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

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health occupations; requiring health care providers to obtain a direct  
1.3 secure messaging address; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapters 62J; 214.

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

1.6 Section 1. 62J.4983 DIRECT SECURE MESSAGING.

1.7 (a) For purposes of this section, "health care provider" includes hospitals.

1.8 (b) Effective January 1, 2022, each health care provider must have a direct secure  
1.9 messaging address, provided by a health information service provider, to securely exchange  
1.10 protected health information via the Internet. The direct secure messaging transport  
1.11 mechanism must meet national encryption standards for securely exchanging health care  
1.12 data via the Internet.

1.13 (c) Each provider's direct secure messaging address must be included for each provider  
1.14 as part of the provider demographic information compiled by a health plan company, state  
1.15 agency, or health care system, and made available to the public as part of a provider directory.

1.16 Sec. 2. 214.26 DIRECT SERVICE MESSAGING.

1.17 (a) Beginning January 1, 2022, each health-related licensing board shall require a licensee,  
1.18 as part of the licensee's licensure renewal requirements, to submit to the board evidence of  
1.19 compliance with section 62J.4983.

1.20 (b) Each health-related licensing board shall collect each licensee's direct secure  
1.21 messaging address under section 62J.4983 and include the address as part of the licensee's  
1.22 demographic profile compiled by the board and made available to the public.