 shall be based on the number of prescriptions filled or refilled.

15.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 152.105, subdivision 2, is amended
15.2 to read:

15.3 Subd. 2. **Sheriff to maintain collection receptacle or medicine disposal program.** (a)

15.4 The sheriff of each county shall maintain or contract for the maintenance of at least one
15.5 collection receptacle or implement a medicine disposal program for the disposal of
15.6 noncontrolled substances, pharmaceutical controlled substances, and other legend drugs,
15.7 as permitted by federal law. For purposes of this section, "legend drug" has the meaning
15.8 given in section 151.01, subdivision 17. The collection receptacle and medicine disposal
15.9 program must comply with federal law. In maintaining and operating the collection receptacle
15.10 or medicine disposal program, the sheriff shall follow all applicable provisions of Code of
15.11 Federal Regulations, title 21, parts 1300, 1301, 1304, 1305, 1307, and 1317, as amended
15.12 through May 1, 2017.

15.13 (b) For purposes of this subdivision:

15.14 (1) a medicine disposal program means providing to the public educational information,
15.15 and making materials available for safely destroying unwanted legend drugs, including, but
15.16 not limited to, drug destruction bags or drops; and

15.17 (2) a collection receptacle means the operation and maintenance of at least one drop-off
15.18 receptacle.

15.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 152.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.20 Subd. 2. **Prescription requirements for Schedule III or IV controlled substances.**

15.21 No person may dispense a controlled substance included in Schedule III or IV of section
15.22 152.02 without a prescription issued, as permitted under subdivision 1, by a doctor of
15.23 medicine, a doctor of osteopathic medicine licensed to practice medicine, a doctor of dental
15.24 surgery, a doctor of dental medicine, a doctor of podiatry, a doctor of optometry limited to
15.25 Schedule IV, or a doctor of veterinary medicine, lawfully licensed to prescribe in this state
15.26 or from a practitioner licensed to prescribe controlled substances by the state in which the
15.27 prescription is issued, and having a current federal drug enforcement administration
15.28 registration number. Such prescription may not be dispensed or refilled except with the
15.29 documented consent of the prescriber, ~~and in no event more than six months after the date~~
15.30 ~~on which such prescription was issued~~ and no such prescription may be refilled more than
15.31 five times.

16.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 152.11, is amended by adding a subdivision to
16.2 read:

16.3 Subd. 5. **Limitations on the dispensing of opioid prescription drug orders.** (a) No
16.4 prescription drug order for an opioid drug listed in Schedule II may be dispensed by a
16.5 pharmacist or other dispenser more than 30 days after the date on which the prescription
16.6 drug order was issued.

16.7 (b) No prescription drug order for an opioid drug listed in Schedules III through V may
16.8 be initially dispensed by a pharmacist or other dispenser more than 30 days after the date
16.9 on which the prescription drug order was issued. No prescription drug order for an opioid
16.10 drug listed in Schedules III through V may be refilled by a pharmacist or other dispenser
16.11 more than 45 days after the previous date on which it was dispensed.

16.12 (c) For purposes of this section, "dispenser" has the meaning given in section 152.126,
16.13 subdivision 1.

16.14 Sec. 12. **TESTIMONY ON USE OF DIGITAL BREAST TOMOSYNTHESIS BY**
16.15 **MEMBERS OF THE STATE EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

16.16 The director of the state employee group insurance program must prepare and submit
16.17 written testimony to the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction
16.18 over health and human services and state government finance regarding the impact of
16.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.30, subdivision 4. The director must provide data on actual
16.20 utilization of the coverage under Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.30, subdivision 4, by
16.21 members of the state employee group insurance program from January 1, 2019, to December
16.22 31, 2019. The director may make recommendations for legislation addressing any issues
16.23 relating to the coverage required by Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.30, subdivision 4. The
16.24 testimony required under this section is due by March 1, 2020.

16.25 Sec. 13. **REPEALER.**

16.26 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 62A.65, subdivision 7a; and 151.55, are repealed."

16.27 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

16.28 Amend the title accordingly