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- 02/13/2020 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy
- 02/17/2020 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the State Government Finance Division
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- 02/26/2020 Calendar for the Day  
Read for the Third Time  
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate
- 03/12/2020 Returned to the House as Amended by the Senate  
Refused to concur and a Conference Committee was appointed
- 04/14/2020 Conference Committee Report Adopted  
Read Third Time as Amended by Conference and repassed by the House  
Read Third Time as Amended by Conference and repassed by the Senate  
Presented to Governor  
Governor Approval

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health care; requiring a dependent child notice; establishing the Alec

1.3 Smith Insulin Affordability Act; requiring reports; requiring a public awareness

1.4 campaign; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement,

1.5 sections 151.06, subdivision 6; 214.122; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.6 Statutes, chapters 62Q; 151.

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

1.8 Section 1. CITATION.

1.9 This act may be cited as the "Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act."

1.10 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.11 Sec. 2. [62Q.678] DEPENDENT CHILD NOTICE.

1.12 Group health plans and health plan companies that offer group or individual health plans

1.13 with dependent coverage must provide written notice to an enrollee with dependent child

1.14 coverage that the dependent child's coverage ends when the child reaches the age of 26.

1.15 Notice must be sent to the enrollee at the enrollee's last known address at least 60 days

1.16 before the dependent child reaches the age of 26. The notice must include the date on which

1.17 coverage ends and information on accessing the MNsure website as applicable.

1.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 151.06, subdivision 6, is amended

1.19 to read:

1.20 Subd. 6. **Information provision; sources of lower cost prescription drugs.** (a) The

1.21 board shall publish a page on its website that provides regularly updated information

1.22 concerning:

2.1 (1) patient assistance programs offered by drug manufacturers, including information  
2.2 on how to access the programs;

2.3 (2) the insulin safety net program established in section 151.74, including information  
2.4 on how to access the program;

2.5 (3) the prescription drug assistance program established by the Minnesota Board of  
2.6 Aging under section 256.975, subdivision 9;

2.7 ~~(3)~~ (4) the websites through which individuals can access information concerning  
2.8 eligibility for and enrollment in Medicare, medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, and other  
2.9 government-funded programs that help pay for the cost of health care;

2.10 ~~(4)~~ (5) availability of providers that are authorized to participate under section 340b of  
2.11 the federal Public Health Services Act, United States Code, title 42, section 256b;

2.12 ~~(5)~~ (6) having a discussion with the pharmacist or the consumer's health care provider  
2.13 about alternatives to a prescribed drug, including a lower cost or generic drug if the drug  
2.14 prescribed is too costly for the consumer; and

2.15 ~~(6)~~ (7) any other resource that the board deems useful to individuals who are attempting  
2.16 to purchase prescription drugs at lower costs.

2.17 (b) The board must prepare educational materials, including brochures and posters, based  
2.18 on the information it provides on its website under paragraph (a). The materials must be in  
2.19 a form that can be downloaded from the board's website and used for patient education by  
2.20 pharmacists and by health care practitioners who are licensed to prescribe. The board is not  
2.21 required to provide printed copies of these materials.

2.22 (c) The board shall require pharmacists and pharmacies to make available to patients  
2.23 information on sources of lower cost prescription drugs, including information on the  
2.24 availability of the website established under paragraph (a).

2.25 Sec. 4. **[151.74] INSULIN SAFETY NET PROGRAM.**

2.26 Subdivision 1. Establishment. (a) By July 1, 2020, each manufacturer must establish  
2.27 procedures to make insulin available in accordance with this section to eligible individuals  
2.28 who are in urgent need of insulin or who are in need of access to an affordable insulin  
2.29 supply.

2.30 (b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

2.31 (1) "manufacturer" means a manufacturer engaged in the manufacturing of insulin that  
2.32 is self-administered on an outpatient basis;

3.1 (2) "MNsured" means the Board of Directors of MNsure established in chapter 62V;

3.2 (3) "navigator" has the meaning provided in section 62V.02; and

3.3 (4) "pharmacy" means a pharmacy located in Minnesota and licensed under section  
3.4 151.19 that operates in the community or outpatient license category under Minnesota Rules,  
3.5 part 6800.0350.

3.6 (c) Any manufacturer with an annual gross revenue of \$2,000,000 or less from insulin  
3.7 sales in Minnesota is exempt from this section. To request a waiver under this paragraph,  
3.8 the manufacturer must submit a request to the Board of Pharmacy that includes  
3.9 documentation indicating that the manufacturer is eligible for an exemption.

3.10 (d) An insulin product is exempt from this section if the wholesale acquisition cost of  
3.11 the insulin is \$8 or less per milliliter or applicable National Council for Prescription Drug  
3.12 Plan billing unit, for the entire assessment time period, adjusted annually based on the  
3.13 consumer price index.

3.14 Subd. 2. **Eligibility for urgent-need safety net program.** (a) To be eligible to receive  
3.15 an urgent-need supply of insulin under this section, an individual must attest to:

3.16 (1) being a resident of Minnesota;

3.17 (2) not being enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;

3.18 (3) not being enrolled in prescription drug coverage that limits the total amount of  
3.19 cost-sharing that the enrollee is required to pay for a 30-day supply of insulin, including  
3.20 co-payments, deductibles, or coinsurance, to \$75 or less, regardless of the type or amount  
3.21 of insulin prescribed;

3.22 (4) not having received an urgent-need supply of insulin through this program within  
3.23 the previous 12 months, unless authorized under subdivision 9; and

3.24 (5) being in urgent need of insulin.

3.25 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "urgent need of insulin" means having readily  
3.26 available for use less than a seven-day supply of insulin and in need of insulin in order to  
3.27 avoid the likelihood of suffering significant health consequences.

3.28 Subd. 3. **Access to urgent-need insulin.** (a) MNsure shall develop an application form  
3.29 to be used by an individual who is in urgent need of insulin. The application must ask the  
3.30 individual to attest to the eligibility requirements described in subdivision 2. The form shall  
3.31 be accessible through MNsure's website. MNsure shall also make the form available to  
3.32 pharmacies and health care providers who prescribe or dispense insulin, hospital emergency

4.1 departments, urgent care clinics, and community health clinics. By submitting a completed,  
4.2 signed, and dated application to a pharmacy, the individual attests that the information  
4.3 contained in the application is correct.

4.4 (b) If the individual is in urgent need of insulin, the individual may present a completed,  
4.5 signed, and dated application form to a pharmacy. The individual must also:

4.6 (1) have a valid insulin prescription; and

4.7 (2) present the pharmacist with identification indicating Minnesota residency in the form  
4.8 of a valid Minnesota identification card, driver's license, or permit. If the individual in urgent  
4.9 need of insulin is under the age of 18, the individual's parent or legal guardian must provide  
4.10 the pharmacist with proof of residency.

4.11 (c) Upon receipt of a completed and signed application, the pharmacist shall dispense  
4.12 the prescribed insulin in an amount that will provide the individual with a 30-day supply.  
4.13 The pharmacy must notify the health care practitioner who issued the prescription order no  
4.14 later than 72 hours after the insulin is dispensed.

4.15 (d) The pharmacy may submit to the manufacturer of the dispensed insulin product or  
4.16 to the manufacturer's vendor a claim for payment that is in accordance with the National  
4.17 Council for Prescription Drug Program standards for electronic claims processing, unless  
4.18 the manufacturer agrees to send to the pharmacy a replacement supply of the same insulin  
4.19 as dispensed in the amount dispensed. If the pharmacy submits an electronic claim to the  
4.20 manufacturer or the manufacturer's vendor, the manufacturer or vendor shall reimburse the  
4.21 pharmacy in an amount that covers the pharmacy's acquisition cost.

4.22 (e) The pharmacy may collect an insulin co-payment from the individual to cover the  
4.23 pharmacy's costs of processing and dispensing in an amount not to exceed \$35 for the 30-day  
4.24 supply of insulin dispensed.

4.25 (f) The pharmacy shall also provide each eligible individual with the information sheet  
4.26 described in subdivision 7 and a list of trained navigators provided by the Board of Pharmacy  
4.27 for the individual to contact if the individual is in need of accessing ongoing insulin coverage  
4.28 options, including assistance in:

4.29 (1) applying for medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;

4.30 (2) applying for a qualified health plan offered through MNsure, subject to open and  
4.31 special enrollment periods;

4.32 (3) accessing information on providers who participate in prescription drug discount  
4.33 programs, including providers who are authorized to participate in the 340B program under

5.1 section 340b of the federal Public Health Services Act, United States Code, title 42, section  
5.2 256b; and

5.3 (4) accessing insulin manufacturers' patient assistance programs, co-payment assistance  
5.4 programs, and other foundation-based programs.

5.5 (g) The pharmacist shall retain a copy of the application form submitted by the individual  
5.6 to the pharmacy for reporting and auditing purposes.

5.7 Subd. 4. Continuing safety net program; general. (a) Each manufacturer shall make  
5.8 a patient assistance program available to any individual who meets the requirements of this  
5.9 subdivision. Each manufacturer's patient assistance programs must meet the requirements  
5.10 of this section. Each manufacturer shall provide the Board of Pharmacy with information  
5.11 regarding the manufacturer's patient assistance program, including contact information for  
5.12 individuals to call for assistance in accessing their patient assistance program.

5.13 (b) To be eligible to participate in a manufacturer's patient assistance program, the  
5.14 individual must:

5.15 (1) be a Minnesota resident with a valid Minnesota identification card that indicates  
5.16 Minnesota residency in the form of a Minnesota identification card or driver's license or  
5.17 permit. If the individual is under the age of 18, the individual's parent or legal guardian  
5.18 must provide proof of residency;

5.19 (2) have a family income that is equal to or less than 400 percent of the federal poverty  
5.20 guidelines;

5.21 (3) not be enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;

5.22 (4) not be eligible to receive health care through a federally funded program or receive  
5.23 prescription drug benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

5.24 (5) not be enrolled in prescription drug coverage through an individual or group health  
5.25 plan that limits the total amount of cost-sharing that an enrollee is required to pay for a  
5.26 30-day supply of insulin, including co-payments, deductibles, or coinsurance to \$75 or less,  
5.27 regardless of the type or amount of insulin needed.

5.28 (c) Notwithstanding the requirement in paragraph (b), clause (4), an individual who is  
5.29 enrolled in Medicare Part D is eligible for a manufacturer's patient assistance program if  
5.30 the individual has spent \$1,000 on prescription drugs in the current calendar year and meets  
5.31 the eligibility requirements in paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (3).

6.1 (d) An individual who is interested in participating in a manufacturer's patient assistance  
6.2 program may apply directly to the manufacturer; apply through the individual's health care  
6.3 practitioner, if the practitioner participates; or contact a trained navigator for assistance in  
6.4 finding a long-term insulin supply solution, including assistance in applying to a  
6.5 manufacturer's patient assistance program.

6.6 Subd. 5. Continuing safety net program; manufacturer's responsibilities. (a) Upon  
6.7 receipt of an application for the manufacturer's patient assistance program, the manufacturer  
6.8 shall process the application and determine eligibility. The manufacturer shall notify the  
6.9 applicant of the determination within ten business days of receipt of the application. If  
6.10 necessary, the manufacturer may request additional information from the applicant. If  
6.11 additional information is needed, the manufacturer must notify the applicant within five  
6.12 business days of receipt of the application as to what information is being requested. Within  
6.13 three business days of receipt of the requested information, the manufacturer must determine  
6.14 eligibility and notify the applicant of the determination. If the individual has been determined  
6.15 to be not eligible, the manufacturer must include the reasons for denying eligibility in the  
6.16 notification. The individual may seek an appeal of the determination in accordance with  
6.17 subdivision 8.

6.18 (b) If the individual is determined to be eligible, the manufacturer shall provide the  
6.19 individual with an eligibility statement or other indication that the individual has been  
6.20 determined eligible for the manufacturer's patient assistance program. An individual's  
6.21 eligibility is valid for 12 months, and is renewable upon a redetermination of eligibility.

6.22 (c) If the eligible individual has prescription drug coverage through an individual or  
6.23 group health plan, the manufacturer may determine that the individual's insulin needs are  
6.24 better addressed through the use of the manufacturer's co-payment assistance program, in  
6.25 which case, the manufacturer shall inform the individual and provide the individual with  
6.26 the necessary coupons to submit to a pharmacy. In no instance shall an eligible individual  
6.27 be required to pay more than the co-payment amount specified under subdivision 6, paragraph  
6.28 (e).

6.29 Subd. 6. Continuing safety net program; process. (a) The individual shall submit to  
6.30 a pharmacy the statement of eligibility provided by the manufacturer under subdivision 5,  
6.31 paragraph (b). Upon receipt of an individual's eligibility status, the pharmacy shall submit  
6.32 an order containing the name of the insulin product and the daily dosage amount as contained  
6.33 in a valid prescription to the product's manufacturer.

7.1 (b) The pharmacy must include with the order to the manufacturer the following  
7.2 information:

7.3 (1) the pharmacy's name and shipping address;

7.4 (2) office telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and contact name; and

7.5 (3) any specific days or times when deliveries are not accepted by the pharmacy.

7.6 (c) Upon receipt of an order from a pharmacy and the information described in paragraph  
7.7 (b), the manufacturer shall send to the pharmacy a 90-day supply of insulin as ordered,  
7.8 unless a lesser amount is requested in the order, at no charge to the individual or pharmacy.

7.9 (d) Except as authorized under paragraph (e), the pharmacy shall provide the insulin to  
7.10 the individual at no charge to the individual. The pharmacy shall not provide insulin received  
7.11 from the manufacturer to any individual other than the individual associated with the specific  
7.12 order. The pharmacy shall not seek reimbursement for the insulin received from the  
7.13 manufacturer or from any third-party payer.

7.14 (e) The pharmacy may collect a co-payment from the individual to cover the pharmacy's  
7.15 costs for processing and dispensing in an amount not to exceed \$50 for each 90-day supply  
7.16 if the insulin is sent to the pharmacy.

7.17 (f) The pharmacy may submit to a manufacturer a reorder for an individual if the  
7.18 individual's eligibility statement has not expired. Upon receipt of a reorder from a pharmacy,  
7.19 the manufacturer must send to the pharmacy an additional 90-day supply of the product,  
7.20 unless a lesser amount is requested, at no charge to the individual or pharmacy if the  
7.21 individual's eligibility statement has not expired.

7.22 (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), a manufacturer may send the insulin as ordered  
7.23 directly to the individual if the manufacturer provides a mail order service option.

7.24 Subd. 7. **Board of Pharmacy and MNsure responsibilities.** (a) The Board of Pharmacy  
7.25 shall develop an information sheet to post on its website and provide a link to the information  
7.26 sheet on the board's website for pharmacies, health care practitioners, hospital emergency  
7.27 departments, urgent care clinics, and community health clinics. The information sheet must  
7.28 contain:

7.29 (1) a description of the urgent-need insulin safety net program, including how to access  
7.30 the program;

8.1 (2) a description of each insulin manufacturer's patient assistance program and  
8.2 cost-sharing assistance program, including contact information on accessing the assistance  
8.3 programs for each manufacturer;

8.4 (3) information on how to contact a trained navigator for assistance in applying for  
8.5 medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, a qualified health plan, or an insulin manufacturer's  
8.6 patient assistance programs;

8.7 (4) information on how to contact the Board of Pharmacy if a manufacturer determines  
8.8 that an individual is not eligible for the manufacturer's patient assistance program; and

8.9 (5) notification that an individual in need of assistance may contact their local county  
8.10 social service department for more information or assistance in accessing ongoing affordable  
8.11 insulin options.

8.12 (b) The board shall also inform each individual who accesses urgent-need insulin through  
8.13 the insulin safety net program or accesses a manufacturer's patient assistance program that  
8.14 the individual may participate in a survey conducted by the Department of Health regarding  
8.15 satisfaction with the program. The board shall provide contact information for the individual  
8.16 to learn more about the survey and how to participate. This information may be included  
8.17 on the information sheet described in paragraph (a).

8.18 (c) MNsure, in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy and the commissioner of human  
8.19 services, shall develop a training program for navigators to provide navigators with  
8.20 information and resources necessary to assist individuals in accessing appropriate long-term  
8.21 insulin options.

8.22 (d) MNsure, in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy, shall compile a list of navigators  
8.23 who have completed the training program, and who are available to assist individuals in  
8.24 accessing affordable insulin coverage options. The list shall be made available through the  
8.25 board's website and to pharmacies and health care practitioners who dispense and prescribe  
8.26 insulin.

8.27 (e) If a navigator assists an individual in accessing an insulin manufacturer's patient  
8.28 assistance program, MNsure, within the available appropriation, shall pay the navigator a  
8.29 onetime application assistance bonus of no less than \$25. If a navigator receives a payment  
8.30 per enrollee of an assistance bonus under section 62V.05, subdivision 4, or 256.962,  
8.31 subdivision 5, the navigator shall not receive compensation under this paragraph.

8.32 Subd. 8. **Dispute resolution.** (a) If an individual disagrees with a manufacturer's  
8.33 determination of eligibility under subdivision 5, the individual may contact the Board of



9.1 Pharmacy to request the use of a three-person panel to review eligibility. The panel shall  
9.2 be composed of three members of the board. The individual requesting the review shall  
9.3 submit to the board, with the request, all documents submitted by the individual to the  
9.4 manufacturer. The board shall provide the panel with the documents submitted by the  
9.5 individual. The panel shall render a decision within ten business days of receipt of all the  
9.6 necessary documents from the individual. The decision of the panel is final.

9.7 (b) If the panel determines that the individual is eligible, the manufacturer shall provide  
9.8 the individual with an eligibility statement in accordance with subdivision 5.

9.9 Subd. 9. **Additional 30-day urgent-need insulin supply.** (a) If an individual has applied  
9.10 for medical assistance or MinnesotaCare but has not been determined eligible or has been  
9.11 determined eligible but coverage has not become effective or the individual has been  
9.12 determined ineligible for the manufacturers' patient assistance program by the manufacturer  
9.13 and the individual has requested a review pursuant to subdivision 8 but the panel has not  
9.14 rendered a decision, the individual may access urgent-need insulin under subdivision 3 if  
9.15 the individual is in urgent need of insulin as defined under subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

9.16 (b) To access an additional 30-day supply of insulin, the individual must attest to the  
9.17 pharmacy that the individual meets the requirements of paragraph (a) and must comply with  
9.18 subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

9.19 Subd. 10. **Penalty.** (a) If a manufacturer fails to comply with this section, the board may  
9.20 assess an administrative penalty of \$200,000 per month of noncompliance, with the penalty  
9.21 increasing to \$400,000 per month if the manufacturer continues to be in noncompliance  
9.22 after six months, and increasing to \$600,000 per month if the manufacturer continues to be  
9.23 in noncompliance after one year. The penalty shall remain at \$600,000 per month for as  
9.24 long as the manufacturer continues to be in noncompliance.

9.25 (b) In addition, a manufacturer is subject to the administrative penalties specified in  
9.26 paragraph (a) if the manufacturer fails to:

9.27 (1) provide a hotline for individuals to call or access between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. on  
9.28 weekdays and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays; and

9.29 (2) list on the manufacturer's website the eligibility requirements for the manufacturer's  
9.30 patient assistance programs for Minnesota residents.

9.31 (c) Any penalty assessed under this subdivision shall be deposited in a separate insulin  
9.32 assistance account in the special revenue fund.

10.1 Subd. 11. **Data.** (a) Any data collected, created, received, maintained, or disseminated  
10.2 by the Board of Pharmacy, the legislative auditor, the commissioner of health, MNsure, or  
10.3 a trained navigator under this section related to an individual who is seeking to access  
10.4 urgent-need insulin or participate in a manufacturer's patient assistance program under this  
10.5 section is classified as private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision  
10.6 12, and may not be retained for longer than ten years.

10.7 (b) A manufacturer must maintain the privacy of all data received from any individual  
10.8 applying for the manufacturer's patient assistance program under this section and is prohibited  
10.9 from selling, sharing, or disseminating data received under this section unless required to  
10.10 under this section or the individual has provided the manufacturer with a signed authorization.

10.11 Subd. 12. **State and federal anti-kickback provisions.** (a) The conduct of any person  
10.12 or entity participating in or administering the insulin safety net program under this section  
10.13 is not subject to liability under section 62J.23, subdivisions 1 and 2.

10.14 (b) No person or entity, including but not limited to any drug manufacturer, pharmacy,  
10.15 pharmacist, or third-party administrator, as part of the person's or entity's participation in  
10.16 or administration of the insulin safety net program established under this section, shall  
10.17 request or seek, or cause another to request or seek, any reimbursement or other compensation  
10.18 for which payment may be made in whole or in part under a federal health care program,  
10.19 as defined in United States Code, title 42, section 1320a-7b(f).

10.20 Subd. 13. **Reports.** (a) By February 15 of each year, beginning February 15, 2021, each  
10.21 manufacturer shall report to the Board of Pharmacy the following:

10.22 (1) the number of Minnesota residents who accessed and received insulin on an  
10.23 urgent-need basis under this section in the preceding calendar year;

10.24 (2) the number of Minnesota residents participating in the manufacturer's patient  
10.25 assistance program in the preceding calendar year, including the number of Minnesota  
10.26 residents who the manufacturer determined were ineligible for their patient assistance  
10.27 program; and

10.28 (3) the value of the insulin provided by the manufacturer under clauses (1) and (2).

10.29 For purposes of this paragraph, "value" means the wholesale acquisition cost of the insulin  
10.30 provided.

10.31 (b) By March 15 of each year, beginning March 15, 2021, the Board of Pharmacy shall  
10.32 submit the information reported in paragraph (a) to the chairs and ranking minority members  
10.33 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and

11.1 finance. The board shall also include in the report any administrative penalties assessed  
11.2 under subdivision 10, including the name of the manufacturer and amount of the penalty  
11.3 assessed.

11.4 Subd. 14. **Program review; legislative auditor.** (a) The legislative auditor is requested  
11.5 to conduct a program review to determine:

11.6 (1) whether the manufacturers are meeting the responsibilities required under this section,  
11.7 including but not limited to:

11.8 (i) reimbursing pharmacies for urgent-need insulin dispensed under subdivision 3;

11.9 (ii) determining eligibility in a timely manner and notifying the individuals as required  
11.10 under subdivision 5; and

11.11 (iii) providing pharmacies with insulin product under the manufacturers' patient assistance  
11.12 program; and

11.13 (2) whether the training program developed for navigators is adequate and easily  
11.14 accessible for navigators interested in becoming trained, and that there is a sufficient number  
11.15 of trained navigators to provide assistance to individuals in need of assistance.

11.16 (b) The legislative auditor may access application forms retained by pharmacies under  
11.17 subdivision 3, paragraph (g), to determine whether urgent-need insulin is being dispensed  
11.18 in accordance with this section.

11.19 Subd. 15. **Program satisfaction; surveys.** (a) The commissioner of health, in consultation  
11.20 with the Board of Pharmacy and individuals who are insulin-dependent, shall develop and  
11.21 conduct a survey of individuals who have accessed urgent-need insulin through the program  
11.22 and who are accessing or have accessed a manufacturers' patient assistance program since  
11.23 the commencement of the insulin safety net program; and a survey of pharmacies that have  
11.24 dispensed insulin on an urgent-need basis under the program and have participated in the  
11.25 manufacturers' patient assistance programs under this section.

11.26 (b) The survey for individuals shall cover overall satisfaction with the program, including  
11.27 but not limited to:

11.28 (1) accessibility to urgent-need insulin;

11.29 (2) adequacy of the information sheet and list of navigators received from the pharmacy;

11.30 (3) whether the individual contacted a trained navigator and, if so, if the navigator was  
11.31 helpful and knowledgeable;

12.1 (4) whether the individual accessed the manufacturers' patient assistance program and,  
12.2 if so, how easy was it to access application forms, apply to the manufacturers' programs,  
12.3 and receive the insulin product from the pharmacy; and

12.4 (5) whether the individual is still in need of a long-term solution for affordable insulin.

12.5 (c) The survey for the pharmacies shall include, but is not limited to:

12.6 (1) timeliness of reimbursement from the manufacturers for urgent-need insulin dispensed  
12.7 by the pharmacy;

12.8 (2) ease in submitting insulin product orders to the manufacturers; and

12.9 (3) timeliness of receiving insulin orders from the manufacturers.

12.10 (d) The commissioner may contract with a nonprofit entity to develop and conduct the  
12.11 survey and to evaluate the survey results.

12.12 (e) By January 15, 2022, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
12.13 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human  
12.14 services policy and finance containing the results of the surveys.

12.15 Subd. 16. **Legislative review; sunset.** (a) The legislature shall review the reports from  
12.16 the Board of Pharmacy under subdivision 13, paragraph (b); the program review by the  
12.17 legislative auditor under subdivision 14; and the report from the commissioner of health on  
12.18 the survey results under subdivision 15, paragraph (e); and any other relevant information  
12.19 related to the cost, access, and affordability of insulin, and make a determination on whether  
12.20 there is a need for the continued implementation of the long-term safety net program  
12.21 described in subdivisions 4 to 6 to ensure that Minnesota residents have access to affordable  
12.22 emergency and long-term insulin or whether the market has sufficiently changed to where  
12.23 the continuation of this program is no longer needed past December 31, 2024, or whether  
12.24 there are more appropriate options available to ensure access to affordable insulin for all  
12.25 Minnesota residents.

12.26 (b) Subdivisions 4 to 6, 8, and 9 expire December 31, 2024, unless the legislature  
12.27 affirmatively determines the need for the continuation of the long-term safety net program  
12.28 described in subdivisions 4 to 6.

12.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

13.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 214.122, is amended to read:

13.2 **214.122 INFORMATION PROVISION; PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE**  
13.3 **PROGRAMS.**

13.4 (a) The Board of Medical Practice and the Board of Nursing shall at least annually inform  
13.5 licensees who are authorized to prescribe prescription drugs of the availability of the Board  
13.6 of Pharmacy's website that contains information on resources and programs to assist patients  
13.7 with the cost of prescription drugs. The boards shall provide licensees with the website  
13.8 address established by the Board of Pharmacy under section 151.06, subdivision 6, and the  
13.9 materials described under section 151.06, subdivision 6, paragraph (b). The boards shall  
13.10 also ensure that licensees are provided with information on the insulin safety net program  
13.11 established in section 151.74, and a link to the Board of Pharmacy's information sheet on  
13.12 how patients can apply for the program.

13.13 (b) Licensees must make available to patients information on sources of lower cost  
13.14 prescription drugs, including information on the availability of the website established by  
13.15 the Board of Pharmacy under section 151.06, subdivision 6.

13.16 Sec. 6. **PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

13.17 The Board of Directors of MNsure shall conduct a public awareness campaign to create  
13.18 awareness of the insulin safety net program established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.19 151.74, including how to access insulin if an individual is in urgent need, and the availability  
13.20 of insulin manufacturers' patient assistance programs.

13.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

13.22 Sec. 7. **SEVERABILITY.**

13.23 If any provision of this act is found to be unconstitutional or void, the remaining  
13.24 provisions of this act are valid.

13.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

13.26 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

13.27 (a) \$297,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2020 from the health care access fund to the  
13.28 Board of Directors of MNsure to train navigators to assist individuals and provide  
13.29 compensation as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74, subdivision 7. Of this  
13.30 appropriation, \$108,000 is for implementing the training requirements for navigators and

14.1 \$189,000 is for application assistance bonus payments. This is a onetime appropriation and  
14.2 is available until December 31, 2024.

14.3 (b) \$250,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2020 from the health care access fund to the  
14.4 Board of Directors of MNsure for a public awareness campaign for the insulin safety net  
14.5 program established under Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74. This is a onetime appropriation  
14.6 and is available until December 31, 2024.

14.7 (c) \$76,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2021 from the health care access fund to the  
14.8 Board of Pharmacy to implement Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74. The base for this  
14.9 appropriation is \$76,000 in fiscal year 2022; \$76,000 in fiscal year 2023; \$76,000 in fiscal  
14.10 year 2024; \$38,000 in fiscal year 2025; and \$0 in fiscal year 2026.

14.11 (d) \$136,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the health care access fund to the  
14.12 commissioner of health to implement the survey to assess program satisfaction in Minnesota  
14.13 Statutes, section 151.74, subdivision 12. The base for this appropriation is \$80,000 in fiscal  
14.14 year 2022 and \$0 in fiscal year 2023. This is a onetime appropriation.

14.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.