

**252A.21 GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Appeal.** The commissioner may appeal from an order of the court entered under sections 252A.01 to 252A.21 to the court of appeals in the manner prescribed by sections 525.71 to 525.731, for appeals by the state. Any persons, other than the commissioner, aggrieved by an order of the court entered under sections 252A.01 to 252A.21, may appeal to the Court of Appeals in the manner prescribed by sections 525.71 to 525.731.

Subd. 2. **Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this chapter. The rules must include standards for performance of guardianship or conservatorship duties including, but not limited to: twice a year visits with the ward; a requirement that the duties of guardianship or conservatorship and case management not be performed by the same person; specific standards for action on "do not resuscitate" orders, sterilization requests, and the use of psychotropic medication and aversive procedures.

Subd. 3. **Terminology.** Whenever the term "guardian" is used in sections 252A.01 to 252A.21, it shall include "conservator," and the term "ward" shall include "conservatee" unless another intention clearly appears from the context.

Subd. 4. **Private guardianships and conservatorships.** Nothing in sections 252A.01 to 252A.21 shall impair the right of individuals to establish private guardianships or conservatorships in accordance with applicable law.

**History:** 1975 c 208 s 21; 1983 c 247 s 105; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 185 art 1 s 32; 2012 c 216 art 9 s 8