

Proposed legislation

HF/SF	House/Senate Author	Description of section relating to health information technology/electronic health records
<p><u>HF1162</u> SF 836 Attention: Non-MDH link</p>	<p>Finstad Fischbach</p>	<p>Health information technology and infrastructure advisory committee establishment; rural hospital and community clinic grants programs modifications; community health center program repeal. Establishing the health information technology and infrastructure advisory committee to advise the commissioner of health on certain health information technology and infrastructure issues, specifying certain membership requirements and requiring commissioner annual progress reports, sunsets 2009; authorizing the use of rural hospital planning and transition and capital improvement grants to establish electronic health records systems, grant applications priority requirement to those grant applications for projects involving electronic health records systems; modifying the community clinic grant program, modifying the definition of eligible community clinic and the grant award process, requiring applications to contain a process for documenting and evaluating results of the grants and authorizing use for electronic health records systems and to build new clinics or expand existing facilities, modifying certain priority requirements; repealing the rural community health center program.</p>
<p>SF 65 HF 153</p>	<p>Berglin Huntley</p>	<p>Health Care Cost Containment bill with several components Requiring the commissioner of health in consultation with the electronic health record planning work group to develop a statewide plan for hospitals and physician group practices to implement interoperable electronic health records systems by a certain date (2015), specifying certain factors to be considered by the commissioner in developing the plan and to provide certain reports to the Legislature. Exact language proposed below:</p> <p>Sec. 30. [IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM.] The commissioner of health, in consultation with the electronic health record planning work group established in 2004, chapter 288, article 7, section 7, shall develop a statewide plan for all hospitals and physician group practices to have in place an interoperable electronic health records system by January 1,</p>

		<p>2015. In developing the plan, the commissioner shall consider: (1) creating financial assistance to hospitals and providers for implementing or updating an electronic health records system, including, but not limited to, the establishment of grants, financial incentives, or low-interest loans; (2) addressing specific needs and concerns of safety-net hospitals, community health clinics, and other health care providers who serve low-income patients in implementing an electronic records system within the hospital or practice; and (3) providing assistance in the development of possible alliances or collaborations among providers. The commissioner shall provide preliminary reports to the chairs of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over health care policy and finance biennially beginning January 15, 2007, on the status of reaching the goal for all hospitals and physician group practices to have an interoperable electronic health records system in place by January 1, 2015. The reports shall include recommendations on statutory language necessary to implement the plan, including possible financing options.</p>
<p>HF1861 SF1641</p>	<p>Abeler Kiscaden</p>	<p>Health care evidence based guidelines and quality improvement investment program Requiring the commissioner in consultation with the commissioners of finance and administration to submit recommendations to the Legislature by a certain date to establish a quality improvement investment program to provide technical assistance, grants and low interest loans to health care organizations and health professional associations to support establishing or updating electronic information systems for efficient and effective health care services delivery and administrative costs reduction purposes.</p>
<p>HF2175 SF1933</p>	<p>Abeler Kiscaden</p>	<p>MN Medical Association Health Care Reform Requiring the commissioner of health to establish and implement a loan program to help physicians or physician group practices in installing an interoperable electronic medical record system, authorizing program administration rules; specifying certain borrower eligibility requirements and a loan limit and imposing a repayment time limit; establishing the electronic medical record system loan fund and revenue bond proceeds and debt service accounts within the fund and appropriating money in the fund to the commissioner for loan program administration purposes; authorizing and providing for the commissioner of finance to issue electronic medical record system revenue bonds and appropriating money to the commissioner for capitalization</p>

		of the electronic medical record system loan fund.
HF1863 SF1639	Abeler Kiscaden	Electronic medical record system loan program and fund Requiring the commissioner of health to establish and implement a loan program to help physicians or physician group practices in installing an interoperable electronic medical record system, authorizing program administration rules; specifying certain borrower eligibility requirements and a loan limit and imposing a repayment time limit; establishing the electronic medical record system loan fund and revenue bond proceeds and debt service accounts within the fund and appropriating money in the fund to the commissioner for loan program administration purposes; authorizing and providing for the commissioner of finance to issue electronic medical record system revenue bonds and appropriating money to the commissioner for capitalization of the electronic medical record system loan fund.