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01/23/2025	159	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Health and Human Services
02/06/2025	316	Withdrawn and re-referred to Human Services

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A bill for an act

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relating to health; establishing a community care hub grant; requiring reports;

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appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. DIRECTION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH; COMMUNITY

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CARE HUB GRANT.

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Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of health shall establish a single grant

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to expand and strengthen the community care hub model in Minnesota by organizing and

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supporting a network of health and social care service providers to address health-related

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social needs.

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Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the

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meanings given.

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(b) "Community-based organization" means a public or private nonprofit organization

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of demonstrated effectiveness that is representative of a community or significant segments

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of a community and provides services that address the social drivers of health, education,

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or related services to individuals in the community.

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(c) "Community care hub" means a nonprofit organization that provides a centralized

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administrative and operational interface between health care institutions and a network of

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community-based organizations that provide health promotion and social care services.

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(d) "Health-related social needs" means the individual-level, adverse social conditions

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that can negatively impact a person's health or health care, such as poor health literacy, food

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insecurity, housing instability, and lack of access to transportation.

(e) "Social care services" means culturally informed services to address health-related social needs and community-informed health promotion programs.

Subd. 3. **Eligible applicants.** To be eligible for the single grant available under this section, a grant applicant must:

(1) be recognized as a selected community care hub by the federal Administration for Community Living and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

(2) hold contracts with health plans within Minnesota that allow the applicant to provide social care services to a plan's covered member population; and

(3) demonstrate active engagement in providing, coordinating, and aiding health care and social care services at the community level.

Subd. 4. **Eligible uses.** The grantee must use awarded funding to:

(1) engage and organize community-based organizations to deliver social care services;

(2) expand the reach and scope of social care services;

(3) centralize administrative functions and operational infrastructure of community care hubs related to:

(i) contracting with health care organizations;

(ii) payment operations;

(iii) management of referrals;

(iv) service delivery fidelity and compliance;

(v) quality improvement;

(vi) technology;

(vii) information security; and

(viii) data collection, data analysis, and reporting; and

(4) create sustainable financial pathways for services that address health-related social needs throughout the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 5. **Grantee report.** The grantee must report community care hub initiative outcomes as determined by the commissioner of health to the commissioner on the forms and according to the timelines established by the commissioner.

3.1 Subd. 6. **Evaluation.** The commissioner of health shall design, conduct, and evaluate
3.2 the community care hub initiative implemented by the grantee using measures to assess
3.3 cost savings, impact, and health impact outcomes.

3.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

3.5 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY CARE HUB GRANT.**

3.6 (a) \$8,900,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the
3.7 commissioner of health for the community care hub grant. This is a onetime appropriation
3.8 and is available until June 30, 2030.

3.9 (b) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the
3.10 commissioner of health to conduct an evaluation of the community care hub initiative
3.11 implemented by the recipient of the community care hub grant and to provide technical
3.12 assistance and other support to the grantee. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
3.13 until June 30, 2030.