

2023 Minnesota Legislative Session: New Duties for the Health Economics Program

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The Minnesota Legislature directed the commissioner of health to implement a number of new initiatives in 2023.

This fact sheet identifies where the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) Health Economics Program (HEP) will have key responsibilities.

[HEP's website](#) will host more details about implementation timelines and guidance will be available on the HEP website. [Sign up](#) for email updates.

MN All Payer Claims Database Enhancements

[Laws of Minnesota 2023, Chapter 70, Article 2](#)

MDH will begin to collect dental claims, race & ethnicity data, and non-claims-based data and continue conducting research following the removal of the research sunset.

MDH will also develop a process to provide access to the data by non-MDH users, working with a newly established research advisory group.

Rx Price Transparency

[Laws of Minnesota 2023, Chapter 70, Article 2](#)

Under an extension of the [Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act](#), MDH will implement technical fixes, identify drugs of substantial public interest, and, by January 1, 2024, collect additional data from across the supply chain.

MDH will also support the new Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB).

Health Care Affordability

[Laws of Minnesota 2023, Chapter 70, Article 16](#)

MDH will establish a Center for Health Care Affordability to conduct targeted analysis of the drivers of health care spending, engage with the public, and convene an advisory board of stakeholders.

MDH will develop recommendations to reduce administrative spending and low-value care, and implementation ideas for a rural health alternative payment model.

Health Care Market Oversight

[Laws of Minnesota 2023, Chapter 66](#)

Starting January 1, 2024, MDH will receive notification of transactions from health care organizations with annual revenue between \$10M-\$80M. MDH will also support the Attorney General's Office in its review of select transactions for certain entities with annual revenue of more than \$80M.

HEP will coordinate with the MDH Managed Care Section (MCS) on a study related to nonprofit health maintenance organization (HMO) conversions and transactions.

Analysis of a Universal Health Care Financing System

[Laws of Minnesota 2023, Chapter 70, Article 16](#)

MDH will work with a vendor to conduct analysis of the benefits and cost of a universal health care financing system in comparison with the current health insurance system.