
CHAPTER 273—H.F.No.2038

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to medical assistance for the needy; directing the commissioner of public welfare to identify and investigate certain medical assistance abuses; requiring certain reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 256B.04, Subdivision 5, and by adding subdivisions.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 256B.04, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY; ABUSES.** The state agency, within 60 days after the close of each fiscal year, shall prepare and print for the fiscal year a report that shall include includes a full account of the operations and the expenditure of all funds hereunder under chapter 256B, a full account of the activities undertaken in accordance with section 2 of this act, adequate and complete statistics divided by counties about all medical assistance hereunder within the state provided in accordance with chapter 256B, and such any other information as it may deem advisable.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 256B.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. The state agency shall establish by rule general criteria and procedures for the identification and prompt investigation of suspected medical assistance fraud, theft, presentment of false claims, or false statement or representation of material facts by a vendor of medical care. If it appears to the state agency that a vendor of medical care may have acted in a manner warranting civil or criminal proceedings, it shall so inform the attorney general in writing.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 256B.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. The state agency shall report at least quarterly to the legislative auditor on its activities under section 2 of this act and include in each report copies of any notices sent during that quarter to the attorney general to the effect that a vendor of medical care may have acted in a manner warranting civil or criminal proceedings.

Sec. 4. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved April 13, 1976.

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