

Minnesota Strategies to Improve Oversight, Accountability, & Transparency

Health Care Spending Oversight

Health care spending oversight entities monitor and track health care spending systematically, offering data and research support to ensure efficient resource use. While many states set population health priorities, some have established oversight entities with enforcement powers. Strategies tracked include:

- Health Care Spending Benchmarks
- Authority to Enforce Health Care Spending Benchmarks
- Hospital or Primary Care Spending Oversight Entities

Prescription Drug Affordability Boards

Some states have established independent entities charged with reviewing high-cost prescription drugs and recommending strategies to improve affordability. In certain cases, these boards are authorized to set upper payment limits to curb excessive drug prices. Strategies examined in this section include:

- Prescription Drug Affordability Board Established
- Prescription Drug Upper Payment Limits Established

All-Payer Claims Databases

All-payer claims databases (APCDs) compile diverse health care data that may include health, dental, and pharmacy claims from private insurers, state employee health programs, Medicare, and Medicaid. In instances where a database includes only some of these payers, it is referred to as a multi-payer claims database. Typically created through legislation, APCDs are often subject to state oversight and regulation. However, some claims databases have been voluntarily developed by independent entities, limiting oversight. Strategies examined in this section include:

- All-Payer Claims Database Established
- All-Payer Claims Database Operated by the State

Price Transparency

This section evaluates state efforts to provide access to health care price data through a publicly available and easily accessible tool. Strategies examined in this section include:

- Price Transparency Tool Established
- Prescription Drug Price Transparency Tool Established



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All-Payer Claims Database

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Established an All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)	 State has a(n) all-payer or multi-payer claims database	
All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) Operated by the State	 APCD is operated by the state	

Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Established Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB)	 The state has an active prescription drug affordability board	Minnesota’s Prescription Drug Affordability Board has the authority to review the affordability of certain drugs and establish upper payment limits.
Prescription Drug Upper Payment Limits	 The state has established Upper Payment Limits for prescription drugs	Minnesota's Prescription Drug Affordability Board has the authority to set an upper payment limits and will reference the federally negotiated Medicare maximum fair price for any drug with a Medicare maximum fair price.



State Has Active Policy or Program



Policy or Program Partially Implemented



State Does Not Have an Active Policy or Program



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Price Transparency

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Service Cost Price Transparency Tool	 State does not have a public-facing price transparency tool	
Prescription Drug Price Reporting Requirement	 Organizations are required to report prescription drug price information to a state entity	Drug manufacturers must submit data to the Commissioner of Health for drug price increases above a threshold and for new market entrances above the Medicare part D specialty-tier threshold. The Commissioner must share the reported information on its website.

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Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Health Care Spending Benchmark	 State has not established a health care spending benchmark for providers, insurance carriers, or both	
Authority to Enforce Health Care Spending Benchmark	 State has not established a health care spending benchmark, with or without enforcement mechanisms	The Department of Health of health analyzes escalating costs but does not have the power to fine or penalize hospitals or insurers.
Hospital or Primary Care Spending Oversight Entity	 State monitors and reports hospital spending, primary care spending, or both	Minnesota's Department of Health, Health Economics Program reports on hospital spending. In 2023, Minnesota passed SF 2995 requiring a report on primary care spending by February 2024 and establishing a Center for Health Care Affordability that may consider establishing quality and primary care spending standards.



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