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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; requiring an audit to identify third-party liability related
1.3 to Minnesota health care programs; allowing the commissioner of human services
1.4 to contract with a vendor for third-party recovery.

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

1.6 Section 1. **THIRD-PARTY RECOVERIES.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Audit to identify third-party liability. (a) The commissioner of human
1.8 services shall issue a request for proposals for eligible vendors to identify the potential for
1.9 third-party recovery under medical assistance and MinnesotaCare, and to recommend
1.10 methods to collect third-party liability. The request for proposals must:

1.11 (1) allow eligible vendors to audit existing state data related to potential third-party
1.12 recovery under medical assistance and MinnesotaCare, in order to identify specific cases
1.13 for potential state recovery; and

1.14 (2) require eligible vendors to provide an estimate of the value of potential third-party
1.15 recoveries and recommend to the commissioner methods by which the vendor can make
1.16 recoveries.

1.17 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, an eligible vendor is an entity that makes use of
1.18 advanced, patented technologies that incorporate an algorithm to evaluate aggregated
1.19 information to identify potential third-party liability related to injuries from automobile and
1.20 other accidents that have a delayed onset.

1.21 (c) The vendor or vendors selected under the request for proposals must perform the
1.22 audit and fulfill related responsibilities under the request for proposals at no cost to the state.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Contract to recover third-party liability.** Based on a review of audit results
2.2 and related recommendations submitted under subdivision 1, the commissioner may contract
2.3 with a vendor to implement a third-party liability recovery program. Under the terms of the
2.4 contract:

2.5 (1) the vendor shall be reimbursed using a percentage of the money recovered through
2.6 the third-party liability recovery program; and

2.7 (2) no state dollars may be expended and any administrative costs incurred by state
2.8 agencies related to the third-party liability recovery program must be reimbursed by the
2.9 vendor within 30 days of the date the costs are incurred.