

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 2414**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

04/10/2019 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Taxes

04/12/2019 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read for the Second Time

04/24/2019 Calendar for the Day  
Bill was laid on the Table

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; establishing the health and human services budget;

1.3 modifying provisions governing children and families, operations, direct care and

1.4 treatment, continuing care for older adults, disability services, chemical and mental

1.5 health, mental health uniform service standards, health care, prescription drugs,

1.6 health-related licensing boards, Department of Health programs, health coverage,

1.7 resident rights and consumer protections, independent senior living facilities,

1.8 dementia care services for assisted living facilities with dementia care, assisted

1.9 living licensure conforming changes, third-party logistics providers and wholesale

1.10 distributors, and prescription drug pricing; establishing OneCare Buy-In;

1.11 establishing pharmacy benefit manager licensure; establishing prescription drug

1.12 repository program; establishing insulin assistance program; establishing OneCare

1.13 Buy-In reserve account; establishing assisted living licensure; requiring reports;

1.14 making technical changes; modifying penalties; providing for rulemaking;

1.15 modifying fees; making forecast adjustments; appropriating money; amending

1.16 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 8.31, subdivision 1; 13.46, subdivisions 2, 3;

1.17 13.461, subdivision 28; 13.69, subdivision 1; 13.851, by adding a subdivision;

1.18 15C.02; 16A.151, subdivision 2; 16A.724, subdivision 2; 18K.02, subdivision 3;

1.19 18K.03; 62A.021, by adding subdivisions; 62A.152, subdivision 3; 62A.25,

1.20 subdivision 2; 62A.28, subdivision 2; 62A.30, by adding a subdivision; 62A.3094,

1.21 subdivision 1; 62A.65, subdivision 7; 62A.671, subdivision 6; 62D.02, subdivision

1.22 4; 62D.03, subdivision 1; 62D.05, subdivision 1; 62D.06, subdivision 1; 62D.12,

1.23 by adding a subdivision; 62D.124, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding subdivisions;

1.24 62D.17, subdivision 1; 62D.19; 62D.30, subdivision 8; 62E.02, subdivision 3;

1.25 62E.23, subdivision 4; 62J.23, subdivision 2; 62J.497, subdivision 1; 62K.075;

1.26 62K.10, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5; 62Q.01, by adding a subdivision; 62Q.184,

1.27 subdivisions 1, 3; 62Q.47; 62Q.81; 103I.005, subdivisions 2, 8a, 17a; 103I.205,

1.28 subdivisions 1, 4, 9; 103I.208, subdivision 1; 103I.235, subdivision 3; 103I.301,

1.29 subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision; 103I.601, subdivision 4; 119B.011,

1.30 subdivisions 19, 20, by adding a subdivision; 119B.02, subdivisions 3, 6, 7;

1.31 119B.025, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 119B.03, subdivision 9; 119B.05,

1.32 subdivision 1; 119B.09, subdivisions 1, 7; 119B.095, subdivision 2, by adding a

1.33 subdivision; 119B.125, subdivision 6; 119B.13, subdivisions 1, 6, 7; 119B.16,

1.34 subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b, by adding subdivisions; 124D.142; 124D.165, subdivision

1.35 4; 125A.515, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8; 144.051, subdivisions 4, 5, 6; 144.057,

1.36 subdivisions 1, 3; 144.0724, subdivisions 4, 5, 8; 144.121, subdivision 1a, by

1.37 adding a subdivision; 144.122; 144.225, subdivisions 2, 2a, 7; 144.3831, subdivision

1.38 1; 144.412; 144.413, subdivisions 1, 4; 144.414, subdivisions 2, 3; 144.416;

2.1 144.4165; 144.4167, subdivision 4; 144.417, subdivision 4; 144.562, subdivision  
2.2 2; 144.966, subdivision 2; 144.99, subdivision 1; 144A.04, subdivision 5; 144A.071,  
2.3 subdivisions 1a, 2, 3, 4a, 4c, 5a; 144A.073, subdivision 3c; 144A.20, subdivision  
2.4 1; 144A.24; 144A.26; 144A.43, subdivisions 11, 30, by adding a subdivision;  
2.5 144A.44, subdivision 1; 144A.471, subdivisions 7, 9; 144A.472, subdivisions 5,  
2.6 7; 144A.473; 144A.474, subdivisions 2, 9, 11; 144A.475, subdivisions 1, 2, 3b,  
2.7 5; 144A.476, subdivision 1; 144A.479, subdivision 7; 144A.4791, subdivisions  
2.8 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; 144A.4792, subdivisions 1, 2, 5, 10; 144A.4793, subdivision  
2.9 6; 144A.4796, subdivision 2; 144A.4797, subdivision 3; 144A.4798; 144A.4799;  
2.10 144A.484, subdivision 1; 145.4235, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, by adding a subdivision;  
2.11 147.37; 147D.27, by adding a subdivision; 147E.40, subdivision 1; 147F.17,  
2.12 subdivision 1; 148.59; 148.6445, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10; 148.7815,  
2.13 subdivision 1; 148B.5301, subdivision 2; 148E.0555, subdivision 6; 148E.120,  
2.14 subdivision 2; 148E.180; 148F.11, subdivision 1; 150A.06, by adding subdivisions;  
2.15 150A.091, by adding subdivisions; 151.01, subdivisions 23, 31, 35, by adding a  
2.16 subdivision; 151.06, by adding a subdivision; 151.065, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 6;  
2.17 151.071, subdivisions 1, 2; 151.15, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 151.19,  
2.18 subdivisions 1, 3; 151.21, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; 151.211,  
2.19 subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 151.252, subdivisions 1, 1a, 3; 151.253,  
2.20 by adding a subdivision; 151.32; 151.40, subdivisions 1, 2; 151.43; 151.46; 151.47,  
2.21 subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 152.126, subdivision 6; 152.22, subdivisions  
2.22 6, 11, 13, 14, by adding subdivisions; 152.25, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1c, 4; 152.27,  
2.23 subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 152.28, subdivision 1; 152.29, subdivisions 1, 2, 3;  
2.24 152.31; 152.32, subdivision 2; 152.33, subdivisions 1, 2; 152.34; 152.36,  
2.25 subdivision 2; 171.171; 214.25, subdivision 2; 237.50, subdivisions 4a, 6a, 10a,  
2.26 11, by adding subdivisions; 237.51, subdivisions 1, 5a; 237.52, subdivision 5;  
2.27 237.53; 245.095; 245.462, subdivisions 6, 8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 21, 23, by adding a  
2.28 subdivision; 245.4661, subdivision 9; 245.467, subdivisions 2, 3; 245.469,  
2.29 subdivisions 1, 2; 245.470, subdivision 1; 245.4712, subdivision 2; 245.472,  
2.30 subdivision 2; 245.4863; 245.4871, subdivisions 9a, 10, 11a, 17, 21, 26, 27, 29,  
2.31 32, 34; 245.4876, subdivisions 2, 3; 245.4879, subdivisions 1, 2; 245.488,  
2.32 subdivision 1; 245.4889, subdivision 1; 245.696, by adding a subdivision; 245.735,  
2.33 subdivision 3; 245A.02, subdivisions 3, 5a, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18, by adding subdivisions;  
2.34 245A.03, subdivisions 1, 3; 245A.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, by adding  
2.35 subdivisions; 245A.05; 245A.07, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 3; 245A.10, subdivision  
2.36 4; 245A.14, subdivisions 4, 8, by adding subdivisions; 245A.145, subdivisions 1,  
2.37 2; 245A.151; 245A.16, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 245A.18,  
2.38 subdivision 2; 245A.40; 245A.41; 245A.50; 245A.51, subdivision 3, by adding  
2.39 subdivisions; 245A.66, subdivisions 2, 3; 245C.02, subdivision 6a, by adding  
2.40 subdivisions; 245C.03, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 245C.05,  
2.41 subdivisions 2c, 2d, 4, 5, 5a; 245C.08, subdivisions 1, 3; 245C.10, by adding a  
2.42 subdivision; 245C.13, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 245C.14, subdivision  
2.43 1; 245C.15, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, by adding a subdivision; 245C.22, subdivisions  
2.44 4, 5; 245C.24; 245C.30, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 245C.32, subdivision 2; 245D.03,  
2.45 subdivision 1; 245D.071, subdivision 1; 245D.081, subdivision 3; 245E.01,  
2.46 subdivision 8; 245E.02, by adding a subdivision; 245F.05, subdivision 2; 245H.01,  
2.47 by adding subdivisions; 245H.03, by adding a subdivision; 245H.07; 245H.10,  
2.48 subdivision 1; 245H.11; 245H.12; 245H.13, subdivision 5, by adding subdivisions;  
2.49 245H.14, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6; 245H.15, subdivision 1; 246.54, by adding a  
2.50 subdivision; 246B.10; 252.27, subdivision 2a; 252.275, subdivision 3; 252.28,  
2.51 subdivision 1; 252.41, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9; 252.42; 252.43; 252.44; 252.45;  
2.52 254A.03, subdivision 3; 254B.02, subdivision 1; 254B.03, subdivisions 2, 4;  
2.53 254B.04, subdivision 1; 254B.05, subdivisions 1a, 5; 254B.06, subdivisions 1, 2;  
2.54 256.01, subdivision 14b; 256.046, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 256.478;  
2.55 256.9365; 256.962, subdivision 5; 256.969, subdivisions 2b, 3a, 9, 17, 19; 256.98,  
2.56 subdivision 8; 256B.02, subdivision 7; 256B.04, subdivisions 14, 21, 22; 256B.055,  
2.57 subdivision 2; 256B.056, subdivisions 3, 5c; 256B.0615, subdivision 1; 256B.0616,  
2.58 subdivisions 1, 3; 256B.0622, subdivisions 1, 2, 3a, 4, 5a, 7, 7a, 7b, 7d; 256B.0623,

3.1 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12; 256B.0624, subdivisions 2, 4, 5, 6,  
 3.2 7, 8, 9, 11; 256B.0625, subdivisions 3b, 5, 5l, 9, 13, 13d, 13e, 13f, 17, 19c, 23,  
 3.3 24, 30, 31, 42, 45a, 48, 49, 56a, 57, 61, 62, 65, by adding subdivisions; 256B.064,  
 3.4 subdivisions 1a, 1b, 2, by adding subdivisions; 256B.0644; 256B.0651, subdivision  
 3.5 17; 256B.0658; 256B.0659, subdivisions 11, 12, 21, 24, 28, by adding a  
 3.6 subdivision; 256B.0757, subdivisions 2, 4, 8, by adding subdivisions; 256B.0915,  
 3.7 subdivisions 3a, 3b; 256B.092, subdivision 13; 256B.0941, subdivisions 1, 3;  
 3.8 256B.0943, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11; 256B.0944, subdivisions 1, 3,  
 3.9 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 256B.0946, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 6; 256B.0947, subdivisions  
 3.10 1, 2, 3, 3a, 5, 6, 7a; 256B.0949, subdivisions 2, 4, 5a, by adding a subdivision;  
 3.11 256B.27, subdivision 3; 256B.434, subdivisions 1, 3; 256B.49, subdivision 24;  
 3.12 256B.4912, by adding subdivisions; 256B.4913, subdivisions 4a, 5; 256B.4914,  
 3.13 subdivisions 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 10a, 14, 15, by adding a subdivision; 256B.69,  
 3.14 subdivisions 6, 6d, 35, by adding subdivisions; 256B.76, subdivisions 2, 4;  
 3.15 256B.766; 256B.85, subdivisions 3, 10, 11, 12, 16, by adding a subdivision;  
 3.16 256I.03, subdivision 15; 256I.04, subdivisions 1, 2a, 2f; 256I.05, subdivision 1c;  
 3.17 256I.06, subdivision 8; 256J.24, subdivision 5; 256L.03, by adding a subdivision;  
 3.18 256L.07, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 256L.11, subdivisions 2, 7;  
 3.19 256L.121, subdivision 3; 256M.41, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision;  
 3.20 256R.02, subdivisions 8, 19, by adding subdivisions; 256R.08, subdivision 1;  
 3.21 256R.10, by adding a subdivision; 256R.16, subdivision 1; 256R.21, by adding a  
 3.22 subdivision; 256R.23, subdivision 5; 256R.24; 256R.25; 256R.26; 256R.44;  
 3.23 256R.47; 256R.50, subdivision 6; 260C.007, subdivision 18, by adding a  
 3.24 subdivision; 260C.178, subdivision 1; 260C.201, subdivisions 1, 2, 6; 260C.212,  
 3.25 subdivision 2; 260C.452, subdivision 4; 260C.503, subdivision 1; 270B.12, by  
 3.26 adding a subdivision; 290.0131, by adding a subdivision; 295.51, subdivision 1a;  
 3.27 295.52, subdivision 8; 295.57, subdivision 3; 295.582, subdivision 1; 317A.811,  
 3.28 by adding a subdivision; 325F.72, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 461.12, subdivisions 2, 3,  
 3.29 4, 5, 6, 8; 461.18; 518A.32, subdivision 3; 609.685; 609.6855; 626.556, subdivision  
 3.30 10; 626.5572, subdivision 6; 628.26; 641.15, subdivision 3a; Laws 2003, First  
 3.31 Special Session chapter 14, article 13C, section 2, subdivision 6, as amended;  
 3.32 Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 45; article 3, section  
 3.33 49; article 5, section 11; article 8, sections 71; 72; proposing coding for new law  
 3.34 in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 62A; 62C; 62D; 62K; 62Q; 62V; 119B; 137; 144;  
 3.35 144A; 144G; 145; 148; 151; 245; 245A; 245D; 256; 256B; 256L; 256M; 256R;  
 3.36 260C; 290; 461; 609; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapters  
 3.37 62W; 144I; 144J; 144K; 245I; 256T; 317B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018,  
 3.38 sections 62A.021, subdivisions 1, 3; 119B.125, subdivision 8; 119B.16, subdivision  
 3.39 2; 144.414, subdivision 5; 144A.071, subdivision 4d; 144A.441; 144A.442;  
 3.40 144A.45, subdivision 6; 144A.472, subdivision 4; 144A.481; 144D.01; 144D.015;  
 3.41 144D.02; 144D.025; 144D.03; 144D.04; 144D.045; 144D.05; 144D.06; 144D.065;  
 3.42 144D.066; 144D.07; 144D.08; 144D.09; 144D.10; 144D.11; 144G.01; 144G.02;  
 3.43 144G.03; 144G.04; 144G.05; 144G.06; 151.214, subdivision 2; 151.42; 151.44;  
 3.44 151.49; 151.50; 151.51; 151.55; 151.60; 151.61; 151.62; 151.63; 151.64; 151.65;  
 3.45 151.66; 151.67; 151.68; 151.69; 151.70; 151.71; 214.17; 214.18; 214.19; 214.20;  
 3.46 214.21; 214.22; 214.23; 214.24; 245.462, subdivision 4a; 245E.06, subdivisions  
 3.47 2, 4, 5; 245H.10, subdivision 2; 246.18, subdivisions 8, 9; 252.41, subdivision 8;  
 3.48 252.431; 252.451; 254B.03, subdivision 4a; 256B.0615, subdivisions 2, 4, 5;  
 3.49 256B.0616, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 256B.0624, subdivision 10; 256B.0625,  
 3.50 subdivision 63; 256B.0659, subdivision 22; 256B.0705; 256B.0943, subdivision  
 3.51 10; 256B.0944, subdivision 10; 256B.0946, subdivision 5; 256B.0947, subdivision  
 3.52 9; 256B.431, subdivisions 3a, 3f, 3g, 3i, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 17a, 17c, 17d, 17e, 18,  
 3.53 21, 22, 30, 45; 256B.434, subdivisions 4, 4f, 4i, 4j, 6, 10; 256B.4913, subdivisions  
 3.54 4a, 6, 7; 256L.11, subdivisions 2a, 6a; 256R.36; 256R.40; 256R.41; Laws 2010,  
 3.55 First Special Session chapter 1, article 25, section 3, subdivision 10; Laws 2011,  
 3.56 First Special Session chapter 9, article 6, section 97, subdivision 6; Minnesota  
 3.57 Rules, parts 2960.3030, subpart 3; 3400.0185, subpart 5; 6400.6970; 7200.6100;  
 3.58 7200.6105; 9502.0425, subparts 4, 16, 17; 9503.0155, subpart 8; 9505.0370;

4.1 9505.0371; 9505.0372; 9520.0010; 9520.0020; 9520.0030; 9520.0040; 9520.0050;  
 4.2 9520.0060; 9520.0070; 9520.0080; 9520.0090; 9520.0100; 9520.0110; 9520.0120;  
 4.3 9520.0130; 9520.0140; 9520.0150; 9520.0160; 9520.0170; 9520.0180; 9520.0190;  
 4.4 9520.0200; 9520.0210; 9520.0230; 9549.0057; 9549.0060, subparts 4, 5, 6, 7, 10,  
 4.5 11, 14.

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

4.7 **ARTICLE 1**

4.8 **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

4.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.011, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 4.10 to read:

4.11 Subd. 13b. **Homeless.** "Homeless" means a self-declared housing status as defined in  
 4.12 the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and United States Code, title 42, section  
 4.13 11302, paragraph (a).

4.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 21, 2020.

4.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.011, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

4.16 Subd. 19. **Provider.** "Provider" means:

4.17 (1) an individual or child care center or facility, ~~either licensed or unlicensed, providing~~  
 4.18 ~~legal child care services as defined~~ licensed to provide child care under section 245A.03,  
 4.19 chapter 245A when operating within the terms of the license; or

4.20 (2) a license exempt center required to be certified under chapter 245H;

4.21 (3) an individual or child care center or facility holding that: (i) holds a valid child care  
 4.22 license issued by another state or a tribe and providing; (ii) provides child care services in  
 4.23 the licensing state or in the area under the licensing tribe's jurisdiction; and (iii) is in  
 4.24 compliance with federal health and safety requirements as certified by the licensing state  
 4.25 or tribe, or as determined by receipt of child care development block grant funds in the  
 4.26 licensing state; or

4.27 (4) a legal nonlicensed child care provider as defined under section 119B.011, subdivision  
 4.28 16, providing legal child care services. A ~~legally unlicensed family~~ legal nonlicensed child  
 4.29 care provider must be at least 18 years of age, and not a member of the MFIP assistance  
 4.30 unit or a member of the family receiving child care assistance to be authorized under this  
 4.31 chapter.

4.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.



5.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.011, subdivision 20, is amended to read:

5.2 Subd. 20. **Transition year families.** "Transition year families" means families who have  
5.3 received MFIP assistance, or who were eligible to receive MFIP assistance after choosing  
5.4 to discontinue receipt of the cash portion of MFIP assistance under section 256J.31,  
5.5 subdivision 12, or families who have received DWP assistance under section 256J.95 for  
5.6 at least ~~three~~ one of the last six months before losing eligibility for MFIP or DWP.  
5.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, parts 3400.0040, subpart 10, and 3400.0090, subpart 2,  
5.8 transition year child care may be used to support employment, approved education or training  
5.9 programs, or job search that meets the requirements of section 119B.10. Transition year  
5.10 child care is not available to families who have been disqualified from MFIP or DWP due  
5.11 to fraud.

5.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 23, 2020.

5.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

5.14 Subd. 3. **Supervision of counties and providers.** (a) The commissioner shall supervise  
5.15 child care programs administered by the counties through standard-setting, technical  
5.16 assistance to the counties, approval of county child care fund plans, and distribution of  
5.17 public money for services. The commissioner shall provide training and other support  
5.18 services to assist counties in planning for and implementing child care assistance programs.  
5.19 The commissioner shall adopt rules under chapter 14 that establish minimum administrative  
5.20 standards for the provision of child care services by county boards of commissioners.

5.21 **(b) The commissioner shall:**

5.22 **(1) provide technical assistance and training to child care providers about proper billing**  
5.23 **and attendance record-keeping procedures for reimbursement under this chapter; and**

5.24 **(2) ensure that the training and technical assistance provided to child care providers is**  
5.25 **linguistically and culturally accessible.**

5.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

5.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.02, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

5.28 Subd. 7. **Child care market rate survey.** ~~Biennially,~~ The commissioner shall conduct  
5.29 the next survey of prices charged by child care providers in Minnesota in state fiscal year  
5.30 2021 and every three years thereafter to determine the 75th percentile for like-care  
5.31 arrangements in county price clusters.

6.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

6.2 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.025, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

6.3 Subdivision 1. **Applications.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), clause (4), the  
6.4 county shall verify the following at all initial child care applications using the universal  
6.5 application:

6.6 (1) identity of adults;

6.7 (2) presence of the minor child in the home, if questionable;

6.8 (3) relationship of minor child to the parent, stepparent, legal guardian, eligible relative  
6.9 caretaker, or the spouses of any of the foregoing;

6.10 (4) age;

6.11 (5) immigration status, if related to eligibility;

6.12 (6) Social Security number, if given;

6.13 (7) counted income;

6.14 (8) spousal support and child support payments made to persons outside the household;

6.15 (9) residence; and

6.16 (10) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility.

6.17 (b) The county must mail a notice of approval or denial of assistance to the applicant  
6.18 within 30 calendar days after receiving the application. The county may extend the response  
6.19 time by 15 calendar days if the applicant is informed of the extension.

6.20 (c) For an applicant who declares that the applicant is homeless and who meets the  
6.21 definition of homeless in section 119B.011, subdivision 13b, the county must:

6.22 (1) if information is needed to determine eligibility, send a request for information to  
6.23 the applicant within five working days after receiving the application;

6.24 (2) if the applicant is eligible, send a notice of approval of assistance within five working  
6.25 days after receiving the application;

6.26 (3) if the applicant is ineligible, send a notice of denial of assistance within 30 days after  
6.27 receiving the application. The county may extend the response time by 15 calendar days if  
6.28 the applicant is informed of the extension;

6.29 (4) not require verifications required by paragraph (a) before issuing the notice of approval  
6.30 or denial; and

7.1 (5) follow limits set by the commissioner for how frequently expedited application  
7.2 processing may be used for an applicant under this paragraph.

7.3 (d) An applicant who declares that the applicant is homeless must submit proof of  
7.4 eligibility within three months of the date the application was received. If proof of eligibility  
7.5 is not submitted within three months, eligibility ends. A 15-day adverse action notice is  
7.6 required to end eligibility.

7.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 21, 2020.

7.8 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.025, is amended by adding a subdivision  
7.9 to read:

7.10 Subd. 5. **Information to applicants; child care fraud.** At the time of initial application  
7.11 and at redetermination, the county must provide written notice to the applicant or participant  
7.12 listing the activities that constitute child care fraud and the consequences of committing  
7.13 child care fraud. An applicant or participant shall acknowledge receipt of the child care  
7.14 fraud notice in writing.

7.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2019.

7.16 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.03, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

7.17 Subd. 9. **Portability pool.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a pool of up to five  
7.18 percent of the annual appropriation for the basic sliding fee program to provide continuous  
7.19 child care assistance for eligible families who move between Minnesota counties. At the  
7.20 end of each allocation period, any unspent funds in the portability pool must be used for  
7.21 assistance under the basic sliding fee program. If expenditures from the portability pool  
7.22 exceed the amount of money available, the reallocation pool must be reduced to cover these  
7.23 shortages.

7.24 ~~(b) To be eligible for portable basic sliding fee assistance,~~ A family that has moved from  
7.25 a county in which it was receiving basic sliding fee assistance to a county with a waiting  
7.26 list for the basic sliding fee program must:

7.27 (1) meet the income and eligibility guidelines for the basic sliding fee program; and

7.28 ~~(2) notify the new county of residence within 60 days of moving and submit information~~  
7.29 ~~to the new county of residence to verify eligibility for the basic sliding fee program~~ the  
7.30 family's previous county of residence of the family's move to a new county of residence.

7.31 (c) The receiving county must:

8.1 (1) accept administrative responsibility for applicants for portable basic sliding fee  
8.2 assistance at the end of the two months of assistance under the Unitary Residency Act;

8.3 (2) continue portability pool basic sliding fee assistance ~~for the lesser of six months or~~  
8.4 until the family is able to receive assistance under the county's regular basic sliding program;  
8.5 and

8.6 (3) notify the commissioner through the quarterly reporting process of any family that  
8.7 meets the criteria of the portable basic sliding fee assistance pool.

8.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 2, 2019.

8.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

8.10 Subdivision 1. **Eligible participants.** Families eligible for child care assistance under  
8.11 the MFIP child care program are:

8.12 (1) MFIP participants who are employed or in job search and meet the requirements of  
8.13 section 119B.10;

8.14 (2) persons who are members of transition year families under section 119B.011,  
8.15 subdivision 20, and meet the requirements of section 119B.10;

8.16 (3) families who are participating in employment orientation or job search, or other  
8.17 employment or training activities that are included in an approved employability development  
8.18 plan under section 256J.95;

8.19 (4) MFIP families who are participating in work job search, job support, employment,  
8.20 or training activities as required in their employment plan, or in appeals, hearings,  
8.21 assessments, or orientations according to chapter 256J;

8.22 (5) MFIP families who are participating in social services activities under chapter 256J  
8.23 as required in their employment plan approved according to chapter 256J;

8.24 (6) families who are participating in services or activities that are included in an approved  
8.25 family stabilization plan under section 256J.575;

8.26 (7) families who are participating in programs as required in tribal contracts under section  
8.27 119B.02, subdivision 2, or 256.01, subdivision 2;

8.28 (8) families who are participating in the transition year extension under section 119B.011,  
8.29 subdivision 20a;

8.30 (9) student parents as defined under section 119B.011, subdivision 19b; ~~and~~

9.1 (10) student parents who turn 21 years of age and who continue to meet the other  
9.2 requirements under section 119B.011, subdivision 19b. A student parent continues to be  
9.3 eligible until the student parent is approved for basic sliding fee child care assistance or  
9.4 until the student parent's redetermination, whichever comes first. At the student parent's  
9.5 redetermination, if the student parent was not approved for basic sliding fee child care  
9.6 assistance, a student parent's eligibility ends following a 15-day adverse action notice; and

9.7 (11) MFIP child-only cases under section 256J.88, for up to 20 hours of child care per  
9.8 week for children six years of age and younger, as recommended by the treating mental  
9.9 health professional, when either the child's primary caregiver has a diagnosis of a mental  
9.10 illness and is in need of intensive treatment, or the child is in need of a consistent caregiver.

9.11 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.12 Subdivision 1. **General eligibility requirements.** (a) Child care services must be  
9.13 available to families who need child care to find or keep employment or to obtain the training  
9.14 or education necessary to find employment and who:

9.15 (1) have household income less than or equal to 67 percent of the state median income,  
9.16 adjusted for family size, at application and redetermination, and meet the requirements of  
9.17 section 119B.05; receive MFIP assistance; and are participating in employment and training  
9.18 services under chapter 256J; or

9.19 (2) have household income less than or equal to 47 percent of the state median income,  
9.20 adjusted for family size, at application and less than or equal to 67 percent of the state  
9.21 median income, adjusted for family size, at redetermination.

9.22 (b) Child care services must be made available as in-kind services.

9.23 (c) All applicants for child care assistance and families currently receiving child care  
9.24 assistance must be assisted and required to cooperate in establishment of paternity and  
9.25 enforcement of child support obligations for all children in the family at application and  
9.26 redetermination as a condition of program eligibility. For purposes of this section, a family  
9.27 is considered to meet the requirement for cooperation when the family complies with the  
9.28 requirements of section 256.741.

9.29 (d) All applicants for child care assistance and families currently receiving child care  
9.30 assistance must pay the co-payment fee under section 119B.12, subdivision 2, as a condition  
9.31 of eligibility. The co-payment fee may include additional recoupment fees due to a child  
9.32 care assistance program overpayment.

10.1 (e) If a family has one child with a child care authorization and the child reaches 13  
10.2 years of age or the child has a disability and reaches 15 years of age, the family remains  
10.3 eligible until the redetermination.

10.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 29, 2020.

10.5 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.095, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

10.6 Subd. 2. **Maintain steady child care authorizations.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota  
10.7 Rules, chapter 3400, the amount of child care authorized under section 119B.10 for  
10.8 employment, education, or an MFIP or DWP employment plan shall continue at the same  
10.9 number of hours or more hours until redetermination, including:

10.10 (1) when the other parent moves in and is employed or has an education plan under  
10.11 section 119B.10, subdivision 3, or has an MFIP or DWP employment plan; or

10.12 (2) when the participant's work hours are reduced or a participant temporarily stops  
10.13 working or attending an approved education program. Temporary changes include, but are  
10.14 not limited to, a medical leave, seasonal employment fluctuations, or a school break between  
10.15 semesters.

10.16 (b) The county may increase the amount of child care authorized at any time if the  
10.17 participant verifies the need for increased hours for authorized activities.

10.18 (c) The county may reduce the amount of child care authorized if a parent requests a  
10.19 reduction or because of a change in:

10.20 (1) the child's school schedule;

10.21 (2) the custody schedule; or

10.22 (3) the provider's availability.

10.23 (d) The amount of child care authorized for a family subject to subdivision 1, paragraph  
10.24 (b), must change when the participant's activity schedule changes. Paragraph (a) does not  
10.25 apply to a family subject to subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

10.26 (e) When a child reaches 13 years of age or a child with a disability reaches 15 years of  
10.27 age, the amount of child care authorized shall continue at the same number of hours or more  
10.28 hours until redetermination.

10.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 29, 2020.

11.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.095, is amended by adding a subdivision  
11.2 to read:

11.3 Subd. 3. **Assistance for persons who are homeless.** An applicant who is homeless and  
11.4 eligible for child care assistance is exempt from the activity participation requirements under  
11.5 this chapter for three months. The applicant under this subdivision is eligible for 60 hours  
11.6 of child care assistance per service period for three months from the date the county receives  
11.7 the application. Additional hours may be authorized as needed based on the applicant's  
11.8 participation in employment, education, or MFIP or DWP employment plan. To continue  
11.9 receiving child care assistance after the initial three months, the applicant must verify that  
11.10 the applicant meets eligibility and activity requirements for child care assistance under this  
11.11 chapter.

11.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 21, 2020.

11.13 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

11.14 Subdivision 1. **Subsidy restrictions.** (a) Beginning ~~February 3, 2014~~, September 20,  
11.15 2019, the maximum rate paid for child care assistance in any county or county price cluster  
11.16 under the child care fund shall be the greater of the 25th percentile of the ~~2014~~ 2018 child  
11.17 care provider rate survey under section 119B.02, subdivision 7, or the maximum rate effective  
11.18 ~~November 28, 2014~~ February 3, 2014. For a child care provider located within the boundaries  
11.19 of a city located in two or more of the counties of Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns, the  
11.20 maximum rate paid for child care assistance shall be equal to the maximum rate paid in the  
11.21 county with the highest maximum reimbursement rates or the provider's charge, whichever  
11.22 is less. The commissioner may: (1) assign a county with no reported provider prices to a  
11.23 similar price cluster; and (2) consider county level access when determining final price  
11.24 clusters.

11.25 (b) A rate which includes a special needs rate paid under subdivision 3 may be in excess  
11.26 of the maximum rate allowed under this subdivision.

11.27 (c) The department shall monitor the effect of this paragraph on provider rates. The  
11.28 county shall pay the provider's full charges for every child in care up to the maximum  
11.29 established. The commissioner shall determine the maximum rate for each type of care on  
11.30 an hourly, full-day, and weekly basis, including special needs and disability care.

11.31 (d) If a child uses one provider, the maximum payment for one day of care must not  
11.32 exceed the daily rate. The maximum payment for one week of care must not exceed the  
11.33 weekly rate.

12.1 (e) If a child uses two providers under section 119B.097, the maximum payment must  
12.2 not exceed:

12.3 (1) the daily rate for one day of care;

12.4 (2) the weekly rate for one week of care by the child's primary provider; and

12.5 (3) two daily rates during two weeks of care by a child's secondary provider.

12.6 (f) Child care providers receiving reimbursement under this chapter must not be paid  
12.7 activity fees or an additional amount above the maximum rates for care provided during  
12.8 nonstandard hours for families receiving assistance.

12.9 (g) If the provider charge is greater than the maximum provider rate allowed, the parent  
12.10 is responsible for payment of the difference in the rates in addition to any family co-payment  
12.11 fee.

12.12 (h) All maximum provider rates changes shall be implemented on the Monday following  
12.13 the effective date of the maximum provider rate.

12.14 (i) ~~Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0130, subpart 7, maximum registration~~  
12.15 ~~fees in effect on January 1, 2013, shall remain in effect.~~ The maximum registration fee paid  
12.16 for child care assistance in any county or county price cluster under the child care fund shall  
12.17 be the greater of the 25th percentile of the 2018 child care provider rate survey under section  
12.18 119B.02, subdivision 7, or the registration fee in effect February 3, 2014. Maximum  
12.19 registration fees must be set for licensed family child care and for child care centers. For a  
12.20 child care provider located within the boundaries of a city located in two or more of the  
12.21 counties of Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns, the maximum registration fee paid for child  
12.22 care assistance shall be equal to the maximum registration fee paid in the county with the  
12.23 highest maximum registration fee or the provider's charge, whichever is less.

12.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective September 20, 2019. Paragraph (i) is  
12.25 effective September 23, 2019.

12.26 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

12.27 Subdivision 1. **Fair hearing allowed for applicants and recipients.** (a) An applicant  
12.28 or recipient adversely affected by an action of a county agency ~~action~~ or the commissioner,  
12.29 for an action taken directly against the applicant or recipient, may request and receive a fair  
12.30 hearing in accordance with this subdivision and section 256.045. An applicant or recipient  
12.31 does not have a right to a fair hearing if a county agency or the commissioner takes action  
12.32 against a provider.



13.1 (b) A county agency must offer an informal conference to an applicant or recipient who  
13.2 is entitled to a fair hearing under this section. A county agency must advise an applicant or  
13.3 recipient that a request for a conference is optional and does not delay or replace the right  
13.4 to a fair hearing.

13.5 (c) If a provider's authorization is suspended, denied, or revoked, a county agency or  
13.6 the commissioner must mail notice to each child care assistance program recipient receiving  
13.7 care from the provider.

13.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective February 26, 2021.

13.9 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.16, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

13.10 Subd. 1a. **Fair hearing allowed for providers.** (a) This subdivision applies to providers  
13.11 caring for children receiving child care assistance.

13.12 ~~(b) A provider to whom a county agency has assigned responsibility for an overpayment~~  
13.13 ~~may request a fair hearing in accordance with section 256.045 for the limited purpose of~~  
13.14 ~~challenging the assignment of responsibility for the overpayment and the amount of the~~  
13.15 ~~overpayment. The scope of the fair hearing does not include the issues of whether the~~  
13.16 ~~provider wrongfully obtained public assistance in violation of section 256.98 or was properly~~  
13.17 ~~disqualified under section 256.98, subdivision 8, paragraph (c), unless the fair hearing has~~  
13.18 ~~been combined with an administrative disqualification hearing brought against the provider~~  
13.19 ~~under section 256.046.~~

13.20 (b) A provider may request a fair hearing according to sections 256.045 and 256.046  
13.21 only if a county agency or the commissioner:

13.22 (1) denies or revokes a provider's authorization, unless the action entitles the provider  
13.23 to an administrative review under section 119B.161;

13.24 (2) assigns responsibility for an overpayment to a provider under section 119B.11,  
13.25 subdivision 2a;

13.26 (3) establishes an overpayment for failure to comply with section 119B.125, subdivision  
13.27 6;

13.28 (4) seeks monetary recovery or recoupment under section 245E.02, subdivision 4,  
13.29 paragraph (c), clause (2);

13.30 (5) initiates an administrative fraud disqualification hearing; or

13.31 (6) issues a payment and the provider disagrees with the amount of the payment.

14.1 (c) A provider may request a fair hearing by submitting a written request to the  
14.2 Department of Human Services, Appeals Division. A provider's request must be received  
14.3 by the Appeals Division no later than 30 days after the date a county or the commissioner  
14.4 mails the notice.

14.5 (d) The provider's appeal request must contain the following:

14.6 (1) each disputed item, the reason for the dispute, and, if applicable, an estimate of the  
14.7 dollar amount involved for each disputed item;

14.8 (2) the computation the provider believes to be correct, if applicable;

14.9 (3) the statute or rule relied on for each disputed item; and

14.10 (4) the name, address, and telephone number of the person at the provider's place of  
14.11 business with whom contact may be made regarding the appeal.

14.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective February 26, 2021.

14.13 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.16, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

14.14 Subd. 1b. **Joint fair hearings.** ~~When a provider requests a fair hearing under subdivision~~  
14.15 ~~1a, the family in whose case the overpayment was created must be made a party to the fair~~  
14.16 ~~hearing. All other issues raised by the family must be resolved in the same proceeding.~~  
14.17 ~~When a family requests a fair hearing and claims that the county should have assigned~~  
14.18 ~~responsibility for an overpayment to a provider, the provider must be made a party to the~~  
14.19 ~~fair hearing.~~ The human services judge assigned to a fair hearing may join a family or a  
14.20 provider as a party to the fair hearing whenever joinder of that party is necessary to fully  
14.21 and fairly resolve ~~overpayment~~ issues raised in the appeal.

14.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective February 26, 2021.

14.23 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.16, is amended by adding a subdivision  
14.24 to read:

14.25 Subd. 1c. **Notice to providers.** (a) Before taking an action appealable under subdivision  
14.26 1a, paragraph (b), a county agency or the commissioner must mail written notice to the  
14.27 provider against whom the action is being taken. Unless otherwise specified under chapter  
14.28 119B or 245E or Minnesota Rules, chapter 3400, a county agency or the commissioner must  
14.29 mail the written notice at least 15 calendar days before the adverse action's effective date.

14.30 (b) The notice shall state (1) the factual basis for the department's determination, (2) the  
14.31 action the department intends to take, (3) the dollar amount of the monetary recovery or

15.1 recoupment, if known, and (4) the provider's right to appeal the department's proposed  
15.2 action.

15.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective February 26, 2021.

15.4 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.16, is amended by adding a subdivision  
15.5 to read:

15.6 Subd. 3. **Fair hearing stayed.** (a) If a county agency or the commissioner denies or  
15.7 revokes a provider's authorization based on a licensing action under section 245A.07, and  
15.8 the provider appeals, the provider's fair hearing must be stayed until the commissioner issues  
15.9 an order as required under section 245A.08, subdivision 5.

15.10 (b) If the commissioner denies or revokes a provider's authorization based on  
15.11 decertification under section 245H.07, and the provider appeals, the provider's fair hearing  
15.12 must be stayed until the commissioner issues a final order as required under section 245H.07.

15.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective February 26, 2021.

15.14 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.16, is amended by adding a subdivision  
15.15 to read:

15.16 Subd. 4. **Final department action.** Unless the commissioner receives a timely and  
15.17 proper request for an appeal, a county agency's or the commissioner's action shall be  
15.18 considered a final department action.

15.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective February 26, 2021.

15.20 Sec. 20. **[119B.161] ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.**

15.21 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** A provider has the right to an administrative review under  
15.22 this section if (1) a payment was suspended under chapter 245E, or (2) the provider's  
15.23 authorization was denied or revoked under section 119B.13, subdivision 6, paragraph (d),  
15.24 clause (1) or (2).

15.25 Subd. 2. **Notice.** (a) A county agency or the commissioner must mail written notice to  
15.26 a provider within five days of suspending payment or denying or revoking the provider's  
15.27 authorization under subdivision 1.

15.28 (b) The notice must:

15.29 (1) state the provision under which a county agency or the commissioner is denying,  
15.30 revoking, or suspending the provider's authorization or suspending payment to the provider;

16.1 (2) set forth the general allegations leading to the denial, revocation, or suspension of  
16.2 the provider's authorization. The notice need not disclose any specific information concerning  
16.3 an ongoing investigation;

16.4 (3) state that the denial, revocation, or suspension of the provider's authorization is for  
16.5 a temporary period and explain the circumstances under which the action expires; and

16.6 (4) inform the provider of the right to submit written evidence and argument for  
16.7 consideration by the commissioner.

16.8 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0185, if a county agency or the  
16.9 commissioner suspends payment to a provider under chapter 245E or denies or revokes a  
16.10 provider's authorization under section 119B.13, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), clause (1) or  
16.11 (2), a county agency or the commissioner must send notice of service authorization closure  
16.12 to each affected family. The notice sent to an affected family is effective on the date the  
16.13 notice is created.

16.14 Subd. 3. **Duration.** If a provider's payment is suspended under chapter 245E or a  
16.15 provider's authorization is denied or revoked under section 119B.13, subdivision 6, paragraph  
16.16 (d), clause (1) or (2), the provider's denial, revocation, temporary suspension, or payment  
16.17 suspension remains in effect until:

16.18 (1) the commissioner or a law enforcement authority determines that there is insufficient  
16.19 evidence warranting the action and a county agency or the commissioner does not pursue  
16.20 an additional administrative remedy under chapter 245E or section 256.98; or

16.21 (2) all criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings related to the provider's alleged  
16.22 misconduct conclude and any appeal rights are exhausted.

16.23 Subd. 4. **Good cause exception.** The commissioner may find that good cause exists not  
16.24 to deny, revoke, or suspend a provider's authorization, or not to continue a denial, revocation,  
16.25 or suspension of a provider's authorization if any of the following are applicable:

16.26 (1) a law enforcement authority specifically requested that a provider's authorization  
16.27 not be denied, revoked, or suspended because that action may compromise an ongoing  
16.28 investigation;

16.29 (2) the commissioner determines that the denial, revocation, or suspension should be  
16.30 removed based on the provider's written submission; or

16.31 (3) the commissioner determines that the denial, revocation, or suspension is not in the  
16.32 best interests of the program.

17.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective February 26, 2021.

17.2 Sec. 21. **[119B.195] RETAINING EARLY EDUCATORS THROUGH ATTAINING**  
17.3 **INCENTIVES NOW (REETAIN) GRANT PROGRAM.**

17.4 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The retaining early educators through attaining  
17.5 incentives now (REETAIN) grant program is established to provide competitive grants to  
17.6 incentivize well-trained child care professionals to stay in the workforce to create more  
17.7 consistent care for children over time.

17.8 Subd. 2. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner must administer the REETAIN grant  
17.9 program, and must provide a grant to a nonprofit organization with demonstrated ability to  
17.10 manage benefit programs for child care professionals.

17.11 (b) Up to ten percent of grant funds may be used for administration of the grant program.

17.12 Subd. 3. **Application.** Applicants must apply for the REETAIN grant program in the  
17.13 manner and according to the timelines established by the commissioner.

17.14 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** (a) Applicants must:

17.15 (1) be licensed to provide child care or work for a licensed child care program;

17.16 (2) work directly with children at least 30 hours per week;

17.17 (3) be in their current position for at least 12 months;

17.18 (4) be willing to stay in their current position for at least 12 months after receiving a  
17.19 grant under this section;

17.20 (5) have a career lattice step of five or higher;

17.21 (6) have a current membership with the Minnesota quality improvement and registry  
17.22 tool; and

17.23 (7) meet any other requirements established by the commissioner.

17.24 (b) Grant recipients must sign a contract agreeing to remain in their current position for  
17.25 12 months.

17.26 Subd. 5. **Grant awards.** (a) To the extent that funding is available, a child care  
17.27 professional's annual amount for the REETAIN grant must not exceed an amount determined  
17.28 by the commissioner. A child care professional must apply each year to compete for an  
17.29 award, and may receive up to one award per year.

17.30 (b) Grant funds may be used for program supplies, training, or personal expenses.

18.1 Subd. 6. Report. Annually by January 1, the commissioner must report to the legislative  
18.2 committees with jurisdiction over early childhood on the number of grants awarded and  
18.3 outcomes of the grant program.

18.4 EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section is effective July 1, 2019. The first  
18.5 report under subdivision 6 is due by January 1, 2021.

18.6 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.32, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

18.7 Subd. 2. Use. (a) The commissioner may also use these systems and records to obtain  
18.8 and provide criminal history data from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, criminal  
18.9 history data held by the commissioner, and data about substantiated maltreatment under  
18.10 section 626.556 or 626.557, for other purposes, provided that:

18.11 (1) the background study is specifically authorized in statute; or

18.12 (2) the request is made with the informed consent of the subject of the study as provided  
18.13 in section 13.05, subdivision 4.

18.14 (b) An individual making a request under paragraph (a), clause (2), must agree in writing  
18.15 not to disclose the data to any other individual without the consent of the subject of the data.

18.16 (c) The commissioner may recover the cost of obtaining and providing background study  
18.17 data by charging the individual or entity requesting the study a fee of no more than \$20 per  
18.18 study. The fees collected under this paragraph are appropriated to the commissioner for the  
18.19 purpose of conducting background studies.

18.20 (d) The commissioner shall recover the cost of obtaining background study data required  
18.21 under section 524.5-118 through a fee of \$50 per study for an individual who has not lived  
18.22 outside Minnesota for the past ten years, and a fee of \$100 for an individual who has resided  
18.23 outside of Minnesota for any period during the ten years preceding the background study.  
18.24 The commissioner shall recover, from the individual, any additional fees charged by other  
18.25 states' licensing agencies that are associated with these data requests. Fees under subdivision  
18.26 3 also apply when criminal history data from the National Criminal Records Repository is  
18.27 required.

18.28 (e) According to paragraph (a), the commissioner shall use the systems and records  
18.29 described in this chapter to provide summary data about maltreatment under sections 626.556  
18.30 or 626.557 to government entities seeking this data for the purposes of child protection.

19.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.01, subdivision 14b, is amended to read:

19.2 Subd. 14b. **American Indian child welfare projects.** (a) The commissioner of human  
19.3 services may authorize projects to ~~test~~ initiate tribal delivery of child welfare services to  
19.4 American Indian children and their parents and custodians living on the reservation. The  
19.5 commissioner has authority to solicit and determine which tribes may participate in a project.  
19.6 Grants may be issued to Minnesota Indian tribes to support the projects. The commissioner  
19.7 may waive existing state rules as needed to accomplish the projects. The commissioner may  
19.8 authorize projects to use alternative methods of (1) screening, investigating, and assessing  
19.9 reports of child maltreatment, and (2) administrative reconsideration, administrative appeal,  
19.10 and judicial appeal of maltreatment determinations, provided the alternative methods used  
19.11 by the projects comply with the provisions of sections 256.045 and 626.556 ~~dealing that~~  
19.12 deal with the rights of individuals who are the subjects of reports or investigations, including  
19.13 notice and appeal rights and data practices requirements. The commissioner shall only  
19.14 authorize alternative methods that comply with the public policy under section 626.556,  
19.15 subdivision 1. The commissioner may seek any federal approvals necessary to carry out the  
19.16 projects as well as seek and use any funds available to the commissioner, including use of  
19.17 federal funds, foundation funds, existing grant funds, and other funds. The commissioner  
19.18 is authorized to advance state funds as necessary to operate the projects. Federal  
19.19 reimbursement applicable to the projects is appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes  
19.20 of the projects. The projects must be required to address responsibility for safety, permanency,  
19.21 and well-being of children.

19.22 (b) For the purposes of this section, "American Indian child" means a person under 21  
19.23 years old and who is a tribal member or eligible for membership in one of the tribes chosen  
19.24 for a project under this subdivision and who is residing on the reservation of that tribe.

19.25 (c) In order to qualify for an American Indian child welfare project, a tribe must:

19.26 (1) be one of the existing tribes with reservation land in Minnesota;

19.27 (2) have a tribal court with jurisdiction over child custody proceedings;

19.28 (3) have a substantial number of children for whom determinations of maltreatment have  
19.29 occurred;

19.30 (4)(i) have capacity to respond to reports of abuse and neglect under section 626.556;  
19.31 or (ii) have codified the tribe's screening, investigation, and assessment of reports of child  
19.32 maltreatment procedures, if authorized to use an alternative method by the commissioner  
19.33 under paragraph (a);

20.1 (5) provide a wide range of services to families in need of child welfare services; and

20.2 (6) have a tribal-state title IV-E agreement in effect.

20.3 (d) Grants awarded under this section may be used for the nonfederal costs of providing  
20.4 child welfare services to American Indian children on the tribe's reservation, including costs  
20.5 associated with:

20.6 (1) assessment and prevention of child abuse and neglect;

20.7 (2) family preservation;

20.8 (3) facilitative, supportive, and reunification services;

20.9 (4) out-of-home placement for children removed from the home for child protective  
20.10 purposes; and

20.11 (5) other activities and services approved by the commissioner that further the goals of  
20.12 providing safety, permanency, and well-being of American Indian children.

20.13 (e) When a tribe has initiated a project and has been approved by the commissioner to  
20.14 assume child welfare responsibilities for American Indian children of that tribe under this  
20.15 section, the affected county social service agency is relieved of responsibility for responding  
20.16 to reports of abuse and neglect under section 626.556 for those children during the time  
20.17 within which the tribal project is in effect and funded. The commissioner shall work with  
20.18 tribes and affected counties to develop procedures for data collection, evaluation, and  
20.19 clarification of ongoing role and financial responsibilities of the county and tribe for child  
20.20 welfare services prior to initiation of the project. Children who have not been identified by  
20.21 the tribe as participating in the project shall remain the responsibility of the county. Nothing  
20.22 in this section shall alter responsibilities of the county for law enforcement or court services.

20.23 (f) Participating tribes may conduct children's mental health screenings under section  
20.24 245.4874, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (12), for children who are eligible for the  
20.25 initiative and living on the reservation and who meet one of the following criteria:

20.26 (1) the child must be receiving child protective services;

20.27 (2) the child must be in foster care; or

20.28 (3) the child's parents must have had parental rights suspended or terminated.

20.29 Tribes may access reimbursement from available state funds for conducting the screenings.  
20.30 Nothing in this section shall alter responsibilities of the county for providing services under  
20.31 section 245.487.



21.1 (g) Participating tribes may establish a local child mortality review panel. In establishing  
21.2 a local child mortality review panel, the tribe agrees to conduct local child mortality reviews  
21.3 for child deaths or near-fatalities occurring on the reservation under subdivision 12. Tribes  
21.4 with established child mortality review panels shall have access to nonpublic data and shall  
21.5 protect nonpublic data under subdivision 12, paragraphs (c) to (e). The tribe shall provide  
21.6 written notice to the commissioner and affected counties when a local child mortality review  
21.7 panel has been established and shall provide data upon request of the commissioner for  
21.8 purposes of sharing nonpublic data with members of the state child mortality review panel  
21.9 in connection to an individual case.

21.10 (h) The commissioner shall collect information on outcomes relating to child safety,  
21.11 permanency, and well-being of American Indian children who are served in the projects.  
21.12 Participating tribes must provide information to the state in a format and completeness  
21.13 deemed acceptable by the state to meet state and federal reporting requirements.

21.14 (i) In consultation with the White Earth Band, the commissioner shall develop and submit  
21.15 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
21.16 over health and human services a plan to transfer legal responsibility for providing child  
21.17 protective services to White Earth Band member children residing in Hennepin County to  
21.18 the White Earth Band. The plan shall include a financing proposal, definitions of key terms,  
21.19 statutory amendments required, and other provisions required to implement the plan. The  
21.20 commissioner shall submit the plan by January 15, 2012.

21.21 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256J.24, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

21.22 Subd. 5. **MFIP transitional standard.** (a) The MFIP transitional standard is based on  
21.23 the number of persons in the assistance unit eligible for both food and cash assistance. The  
21.24 amount of the transitional standard is published annually by the Department of Human  
21.25 Services.

21.26 (b) The amount of the MFIP cash assistance portion of the transitional standard is  
21.27 increased \$100 per month per household. This increase shall be reflected in the MFIP cash  
21.28 assistance portion of the transitional standard published annually by the commissioner.

21.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective February 1, 2020.

22.1 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256M.41, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

22.2 Subd. 3. **Payments based on performance.** (a) The commissioner shall make payments  
22.3 under this section to each county board on a calendar year basis in an amount determined  
22.4 under paragraph (b) on or before July 10 of each year.

22.5 (b) Calendar year allocations under subdivision 1 shall be paid to counties in the following  
22.6 manner:

22.7 (1) 80 percent of the allocation as determined in subdivision 1 must be paid to counties  
22.8 on or before July 10 of each year;

22.9 (2) ten percent of the allocation shall be withheld until the commissioner determines if  
22.10 the county has met the performance outcome threshold of 90 percent based on face-to-face  
22.11 contact with alleged child victims. In order to receive the performance allocation, the county  
22.12 child protection workers must have a timely face-to-face contact with at least 90 percent of  
22.13 all alleged child victims of screened-in maltreatment reports. The standard requires that  
22.14 each initial face-to-face contact occur consistent with timelines defined in section 626.556,  
22.15 subdivision 10, paragraph (i). The commissioner shall make threshold determinations in  
22.16 January of each year and payments to counties meeting the performance outcome threshold  
22.17 shall occur in February of each year. Any withheld funds from this appropriation for counties  
22.18 that do not meet this requirement shall be reallocated by the commissioner to those counties  
22.19 meeting the requirement; and

22.20 (3) ten percent of the allocation shall be withheld until the commissioner determines  
22.21 that the county has met the performance outcome threshold of 90 percent based on  
22.22 face-to-face visits by the case manager. In order to receive the performance allocation, the  
22.23 total number of visits made by caseworkers on a monthly basis to children in foster care  
22.24 and children receiving child protection services while residing in their home must be at least  
22.25 90 percent of the total number of such visits that would occur if every child were visited  
22.26 once per month. The commissioner shall make such determinations in January of each year  
22.27 and payments to counties meeting the performance outcome threshold shall occur in February  
22.28 of each year. Any withheld funds from this appropriation for counties that do not meet this  
22.29 requirement shall be reallocated by the commissioner to those counties meeting the  
22.30 requirement. For 2015, the commissioner shall only apply the standard for monthly foster  
22.31 care visits.

22.32 (c) The commissioner shall work with stakeholders and the Human Services Performance  
22.33 Council under section 402A.16 to develop recommendations for specific outcome measures  
22.34 that counties should meet in order to receive funds withheld under paragraph (b), and include

23.1 ~~in those recommendations a determination as to whether the performance measures under~~  
23.2 ~~paragraph (b) should be modified or phased out. The commissioner shall report the~~  
23.3 ~~recommendations to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over child protection~~  
23.4 ~~issues by January 1, 2018.~~

23.5 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256M.41, is amended by adding a subdivision  
23.6 to read:

23.7 Subd. 4. **County performance on child protection measures.** The commissioner shall  
23.8 set child protection measures and standards. The commissioner shall require an  
23.9 underperforming county to demonstrate that the county designated sufficient funds and  
23.10 implemented a reasonable strategy to improve child protection performance, including the  
23.11 provision of a performance improvement plan and additional remedies identified by the  
23.12 commissioner. The commissioner may redirect up to 20 percent of a county's funds under  
23.13 this section toward the performance improvement plan. Sanctions under section 256M.20,  
23.14 subdivision 3, related to noncompliance with federal performance standards also apply.

23.15 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 260C.007, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

23.16 Subd. 18. **Foster care.** (a) "Foster care" means 24-hour 24-hour substitute care for  
23.17 ~~children placed away from their parents or guardian and a child for whom a responsible~~  
23.18 ~~social services agency has placement and care responsibility. "Foster care" includes, but is~~  
23.19 ~~not limited to, placement and:~~

23.20 (1) who is placed away from the child's parent or guardian in foster family homes, foster  
23.21 homes of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities not excluded in  
23.22 this subdivision, child care institutions, and preadoptive homes; or

23.23 (2) who is colocated with the child's parent or guardian in a licensed residential  
23.24 family-based substance use disorder treatment program as defined in subdivision 22a; or

23.25 (3) who is returned to the care of the child's parent or guardian from whom the child  
23.26 was removed under a trial home visit pursuant to section 260C.201, subdivision 1, paragraph  
23.27 (a), clause (3).

23.28 (b) A child is in foster care under this definition regardless of whether the facility is  
23.29 licensed and payments are made for the cost of care. Nothing in this definition creates any  
23.30 authority to place a child in a home or facility that is required to be licensed which is not  
23.31 licensed. "Foster care" does not include placement in any of the following facilities: hospitals,  
23.32 inpatient chemical dependency treatment facilities where the child is the recipient of the

24.1 treatment, facilities that are primarily for delinquent children, any corrections facility or  
24.2 program within a particular correction's facility not meeting requirements for title IV-E  
24.3 facilities as determined by the commissioner, facilities to which a child is committed under  
24.4 the provision of chapter 253B, forestry camps, or jails. Foster care is intended to provide  
24.5 for a child's safety or to access treatment. Foster care must not be used as a punishment or  
24.6 consequence for a child's behavior.

24.7 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 260C.007, is amended by adding a subdivision  
24.8 to read:

24.9 Subd. 22a. **Licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment**  
24.10 **program.** "Licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program"  
24.11 means a residential treatment facility that provides the parent or guardian with parenting  
24.12 skills training, parent education, or individual and family counseling, under an organizational  
24.13 structure and treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing, and responding  
24.14 to the effects of all types of trauma according to recognized principles of a trauma-informed  
24.15 approach and trauma-specific interventions to address the consequences of trauma and  
24.16 facilitate healing.

24.17 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 260C.178, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

24.18 Subdivision 1. **Hearing and release requirements.** (a) If a child was taken into custody  
24.19 under section 260C.175, subdivision 1, clause (1) or (2), item (ii), the court shall hold a  
24.20 hearing within 72 hours of the time the child was taken into custody, excluding Saturdays,  
24.21 Sundays, and holidays, to determine whether the child should continue in custody.

24.22 (b) Unless there is reason to believe that the child would endanger self or others or not  
24.23 return for a court hearing, or that the child's health or welfare would be immediately  
24.24 endangered, the child shall be released to the custody of a parent, guardian, custodian, or  
24.25 other suitable person, subject to reasonable conditions of release including, but not limited  
24.26 to, a requirement that the child undergo a chemical use assessment as provided in section  
24.27 260C.157, subdivision 1.

24.28 (c) If the court determines there is reason to believe that the child would endanger self  
24.29 or others or not return for a court hearing, or that the child's health or welfare would be  
24.30 immediately endangered if returned to the care of the parent or guardian who has custody  
24.31 and from whom the child was removed, the court shall order the child into foster care as  
24.32 defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 18, under the legal responsibility of the responsible  
24.33 social services agency or responsible probation or corrections agency for the purposes of

25.1 protective care as that term is used in the juvenile court rules or into the home of a  
25.2 noncustodial parent and order the noncustodial parent to comply with any conditions the  
25.3 court determines to be appropriate to the safety and care of the child, including cooperating  
25.4 with paternity establishment proceedings in the case of a man who has not been adjudicated  
25.5 the child's father. The court shall not give the responsible social services legal custody and  
25.6 order a trial home visit at any time prior to adjudication and disposition under section  
25.7 260C.201, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (3), but may order the child returned to the  
25.8 care of the parent or guardian who has custody and from whom the child was removed and  
25.9 order the parent or guardian to comply with any conditions the court determines to be  
25.10 appropriate to meet the safety, health, and welfare of the child.

25.11 (d) In determining whether the child's health or welfare would be immediately  
25.12 endangered, the court shall consider whether the child would reside with a perpetrator of  
25.13 domestic child abuse.

25.14 (e) The court, before determining whether a child should be placed in or continue in  
25.15 foster care under the protective care of the responsible agency, shall also make a  
25.16 determination, consistent with section 260.012 as to whether reasonable efforts were made  
25.17 to prevent placement or whether reasonable efforts to prevent placement are not required.  
25.18 In the case of an Indian child, the court shall determine whether active efforts, according  
25.19 to section 260.762 and the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, United States Code, title 25,  
25.20 section 1912(d), were made to prevent placement. The court shall enter a finding that the  
25.21 responsible social services agency has made reasonable efforts to prevent placement when  
25.22 the agency establishes either:

25.23 (1) that it has actually provided services or made efforts in an attempt to prevent the  
25.24 child's removal but that such services or efforts have not proven sufficient to permit the  
25.25 child to safely remain in the home; or

25.26 (2) that there are no services or other efforts that could be made at the time of the hearing  
25.27 that could safely permit the child to remain home or to return home. When reasonable efforts  
25.28 to prevent placement are required and there are services or other efforts that could be ordered  
25.29 which would permit the child to safely return home, the court shall order the child returned  
25.30 to the care of the parent or guardian and the services or efforts put in place to ensure the  
25.31 child's safety. When the court makes a prima facie determination that one of the  
25.32 circumstances under paragraph (g) exists, the court shall determine that reasonable efforts  
25.33 to prevent placement and to return the child to the care of the parent or guardian are not  
25.34 required.

26.1 If the court finds the social services agency's preventive or reunification efforts have  
26.2 not been reasonable but further preventive or reunification efforts could not permit the child  
26.3 to safely remain at home, the court may nevertheless authorize or continue the removal of  
26.4 the child.

26.5 (f) The court may not order or continue the foster care placement of the child unless the  
26.6 court makes explicit, individualized findings that continued custody of the child by the  
26.7 parent or guardian would be contrary to the welfare of the child and that placement is in the  
26.8 best interest of the child.

26.9 (g) At the emergency removal hearing, or at any time during the course of the proceeding,  
26.10 and upon notice and request of the county attorney, the court shall determine whether a  
26.11 petition has been filed stating a prima facie case that:

26.12 (1) the parent has subjected a child to egregious harm as defined in section 260C.007,  
26.13 subdivision 14;

26.14 (2) the parental rights of the parent to another child have been involuntarily terminated;

26.15 (3) the child is an abandoned infant under section 260C.301, subdivision 2, paragraph  
26.16 (a), clause (2);

26.17 (4) the parents' custodial rights to another child have been involuntarily transferred to a  
26.18 relative under Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 260C.201, subdivision 11, paragraph (e),  
26.19 clause (1); section 260C.515, subdivision 4; or a similar law of another jurisdiction;

26.20 (5) the parent has committed sexual abuse as defined in section 626.556, subdivision 2,  
26.21 against the child or another child of the parent;

26.22 (6) the parent has committed an offense that requires registration as a predatory offender  
26.23 under section 243.166, subdivision 1b, paragraph (a) or (b); or

26.24 (7) the provision of services or further services for the purpose of reunification is futile  
26.25 and therefore unreasonable.

26.26 (h) When a petition to terminate parental rights is required under section 260C.301,  
26.27 subdivision 4, or 260C.503, subdivision 2, but the county attorney has determined not to  
26.28 proceed with a termination of parental rights petition, and has instead filed a petition to  
26.29 transfer permanent legal and physical custody to a relative under section 260C.507, the  
26.30 court shall schedule a permanency hearing within 30 days of the filing of the petition.

26.31 (i) If the county attorney has filed a petition under section 260C.307, the court shall  
26.32 schedule a trial under section 260C.163 within 90 days of the filing of the petition except

27.1 when the county attorney determines that the criminal case shall proceed to trial first under  
27.2 section 260C.503, subdivision 2, paragraph (c).

27.3 (j) If the court determines the child should be ordered into foster care and the child's  
27.4 parent refuses to give information to the responsible social services agency regarding the  
27.5 child's father or relatives of the child, the court may order the parent to disclose the names,  
27.6 addresses, telephone numbers, and other identifying information to the responsible social  
27.7 services agency for the purpose of complying with sections 260C.151, 260C.212, 260C.215,  
27.8 and 260C.221.

27.9 (k) If a child ordered into foster care has siblings, whether full, half, or step, who are  
27.10 also ordered into foster care, the court shall inquire of the responsible social services agency  
27.11 of the efforts to place the children together as required by section 260C.212, subdivision 2,  
27.12 paragraph (d), if placement together is in each child's best interests, unless a child is in  
27.13 placement for treatment or a child is placed with a previously noncustodial parent who is  
27.14 not a parent to all siblings. If the children are not placed together at the time of the hearing,  
27.15 the court shall inquire at each subsequent hearing of the agency's reasonable efforts to place  
27.16 the siblings together, as required under section 260.012. If any sibling is not placed with  
27.17 another sibling or siblings, the agency must develop a plan to facilitate visitation or ongoing  
27.18 contact among the siblings as required under section 260C.212, subdivision 1, unless it is  
27.19 contrary to the safety or well-being of any of the siblings to do so.

27.20 (l) When the court has ordered the child into foster care or into the home of a noncustodial  
27.21 parent, the court may order a chemical dependency evaluation, mental health evaluation,  
27.22 medical examination, and parenting assessment for the parent as necessary to support the  
27.23 development of a plan for reunification required under subdivision 7 and section 260C.212,  
27.24 subdivision 1, or the child protective services plan under section 626.556, subdivision 10,  
27.25 and Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0228.

27.26 Sec. 30. **[260C.190] FAMILY-FOCUSED RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT.**

27.27 Subdivision 1. **Placement.** (a) An agency with legal responsibility for a child under  
27.28 section 260C.178, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), or legal custody of a child under section  
27.29 260C.201, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (3), may colocate a child with a parent who  
27.30 is receiving services in a licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment  
27.31 program for up to 12 months.

27.32 (b) During the child's placement under paragraph (a), the agency: (1) may visit the child  
27.33 as the agency deems necessary and appropriate; (2) shall continue to have access to

28.1 information under section 260C.208; and (3) shall continue to provide appropriate services  
28.2 to both the parent and the child.

28.3 (c) The agency may terminate the child's placement under paragraph (a) to protect the  
28.4 child's health, safety, or welfare and may remove the child to foster care without a prior  
28.5 court order or authorization.

28.6 Subd. 2. **Case plans.** (a) Before a child may be colocated with a parent in a licensed  
28.7 residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program, a recommendation that  
28.8 the child's placement with a parent is in the child's best interests must be documented in the  
28.9 child's case plan. Each child must have a written case plan developed with the parent and  
28.10 the treatment program staff that describes the safety plan for the child and the treatment  
28.11 program's responsibilities if the parent leaves or is discharged without completing the  
28.12 program. The treatment program must be provided with a copy of the case plan that includes  
28.13 the recommendations and safety plan at the time the child is colocated with the parent.

28.14 (b) An out-of-home placement plan under section 260C.212, subdivision 1, must be  
28.15 completed no later than 30 days from when a child is colocated with a parent in a licensed  
28.16 residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program. The written plan  
28.17 developed with parent and treatment program staff in paragraph (a) may be updated and  
28.18 must be incorporated into the out-of-home placement plan. The treatment program must be  
28.19 provided with a copy of the child's out-of-home placement plan.

28.20 Subd. 3. **Required reviews and permanency proceedings.** (a) For a child colocated  
28.21 with a parent under subdivision 1, court reviews must occur according to section 260C.202.

28.22 (b) If a child has been in foster care for six months, a court review under section 260C.202  
28.23 may be conducted in lieu of a permanency progress review hearing under section 260C.204  
28.24 when the child is colocated with a parent consistent with section 260C.503, subdivision 3,  
28.25 paragraph (c), in a licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment  
28.26 program.

28.27 (c) If the child is colocated with a parent in a licensed residential family-based substance  
28.28 use disorder treatment program 12 months after the child was placed in foster care, the  
28.29 agency must file a report with the court regarding the parent's progress in the treatment  
28.30 program and the agency's reasonable efforts to finalize the child's safe and permanent return  
28.31 to the care and custody of the parent consistent with section 260C.503, subdivision 3,  
28.32 paragraph (c), in lieu of filing a petition required under section 260C.505.

28.33 (d) The court shall make findings regarding the reasonable efforts of the agency to  
28.34 finalize the child's return home as the permanency disposition order in the child's best



29.1 interests. The court may continue the child's foster care placement colocated with a parent  
29.2 in a licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program for up to  
29.3 12 months. When a child has been in foster care placement for 12 months, but the duration  
29.4 of the colocation with a parent in a licensed residential family-based substance use disorder  
29.5 treatment program is less than 12 months, the court may continue the colocation with the  
29.6 total time spent in foster care not exceeding 15 out of the most recent 22 months. If the  
29.7 court finds that the agency fails to make reasonable efforts to finalize the child's return home  
29.8 as the permanency disposition order in the child's best interests, the court may order additional  
29.9 efforts to support the child remaining in the care of the parent.

29.10 (e) If a parent leaves or is discharged from a licensed residential family-based substance  
29.11 use disorder treatment program without completing the program, the child's placement under  
29.12 this section is terminated and the agency may remove the child to foster care without a prior  
29.13 court order or authorization. Within three days of any termination of a child's placement,  
29.14 the agency shall notify the court and each party.

29.15 (f) If a parent leaves or is discharged from a licensed residential family-based substance  
29.16 use disorder treatment program without completing the program and the child has been in  
29.17 foster care for less than six months, the court must hold a review hearing within ten days  
29.18 of receiving notice of a termination of a child's placement and must order an alternative  
29.19 disposition under section 260C.201.

29.20 (g) If a parent leaves or is discharged from a licensed residential family-based substance  
29.21 use disorder treatment program without completing the program and the child is colocated  
29.22 with a parent and the child has been in foster care for more than six months but less than  
29.23 12 months, the court must conduct a permanency progress review hearing under section  
29.24 260C.204 no later than 30 days after the day the parent leaves or is discharged.

29.25 (h) If a parent leaves or is discharged from a licensed residential family-based substance  
29.26 use disorder treatment program without completing the program and the child is colocated  
29.27 with a parent and the child has been in foster care for more than 12 months, the court shall  
29.28 begin permanency proceedings under sections 260C.503 to 260C.521.

29.29 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 260C.201, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

29.30 Subdivision 1. **Dispositions.** (a) If the court finds that the child is in need of protection  
29.31 or services or neglected and in foster care, it shall enter an order making any of the following  
29.32 dispositions of the case:

30.1 (1) place the child under the protective supervision of the responsible social services  
30.2 agency or child-placing agency in the home of a parent of the child under conditions  
30.3 prescribed by the court directed to the correction of the child's need for protection or services:

30.4 (i) the court may order the child into the home of a parent who does not otherwise have  
30.5 legal custody of the child, however, an order under this section does not confer legal custody  
30.6 on that parent;

30.7 (ii) if the court orders the child into the home of a father who is not adjudicated, the  
30.8 father must cooperate with paternity establishment proceedings regarding the child in the  
30.9 appropriate jurisdiction as one of the conditions prescribed by the court for the child to  
30.10 continue in the father's home; and

30.11 (iii) the court may order the child into the home of a noncustodial parent with conditions  
30.12 and may also order both the noncustodial and the custodial parent to comply with the  
30.13 requirements of a case plan under subdivision 2; or

30.14 (2) transfer legal custody to one of the following:

30.15 (i) a child-placing agency; or

30.16 (ii) the responsible social services agency. In making a foster care placement for a child  
30.17 whose custody has been transferred under this subdivision, the agency shall make an  
30.18 individualized determination of how the placement is in the child's best interests using the  
30.19 consideration for relatives ~~and~~<sub>2</sub> the best interest factors in section 260C.212, subdivision 2,  
30.20 paragraph (b), and may include a child colocated with a parent in a licensed residential  
30.21 family-based substance use disorder treatment program under section 260C.190; or

30.22 (3) order a trial home visit without modifying the transfer of legal custody to the  
30.23 responsible social services agency under clause (2). Trial home visit means the child is  
30.24 returned to the care of the parent or guardian from whom the child was removed for a period  
30.25 not to exceed six months. During the period of the trial home visit, the responsible social  
30.26 services agency:

30.27 (i) shall continue to have legal custody of the child, which means the agency may see  
30.28 the child in the parent's home, at school, in a child care facility, or other setting as the agency  
30.29 deems necessary and appropriate;

30.30 (ii) shall continue to have the ability to access information under section 260C.208;

30.31 (iii) shall continue to provide appropriate services to both the parent and the child during  
30.32 the period of the trial home visit;

31.1 (iv) without previous court order or authorization, may terminate the trial home visit in  
31.2 order to protect the child's health, safety, or welfare and may remove the child to foster care;

31.3 (v) shall advise the court and parties within three days of the termination of the trial  
31.4 home visit when a visit is terminated by the responsible social services agency without a  
31.5 court order; and

31.6 (vi) shall prepare a report for the court when the trial home visit is terminated whether  
31.7 by the agency or court order which describes the child's circumstances during the trial home  
31.8 visit and recommends appropriate orders, if any, for the court to enter to provide for the  
31.9 child's safety and stability. In the event a trial home visit is terminated by the agency by  
31.10 removing the child to foster care without prior court order or authorization, the court shall  
31.11 conduct a hearing within ten days of receiving notice of the termination of the trial home  
31.12 visit by the agency and shall order disposition under this subdivision or ~~conduct a permanency~~  
31.13 ~~hearing under subdivision 11 or 11a~~ commence permanency proceedings under sections  
31.14 260C.503 to 260C.515. The time period for the hearing may be extended by the court for  
31.15 good cause shown and if it is in the best interests of the child as long as the total time the  
31.16 child spends in foster care without a permanency hearing does not exceed 12 months;

31.17 (4) if the child has been adjudicated as a child in need of protection or services because  
31.18 the child is in need of special services or care to treat or ameliorate a physical or mental  
31.19 disability or emotional disturbance as defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 15, the court  
31.20 may order the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to provide it. The court may order the  
31.21 child's health plan company to provide mental health services to the child. Section 62Q.535  
31.22 applies to an order for mental health services directed to the child's health plan company.  
31.23 If the health plan, parent, guardian, or custodian fails or is unable to provide this treatment  
31.24 or care, the court may order it provided. Absent specific written findings by the court that  
31.25 the child's disability is the result of abuse or neglect by the child's parent or guardian, the  
31.26 court shall not transfer legal custody of the child for the purpose of obtaining special  
31.27 treatment or care solely because the parent is unable to provide the treatment or care. If the  
31.28 court's order for mental health treatment is based on a diagnosis made by a treatment  
31.29 professional, the court may order that the diagnosing professional not provide the treatment  
31.30 to the child if it finds that such an order is in the child's best interests; or

31.31 (5) if the court believes that the child has sufficient maturity and judgment and that it is  
31.32 in the best interests of the child, the court may order a child 16 years old or older to be  
31.33 allowed to live independently, either alone or with others as approved by the court under  
31.34 supervision the court considers appropriate, if the county board, after consultation with the  
31.35 court, has specifically authorized this dispositional alternative for a child.

32.1 (b) If the child was adjudicated in need of protection or services because the child is a  
32.2 runaway or habitual truant, the court may order any of the following dispositions in addition  
32.3 to or as alternatives to the dispositions authorized under paragraph (a):

32.4 (1) counsel the child or the child's parents, guardian, or custodian;

32.5 (2) place the child under the supervision of a probation officer or other suitable person  
32.6 in the child's own home under conditions prescribed by the court, including reasonable rules  
32.7 for the child's conduct and the conduct of the parents, guardian, or custodian, designed for  
32.8 the physical, mental, and moral well-being and behavior of the child;

32.9 (3) subject to the court's supervision, transfer legal custody of the child to one of the  
32.10 following:

32.11 (i) a reputable person of good moral character. No person may receive custody of two  
32.12 or more unrelated children unless licensed to operate a residential program under sections  
32.13 245A.01 to 245A.16; or

32.14 (ii) a county probation officer for placement in a group foster home established under  
32.15 the direction of the juvenile court and licensed pursuant to section 241.021;

32.16 (4) require the child to pay a fine of up to \$100. The court shall order payment of the  
32.17 fine in a manner that will not impose undue financial hardship upon the child;

32.18 (5) require the child to participate in a community service project;

32.19 (6) order the child to undergo a chemical dependency evaluation and, if warranted by  
32.20 the evaluation, order participation by the child in a drug awareness program or an inpatient  
32.21 or outpatient chemical dependency treatment program;

32.22 (7) if the court believes that it is in the best interests of the child or of public safety that  
32.23 the child's driver's license or instruction permit be canceled, the court may order the  
32.24 commissioner of public safety to cancel the child's license or permit for any period up to  
32.25 the child's 18th birthday. If the child does not have a driver's license or permit, the court  
32.26 may order a denial of driving privileges for any period up to the child's 18th birthday. The  
32.27 court shall forward an order issued under this clause to the commissioner, who shall cancel  
32.28 the license or permit or deny driving privileges without a hearing for the period specified  
32.29 by the court. At any time before the expiration of the period of cancellation or denial, the  
32.30 court may, for good cause, order the commissioner of public safety to allow the child to  
32.31 apply for a license or permit, and the commissioner shall so authorize;

32.32 (8) order that the child's parent or legal guardian deliver the child to school at the  
32.33 beginning of each school day for a period of time specified by the court; or

33.1 (9) require the child to perform any other activities or participate in any other treatment  
33.2 programs deemed appropriate by the court.

33.3 To the extent practicable, the court shall enter a disposition order the same day it makes  
33.4 a finding that a child is in need of protection or services or neglected and in foster care, but  
33.5 in no event more than 15 days after the finding unless the court finds that the best interests  
33.6 of the child will be served by granting a delay. If the child was under eight years of age at  
33.7 the time the petition was filed, the disposition order must be entered within ten days of the  
33.8 finding and the court may not grant a delay unless good cause is shown and the court finds  
33.9 the best interests of the child will be served by the delay.

33.10 (c) If a child who is 14 years of age or older is adjudicated in need of protection or  
33.11 services because the child is a habitual truant and truancy procedures involving the child  
33.12 were previously dealt with by a school attendance review board or county attorney mediation  
33.13 program under section 260A.06 or 260A.07, the court shall order a cancellation or denial  
33.14 of driving privileges under paragraph (b), clause (7), for any period up to the child's 18th  
33.15 birthday.

33.16 (d) In the case of a child adjudicated in need of protection or services because the child  
33.17 has committed domestic abuse and been ordered excluded from the child's parent's home,  
33.18 the court shall dismiss jurisdiction if the court, at any time, finds the parent is able or willing  
33.19 to provide an alternative safe living arrangement for the child, as defined in Laws 1997,  
33.20 chapter 239, article 10, section 2.

33.21 (e) When a parent has complied with a case plan ordered under subdivision 6 and the  
33.22 child is in the care of the parent, the court may order the responsible social services agency  
33.23 to monitor the parent's continued ability to maintain the child safely in the home under such  
33.24 terms and conditions as the court determines appropriate under the circumstances.

33.25 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 260C.201, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

33.26 Subd. 2. **Written findings.** (a) Any order for a disposition authorized under this section  
33.27 shall contain written findings of fact to support the disposition and case plan ordered and  
33.28 shall also set forth in writing the following information:

33.29 (1) why the best interests and safety of the child are served by the disposition and case  
33.30 plan ordered;

33.31 (2) what alternative dispositions or services under the case plan were considered by the  
33.32 court and why such dispositions or services were not appropriate in the instant case;

34.1 (3) when legal custody of the child is transferred, the appropriateness of the particular  
34.2 placement made or to be made by the placing agency using the factors in section 260C.212,  
34.3 subdivision 2, paragraph (b), or the appropriateness of a child colocated with a parent in a  
34.4 licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program under section  
34.5 260C.190;

34.6 (4) whether reasonable efforts to finalize the permanent plan for the child consistent  
34.7 with section 260.012 were made including reasonable efforts:

34.8 (i) to prevent the child's placement and to reunify the child with the parent or guardian  
34.9 from whom the child was removed at the earliest time consistent with the child's safety.  
34.10 The court's findings must include a brief description of what preventive and reunification  
34.11 efforts were made and why further efforts could not have prevented or eliminated the  
34.12 necessity of removal or that reasonable efforts were not required under section 260.012 or  
34.13 260C.178, subdivision 1;

34.14 (ii) to identify and locate any noncustodial or nonresident parent of the child and to  
34.15 assess such parent's ability to provide day-to-day care of the child, and, where appropriate,  
34.16 provide services necessary to enable the noncustodial or nonresident parent to safely provide  
34.17 day-to-day care of the child as required under section 260C.219, unless such services are  
34.18 not required under section 260.012 or 260C.178, subdivision 1;

34.19 (iii) to make the diligent search for relatives and provide the notices required under  
34.20 section 260C.221; a finding made pursuant to a hearing under section 260C.202 that the  
34.21 agency has made diligent efforts to conduct a relative search and has appropriately engaged  
34.22 relatives who responded to the notice under section 260C.221 and other relatives, who came  
34.23 to the attention of the agency after notice under section 260C.221 was sent, in placement  
34.24 and case planning decisions fulfills the requirement of this item;

34.25 (iv) to identify and make a foster care placement in the home of an unlicensed relative,  
34.26 according to the requirements of section 245A.035, a licensed relative, or other licensed  
34.27 foster care provider who will commit to being the permanent legal parent or custodian for  
34.28 the child in the event reunification cannot occur, but who will actively support the  
34.29 reunification plan for the child; and

34.30 (v) to place siblings together in the same home or to ensure visitation is occurring when  
34.31 siblings are separated in foster care placement and visitation is in the siblings' best interests  
34.32 under section 260C.212, subdivision 2, paragraph (d); and

34.33 (5) if the child has been adjudicated as a child in need of protection or services because  
34.34 the child is in need of special services or care to treat or ameliorate a mental disability or

35.1 emotional disturbance as defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 15, the written findings  
35.2 shall also set forth:

35.3 (i) whether the child has mental health needs that must be addressed by the case plan;

35.4 (ii) what consideration was given to the diagnostic and functional assessments performed  
35.5 by the child's mental health professional and to health and mental health care professionals'  
35.6 treatment recommendations;

35.7 (iii) what consideration was given to the requests or preferences of the child's parent or  
35.8 guardian with regard to the child's interventions, services, or treatment; and

35.9 (iv) what consideration was given to the cultural appropriateness of the child's treatment  
35.10 or services.

35.11 (b) If the court finds that the social services agency's preventive or reunification efforts  
35.12 have not been reasonable but that further preventive or reunification efforts could not permit  
35.13 the child to safely remain at home, the court may nevertheless authorize or continue the  
35.14 removal of the child.

35.15 (c) If the child has been identified by the responsible social services agency as the subject  
35.16 of concurrent permanency planning, the court shall review the reasonable efforts of the  
35.17 agency to develop a permanency plan for the child that includes a primary plan which is  
35.18 for reunification with the child's parent or guardian and a secondary plan which is for an  
35.19 alternative, legally permanent home for the child in the event reunification cannot be achieved  
35.20 in a timely manner.

35.21 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 260C.201, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

35.22 Subd. 6. **Case plan.** (a) For each disposition ordered where the child is placed away  
35.23 from a parent or guardian, the court shall order the responsible social services agency to  
35.24 prepare a written out-of-home placement plan according to the requirements of section  
35.25 260C.212, subdivision 1. When a foster child is colocated with a parent in a licensed  
35.26 residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program under section 260C.190,  
35.27 the case plan must specify the recommendation for the colocation before the child is colocated  
35.28 with the parent.

35.29 (b) In cases where the child is not placed out of the home or is ordered into the home of  
35.30 a noncustodial parent, the responsible social services agency shall prepare a plan for delivery  
35.31 of social services to the child and custodial parent under section 626.556, subdivision 10,  
35.32 or any other case plan required to meet the needs of the child. The plan shall be designed  
35.33 to safely maintain the child in the home or to reunite the child with the custodial parent.

36.1 (c) The court may approve the case plan as presented or modify it after hearing from  
36.2 the parties. Once the plan is approved, the court shall order all parties to comply with it. A  
36.3 copy of the approved case plan shall be attached to the court's order and incorporated into  
36.4 it by reference.

36.5 (d) A party has a right to request a court review of the reasonableness of the case plan  
36.6 upon a showing of a substantial change of circumstances.

36.7 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 260C.212, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

36.8 Subd. 2. **Placement decisions based on best interests of the child.** (a) The policy of  
36.9 the state of Minnesota is to ensure that the child's best interests are met by requiring an  
36.10 individualized determination of the needs of the child and of how the selected placement  
36.11 will serve the needs of the child being placed. The authorized child-placing agency shall  
36.12 place a child, released by court order or by voluntary release by the parent or parents, in a  
36.13 family foster home selected by considering placement with relatives and important friends  
36.14 in the following order:

36.15 (1) with an individual who is related to the child by blood, marriage, or adoption; or

36.16 (2) with an individual who is an important friend with whom the child has resided or  
36.17 had significant contact.

36.18 For an Indian child, the agency shall follow the order of placement preferences in the Indian  
36.19 Child Welfare Act of 1978, United States Code, title 25, section 1915.

36.20 (b) Among the factors the agency shall consider in determining the needs of the child  
36.21 are the following:

36.22 (1) the child's current functioning and behaviors;

36.23 (2) the medical needs of the child;

36.24 (3) the educational needs of the child;

36.25 (4) the developmental needs of the child;

36.26 (5) the child's history and past experience;

36.27 (6) the child's religious and cultural needs;

36.28 (7) the child's connection with a community, school, and faith community;

36.29 (8) the child's interests and talents;

36.30 (9) the child's relationship to current caretakers, parents, siblings, and relatives;



37.1 (10) the reasonable preference of the child, if the court, or the child-placing agency in  
37.2 the case of a voluntary placement, deems the child to be of sufficient age to express  
37.3 preferences; and

37.4 (11) for an Indian child, the best interests of an Indian child as defined in section 260.755,  
37.5 subdivision 2a.

37.6 (c) Placement of a child cannot be delayed or denied based on race, color, or national  
37.7 origin of the foster parent or the child.

37.8 (d) Siblings should be placed together for foster care and adoption at the earliest possible  
37.9 time unless it is documented that a joint placement would be contrary to the safety or  
37.10 well-being of any of the siblings or unless it is not possible after reasonable efforts by the  
37.11 responsible social services agency. In cases where siblings cannot be placed together, the  
37.12 agency is required to provide frequent visitation or other ongoing interaction between  
37.13 siblings unless the agency documents that the interaction would be contrary to the safety  
37.14 or well-being of any of the siblings.

37.15 (e) Except for emergency placement as provided for in section 245A.035, the following  
37.16 requirements must be satisfied before the approval of a foster or adoptive placement in a  
37.17 related or unrelated home: (1) a completed background study under section 245C.08; and  
37.18 (2) a completed review of the written home study required under section 260C.215,  
37.19 subdivision 4, clause (5), or 260C.611, to assess the capacity of the prospective foster or  
37.20 adoptive parent to ensure the placement will meet the needs of the individual child.

37.21 (f) The agency must determine whether colocation with a parent who is receiving services  
37.22 in a licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program is in the  
37.23 child's best interests according to paragraph (b) and include that determination in the child's  
37.24 case plan. The agency may consider additional factors not identified in paragraph (b). The  
37.25 agency's determination must be documented in the child's case plan before the child is  
37.26 colocated with a parent.

37.27 **Sec. 35. [260C.228] VOLUNTARY FOSTER CARE; CHILD IS COLOCATED**  
37.28 **WITH PARENT IN TREATMENT PROGRAM.**

37.29 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** When a parent requests assistance from an agency and both  
37.30 the parent and agency agree that a child's placement in foster care and colocation with a  
37.31 parent in a licensed residential family-based substance use treatment facility as defined by  
37.32 section 260C.007, subdivision 22a, is in the child's best interests, the agency must specify  
37.33 the recommendation for the placement in the child's case plan. After the child's case plan

38.1 includes the recommendation, the agency and the parent may enter into a written voluntary  
38.2 placement agreement on a form approved by the commissioner.

38.3 Subd. 2. **Judicial review.** (a) A judicial review of a child's voluntary placement is  
38.4 required within 165 days of the date the voluntary agreement was signed. The agency  
38.5 responsible for the child's placement in foster care shall request the judicial review.

38.6 (b) The agency must forward a written report to the court at least five business days  
38.7 prior to the judicial review in paragraph (a). The report must contain:

38.8 (i) a statement regarding whether the colocation of the child with a parent in a licensed  
38.9 residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program meets the child's needs  
38.10 and continues to be in the child's best interests;

38.11 (ii) the child's name, dates of birth, race, gender, and current address;

38.12 (iii) the names, race, dates of birth, residences, and post office addresses of the child's  
38.13 parents or custodian;

38.14 (iv) a statement regarding the child's eligibility for membership or enrollment in an  
38.15 Indian tribe and the agency's compliance with applicable provisions of sections 260.751 to  
38.16 260.835;

38.17 (v) the name and address of the licensed residential family-based substance use disorder  
38.18 treatment program where the child and parent or custodian are colocated;

38.19 (vi) a copy of the out-of-home placement plan under section 260C.212, subdivisions 1  
38.20 and 3;

38.21 (vii) a written summary of the proceedings of any administrative review required under  
38.22 section 260C.203; and

38.23 (viii) any other information the agency, parent or custodian, child, or licensed residential  
38.24 family-based substance use disorder treatment program wants the court to consider.

38.25 (c) The agency must inform a child, if the child is 12 years of age or older; the child's  
38.26 parent; and the licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program  
38.27 of the reporting and court review requirements of this section and of their rights to submit  
38.28 information to the court as follows:

38.29 (1) if the child, the child's parent, or the licensed residential family-based substance use  
38.30 disorder treatment program wants to send information to the court, the agency shall advise  
38.31 those persons of the reporting date and the date by which the agency must receive the  
38.32 information to submit to the court with the agency's report; and

39.1 (2) the agency must inform the child, the child's parent, and the licensed residential  
39.2 family-based substance use disorder treatment program that they have the right to be heard  
39.3 in person by the court. An in-person hearing must be held if requested by the child, parent  
39.4 or legal guardian, or licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment  
39.5 program.

39.6 (d) If, at the time required for the agency's report under this section, a child 12 years of  
39.7 age or older disagrees about the placement colocating the child with the parent in a licensed  
39.8 residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program or services provided  
39.9 under the out-of-home placement plan under section 260C.212, subdivision 1, the agency  
39.10 shall include information regarding the child's disagreement and to the extent possible the  
39.11 basis for the child's disagreement in the report.

39.12 (e) Regardless of whether an in-person hearing is requested within ten days of receiving  
39.13 the agency's report, the court has jurisdiction to and must determine:

39.14 (i) whether the voluntary foster care arrangement is in the child's best interests;

39.15 (ii) whether the parent and agency are appropriately planning for the child; and

39.16 (iii) if a child 12 years of age or older disagrees with the foster care placement colocating  
39.17 the child with the parent in a licensed residential family-based substance use disorder  
39.18 treatment program or services provided under the out-of-home placement plan, whether to  
39.19 appoint counsel and a guardian ad litem for the child according to section 260C.163.

39.20 (f) Unless requested by the parent, representative of the licensed residential family-based  
39.21 substance use disorder treatment program, or child, an in-person hearing is not required for  
39.22 the court to make findings and issue an order.

39.23 (g) If the court finds the voluntary foster care arrangement is in the child's best interests  
39.24 and that the agency and parent are appropriately planning for the child, the court shall issue  
39.25 an order containing explicit individualized findings to support the court's determination.  
39.26 The individual findings shall be based on the agency's written report and other materials  
39.27 submitted to the court. The court may make this determination notwithstanding the child's  
39.28 disagreement, if any, reported to the court under paragraph (d).

39.29 (h) The court shall send a copy of the order to the county attorney, the agency, the parent,  
39.30 a child 12 years of age or older, and the licensed residential family-based substance use  
39.31 disorder treatment program.

39.32 (i) If the court finds continuing the voluntary foster care arrangement is not in the child's  
39.33 best interests or that the agency or the parent is not appropriately planning for the child, the

40.1 court shall notify the agency, the parent, the licensed residential family-based substance  
40.2 use disorder treatment program, a child 12 years of age or older, and the county attorney of  
40.3 the court's determination and the basis for the court's determination. The court shall set the  
40.4 matter for hearing and appoint a guardian ad litem for the child under section 260C.163,  
40.5 subdivision 5.

40.6 Subd. 3. **Termination.** The voluntary placement agreement terminates at the parent's  
40.7 discharge from the licensed residential family-based substance use disorder treatment  
40.8 program, or upon receipt of a written and dated request from the parent, unless the request  
40.9 specifies a later date. If the child's voluntary foster care placement meets the calculated time  
40.10 to require a permanency proceeding under section 260C.503, subdivision 3, paragraph (a),  
40.11 and the child is not returned home, the agency must file a petition according to section  
40.12 260C.141 or 260C.505.

40.13 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 260C.452, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

40.14 Subd. 4. **Administrative or court review of placements.** (a) When the child is 14 years  
40.15 of age or older, the court, in consultation with the child, shall review the independent living  
40.16 plan according to section 260C.203, paragraph (d).

40.17 (b) The responsible social services agency shall file a copy of the notification required  
40.18 in subdivision 3 with the court. If the responsible social services agency does not file the  
40.19 notice by the time the child is 17-1/2 years of age, the court shall require the responsible  
40.20 social services agency to file the notice.

40.21 (c) The court shall ensure that the responsible social services agency assists the child in  
40.22 obtaining the following documents before the child leaves foster care: a Social Security  
40.23 card; an official or certified copy of the child's birth certificate; a state identification card  
40.24 or driver's license, tribal enrollment identification card, green card, or school visa; health  
40.25 insurance information; the child's school, medical, and dental records; a contact list of the  
40.26 child's medical, dental, and mental health providers; and contact information for the child's  
40.27 siblings, if the siblings are in foster care.

40.28 (d) For a child who will be discharged from foster care at 18 years of age or older, the  
40.29 responsible social services agency must develop a personalized transition plan as directed  
40.30 by the child during the 90-day period immediately prior to the expected date of discharge.  
40.31 The transition plan must be as detailed as the child elects and include specific options,  
40.32 including but not limited to:

40.33 (1) affordable housing with necessary supports that does not include a homeless shelter;

41.1 (2) health insurance, including eligibility for medical assistance as defined in section  
41.2 256B.055, subdivision 17;

41.3 (3) education, including application to the Education and Training Voucher Program;

41.4 (4) local opportunities for mentors and continuing support services, including the Healthy  
41.5 Transitions and Homeless Prevention program, if available;

41.6 (5) workforce supports and employment services;

41.7 (6) a copy of the child's consumer credit report as defined in section 13C.001 and  
41.8 assistance in interpreting and resolving any inaccuracies in the report, at no cost to the child;

41.9 (7) information on executing a health care directive under chapter 145C and on the  
41.10 importance of designating another individual to make health care decisions on behalf of the  
41.11 child if the child becomes unable to participate in decisions; ~~and~~

41.12 (8) appropriate contact information through 21 years of age if the child needs information  
41.13 or help dealing with a crisis situation; and

41.14 (9) official documentation that the youth was previously in foster care.

41.15 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 260C.503, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

41.16 Subdivision 1. **Required permanency proceedings.** (a) Except for children in foster  
41.17 care pursuant to chapter 260D, where the child is in foster care or in the care of a noncustodial  
41.18 or nonresident parent, the court shall commence proceedings to determine the permanent  
41.19 status of a child by holding the admit-deny hearing required under section 260C.507 not  
41.20 later than 12 months after the child is placed in foster care or in the care of a noncustodial  
41.21 or nonresident parent. Permanency proceedings for children in foster care pursuant to chapter  
41.22 260D shall be according to section 260D.07.

41.23 (b) Permanency proceedings for a foster child who is colocated with a parent in a licensed  
41.24 residential family-based substance use disorder treatment program shall be conducted  
41.25 according to section 260C.190.

41.26 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 518A.32, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

41.27 Subd. 3. **Parent not considered voluntarily unemployed, underemployed, or employed**  
41.28 **on a less than full-time basis.** A parent is not considered voluntarily unemployed,  
41.29 underemployed, or employed on a less than full-time basis upon a showing by the parent  
41.30 that:

42.1 (1) the unemployment, underemployment, or employment on a less than full-time basis  
42.2 is temporary and will ultimately lead to an increase in income;

42.3 (2) the unemployment, underemployment, or employment on a less than full-time basis  
42.4 represents a bona fide career change that outweighs the adverse effect of that parent's  
42.5 diminished income on the child; or

42.6 (3) the unemployment, underemployment, or employment on a less than full-time basis  
42.7 is because a parent is physically or mentally incapacitated or due to incarceration, ~~except~~  
42.8 ~~where the reason for incarceration is the parent's nonpayment of support.~~

42.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

42.10 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 626.556, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

42.11 Subd. 10. **Duties of local welfare agency and local law enforcement agency upon**  
42.12 **receipt of report; mandatory notification between police or sheriff and agency.** (a) The  
42.13 police department or the county sheriff shall immediately notify the local welfare agency  
42.14 or agency responsible for child protection reports under this section orally and in writing  
42.15 when a report is received. The local welfare agency or agency responsible for child protection  
42.16 reports shall immediately notify the local police department or the county sheriff orally and  
42.17 in writing when a report is received. The county sheriff and the head of every local welfare  
42.18 agency, agency responsible for child protection reports, and police department shall each  
42.19 designate a person within their agency, department, or office who is responsible for ensuring  
42.20 that the notification duties of this paragraph are carried out. When the alleged maltreatment  
42.21 occurred on tribal land, the local welfare agency or agency responsible for child protection  
42.22 reports and the local police department or the county sheriff shall immediately notify the  
42.23 tribe's social services agency and tribal law enforcement orally and in writing when a report  
42.24 is received.

42.25 (b) Upon receipt of a report, the local welfare agency shall determine whether to conduct  
42.26 a family assessment or an investigation as appropriate to prevent or provide a remedy for  
42.27 child maltreatment. The local welfare agency:

42.28 (1) shall conduct an investigation on reports involving sexual abuse or substantial child  
42.29 endangerment;

42.30 (2) shall begin an immediate investigation if, at any time when it is using a family  
42.31 assessment response, it determines that there is reason to believe that sexual abuse or  
42.32 substantial child endangerment or a serious threat to the child's safety exists;

43.1 (3) may conduct a family assessment for reports that do not allege sexual abuse or  
43.2 substantial child endangerment. In determining that a family assessment is appropriate, the  
43.3 local welfare agency may consider issues of child safety, parental cooperation, and the need  
43.4 for an immediate response;

43.5 (4) may conduct a family assessment on a report that was initially screened and assigned  
43.6 for an investigation. In determining that a complete investigation is not required, the local  
43.7 welfare agency must document the reason for terminating the investigation and notify the  
43.8 local law enforcement agency if the local law enforcement agency is conducting a joint  
43.9 investigation; and

43.10 (5) shall provide immediate notice, according to section 260.761, subdivision 2, to an  
43.11 Indian child's tribe when the agency has reason to believe the family assessment or  
43.12 investigation may involve an Indian child. For purposes of this clause, "immediate notice"  
43.13 means notice provided within 24 hours.

43.14 If the report alleges neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, or  
43.15 individual functioning within the family unit as a person responsible for the child's care, or  
43.16 sexual abuse by a person with a significant relationship to the child when that person resides  
43.17 in the child's household or by a sibling, the local welfare agency shall immediately conduct  
43.18 a family assessment or investigation as identified in clauses (1) to (4). In conducting a family  
43.19 assessment or investigation, the local welfare agency shall gather information on the existence  
43.20 of substance abuse and domestic violence and offer services for purposes of preventing  
43.21 future child maltreatment, safeguarding and enhancing the welfare of the abused or neglected  
43.22 minor, and supporting and preserving family life whenever possible. If the report alleges a  
43.23 violation of a criminal statute involving sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect or  
43.24 endangerment, under section 609.378, the local law enforcement agency and local welfare  
43.25 agency shall coordinate the planning and execution of their respective investigation and  
43.26 assessment efforts to avoid a duplication of fact-finding efforts and multiple interviews.  
43.27 Each agency shall prepare a separate report of the results of its investigation or assessment.  
43.28 In cases of alleged child maltreatment resulting in death, the local agency may rely on the  
43.29 fact-finding efforts of a law enforcement investigation to make a determination of whether  
43.30 or not maltreatment occurred. When necessary the local welfare agency shall seek authority  
43.31 to remove the child from the custody of a parent, guardian, or adult with whom the child is  
43.32 living. In performing any of these duties, the local welfare agency shall maintain appropriate  
43.33 records.

43.34 If the family assessment or investigation indicates there is a potential for abuse of alcohol  
43.35 or other drugs by the parent, guardian, or person responsible for the child's care, the local

44.1 welfare agency shall conduct a chemical use assessment pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part  
44.2 9530.6615.

44.3 (c) When a local agency receives a report or otherwise has information indicating that  
44.4 a child who is a client, as defined in section 245.91, has been the subject of physical abuse,  
44.5 sexual abuse, or neglect at an agency, facility, or program as defined in section 245.91, it  
44.6 shall, in addition to its other duties under this section, immediately inform the ombudsman  
44.7 established under sections 245.91 to 245.97. The commissioner of education shall inform  
44.8 the ombudsman established under sections 245.91 to 245.97 of reports regarding a child  
44.9 defined as a client in section 245.91 that maltreatment occurred at a school as defined in  
44.10 section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, and 13, and chapter 124E.

44.11 (d) Authority of the local welfare agency responsible for assessing or investigating the  
44.12 child abuse or neglect report, the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report,  
44.13 and of the local law enforcement agency for investigating the alleged abuse or neglect  
44.14 includes, but is not limited to, authority to interview, without parental consent, the alleged  
44.15 victim and any other minors who currently reside with or who have resided with the alleged  
44.16 offender. The interview may take place at school or at any facility or other place where the  
44.17 alleged victim or other minors might be found or the child may be transported to, and the  
44.18 interview conducted at, a place appropriate for the interview of a child designated by the  
44.19 local welfare agency or law enforcement agency. The interview may take place outside the  
44.20 presence of the alleged offender or parent, legal custodian, guardian, or school official. For  
44.21 family assessments, it is the preferred practice to request a parent or guardian's permission  
44.22 to interview the child prior to conducting the child interview, unless doing so would  
44.23 compromise the safety assessment. Except as provided in this paragraph, the parent, legal  
44.24 custodian, or guardian shall be notified by the responsible local welfare or law enforcement  
44.25 agency no later than the conclusion of the investigation or assessment that this interview  
44.26 has occurred. Notwithstanding rule 32 of the Minnesota Rules of Procedure for Juvenile  
44.27 Courts, the juvenile court may, after hearing on an ex parte motion by the local welfare  
44.28 agency, order that, where reasonable cause exists, the agency withhold notification of this  
44.29 interview from the parent, legal custodian, or guardian. If the interview took place or is to  
44.30 take place on school property, the order shall specify that school officials may not disclose  
44.31 to the parent, legal custodian, or guardian the contents of the notification of intent to interview  
44.32 the child on school property, as provided under this paragraph, and any other related  
44.33 information regarding the interview that may be a part of the child's school record. A copy  
44.34 of the order shall be sent by the local welfare or law enforcement agency to the appropriate  
44.35 school official.



45.1 (e) When the local welfare, local law enforcement agency, or the agency responsible  
45.2 for assessing or investigating a report of maltreatment determines that an interview should  
45.3 take place on school property, written notification of intent to interview the child on school  
45.4 property must be received by school officials prior to the interview. The notification shall  
45.5 include the name of the child to be interviewed, the purpose of the interview, and a reference  
45.6 to the statutory authority to conduct an interview on school property. For interviews  
45.7 conducted by the local welfare agency, the notification shall be signed by the chair of the  
45.8 local social services agency or the chair's designee. The notification shall be private data  
45.9 on individuals subject to the provisions of this paragraph. School officials may not disclose  
45.10 to the parent, legal custodian, or guardian the contents of the notification or any other related  
45.11 information regarding the interview until notified in writing by the local welfare or law  
45.12 enforcement agency that the investigation or assessment has been concluded, unless a school  
45.13 employee or agent is alleged to have maltreated the child. Until that time, the local welfare  
45.14 or law enforcement agency or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating a report  
45.15 of maltreatment shall be solely responsible for any disclosures regarding the nature of the  
45.16 assessment or investigation.

45.17 Except where the alleged offender is believed to be a school official or employee, the  
45.18 time and place, and manner of the interview on school premises shall be within the discretion  
45.19 of school officials, but the local welfare or law enforcement agency shall have the exclusive  
45.20 authority to determine who may attend the interview. The conditions as to time, place, and  
45.21 manner of the interview set by the school officials shall be reasonable and the interview  
45.22 shall be conducted not more than 24 hours after the receipt of the notification unless another  
45.23 time is considered necessary by agreement between the school officials and the local welfare  
45.24 or law enforcement agency. Where the school fails to comply with the provisions of this  
45.25 paragraph, the juvenile court may order the school to comply. Every effort must be made  
45.26 to reduce the disruption of the educational program of the child, other students, or school  
45.27 staff when an interview is conducted on school premises.

45.28 (f) Where the alleged offender or a person responsible for the care of the alleged victim  
45.29 or other minor prevents access to the victim or other minor by the local welfare agency, the  
45.30 juvenile court may order the parents, legal custodian, or guardian to produce the alleged  
45.31 victim or other minor for questioning by the local welfare agency or the local law  
45.32 enforcement agency outside the presence of the alleged offender or any person responsible  
45.33 for the child's care at reasonable places and times as specified by court order.

45.34 (g) Before making an order under paragraph (f), the court shall issue an order to show  
45.35 cause, either upon its own motion or upon a verified petition, specifying the basis for the

46.1 requested interviews and fixing the time and place of the hearing. The order to show cause  
46.2 shall be served personally and shall be heard in the same manner as provided in other cases  
46.3 in the juvenile court. The court shall consider the need for appointment of a guardian ad  
46.4 litem to protect the best interests of the child. If appointed, the guardian ad litem shall be  
46.5 present at the hearing on the order to show cause.

46.6 (h) The commissioner of human services, the ombudsman for mental health and  
46.7 developmental disabilities, the local welfare agencies responsible for investigating reports,  
46.8 the commissioner of education, and the local law enforcement agencies have the right to  
46.9 enter facilities as defined in subdivision 2 and to inspect and copy the facility's records,  
46.10 including medical records, as part of the investigation. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
46.11 chapter 13, they also have the right to inform the facility under investigation that they are  
46.12 conducting an investigation, to disclose to the facility the names of the individuals under  
46.13 investigation for abusing or neglecting a child, and to provide the facility with a copy of  
46.14 the report and the investigative findings.

46.15 (i) The local welfare agency responsible for conducting a family assessment or  
46.16 investigation shall collect available and relevant information to determine child safety, risk  
46.17 of subsequent child maltreatment, and family strengths and needs and share not public  
46.18 information with an Indian's tribal social services agency without violating any law of the  
46.19 state that may otherwise impose duties of confidentiality on the local welfare agency in  
46.20 order to implement the tribal state agreement. The local welfare agency or the agency  
46.21 responsible for investigating the report shall collect available and relevant information to  
46.22 ascertain whether maltreatment occurred and whether protective services are needed.  
46.23 Information collected includes, when relevant, information with regard to the person reporting  
46.24 the alleged maltreatment, including the nature of the reporter's relationship to the child and  
46.25 to the alleged offender, and the basis of the reporter's knowledge for the report; the child  
46.26 allegedly being maltreated; the alleged offender; the child's caretaker; and other collateral  
46.27 sources having relevant information related to the alleged maltreatment. As a part of  
46.28 determining whether child protective services are needed, the local welfare agency  
46.29 responsible for conducting the family assessment or investigation shall submit a request to  
46.30 the commissioner of human services to collect child abuse and neglect records maintained  
46.31 in each state other than Minnesota where the alleged offender has resided in the preceding  
46.32 five years. The commissioner shall send out-of-state child abuse and neglect records inquiries  
46.33 to the relevant states within three business days of receiving the request from the local  
46.34 welfare agency. The commissioner shall forward the results of these inquiries to the local  
46.35 welfare agency responsible for conducting the family assessment or investigation as they

47.1 are received. The commissioner shall inform the local welfare agency if the commissioner  
47.2 does not receive a response from all states with records required to be searched within 20  
47.3 business days. The local welfare agency or the agency responsible for investigating the  
47.4 report may make a determination of no maltreatment early in an investigation, and close  
47.5 the case and retain immunity, if the collected information shows no basis for a full  
47.6 investigation.

47.7 Information relevant to the assessment or investigation must be asked for, and may  
47.8 include:

47.9 (1) the child's sex and age; prior reports of maltreatment, including any maltreatment  
47.10 reports that were screened out and not accepted for assessment or investigation; information  
47.11 relating to developmental functioning; credibility of the child's statement; and whether the  
47.12 information provided under this clause is consistent with other information collected during  
47.13 the course of the assessment or investigation;

47.14 (2) the alleged offender's age, and a record check for prior ~~reports of maltreatment,~~ and  
47.15 criminal charges and convictions. The local welfare agency or the agency responsible for  
47.16 assessing or investigating the report must provide the alleged offender with an opportunity  
47.17 to make a statement. The alleged offender may submit supporting documentation relevant  
47.18 to the assessment or investigation;

47.19 (3) collateral source information regarding the alleged maltreatment and care of the  
47.20 child. Collateral information includes, when relevant: (i) a medical examination of the child;  
47.21 (ii) prior medical records relating to the alleged maltreatment or the care of the child  
47.22 maintained by any facility, clinic, or health care professional and an interview with the  
47.23 treating professionals; and (iii) interviews with the child's caretakers, including the child's  
47.24 parent, guardian, foster parent, child care provider, teachers, counselors, family members,  
47.25 relatives, and other persons who may have knowledge regarding the alleged maltreatment  
47.26 and the care of the child; and

47.27 (4) information on the existence of domestic abuse and violence in the home of the child,  
47.28 and substance abuse.

47.29 Nothing in this paragraph precludes the local welfare agency, the local law enforcement  
47.30 agency, or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report from collecting  
47.31 other relevant information necessary to conduct the assessment or investigation.

47.32 Notwithstanding sections 13.384 or 144.291 to 144.298, the local welfare agency has access  
47.33 to medical data and records for purposes of clause (3). Notwithstanding the data's  
47.34 classification in the possession of any other agency, data acquired by the local welfare

48.1 agency or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report during the course  
48.2 of the assessment or investigation are private data on individuals and must be maintained  
48.3 in accordance with subdivision 11. Data of the commissioner of education collected or  
48.4 maintained during and for the purpose of an investigation of alleged maltreatment in a school  
48.5 are governed by this section, notwithstanding the data's classification as educational,  
48.6 licensing, or personnel data under chapter 13.

48.7 In conducting an assessment or investigation involving a school facility as defined in  
48.8 subdivision 2, paragraph (c), the commissioner of education shall collect investigative  
48.9 reports and data that are relevant to a report of maltreatment and are from local law  
48.10 enforcement and the school facility.

48.11 (j) Upon receipt of a report, the local welfare agency shall conduct a face-to-face contact  
48.12 with the child reported to be maltreated and with the child's primary caregiver sufficient to  
48.13 complete a safety assessment and ensure the immediate safety of the child. The face-to-face  
48.14 contact with the child and primary caregiver shall occur immediately if sexual abuse or  
48.15 substantial child endangerment is alleged and within five calendar days for all other reports.  
48.16 If the alleged offender was not already interviewed as the primary caregiver, the local welfare  
48.17 agency shall also conduct a face-to-face interview with the alleged offender in the early  
48.18 stages of the assessment or investigation. At the initial contact, the local child welfare agency  
48.19 or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report must inform the alleged  
48.20 offender of the complaints or allegations made against the individual in a manner consistent  
48.21 with laws protecting the rights of the person who made the report. The interview with the  
48.22 alleged offender may be postponed if it would jeopardize an active law enforcement  
48.23 investigation.

48.24 (k) When conducting an investigation, the local welfare agency shall use a question and  
48.25 answer interviewing format with questioning as nondirective as possible to elicit spontaneous  
48.26 responses. For investigations only, the following interviewing methods and procedures must  
48.27 be used whenever possible when collecting information:

48.28 (1) audio recordings of all interviews with witnesses and collateral sources; and

48.29 (2) in cases of alleged sexual abuse, audio-video recordings of each interview with the  
48.30 alleged victim and child witnesses.

48.31 (l) In conducting an assessment or investigation involving a school facility as defined  
48.32 in subdivision 2, paragraph (c), the commissioner of education shall collect available and  
48.33 relevant information and use the procedures in paragraphs (j) and (k), and subdivision 3d,  
48.34 except that the requirement for face-to-face observation of the child and face-to-face interview

49.1 of the alleged offender is to occur in the initial stages of the assessment or investigation  
49.2 provided that the commissioner may also base the assessment or investigation on investigative  
49.3 reports and data received from the school facility and local law enforcement, to the extent  
49.4 those investigations satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (j) and (k), and subdivision 3d.

49.5 Sec. 40. **TITLE.**

49.6 Sections .... and .... shall be known as "Heaven's Law."

49.7 Sec. 41. **INTERSTATE TRANSFER OF CHILD PROTECTION DATA.**

49.8 The commissioner of human services is directed to investigate and report to the legislature  
49.9 on potential improvements and advancements in the sharing of child maltreatment data  
49.10 between states, including consideration for interstate compacts or interstate agreements to  
49.11 improve access to child maltreatment investigative and determination data to protect the  
49.12 welfare of children in Minnesota and throughout the country. The commissioner shall report  
49.13 to the legislature on challenges and solutions to the sharing of data on child maltreatment  
49.14 between states no later than February 1, 2020.

49.15 Sec. 42. **INSTRUCTION TO COMMISSIONER.**

49.16 All individuals in connection with a licensed children's residential facility required to  
49.17 complete a background study under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245C, must complete a  
49.18 new background study consistent with the obligations and requirements of this article. The  
49.19 commissioner of human services shall establish a schedule for (1) individuals in connection  
49.20 with a licensed children's residential facility that serves children eligible to receive federal  
49.21 Title IV-E funding to complete the new background study by March 1, 2020, and (2)  
49.22 individuals in connection with a licensed children's residential facility that serves children  
49.23 not eligible to receive federal Title IV-E funding to complete the new background study by  
49.24 March 1, 2021.

49.25 Sec. 43. **CHILD WELFARE TRAINING ACADEMY.**

49.26 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The commissioner of human services shall  
49.27 modify the Child Welfare Training System developed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,  
49.28 section 626.5591, subdivision 2, according to this section. The new training framework  
49.29 shall be known as the Child Welfare Training Academy.

49.30 Subd. 2. **Administration.** (a) The Child Welfare Training Academy must be administered  
49.31 through five regional hubs in northwest, northeast, southwest, southeast, and central

50.1 Minnesota. Each hub must deliver training targeted to the needs of the hub's particular  
50.2 region, taking into account varying demographics, resources, and practice outcomes.

50.3 (b) The Child Welfare Training Academy must use training methods best suited to the  
50.4 training content. National best practices in adult learning must be used to the greatest extent  
50.5 possible, including online learning methodologies, coaching, mentoring, and simulated skill  
50.6 application.

50.7 (c) Content of training delivered by the Child Welfare Training Academy must be  
50.8 informed using multidisciplinary approaches and must include input from stakeholders,  
50.9 including but not limited to child welfare professionals, resource parents, biological parents  
50.10 and caregivers, and other community members with expertise in child welfare racial  
50.11 disparities and implicit bias. Content must be structured to reflect the variety of communities  
50.12 served by the child welfare system in Minnesota and must be informed with attention to  
50.13 both child safety and the evidence-based understanding that maintaining family relationships  
50.14 and preventing out-of-home placement are essential to child well-being. Training delivered  
50.15 by the Child Welfare Training Academy must emphasize racial disparities and  
50.16 disproportionate child welfare outcomes that exist in Minnesota and must include specific  
50.17 content on recognizing and addressing implicit bias.

50.18 (d) Each child welfare worker and supervisor must complete a certification, including  
50.19 a competency-based knowledge test and a skills demonstration, at the completion of the  
50.20 worker's or supervisor's initial training and biennially thereafter. The commissioner shall  
50.21 develop ongoing training requirements and a method for tracking certifications.

50.22 (e) The Child Welfare Training Academy must serve the primary training audiences of  
50.23 (1) county and tribal child welfare workers, (2) county and tribal child welfare supervisors,  
50.24 and (3) staff at private agencies providing out-of-home placement services for children  
50.25 involved in Minnesota's county and tribal child welfare system.

50.26 Subd. 3. **Partnerships.** The commissioner of human services shall enter into a partnership  
50.27 with the University of Minnesota to collaborate in the administration of workforce training.

50.28 Subd. 4. **Rulemaking.** The commissioner of human services may adopt rules as necessary  
50.29 to establish the Child Welfare Training Academy.

50.30 Sec. 44. **CHILD WELFARE CASELOAD STUDY.**

50.31 (a) The commissioner of human services shall conduct a child welfare caseload study  
50.32 to collect data on (1) the number of child welfare workers in Minnesota, and (2) the amount

51.1 of time that child welfare workers spend on different components of child welfare work.

51.2 The study must be completed by October 1, 2020.

51.3 (b) The commissioner shall report the results of the child welfare caseload study to the  
51.4 governor and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the house  
51.5 of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over human services by December 1, 2020.

51.6 (c) After the child welfare caseload study is complete, the commissioner shall work with  
51.7 counties and other stakeholders to develop a process for ongoing monitoring of child welfare  
51.8 workers' caseloads.

51.9 **Sec. 45. FIRST CHILDREN'S FINANCE CHILD CARE SITE ASSISTANCE.**

51.10 Subdivision 1. **Purposes.** Grants to First Children's Finance are for loans to improve  
51.11 child care or early childhood education sites, or loans to plan, design, and construct or  
51.12 expand licensed and legal nonlicensed sites to increase the availability of child care or early  
51.13 childhood education.

51.14 Subd. 2. **Financing program.** (a) First Children's Finance must use grant funds to:

51.15 (1) establish a revolving loan fund to make loans to existing, expanding, and newly  
51.16 licensed and legally unlicensed child care and early childhood education sites;

51.17 (2) establish a fund to guarantee private loans to improve or construct a child care or  
51.18 early childhood education site;

51.19 (3) establish a fund to provide forgivable loans or grants to match all or part of a loan  
51.20 made under this section;

51.21 (4) establish a fund as a reserve against bad debt; and

51.22 (5) establish a fund to provide business planning assistance for child care providers.

51.23 (b) First Children's Finance must establish the terms and conditions for loans and loan  
51.24 guarantees including interest rates, repayment agreements, private match requirements, and  
51.25 conditions for loan forgiveness. A minimum interest rate for loans must be established to  
51.26 ensure that necessary loan administration costs are covered. Interest earnings may be used  
51.27 for administrative expenses.

51.28 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** First Children's Finance must:

51.29 (1) by September 30, 2020, and September 30, 2021, report to the commissioner of  
51.30 human services the purposes for which the money was used during the past fiscal year,  
51.31 including a description of projects supported by the financing, an account of loans made

52.1 during the calendar year, the financing program's assets and liabilities, and an explanation  
52.2 of administrative expenses; and

52.3 (2) submit to the commissioner of human services a copy of the report of an independent  
52.4 audit performed in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and auditing  
52.5 standards, for each fiscal year in which grants are received.

52.6 Sec. 46. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; HOMELESS YOUTH ACCESS TO**  
52.7 **BIRTH RECORDS AND MINNESOTA IDENTIFICATION CARDS.**

52.8 No later than January 15, 2020, the commissioner of human services, in consultation  
52.9 with the commissioners of health and public safety, shall report to the chairs and ranking  
52.10 minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the  
52.11 Homeless Youth Act with recommendations on providing homeless youth with access to  
52.12 birth records and Minnesota identification cards at no cost.

52.13 Sec. 47. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION**  
52.14 **KINSHIP SERVICES.**

52.15 The commissioner of human services shall review opportunities to implement kinship  
52.16 navigator models that support placement of children with relative foster parents in anticipation  
52.17 of reimbursement for eligible services under the Family First Prevention Services Act.  
52.18 Kinship navigator models would assist relative foster parents with home studies and licensing  
52.19 requirements and provide ongoing support to the relative caregivers and children in  
52.20 out-of-home placement with relatives.

52.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

52.22 Sec. 48. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; RELATIVE SEARCH.**

52.23 The commissioner of human services shall develop and provide guidance to assist local  
52.24 social services agencies in conducting relative searches under Minnesota Statutes, section  
52.25 260C.221. The commissioner shall issue a bulletin containing relative search guidance by  
52.26 January 1, 2020. Guidance from the commissioner shall relate to:

52.27 (1) easily understandable methods of relative notification;

52.28 (2) resources for local social services agency child welfare staff to improve engagement  
52.29 and communication with relatives and kin; and

52.30 (3) providing information to relatives and kin about all permanency options, sustaining  
52.31 relationships, visitation options, and supporting permanency.



53.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

53.2 Sec. 49. **REPEALER.**

53.3 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 119B.16, subdivision 2; and 245E.06, subdivisions  
53.4 2, 4, and 5, and Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0185, subpart 5, are repealed effective February  
53.5 26, 2021.

53.6 (b) Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3030, subpart 3, is repealed.

53.7 **ARTICLE 2**

53.8 **OPERATIONS**

53.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13.46, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

53.10 Subd. 2. **General.** (a) Data on individuals collected, maintained, used, or disseminated  
53.11 by the welfare system are private data on individuals, and shall not be disclosed except:

53.12 (1) according to section 13.05;

53.13 (2) according to court order;

53.14 (3) according to a statute specifically authorizing access to the private data;

53.15 (4) to an agent of the welfare system and an investigator acting on behalf of a county,  
53.16 the state, or the federal government, including a law enforcement person or attorney in the  
53.17 investigation or prosecution of a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding relating to the  
53.18 administration of a program;

53.19 (5) to personnel of the welfare system who require the data to verify an individual's  
53.20 identity; determine eligibility, amount of assistance, and the need to provide services to an  
53.21 individual or family across programs; coordinate services for an individual or family;  
53.22 evaluate the effectiveness of programs; assess parental contribution amounts; and investigate  
53.23 suspected fraud;

53.24 (6) to administer federal funds or programs;

53.25 (7) between personnel of the welfare system working in the same program;

53.26 (8) to the Department of Revenue to assess parental contribution amounts for purposes  
53.27 of section 252.27, subdivision 2a, administer and evaluate tax refund or tax credit programs  
53.28 and to identify individuals who may benefit from these programs. The following information  
53.29 may be disclosed under this paragraph: an individual's and their dependent's names, dates  
53.30 of birth, Social Security numbers, income, addresses, and other data as required, upon

54.1 request by the Department of Revenue. Disclosures by the commissioner of revenue to the  
54.2 commissioner of human services for the purposes described in this clause are governed by  
54.3 section 270B.14, subdivision 1. Tax refund or tax credit programs include, but are not limited  
54.4 to, the dependent care credit under section 290.067, the Minnesota working family credit  
54.5 under section 290.0671, the property tax refund and rental credit under section 290A.04,  
54.6 and the Minnesota education credit under section 290.0674;

54.7 (9) between the Department of Human Services, the Department of Employment and  
54.8 Economic Development, and when applicable, the Department of Education, for the following  
54.9 purposes:

54.10 (i) to monitor the eligibility of the data subject for unemployment benefits, for any  
54.11 employment or training program administered, supervised, or certified by that agency;

54.12 (ii) to administer any rehabilitation program or child care assistance program, whether  
54.13 alone or in conjunction with the welfare system;

54.14 (iii) to monitor and evaluate the Minnesota family investment program or the child care  
54.15 assistance program by exchanging data on recipients and former recipients of food support,  
54.16 cash assistance under chapter 256, 256D, 256J, or 256K, child care assistance under chapter  
54.17 119B, medical programs under chapter 256B or 256L, or a medical program formerly  
54.18 codified under chapter 256D; and

54.19 (iv) to analyze public assistance employment services and program utilization, cost,  
54.20 effectiveness, and outcomes as implemented under the authority established in Title II,  
54.21 Sections 201-204 of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999.  
54.22 Health records governed by sections 144.291 to 144.298 and "protected health information"  
54.23 as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 160.103, and governed by Code  
54.24 of Federal Regulations, title 45, parts 160-164, including health care claims utilization  
54.25 information, must not be exchanged under this clause;

54.26 (10) to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the  
54.27 information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the individual or other individuals  
54.28 or persons;

54.29 (11) data maintained by residential programs as defined in section 245A.02 may be  
54.30 disclosed to the protection and advocacy system established in this state according to Part  
54.31 C of Public Law 98-527 to protect the legal and human rights of persons with developmental  
54.32 disabilities or other related conditions who live in residential facilities for these persons if  
54.33 the protection and advocacy system receives a complaint by or on behalf of that person and

55.1 the person does not have a legal guardian or the state or a designee of the state is the legal  
55.2 guardian of the person;

55.3 (12) to the county medical examiner or the county coroner for identifying or locating  
55.4 relatives or friends of a deceased person;

55.5 (13) data on a child support obligor who makes payments to the public agency may be  
55.6 disclosed to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to the extent necessary to determine  
55.7 eligibility under section 136A.121, subdivision 2, clause (5);

55.8 (14) participant Social Security numbers and names collected by the telephone assistance  
55.9 program may be disclosed to the Department of Revenue to conduct an electronic data  
55.10 match with the property tax refund database to determine eligibility under section 237.70,  
55.11 subdivision 4a;

55.12 (15) the current address of a Minnesota family investment program participant may be  
55.13 disclosed to law enforcement officers who provide the name of the participant and notify  
55.14 the agency that:

55.15 (i) the participant:

55.16 (A) is a fugitive felon fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after  
55.17 conviction, for a crime or attempt to commit a crime that is a felony under the laws of the  
55.18 jurisdiction from which the individual is fleeing; or

55.19 (B) is violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under state or federal law;

55.20 (ii) the location or apprehension of the felon is within the law enforcement officer's  
55.21 official duties; and

55.22 (iii) the request is made in writing and in the proper exercise of those duties;

55.23 (16) the current address of a recipient of general assistance may be disclosed to probation  
55.24 officers and corrections agents who are supervising the recipient and to law enforcement  
55.25 officers who are investigating the recipient in connection with a felony level offense;

55.26 (17) information obtained from food support applicant or recipient households may be  
55.27 disclosed to local, state, or federal law enforcement officials, upon their written request, for  
55.28 the purpose of investigating an alleged violation of the Food Stamp Act, according to Code  
55.29 of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 272.1(c);

55.30 (18) the address, Social Security number, and, if available, photograph of any member  
55.31 of a household receiving food support shall be made available, on request, to a local, state,

56.1 or federal law enforcement officer if the officer furnishes the agency with the name of the  
56.2 member and notifies the agency that:

56.3 (i) the member:

56.4 (A) is fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, for a  
56.5 crime or attempt to commit a crime that is a felony in the jurisdiction the member is fleeing;

56.6 (B) is violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under state or federal law;  
56.7 or

56.8 (C) has information that is necessary for the officer to conduct an official duty related  
56.9 to conduct described in subitem (A) or (B);

56.10 (ii) locating or apprehending the member is within the officer's official duties; and

56.11 (iii) the request is made in writing and in the proper exercise of the officer's official duty;

56.12 (19) the current address of a recipient of Minnesota family investment program, general  
56.13 assistance, or food support may be disclosed to law enforcement officers who, in writing,  
56.14 provide the name of the recipient and notify the agency that the recipient is a person required  
56.15 to register under section 243.166, but is not residing at the address at which the recipient is  
56.16 registered under section 243.166;

56.17 (20) certain information regarding child support obligors who are in arrears may be  
56.18 made public according to section 518A.74;

56.19 (21) data on child support payments made by a child support obligor and data on the  
56.20 distribution of those payments excluding identifying information on obligees may be  
56.21 disclosed to all obligees to whom the obligor owes support, and data on the enforcement  
56.22 actions undertaken by the public authority, the status of those actions, and data on the income  
56.23 of the obligor or obligee may be disclosed to the other party;

56.24 (22) data in the work reporting system may be disclosed under section 256.998,  
56.25 subdivision 7;

56.26 (23) to the Department of Education for the purpose of matching Department of Education  
56.27 student data with public assistance data to determine students eligible for free and  
56.28 reduced-price meals, meal supplements, and free milk according to United States Code,  
56.29 title 42, sections 1758, 1761, 1766, 1766a, 1772, and 1773; to allocate federal and state  
56.30 funds that are distributed based on income of the student's family; and to verify receipt of  
56.31 energy assistance for the telephone assistance plan;

57.1 (24) the current address and telephone number of program recipients and emergency  
57.2 contacts may be released to the commissioner of health or a community health board as  
57.3 defined in section 145A.02, subdivision 5, when the commissioner or community health  
57.4 board has reason to believe that a program recipient is a disease case, carrier, suspect case,  
57.5 or at risk of illness, and the data are necessary to locate the person;

57.6 (25) to other state agencies, statewide systems, and political subdivisions of this state,  
57.7 including the attorney general, and agencies of other states, interstate information networks,  
57.8 federal agencies, and other entities as required by federal regulation or law for the  
57.9 administration of the child support enforcement program;

57.10 (26) to personnel of public assistance programs as defined in section 256.741, for access  
57.11 to the child support system database for the purpose of administration, including monitoring  
57.12 and evaluation of those public assistance programs;

57.13 (27) to monitor and evaluate the Minnesota family investment program by exchanging  
57.14 data between the Departments of Human Services and Education, on recipients and former  
57.15 recipients of food support, cash assistance under chapter 256, 256D, 256J, or 256K, child  
57.16 care assistance under chapter 119B, medical programs under chapter 256B or 256L, or a  
57.17 medical program formerly codified under chapter 256D;

57.18 (28) to evaluate child support program performance and to identify and prevent fraud  
57.19 in the child support program by exchanging data between the Department of Human Services,  
57.20 Department of Revenue under section 270B.14, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a) and (b),  
57.21 without regard to the limitation of use in paragraph (c), Department of Health, Department  
57.22 of Employment and Economic Development, and other state agencies as is reasonably  
57.23 necessary to perform these functions;

57.24 (29) counties and the Department of Human Services operating child care assistance  
57.25 programs under chapter 119B may disseminate data on program participants, applicants,  
57.26 and providers to the commissioner of education;

57.27 (30) child support data on the child, the parents, and relatives of the child may be  
57.28 disclosed to agencies administering programs under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social  
57.29 Security Act, as authorized by federal law;

57.30 (31) to a health care provider governed by sections 144.291 to 144.298, to the extent  
57.31 necessary to coordinate services;

58.1 (32) to the chief administrative officer of a school to coordinate services for a student  
58.2 and family; data that may be disclosed under this clause are limited to name, date of birth,  
58.3 gender, and address; or

58.4 (33) to county correctional agencies to the extent necessary to coordinate services and  
58.5 diversion programs; data that may be disclosed under this clause are limited to name, client  
58.6 demographics, program, case status, and county worker information.

58.7 (b) Information on persons who have been treated for drug or alcohol abuse may only  
58.8 be disclosed according to the requirements of Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, sections  
58.9 2.1 to 2.67.

58.10 (c) Data provided to law enforcement agencies under paragraph (a), clause (15), (16),  
58.11 (17), or (18), or paragraph (b), are investigative data and are confidential or protected  
58.12 nonpublic while the investigation is active. The data are private after the investigation  
58.13 becomes inactive under section 13.82, subdivision 5, paragraph (a) or (b).

58.14 (d) Mental health data shall be treated as provided in subdivisions 7, 8, and 9, but are  
58.15 not subject to the access provisions of subdivision 10, paragraph (b).

58.16 For the purposes of this subdivision, a request will be deemed to be made in writing if  
58.17 made through a computer interface system.

58.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

58.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13.46, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

58.20 Subd. 3. **Investigative data.** (a) Data on persons, including data on vendors of services,  
58.21 licensees, and applicants that is collected, maintained, used, or disseminated by the welfare  
58.22 system in an investigation, authorized by statute, and relating to the enforcement of rules  
58.23 or law are confidential data on individuals pursuant to section 13.02, subdivision 3, or  
58.24 protected nonpublic data not on individuals pursuant to section 13.02, subdivision 13, and  
58.25 shall not be disclosed except:

58.26 (1) pursuant to section 13.05;

58.27 (2) pursuant to statute or valid court order;

58.28 (3) to a party named in a civil or criminal proceeding, administrative or judicial, for  
58.29 preparation of defense; ~~or~~

58.30 (4) to an agent of the welfare system or an investigator acting on behalf of a county,  
58.31 state, or federal government, including a law enforcement officer or attorney in the  
58.32 investigation or prosecution of a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, unless the

59.1 commissioner of human services determines that disclosure may compromise a Department  
59.2 of Human Services ongoing investigation; or

59.3 ~~(4)~~ (5) to provide notices required or permitted by statute.

59.4 The data referred to in this subdivision shall be classified as public data upon submission  
59.5 to an administrative law judge or court in an administrative or judicial proceeding. Inactive  
59.6 welfare investigative data shall be treated as provided in section 13.39, subdivision 3.

59.7 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision in law, the commissioner of human services  
59.8 shall provide all active and inactive investigative data, including the name of the reporter  
59.9 of alleged maltreatment under section 626.556 or 626.557, to the ombudsman for mental  
59.10 health and developmental disabilities upon the request of the ombudsman.

59.11 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and section 13.39, the existence of an investigation  
59.12 by the commissioner of human services of possible overpayments of public funds to a service  
59.13 provider or recipient may be disclosed if the commissioner determines that it will not  
59.14 compromise the investigation.

59.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13.461, subdivision 28, is amended to read:

59.16 Subd. 28. **Child care assistance program.** Data collected, maintained, used, or  
59.17 disseminated by the welfare system pertaining to persons selected as legal nonlicensed child  
59.18 care providers by families receiving child care assistance are classified under section 119B.02,  
59.19 subdivision 6, paragraph (a). Child care assistance program payment data is classified under  
59.20 section 119B.02, subdivision 6, paragraph (b).

59.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

59.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 15C.02, is amended to read:

59.23 **15C.02 LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN ACTS.**

59.24 (a) A person who commits any act described in clauses (1) to (7) is liable to the state or  
59.25 the political subdivision for a civil penalty of ~~not less than \$5,500 and not more than \$11,000~~  
59.26 ~~per false or fraudulent claim~~ in the amounts set forth in the federal False Claims Act, United  
59.27 States Code, title 31, section 3729, and as modified by the federal Civil Penalties Inflation  
59.28 Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, plus three times the amount of damages that  
59.29 the state or the political subdivision sustains because of the act of that person, except as  
59.30 otherwise provided in paragraph (b):

60.1 (1) knowingly presents, or causes to be presented, a false or fraudulent claim for payment  
60.2 or approval;

60.3 (2) knowingly makes or uses, or causes to be made or used, a false record or statement  
60.4 material to a false or fraudulent claim;

60.5 (3) knowingly conspires to commit a violation of clause (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), or (7);

60.6 (4) has possession, custody, or control of property or money used, or to be used, by the  
60.7 state or a political subdivision and knowingly delivers or causes to be delivered less than  
60.8 all of that money or property;

60.9 (5) is authorized to make or deliver a document certifying receipt for money or property  
60.10 used, or to be used, by the state or a political subdivision and, intending to defraud the state  
60.11 or a political subdivision, makes or delivers the receipt without completely knowing that  
60.12 the information on the receipt is true;

60.13 (6) knowingly buys, or receives as a pledge of an obligation or debt, public property  
60.14 from an officer or employee of the state or a political subdivision who lawfully may not  
60.15 sell or pledge the property; or

60.16 (7) knowingly makes or uses, or causes to be made or used, a false record or statement  
60.17 material to an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the state or a political  
60.18 subdivision, or knowingly conceals or knowingly and improperly avoids or decreases an  
60.19 obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the state or a political subdivision.

60.20 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the court may assess not less than two times the  
60.21 amount of damages that the state or the political subdivision sustains because of the act of  
60.22 the person if:

60.23 (1) the person committing a violation under paragraph (a) furnished an officer or  
60.24 employee of the state or the political subdivision responsible for investigating the false or  
60.25 fraudulent claim violation with all information known to the person about the violation  
60.26 within 30 days after the date on which the person first obtained the information;

60.27 (2) the person fully cooperated with any investigation by the state or the political  
60.28 subdivision of the violation; and

60.29 (3) at the time the person furnished the state or the political subdivision with information  
60.30 about the violation, no criminal prosecution, civil action, or administrative action had been  
60.31 commenced under this chapter with respect to the violation and the person did not have  
60.32 actual knowledge of the existence of an investigation into the violation.



61.1 (c) A person violating this section is also liable to the state or the political subdivision  
61.2 for the costs of a civil action brought to recover any penalty or damages.

61.3 (d) A person is not liable under this section for mere negligence, inadvertence, or mistake  
61.4 with respect to activities involving a false or fraudulent claim.

61.5 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.02, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

61.6 Subd. 6. **Data.** (a) Data collected, maintained, used, or disseminated by the welfare  
61.7 system pertaining to persons selected as legal nonlicensed child care providers by families  
61.8 receiving child care assistance shall be treated as licensing data as provided in section 13.46,  
61.9 subdivision 4.

61.10 (b) For purposes of this paragraph, "child care assistance program payment data" means  
61.11 data for a specified time period showing (1) that a child care assistance program payment  
61.12 under this chapter was made, and (2) the amount of child care assistance payments made  
61.13 to a child care center. Child care assistance program payment data may include the number  
61.14 of families and children on whose behalf payments were made for the specified time period.  
61.15 Any child care assistance program payment data that may identify a specific child care  
61.16 assistance recipient or benefit paid on behalf of a specific child care assistance recipient,  
61.17 as determined by the commissioner, is private data on individuals as defined in section  
61.18 13.02, subdivision 12. Data related to a child care assistance payment is public if the data  
61.19 relates to a child care assistance payment made to a licensed child care center or a child  
61.20 care center exempt from licensure and:

61.21 (1) the child care center receives payment of more than \$100,000 from the child care  
61.22 assistance program under this chapter in a period of one year or less; or

61.23 (2) when the commissioner or county agency either:

61.24 (i) disqualified the center from receipt of a payment from the child care assistance  
61.25 program under this chapter for wrongfully obtaining child care assistance under section  
61.26 256.98, subdivision 8, paragraph (c);

61.27 (ii) refused a child care authorization, revoked a child care authorization, stopped  
61.28 payment, or denied payment for a bill for the center under section 119B.13, subdivision 6,  
61.29 paragraph (d); or

61.30 (iii) made a finding of financial misconduct under section 245E.02.

61.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

62.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.09, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

62.2 Subd. 7. **Date of eligibility for assistance.** (a) The date of eligibility for child care  
62.3 assistance under this chapter is the later of the date the application was received by the  
62.4 county; the beginning date of employment, education, or training; the date the infant is born  
62.5 for applicants to the at-home infant care program; or the date a determination has been made  
62.6 that the applicant is a participant in employment and training services under Minnesota  
62.7 Rules, part 3400.0080, or chapter 256J.

62.8 (b) Payment ceases for a family under the at-home infant child care program when a  
62.9 family has used a total of 12 months of assistance as specified under section 119B.035.  
62.10 Payment of child care assistance for employed persons on MFIP is effective the date of  
62.11 employment or the date of MFIP eligibility, whichever is later. Payment of child care  
62.12 assistance for MFIP or DWP participants in employment and training services is effective  
62.13 the date of commencement of the services or the date of MFIP or DWP eligibility, whichever  
62.14 is later. Payment of child care assistance for transition year child care must be made  
62.15 retroactive to the date of eligibility for transition year child care.

62.16 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), payment of child care assistance for participants  
62.17 eligible under section 119B.05 may only be made retroactive for a maximum of ~~six~~ three  
62.18 months from the date of application for child care assistance.

62.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

62.20 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.125, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

62.21 Subd. 6. **Record-keeping requirement.** (a) As a condition of payment, all providers  
62.22 receiving child care assistance payments must:

62.23 (1) keep accurate and legible daily attendance records at the site where services are  
62.24 delivered for children receiving child care assistance; and

62.25 ~~must~~ (2) make those records available immediately to the county or the commissioner  
62.26 upon request. Any records not provided to a county or the commissioner at the date and  
62.27 time of the request are deemed inadmissible if offered as evidence by the provider in any  
62.28 proceeding to contest an overpayment or disqualification of the provider.

62.29 ~~The~~ (b) As a condition of payment, attendance records must be completed daily and  
62.30 include the date, the first and last name of each child in attendance, and the times when  
62.31 each child is dropped off and picked up. To the extent possible, the times that the child was  
62.32 dropped off to and picked up from the child care provider must be entered by the person

63.1 dropping off or picking up the child. The daily attendance records must be retained at the  
63.2 site where services are delivered for six years after the date of service.

63.3 (c) A county or the commissioner may deny or revoke a provider's authorization as a  
63.4 child care provider to any applicant, rescind authorization of any provider, to receive child  
63.5 care assistance payments under section 119B.13, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), pursue a  
63.6 fraud disqualification under section 256.98, take an action against the provider under chapter  
63.7 245E, or establish an attendance record overpayment claim in the system under paragraph  
63.8 (d) against a current or former provider, when the county or the commissioner knows or  
63.9 has reason to believe that the provider has not complied with the record-keeping requirement  
63.10 in this subdivision. A provider's failure to produce attendance records as requested on more  
63.11 than one occasion constitutes grounds for disqualification as a provider.

63.12 (d) To calculate an attendance record overpayment under this subdivision, the  
63.13 commissioner or county agency shall subtract the maximum daily rate from the total amount  
63.14 paid to a provider for each day that a child's attendance record is missing, unavailable,  
63.15 incomplete, inaccurate, or otherwise inadequate.

63.16 (e) The commissioner shall develop criteria for a county to determine an attendance  
63.17 record overpayment under this subdivision.

63.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

63.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.13, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

63.20 Subd. 6. **Provider payments.** (a) A provider shall bill only for services documented  
63.21 according to section 119B.125, subdivision 6. The provider shall bill for services provided  
63.22 within ten days of the end of the service period. Payments under the child care fund shall  
63.23 be made within 21 days of receiving a complete bill from the provider. Counties or the state  
63.24 may establish policies that make payments on a more frequent basis.

63.25 (b) If a provider has received an authorization of care and been issued a billing form for  
63.26 an eligible family, the bill must be submitted within 60 days of the last date of service on  
63.27 the bill. A bill submitted more than 60 days after the last date of service must be paid if the  
63.28 county determines that the provider has shown good cause why the bill was not submitted  
63.29 within 60 days. Good cause must be defined in the county's child care fund plan under  
63.30 section 119B.08, subdivision 3, and the definition of good cause must include county error.  
63.31 Any bill submitted more than a year after the last date of service on the bill must not be  
63.32 paid.

64.1 (c) If a provider provided care for a time period without receiving an authorization of  
64.2 care and a billing form for an eligible family, payment of child care assistance may only be  
64.3 made retroactively for a maximum of six months from the date the provider is issued an  
64.4 authorization of care and billing form.

64.5 (d) A county or the commissioner may refuse to issue a child care authorization to a  
64.6 licensed or legal nonlicensed provider, revoke an existing child care authorization to a  
64.7 licensed or legal nonlicensed provider, stop payment issued to a licensed or legal nonlicensed  
64.8 provider, or refuse to pay a bill submitted by a licensed or legal nonlicensed provider if:

64.9 (1) the provider admits to intentionally giving the county materially false information  
64.10 on the provider's billing forms;

64.11 (2) a county or the commissioner finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the  
64.12 provider intentionally gave the county materially false information on the provider's billing  
64.13 forms, or provided false attendance records to a county or the commissioner;

64.14 (3) the provider is in violation of child care assistance program rules, until the agency  
64.15 determines those violations have been corrected;

64.16 (4) the provider is operating after:

64.17 (i) an order of suspension of the provider's license issued by the commissioner;

64.18 (ii) an order of revocation of the provider's license; or

64.19 (iii) a final order of conditional license issued by the commissioner for as long as the  
64.20 conditional license is in effect;

64.21 (5) the provider submits false attendance reports or refuses to provide documentation  
64.22 of the child's attendance upon request; ~~or~~

64.23 (6) the provider gives false child care price information; or

64.24 (7) the provider fails to report decreases in a child's attendance as required under section  
64.25 119B.125, subdivision 9.

64.26 (e) For purposes of paragraph (d), clauses (3), (5), ~~and (6)~~, and (7), the county or the  
64.27 commissioner may withhold the provider's authorization or payment for a period of time  
64.28 not to exceed three months beyond the time the condition has been corrected.

64.29 (f) A county's payment policies must be included in the county's child care plan under  
64.30 section 119B.08, subdivision 3. If payments are made by the state, in addition to being in  
64.31 compliance with this subdivision, the payments must be made in compliance with section  
64.32 16A.124.

65.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

65.2 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.13, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

65.3 Subd. 7. **Absent days.** (a) Licensed child care providers and license-exempt centers  
65.4 must not be reimbursed for more than 25 full-day absent days per child, excluding holidays,  
65.5 in a ~~fiscal~~ calendar year, or for more than ten consecutive full-day absent days. "Absent  
65.6 day" means any day that the child is authorized and scheduled to be in care with a licensed  
65.7 provider or license-exempt center, and the child is absent from the care for the entire day.  
65.8 Legal nonlicensed family child care providers must not be reimbursed for absent days. If a  
65.9 child attends for part of the time authorized to be in care in a day, but is absent for part of  
65.10 the time authorized to be in care in that same day, the absent time must be reimbursed but  
65.11 the time must not count toward the absent days limit. Child care providers must only be  
65.12 reimbursed for absent days if the provider has a written policy for child absences and charges  
65.13 all other families in care for similar absences.

65.14 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), children with documented medical conditions that  
65.15 cause more frequent absences may exceed the 25 absent days limit, or ten consecutive  
65.16 full-day absent days limit. Absences due to a documented medical condition of a parent or  
65.17 sibling who lives in the same residence as the child receiving child care assistance do not  
65.18 count against the absent days limit in a ~~fiscal~~ calendar year. Documentation of medical  
65.19 conditions must be on the forms and submitted according to the timelines established by  
65.20 the commissioner. A public health nurse or school nurse may verify the illness in lieu of a  
65.21 medical practitioner. If a provider sends a child home early due to a medical reason,  
65.22 including, but not limited to, fever or contagious illness, the child care center director or  
65.23 lead teacher may verify the illness in lieu of a medical practitioner.

65.24 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), children in families may exceed the absent days limit  
65.25 if at least one parent: (1) is under the age of 21; (2) does not have a high school diploma or  
65.26 commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency certification; and (3) is a  
65.27 student in a school district or another similar program that provides or arranges for child  
65.28 care, parenting support, social services, career and employment supports, and academic  
65.29 support to achieve high school graduation, upon request of the program and approval of the  
65.30 county. If a child attends part of an authorized day, payment to the provider must be for the  
65.31 full amount of care authorized for that day.

65.32 (d) Child care providers must be reimbursed for up to ten federal or state holidays or  
65.33 designated holidays per year when the provider charges all families for these days and the  
65.34 holiday or designated holiday falls on a day when the child is authorized to be in attendance.

66.1 Parents may substitute other cultural or religious holidays for the ten recognized state and  
66.2 federal holidays. Holidays do not count toward the absent days limit.

66.3 (e) A family or child care provider must not be assessed an overpayment for an absent  
66.4 day payment unless (1) there was an error in the amount of care authorized for the family,  
66.5 (2) all of the allowed full-day absent payments for the child have been paid, or (3) the family  
66.6 or provider did not timely report a change as required under law.

66.7 (f) The provider and family shall receive notification of the number of absent days used  
66.8 upon initial provider authorization for a family and ongoing notification of the number of  
66.9 absent days used as of the date of the notification.

66.10 (g) For purposes of this subdivision, "absent days limit" means 25 full-day absent days  
66.11 per child, excluding holidays, in a ~~fixed~~ calendar year; and ten consecutive full-day absent  
66.12 days.

66.13 (h) For purposes of this subdivision, "holidays limit" means ten full-day holidays per  
66.14 child, excluding absent days, in a calendar year.

66.15 (i) If a day meets the criteria of an absent day or a holiday under this subdivision, the  
66.16 provider must bill that day as an absent day or holiday. A provider's failure to properly bill  
66.17 an absent day or a holiday results in an overpayment, regardless of whether the child reached,  
66.18 or is exempt from, the absent days limit or holidays limit for the calendar year.

66.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

66.20 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.057, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

66.21 Subd. 3. **Reconsiderations.** The commissioner of health shall review and decide  
66.22 reconsideration requests, including the granting of variances, in accordance with the  
66.23 procedures and criteria contained in chapter 245C. The commissioner must set aside a  
66.24 disqualification for an individual who requests reconsideration and who meets the criteria  
66.25 described in section 245C.22, subdivision 4, paragraph (d). The commissioner's decision  
66.26 shall be provided to the individual and to the Department of Human Services. The  
66.27 commissioner's decision to grant or deny a reconsideration of disqualification is the final  
66.28 administrative agency action, except for the provisions under sections 245C.25, 245C.27,  
66.29 and 245C.28, subdivision 3.

67.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.095, is amended to read:

67.2 **245.095 LIMITS ON RECEIVING PUBLIC FUNDS.**

67.3 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) If a provider, vendor, or individual enrolled, licensed,  
 67.4 ~~or receiving funds under a grant contract, or registered~~ in any program administered by the  
 67.5 commissioner, including under the commissioner's powers and authorities in section 256.01,  
 67.6 is excluded from any that program administered by the commissioner, including under the  
 67.7 ~~commissioner's powers and authorities in section 256.01,~~ the commissioner shall:

67.8 (1) prohibit the excluded provider, vendor, or individual from enrolling or becoming  
 67.9 licensed, receiving grant funds, or registering in any other program administered by the  
 67.10 commissioner; and

67.11 (2) disenroll, revoke or suspend a license, disqualify, or debar the excluded provider,  
 67.12 vendor, or individual in any other program administered by the commissioner.

67.13 (b) The duration of this prohibition, disenrollment, revocation, suspension,  
 67.14 disqualification, or debarment must last for the longest applicable sanction or disqualifying  
 67.15 period in effect for the provider, vendor, or individual permitted by state or federal law.

67.16 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions have the  
 67.17 meanings given them.

67.18 (b) "Excluded" means disenrolled, ~~subject to license revocation or suspension,~~  
 67.19 ~~disqualified, or subject to vendor debarment~~ disqualified, having a license that has been  
 67.20 revoked or suspended under chapter 245A, or debarred or suspended under Minnesota Rules,  
 67.21 part 1230.1150, or excluded pursuant to section 256B.064, subdivision 3.

67.22 (c) "Individual" means a natural person providing products or services as a provider or  
 67.23 vendor.

67.24 (d) "Provider" ~~means~~ includes any entity or individual receiving payment from a program  
 67.25 administered by the Department of Human Services, and an owner, controlling individual,  
 67.26 license holder, director, or managerial official of an entity receiving payment from a program  
 67.27 administered by the Department of Human Services.

67.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

67.29 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

67.30 Subd. 3. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means an individual, ~~corporation, partnership, voluntary~~  
 67.31 ~~association, controlling individual, or other~~ organization, or government entity, as defined  
 67.32 in section 13.02, subdivision 7a, that has applied for licensure under this chapter and the

68.1 ~~rules of the commissioner~~ is subject to licensure under this chapter and that has applied for  
68.2 but not yet been granted a license under this chapter.

68.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

68.4 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
68.5 to read:

68.6 Subd. 3b. **Authorized agent.** "Authorized agent" means the controlling individual  
68.7 designated by the license holder responsible for communicating with the commissioner of  
68.8 human services on all matters related to this chapter and on whom service of all notices and  
68.9 orders must be made pursuant to section 245A.04, subdivision 1.

68.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

68.11 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.02, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

68.12 Subd. 8. **License.** "License" means a certificate issued by the commissioner under section  
68.13 245A.04 authorizing the license holder to provide a specified program for a specified period  
68.14 of time and in accordance with the terms of the license and the rules of the commissioner.

68.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

68.16 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.02, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

68.17 Subd. 9. **License holder.** "License holder" means an individual, ~~corporation, partnership,~~  
68.18 ~~voluntary association, or other~~ organization, or government entity that is legally responsible  
68.19 for the operation of the program or service, and has been granted a license by the  
68.20 commissioner under this chapter ~~or chapter 245D~~ and the rules of the commissioner, ~~and~~  
68.21 ~~is a controlling individual.~~

68.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

68.23 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
68.24 to read:

68.25 Subd. 10c. **Organization.** "Organization" means a domestic or foreign corporation,  
68.26 nonprofit corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, limited  
68.27 liability partnership, association, voluntary association, and any other legal or commercial  
68.28 entity. For purposes of this chapter, organization does not include a government entity.

68.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.



69.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.02, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

69.2 Subd. 12. **Private agency.** "Private agency" means an ~~individual, corporation, partnership,~~  
69.3 ~~voluntary association or other~~ organization, other than a county agency, or a court with  
69.4 jurisdiction, that places persons who cannot remain in their own homes in residential  
69.5 programs, foster care, or adoptive homes.

69.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

69.7 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.02, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

69.8 Subd. 14. **Residential program.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), "residential  
69.9 program" means a program that provides 24-hour-a-day care, supervision, food, lodging,  
69.10 rehabilitation, training, education, habilitation, or treatment outside a person's own home,  
69.11 including a program in an intermediate care facility for four or more persons with  
69.12 developmental disabilities; and chemical dependency or chemical abuse programs that are  
69.13 located in a hospital or nursing home and receive public funds for providing chemical abuse  
69.14 or chemical dependency treatment services under chapter 254B. Residential programs  
69.15 include home and community-based services for persons with disabilities or persons age  
69.16 65 and older that are provided in or outside of a person's own home under chapter 245D.

69.17 (b) For a residential program under chapter 245D, "residential program" means a single  
69.18 or multifamily dwelling that is under the control, either directly or indirectly, of the service  
69.19 provider licensed under chapter 245D and in which at least one person receives services  
69.20 under chapter 245D, including residential supports and services under section 245D.03,  
69.21 subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (3); out-of-home crisis respite services under section  
69.22 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (1), item (ii); and out-of-home respite services  
69.23 under section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (1). A residential program does  
69.24 not include out-of-home respite services when a case manager has determined that an  
69.25 unlicensed site meets the assessed needs of the person. A residential program also does not  
69.26 include multifamily dwellings where persons receive integrated community supports, even  
69.27 if authorization to provide these supports is granted under chapter 245D and approved in  
69.28 the federal waiver.

69.29 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.02, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

69.30 Subd. 18. **Supervision.** (a) For purposes of licensed child care centers, "supervision"  
69.31 means when a program staff person:

70.1 (1) is within sight and hearing of a child at all times so that the program staff accountable  
70.2 for the child's care;

70.3 (2) can intervene to protect the health and safety of the child; and

70.4 (3) is within sight and hearing of the child at all times except as described in paragraphs  
70.5 (b) to (d).

70.6 (b) When an infant is placed in a crib room to sleep, supervision occurs when a program  
70.7 staff person is within sight or hearing of the infant. When supervision of a crib room is  
70.8 provided by sight or hearing, the center must have a plan to address the other supervision  
70.9 component components.

70.10 (c) When a single school-age child uses the restroom within the licensed space,  
70.11 supervision occurs when a program staff person has knowledge of the child's activity and  
70.12 location and checks on the child at least every five minutes. When a school-age child uses  
70.13 the restroom outside the licensed space, including but not limited to field trips, supervision  
70.14 occurs when staff accompany children to the restroom.

70.15 (d) When a school-age child leaves the classroom but remains within the licensed space  
70.16 to deliver or retrieve items from the child's personal storage space, supervision occurs when  
70.17 a program staff person has knowledge of the child's activity and location and checks on the  
70.18 child at least every five minutes.

70.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

70.20 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

70.21 Subdivision 1. **License required.** Unless licensed by the commissioner under this chapter,  
70.22 an individual, corporation, partnership, voluntary association, other organization, or  
70.23 controlling individual government entity must not:

70.24 (1) operate a residential or a nonresidential program;

70.25 (2) receive a child or adult for care, supervision, or placement in foster care or adoption;

70.26 (3) help plan the placement of a child or adult in foster care or adoption or engage in  
70.27 placement activities as defined in section 259.21, subdivision 9, in this state, whether or not  
70.28 the adoption occurs in this state; or

70.29 (4) advertise a residential or nonresidential program.

70.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

71.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

71.2 Subd. 3. **Unlicensed programs.** (a) It is a misdemeanor for an individual, ~~corporation,~~  
71.3 ~~partnership, voluntary association, other organization, or a controlling individual~~ government  
71.4 entity to provide a residential or nonresidential program without a license issued under this  
71.5 chapter and in willful disregard of this chapter unless the program is excluded from licensure  
71.6 under subdivision 2.

71.7 (b) The commissioner may ask the appropriate county attorney or the attorney general  
71.8 to begin proceedings to secure a court order against the continued operation of the program,  
71.9 if an individual, ~~corporation, partnership, voluntary association, other organization, or~~  
71.10 ~~controlling individual~~ government entity has:

71.11 (1) failed to apply for a license under this chapter after receiving notice that a license is  
71.12 required or continues to operate without a license after receiving notice that a license is  
71.13 required;

71.14 (2) continued to operate without a license after ~~the~~ a license issued under this chapter  
71.15 has been revoked or suspended under section 245A.07 this chapter, and the commissioner  
71.16 has issued a final order affirming the revocation or suspension, or the license holder did not  
71.17 timely appeal the sanction; or

71.18 (3) continued to operate without a license after ~~the~~ a temporary immediate suspension  
71.19 of a license has been temporarily suspended under section 245A.07 issued under this chapter.

71.20 (c) The county attorney and the attorney general have a duty to cooperate with the  
71.21 commissioner.

71.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

71.23 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

71.24 Subdivision 1. **Application for licensure.** (a) An individual, ~~corporation, partnership,~~  
71.25 ~~voluntary association, other organization or controlling individual, or government entity~~  
71.26 that is subject to licensure under section 245A.03 must apply for a license. The application  
71.27 must be made on the forms and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. The  
71.28 commissioner shall provide the applicant with instruction in completing the application and  
71.29 provide information about the rules and requirements of other state agencies that affect the  
71.30 applicant. An applicant seeking licensure in Minnesota with headquarters outside of  
71.31 Minnesota must have a program office located within 30 miles of the state Minnesota border.  
71.32 An applicant who intends to buy or otherwise acquire a program or services licensed under

72.1 this chapter that is owned by another license holder must apply for a license under this  
72.2 chapter and comply with the application procedures in this section and section 245A.03.

72.3 The commissioner shall act on the application within 90 working days after a complete  
72.4 application and any required reports have been received from other state agencies or  
72.5 departments, counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions. The commissioner  
72.6 shall not consider an application to be complete until the commissioner receives all of the  
72.7 ~~information required under section 245C.05~~ information.

72.8 When the commissioner receives an application for initial licensure that is incomplete  
72.9 because the applicant failed to submit required documents or that is substantially deficient  
72.10 because the documents submitted do not meet licensing requirements, the commissioner  
72.11 shall provide the applicant written notice that the application is incomplete or substantially  
72.12 deficient. In the written notice to the applicant the commissioner shall identify documents  
72.13 that are missing or deficient and give the applicant 45 days to resubmit a second application  
72.14 that is substantially complete. An applicant's failure to submit a substantially complete  
72.15 application after receiving notice from the commissioner is a basis for license denial under  
72.16 section 245A.05.

72.17 (b) An application for licensure must identify all controlling individuals as defined in  
72.18 section 245A.02, subdivision 5a, and must ~~specify an~~ designate one individual to be the  
72.19 authorized agent who is responsible for dealing with the commissioner of human services  
72.20 ~~on all matters provided for in this chapter and on whom service of all notices and orders~~  
72.21 ~~must be made.~~ The application must be signed by the authorized agent and must include  
72.22 the authorized agent's first, middle, and last name; mailing address; and e-mail address. By  
72.23 submitting an application for licensure, the authorized agent consents to electronic  
72.24 communication with the commissioner throughout the application process. The authorized  
72.25 agent must be authorized to accept service on behalf of all of the controlling individuals of  
72.26 ~~the program.~~ A government entity that holds multiple licenses under this chapter may  
72.27 designate one authorized agent for all licenses issued under this chapter or may designate  
72.28 a different authorized agent for each license. Service on the authorized agent is service on  
72.29 all of the controlling individuals ~~of the program.~~ It is not a defense to any action arising  
72.30 under this chapter that service was not made on each controlling individual ~~of the program.~~  
72.31 The designation of ~~one or more~~ a controlling ~~individuals~~ individual as ~~agents~~ the authorized  
72.32 agent under this paragraph does not affect the legal responsibility of any other controlling  
72.33 individual under this chapter.

72.34 (c) An applicant or license holder must have a policy that prohibits license holders,  
72.35 employees, subcontractors, and volunteers, when directly responsible for persons served

73.1 by the program, from abusing prescription medication or being in any manner under the  
73.2 influence of a chemical that impairs the individual's ability to provide services or care. The  
73.3 license holder must train employees, subcontractors, and volunteers about the program's  
73.4 drug and alcohol policy.

73.5 (d) An applicant and license holder must have a program grievance procedure that permits  
73.6 persons served by the program and their authorized representatives to bring a grievance to  
73.7 the highest level of authority in the program.

73.8 ~~(e) The applicant must be able to demonstrate competent knowledge of the applicable~~  
73.9 ~~requirements of this chapter and chapter 245C, and the requirements of other licensing~~  
73.10 ~~statutes and rules applicable to the program or services for which the applicant is seeking~~  
73.11 ~~to be licensed. Effective January 1, 2013, The commissioner may limit communication~~  
73.12 ~~during the application process to the authorized agent or the controlling individuals identified~~  
73.13 ~~on the license application and for whom a background study was initiated under chapter~~  
73.14 ~~245C.~~ The commissioner may require the applicant, except for child foster care, to  
73.15 demonstrate competence in the applicable licensing requirements by successfully completing  
73.16 a written examination. The commissioner may develop a prescribed written examination  
73.17 format.

73.18 (f) When an applicant is an individual, the ~~individual~~ applicant must provide:

73.19 (1) the applicant's taxpayer identification numbers including the Social Security number  
73.20 or Minnesota tax identification number, and federal employer identification number if the  
73.21 applicant has employees;

73.22 (2) at the request of the commissioner, a copy of the most recent filing with the secretary  
73.23 of state that includes the complete business name, if any; ~~and;~~

73.24 (3) if doing business under a different name, the doing business as (DBA) name, as  
73.25 registered with the secretary of state; ~~and~~

73.26 ~~(3) a notarized signature of the applicant.~~ (4) if applicable, the applicant's National  
73.27 Provider Identifier (NPI) number and Unique Minnesota Provider Identifier (UMPI) number;  
73.28 and

73.29 (5) at the request of the commissioner, the notarized signature of the applicant or  
73.30 authorized agent.

73.31 (g) When an applicant is a ~~nonindividual~~ an organization, the applicant must provide  
73.32 ~~the:~~

74.1 (1) the applicant's taxpayer identification numbers including the Minnesota tax  
74.2 identification number and federal employer identification number;

74.3 (2) at the request of the commissioner, a copy of the most recent filing with the secretary  
74.4 of state that includes the complete business name, and if doing business under a different  
74.5 name, the doing business as (DBA) name, as registered with the secretary of state;

74.6 (3) the first, middle, and last name, and address for all individuals who will be controlling  
74.7 individuals, including all officers, owners, and managerial officials as defined in section  
74.8 245A.02, subdivision 5a, and the date that the background study was initiated by the applicant  
74.9 for each controlling individual; and

74.10 ~~(4) first, middle, and last name, mailing address, and notarized signature of the agent~~  
74.11 ~~authorized by the applicant to accept service on behalf of the controlling individuals.~~

74.12 (4) if applicable, the applicant's NPI number and UMPI number;

74.13 (5) the documents that created the organization and that determine the organization's  
74.14 internal governance and the relations among the persons that own the organization, have  
74.15 an interest in the organization, or are members of the organization, in each case as provided  
74.16 or authorized by the organization's governing statute, which may include a partnership  
74.17 agreement, bylaws, articles of organization, organizational chart, and operating agreement,  
74.18 or comparable documents as provided in the organization's governing statute; and

74.19 (6) the notarized signature of the applicant or authorized agent.

74.20 (h) When the applicant is a government entity, the applicant must provide:

74.21 (1) the name of the government agency, political subdivision, or other unit of government  
74.22 seeking the license and the name of the program or services that will be licensed;

74.23 (2) the applicant's taxpayer identification numbers including the Minnesota tax  
74.24 identification number and federal employer identification number;

74.25 (3) a letter signed by the manager, administrator, or other executive of the government  
74.26 entity authorizing the submission of the license application; and

74.27 (4) if applicable, the applicant's NPI number and UMPI number.

74.28 ~~(h)~~ (i) At the time of application for licensure or renewal of a license under this chapter,  
74.29 the applicant or license holder must acknowledge on the form provided by the commissioner  
74.30 if the applicant or license holder elects to receive any public funding reimbursement from  
74.31 the commissioner for services provided under the license that:

75.1 (1) the applicant's or license holder's compliance with the provider enrollment agreement  
75.2 or registration requirements for receipt of public funding may be monitored by the  
75.3 commissioner as part of a licensing investigation or licensing inspection; and

75.4 (2) noncompliance with the provider enrollment agreement or registration requirements  
75.5 for receipt of public funding that is identified through a licensing investigation or licensing  
75.6 inspection, or noncompliance with a licensing requirement that is a basis of enrollment for  
75.7 reimbursement for a service, may result in:

75.8 (i) a correction order or a conditional license under section 245A.06, or sanctions under  
75.9 section 245A.07;

75.10 (ii) nonpayment of claims submitted by the license holder for public program  
75.11 reimbursement;

75.12 (iii) recovery of payments made for the service;

75.13 (iv) disenrollment in the public payment program; or

75.14 (v) other administrative, civil, or criminal penalties as provided by law.

75.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

75.16 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

75.17 Subd. 2. **Notification of affected municipality.** The commissioner must not issue a  
75.18 license under this chapter without giving 30 calendar days' written notice to the affected  
75.19 municipality or other political subdivision unless the program is considered a permitted  
75.20 single-family residential use under sections 245A.11 and 245A.14. The commissioner may  
75.21 provide notice through electronic communication. The notification must be given before  
75.22 the first issuance of a license under this chapter and annually after that time if annual  
75.23 notification is requested in writing by the affected municipality or other political subdivision.  
75.24 State funds must not be made available to or be spent by an agency or department of state,  
75.25 county, or municipal government for payment to a residential or nonresidential program  
75.26 licensed under this chapter until the provisions of this subdivision have been complied with  
75.27 in full. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to programs located in hospitals.

75.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

76.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

76.2 Subd. 4. **Inspections; waiver.** (a) Before issuing ~~an initial~~ a license under this chapter,  
76.3 the commissioner shall conduct an inspection of the program. The inspection must include  
76.4 but is not limited to:

76.5 (1) an inspection of the physical plant;

76.6 (2) an inspection of records and documents;

76.7 ~~(3) an evaluation of the program by consumers of the program;~~

76.8 ~~(4)~~ (3) observation of the program in operation; and

76.9 ~~(5)~~ (4) an inspection for the health, safety, and fire standards in licensing requirements  
76.10 for a child care license holder.

76.11 ~~For the purposes of this subdivision, "consumer" means a person who receives the~~  
76.12 ~~services of a licensed program, the person's legal guardian, or the parent or individual having~~  
76.13 ~~legal custody of a child who receives the services of a licensed program.~~

76.14 (b) ~~The evaluation required in paragraph (a), clause (3), or the observation in paragraph~~  
76.15 ~~(a), clause (4) (3), is not required prior to issuing an initial~~ a license under subdivision 7. If  
76.16 the commissioner issues an initial ~~under subdivision 7~~ this chapter, these  
76.17 requirements must be completed within one year after the issuance of ~~an initial~~ the license.

76.18 (c) Before completing a licensing inspection in a family child care program or child care  
76.19 center, the licensing agency must offer the license holder an exit interview to discuss  
76.20 violations or potential violations of law or rule observed during the inspection and offer  
76.21 technical assistance on how to comply with applicable laws and rules. ~~Nothing in this~~  
76.22 ~~paragraph limits the ability of the commissioner to issue a correction order or negative~~  
76.23 ~~action for violations of law or rule not discussed in an exit interview or in the event that a~~  
76.24 ~~license holder chooses not to participate in an exit interview.~~ The commissioner shall not  
76.25 issue a correction order or negative licensing action for violations of law or rule not discussed  
76.26 in an exit interview, unless a license holder chooses not to participate in an exit interview  
76.27 or not to complete the exit interview. If the license holder is unable to complete the exit  
76.28 interview, the licensing agency must offer an alternate time for the license holder to complete  
76.29 the exit interview.

76.30 (d) If a family child care license holder disputes a county licenser's interpretation of a  
76.31 licensing requirement during a licensing inspection or exit interview, the license holder  
76.32 may, within five business days after the exit interview or licensing inspection, request  
76.33 clarification from the commissioner, in writing, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.



77.1 The license holder's request must describe the county licensor's interpretation of the licensing  
 77.2 requirement at issue, and explain why the license holder believes the county licensor's  
 77.3 interpretation is inaccurate. The commissioner and the county must include the license  
 77.4 holder in all correspondence regarding the disputed interpretation, and must provide an  
 77.5 opportunity for the license holder to contribute relevant information that may impact the  
 77.6 commissioner's decision. The county licensor must not issue a correction order related to  
 77.7 the disputed licensing requirement until the commissioner has provided clarification to the  
 77.8 license holder about the licensing requirement.

77.9 ~~(d)~~ (e) The commissioner or the county shall inspect at least annually a child care provider  
 77.10 licensed under this chapter and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502 or 9503, for compliance  
 77.11 with applicable licensing standards.

77.12 ~~(e)~~ (f) No later than November 19, 2017, the commissioner shall make publicly available  
 77.13 on the department's website the results of inspection reports of all child care providers  
 77.14 licensed under this chapter and under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502 or 9503, and the  
 77.15 number of deaths, serious injuries, and instances of substantiated child maltreatment that  
 77.16 occurred in licensed child care settings each year.

77.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to paragraphs (a) and (b) are effective January  
 77.18 1, 2020. The amendments to paragraphs (c) to (f) are effective September 30, 2019.

77.19 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

77.20 Subd. 6. **Commissioner's evaluation.** (a) Before issuing, denying, suspending, revoking,  
 77.21 or making conditional a license, the commissioner shall evaluate information gathered under  
 77.22 this section. The commissioner's evaluation shall consider the applicable requirements of  
 77.23 statutes and rules for the program or services for which the applicant seeks a license,  
 77.24 including the disqualification standards set forth in chapter 245C, and shall evaluate facts,  
 77.25 conditions, or circumstances concerning:

77.26 (1) the program's operation;

77.27 (2) the well-being of persons served by the program;

77.28 (3) available consumer evaluations of the program, and by persons receiving services;

77.29 (4) information about the qualifications of the personnel employed by the applicant or  
 77.30 license holder; and

78.1 (5) the applicant's or license holder's ability to demonstrate competent knowledge of the  
 78.2 applicable requirements of statutes and rules, including this chapter and chapter 245C, for  
 78.3 which the applicant seeks a license or the license holder is licensed.

78.4 (b) The commissioner shall also evaluate the results of the study required in subdivision  
 78.5 3 and determine whether a risk of harm to the persons served by the program exists. In  
 78.6 conducting this evaluation, the commissioner shall apply the disqualification standards set  
 78.7 forth in chapter 245C.

78.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

78.9 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.04, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

78.10 Subd. 7. **Grant of license; license extension.** (a) If the commissioner determines that  
 78.11 the program complies with all applicable rules and laws, the commissioner shall issue a  
 78.12 license consistent with this section or, if applicable, a temporary change of ownership license  
 78.13 under section 245A.043. At minimum, the license shall state:

78.14 (1) the name of the license holder;

78.15 (2) the address of the program;

78.16 (3) the effective date and expiration date of the license;

78.17 (4) the type of license;

78.18 (5) the maximum number and ages of persons that may receive services from the program;

78.19 and

78.20 (6) any special conditions of licensure.

78.21 (b) The commissioner may issue ~~an initial~~ a license for a period not to exceed two years  
 78.22 if:

78.23 (1) the commissioner is unable to conduct the evaluation or observation required by  
 78.24 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), ~~clauses (3) and~~ clause (4), because the program is not yet  
 78.25 operational;

78.26 (2) certain records and documents are not available because persons are not yet receiving  
 78.27 services from the program; and

78.28 (3) the applicant complies with applicable laws and rules in all other respects.

78.29 (c) A decision by the commissioner to issue a license does not guarantee that any person  
 78.30 or persons will be placed or cared for in the licensed program. ~~A license shall not be~~

79.1 ~~transferable to another individual, corporation, partnership, voluntary association, other~~  
79.2 ~~organization, or controlling individual or to another location.~~

79.3 ~~(d) A license holder must notify the commissioner and obtain the commissioner's approval~~  
79.4 ~~before making any changes that would alter the license information listed under paragraph~~  
79.5 ~~(a).~~

79.6 ~~(e)~~ (d) Except as provided in paragraphs ~~(g)~~ (f) and ~~(h)~~ (g), the commissioner shall not  
79.7 issue or reissue a license if the applicant, license holder, or controlling individual has:

79.8 (1) been disqualified and the disqualification was not set aside and no variance has been  
79.9 granted;

79.10 (2) been denied a license under this chapter, within the past two years;

79.11 (3) had a license issued under this chapter revoked within the past five years;

79.12 (4) an outstanding debt related to a license fee, licensing fine, or settlement agreement  
79.13 for which payment is delinquent; or

79.14 (5) failed to submit the information required of an applicant under subdivision 1,  
79.15 paragraph (f) or (g), after being requested by the commissioner.

79.16 When a license issued under this chapter is revoked under clause (1) or (3), the license  
79.17 holder and controlling individual may not hold any license under chapter 245A ~~or 245D~~ for  
79.18 five years following the revocation, and other licenses held by the applicant, license holder,  
79.19 or controlling individual shall also be revoked.

79.20 ~~(f)~~ (e) The commissioner shall not issue or reissue a license under this chapter if an  
79.21 individual living in the household where the licensed services will be provided as specified  
79.22 under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, has been disqualified and the disqualification has not  
79.23 been set aside and no variance has been granted.

79.24 ~~(g)~~ (f) Pursuant to section 245A.07, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), when a license issued  
79.25 under this chapter has been suspended or revoked and the suspension or revocation is under  
79.26 appeal, the program may continue to operate pending a final order from the commissioner.  
79.27 If the license under suspension or revocation will expire before a final order is issued, a  
79.28 temporary provisional license may be issued provided any applicable license fee is paid  
79.29 before the temporary provisional license is issued.

79.30 ~~(h)~~ (g) Notwithstanding paragraph ~~(g)~~ (f), when a revocation is based on the  
79.31 disqualification of a controlling individual or license holder, and the controlling individual  
79.32 or license holder is ordered under section 245C.17 to be immediately removed from direct

80.1 contact with persons receiving services or is ordered to be under continuous, direct  
80.2 supervision when providing direct contact services, the program may continue to operate  
80.3 only if the program complies with the order and submits documentation demonstrating  
80.4 compliance with the order. If the disqualified individual fails to submit a timely request for  
80.5 reconsideration, or if the disqualification is not set aside and no variance is granted, the  
80.6 order to immediately remove the individual from direct contact or to be under continuous,  
80.7 direct supervision remains in effect pending the outcome of a hearing and final order from  
80.8 the commissioner.

80.9 ~~(h)~~ (h) For purposes of reimbursement for meals only, under the Child and Adult Care  
80.10 Food Program, Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, subtitle B, chapter II, subchapter A,  
80.11 part 226, relocation within the same county by a licensed family day care provider, shall  
80.12 be considered an extension of the license for a period of no more than 30 calendar days or  
80.13 until the new license is issued, whichever occurs first, provided the county agency has  
80.14 determined the family day care provider meets licensure requirements at the new location.

80.15 ~~(i)~~ (i) Unless otherwise specified by statute, all licenses issued under this chapter expire  
80.16 at 12:01 a.m. on the day after the expiration date stated on the license. A license holder must  
80.17 apply for and be granted a new license to operate the program or the program must not be  
80.18 operated after the expiration date.

80.19 ~~(j)~~ (j) The commissioner shall not issue or reissue a license under this chapter if it has  
80.20 been determined that a tribal licensing authority has established jurisdiction to license the  
80.21 program or service.

80.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

80.23 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.04, is amended by adding a subdivision  
80.24 to read:

80.25 **Subd. 7a. Notification required.** (a) A license holder must notify the commissioner, in  
80.26 a manner prescribed by the commissioner, and obtain the commissioner's approval before  
80.27 making any change that would alter the license information listed under subdivision 7,  
80.28 paragraph (a).

80.29 (b) A license holder must also notify the commissioner, in a manner prescribed by the  
80.30 commissioner, before making any change:

80.31 (1) to the license holder's authorized agent as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision  
80.32 3b;

81.1 (2) to the license holder's controlling individual as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision  
81.2 5a;

81.3 (3) to the license holder information on file with the secretary of state;

81.4 (4) in the location of the program or service licensed under this chapter; and

81.5 (5) to the federal or state tax identification number associated with the license holder.

81.6 (c) When, for reasons beyond the license holder's control, a license holder cannot provide  
81.7 the commissioner with prior notice of the changes in paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (3), the  
81.8 license holder must notify the commissioner by the tenth business day after the change and  
81.9 must provide any additional information requested by the commissioner.

81.10 (d) When a license holder notifies the commissioner of a change to the license holder  
81.11 information on file with the secretary of state, the license holder must provide amended  
81.12 articles of incorporation and other documentation of the change.

81.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

81.14 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.04, is amended by adding a subdivision  
81.15 to read:

81.16 **Subd. 9a. Child foster home variances for capacity.** (a) The commissioner, or the  
81.17 commissioner of corrections under section 241.021, may grant a variance for a licensed  
81.18 family foster parent to allow additional foster children if:

81.19 (1) the variance is needed to allow: (i) a parenting youth in foster care to remain with  
81.20 the child of the parenting youth; (ii) siblings to remain together; (iii) a child with an  
81.21 established meaningful relationship with the family to remain with the family; or (iv) a  
81.22 family with special training or skills to provide care to a child who has a severe disability;

81.23 (2) there is no risk of harm to a child currently in the home;

81.24 (3) the structural characteristics of the home, including sleeping space, accommodates  
81.25 additional foster children;

81.26 (4) the home remains in compliance with applicable zoning, health, fire, and building  
81.27 codes; and

81.28 (5) the statement of intended use specifies conditions for an exception to capacity limits  
81.29 and specifies how the license holder will maintain a ratio of adults to children that ensures  
81.30 the safety and appropriate supervision of all the children in the home.

82.1 (b) A variance granted to a family foster home under Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3030,  
82.2 subpart 3, prior to October 1, 2019, remains in effect until January 1, 2020.

82.3 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.04, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

82.4 Subd. 10. **Adoption agency; additional requirements.** In addition to the other  
82.5 requirements of this section, an individual, ~~corporation, partnership, voluntary association,~~  
82.6 ~~other~~ or organization, or controlling individual applying for a license to place children for  
82.7 adoption must:

82.8 (1) incorporate as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 317A;

82.9 (2) file with the application for licensure a copy of the disclosure form required under  
82.10 section 259.37, subdivision 2;

82.11 (3) provide evidence that a bond has been obtained and will be continuously maintained  
82.12 throughout the entire operating period of the agency, to cover the cost of transfer of records  
82.13 to and storage of records by the agency which has agreed, according to rule established by  
82.14 the commissioner, to receive the applicant agency's records if the applicant agency voluntarily  
82.15 or involuntarily ceases operation and fails to provide for proper transfer of the records. The  
82.16 bond must be made in favor of the agency which has agreed to receive the records; and

82.17 (4) submit a certified audit to the commissioner each year the license is renewed as  
82.18 required under section 245A.03, subdivision 1.

82.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

82.20 Sec. 30. **[245A.043] LICENSE APPLICATION AFTER CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.**

82.21 Subdivision 1. **Transfer prohibited.** A license issued under this chapter is only valid  
82.22 for a premises and individual, organization, or government entity identified by the  
82.23 commissioner on the license. A license is not transferable or assignable.

82.24 Subd. 2. **Change in ownership.** (a) If the commissioner determines that there is a change  
82.25 in ownership, the commissioner shall require submission of a new license application. This  
82.26 subdivision does not apply to a licensed program or service located in a home where the  
82.27 license holder resides. A change in ownership occurs when:

82.28 (1) the license holder sells or transfers 100 percent of the property, stock, or assets;

82.29 (2) the license holder merges with another organization;

82.30 (3) the license holder consolidates with two or more organizations, resulting in the  
82.31 creation of a new organization;

83.1 (4) there is a change to the federal tax identification number associated with the license  
83.2 holder; or

83.3 (5) all controlling individuals associated with the original application have changed.

83.4 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (5), no change in ownership has  
83.5 occurred if at least one controlling individual has been listed as a controlling individual for  
83.6 the license for at least the previous 12 months.

83.7 Subd. 3. **Change of ownership process.** (a) When a change in ownership is proposed  
83.8 and the party intends to assume operation without an interruption in service longer than 60  
83.9 days after acquiring the program or service, the license holder must provide the commissioner  
83.10 with written notice of the proposed change on a form provided by the commissioner at least  
83.11 60 days before the anticipated date of the change in ownership. For purposes of this  
83.12 subdivision and subdivision 4, "party" means the party that intends to operate the service  
83.13 or program.

83.14 (b) The party must submit a license application under this chapter on the form and in  
83.15 the manner prescribed by the commissioner at least 30 days before the change in ownership  
83.16 is complete, and must include documentation to support the upcoming change. The party  
83.17 must comply with background study requirements under chapter 245C and shall pay the  
83.18 application fee required under section 245A.10. A party that intends to assume operation  
83.19 without an interruption in service longer than 60 days after acquiring the program or service  
83.20 is exempt from the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 9530.6800.

83.21 (c) The commissioner may streamline application procedures when the party is an existing  
83.22 license holder under this chapter and is acquiring a program licensed under this chapter or  
83.23 service in the same service class as one or more licensed programs or services the party  
83.24 operates and those licenses are in substantial compliance. For purposes of this subdivision,  
83.25 "substantial compliance" means within the previous 12 months the commissioner did not  
83.26 (1) issue a sanction under section 245A.07 against a license held by the party, or (2) make  
83.27 a license held by the party conditional according to section 245A.06.

83.28 (d) Except when a temporary change in ownership license is issued pursuant to  
83.29 subdivision 4, the existing license holder is solely responsible for operating the program  
83.30 according to applicable laws and rules until a license under this chapter is issued to the  
83.31 party.

83.32 (e) If a licensing inspection of the program or service was conducted within the previous  
83.33 12 months and the existing license holder's record demonstrates substantial compliance with  
83.34 the applicable licensing requirements, the commissioner may waive the party's inspection

84.1 required by section 245A.04, subdivision 4. The party must submit to the commissioner (1)  
84.2 proof that the premises was inspected by a fire marshal or that the fire marshal deemed an  
84.3 inspection was not warranted, and (2) proof that the premises was inspected for compliance  
84.4 with the building code or no inspection was deemed warranted.

84.5 (f) If the party is seeking a license for a program or service that has an outstanding action  
84.6 under section 245A.06 or 245A.07, the party must submit a letter as part of the application  
84.7 process identifying how the party has or will come into full compliance with the licensing  
84.8 requirements.

84.9 (g) The commissioner shall evaluate the party's application according to section 245A.04,  
84.10 subdivision 6. If the commissioner determines that the party has remedied or demonstrates  
84.11 the ability to remedy the outstanding actions under section 245A.06 or 245A.07 and has  
84.12 determined that the program otherwise complies with all applicable laws and rules, the  
84.13 commissioner shall issue a license or conditional license under this chapter. The conditional  
84.14 license remains in effect until the commissioner determines that the grounds for the action  
84.15 are corrected or no longer exist.

84.16 (h) The commissioner may deny an application as provided in section 245A.05. An  
84.17 applicant whose application was denied by the commissioner may appeal the denial according  
84.18 to section 245A.05.

84.19 (i) This subdivision does not apply to a licensed program or service located in a home  
84.20 where the license holder resides.

84.21 Subd. 4. **Temporary change in ownership license.** (a) After receiving the party's  
84.22 application pursuant to subdivision 3, upon the written request of the existing license holder  
84.23 and the party, the commissioner may issue a temporary change in ownership license to the  
84.24 party while the commissioner evaluates the party's application. Until a decision is made to  
84.25 grant or deny a license under this chapter, the existing license holder and the party shall  
84.26 both be responsible for operating the program or service according to applicable laws and  
84.27 rules, and the sale or transfer of the existing license holder's ownership interest in the licensed  
84.28 program or service does not terminate the existing license.

84.29 (b) The commissioner may issue a temporary change in ownership license when a license  
84.30 holder's death, divorce, or other event affects the ownership of the program and an applicant  
84.31 seeks to assume operation of the program or service to ensure continuity of the program or  
84.32 service while a license application is evaluated.

84.33 (c) This subdivision applies to any program or service licensed under this chapter.



85.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

85.2 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.05, is amended to read:

85.3 **245A.05 DENIAL OF APPLICATION.**

85.4 (a) The commissioner may deny a license if an applicant or controlling individual:

85.5 (1) fails to submit a substantially complete application after receiving notice from the  
85.6 commissioner under section 245A.04, subdivision 1;

85.7 (2) fails to comply with applicable laws or rules;

85.8 (3) knowingly withholds relevant information from or gives false or misleading  
85.9 information to the commissioner in connection with an application for a license or during  
85.10 an investigation;

85.11 (4) has a disqualification that has not been set aside under section 245C.22 and no  
85.12 variance has been granted;

85.13 (5) has an individual living in the household who received a background study under  
85.14 section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), who has a disqualification that  
85.15 has not been set aside under section 245C.22, and no variance has been granted;

85.16 (6) is associated with an individual who received a background study under section  
85.17 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (6), who may have unsupervised access to  
85.18 children or vulnerable adults, and who has a disqualification that has not been set aside  
85.19 under section 245C.22, and no variance has been granted; ~~or~~

85.20 (7) fails to comply with section 245A.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (f) or (g);<sub>2</sub>

85.21 (8) fails to demonstrate competent knowledge as required by section 245A.04, subdivision  
85.22 6;

85.23 (9) has a history of noncompliance as a license holder or controlling individual with  
85.24 applicable laws or rules, including but not limited to this chapter and chapters 119B and  
85.25 245C;

85.26 (10) is prohibited from holding a license according to section 245.095; or

85.27 (11) for family child foster care, has nondisqualifying background study information,  
85.28 as described in section 245C.05, subdivision 4, that reflects on the individual's ability to  
85.29 safely provide care to foster children.

85.30 (b) An applicant whose application has been denied by the commissioner must be given  
85.31 notice of the denial, which must state the reasons for the denial in plain language. Notice

86.1 must be given by certified mail or personal service. The notice must state the reasons the  
86.2 application was denied and must inform the applicant of the right to a contested case hearing  
86.3 under chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8505 to 1400.8612. The applicant may  
86.4 appeal the denial by notifying the commissioner in writing by certified mail or personal  
86.5 service. If mailed, the appeal must be postmarked and sent to the commissioner within 20  
86.6 calendar days after the applicant received the notice of denial. If an appeal request is made  
86.7 by personal service, it must be received by the commissioner within 20 calendar days after  
86.8 the applicant received the notice of denial. Section 245A.08 applies to hearings held to  
86.9 appeal the commissioner's denial of an application.

86.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, except paragraph (a),  
86.11 clause (11), is effective March 1, 2020.

86.12 **Sec. 32. [245A.055] CLOSING A LICENSE.**

86.13 Subdivision 1. **Inactive programs.** The commissioner shall close a license if the  
86.14 commissioner determines that a licensed program has not been serving any client for a  
86.15 consecutive period of 12 months or longer. The license holder is not prohibited from  
86.16 reapplying for a license if the license holder's license was closed under this chapter.

86.17 Subd. 2. **Reconsideration of closure.** If a license is closed, the commissioner must  
86.18 notify the license holder of closure by certified mail or personal service. If mailed, the notice  
86.19 of closure must be mailed to the last known address of the license holder and must inform  
86.20 the license holder why the license was closed and that the license holder has the right to  
86.21 request reconsideration of the closure. If the license holder believes that the license was  
86.22 closed in error, the license holder may ask the commissioner to reconsider the closure. The  
86.23 license holder's request for reconsideration must be made in writing and must include  
86.24 documentation that the licensed program has served a client in the previous 12 months. The  
86.25 request for reconsideration must be postmarked and sent to the commissioner within 20  
86.26 calendar days after the license holder receives the notice of closure. A timely request for  
86.27 reconsideration stays imposition of the license closure until the commissioner issues a  
86.28 decision on the request for reconsideration.

86.29 Subd. 3. **Reconsideration final.** The commissioner's disposition of a request for  
86.30 reconsideration is final and not subject to appeal under chapter 14.

86.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

87.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.2 Subdivision 1. **Sanctions; appeals; license.** (a) In addition to making a license conditional  
87.3 under section 245A.06, the commissioner may suspend or revoke the license, impose a fine,  
87.4 or secure an injunction against the continuing operation of the program of a license holder  
87.5 who does not comply with applicable law or rule or who has nondisqualifying background  
87.6 study information, as described in section 245C.05, subdivision 4, that reflects on the license  
87.7 holder's ability to safely provide care to foster children. When applying sanctions authorized  
87.8 under this section, the commissioner shall consider the nature, chronicity, or severity of the  
87.9 violation of law or rule and the effect of the violation on the health, safety, or rights of  
87.10 persons served by the program.

87.11 (b) If a license holder appeals the suspension or revocation of a license and the license  
87.12 holder continues to operate the program pending a final order on the appeal, the commissioner  
87.13 shall issue the license holder a temporary provisional license. Unless otherwise specified  
87.14 by the commissioner, variances in effect on the date of the license sanction under appeal  
87.15 continue under the temporary provisional license. If a license holder fails to comply with  
87.16 applicable law or rule while operating under a temporary provisional license, the  
87.17 commissioner may impose additional sanctions under this section and section 245A.06, and  
87.18 may terminate any prior variance. If a temporary provisional license is set to expire, a new  
87.19 temporary provisional license shall be issued to the license holder upon payment of any fee  
87.20 required under section 245A.10. The temporary provisional license shall expire on the date  
87.21 the final order is issued. If the license holder prevails on the appeal, a new nonprovisional  
87.22 license shall be issued for the remainder of the current license period.

87.23 (c) If a license holder is under investigation and the license issued under this chapter is  
87.24 due to expire before completion of the investigation, the program shall be issued a new  
87.25 license upon completion of the reapplication requirements and payment of any applicable  
87.26 license fee. Upon completion of the investigation, a licensing sanction may be imposed  
87.27 against the new license under this section, section 245A.06, or 245A.08.

87.28 (d) Failure to reapply or closure of a license issued under this chapter by the license  
87.29 holder prior to the completion of any investigation shall not preclude the commissioner  
87.30 from issuing a licensing sanction under this section, or section 245A.06, ~~or 245A.08~~ at the  
87.31 conclusion of the investigation.

87.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective March 1, 2020. Paragraphs (c) and (d)  
87.33 are effective January 1, 2020.

88.1 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

88.2 Subd. 2. **Temporary immediate suspension.** (a) The commissioner shall act immediately  
88.3 to temporarily suspend a license issued under this chapter if:

88.4 (1) the license holder's actions or failure to comply with applicable law or rule, or the  
88.5 actions of other individuals or conditions in the program, pose an imminent risk of harm to  
88.6 the health, safety, or rights of persons served by the program; ~~or~~

88.7 (2) while the program continues to operate pending an appeal of an order of revocation,  
88.8 the commissioner identifies one or more subsequent violations of law or rule which may  
88.9 adversely affect the health or safety of persons served by the program; or

88.10 (3) the license holder is criminally charged in state or federal court with an offense that  
88.11 involves fraud or theft against a program administered by the commissioner.

88.12 (b) No state funds shall be made available or be expended by any agency or department  
88.13 of state, county, or municipal government for use by a license holder regulated under this  
88.14 chapter while a license issued under this chapter is under immediate suspension. A notice  
88.15 stating the reasons for the immediate suspension and informing the license holder of the  
88.16 right to an expedited hearing under chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8505 to  
88.17 1400.8612, must be delivered by personal service to the address shown on the application  
88.18 or the last known address of the license holder. The license holder may appeal an order  
88.19 immediately suspending a license. The appeal of an order immediately suspending a license  
88.20 must be made in writing by certified mail ~~or~~, personal service, or other means expressly set  
88.21 forth in the commissioner's order. If mailed, the appeal must be postmarked and sent to the  
88.22 commissioner within five calendar days after the license holder receives notice that the  
88.23 license has been immediately suspended. If a request is made by personal service, it must  
88.24 be received by the commissioner within five calendar days after the license holder received  
88.25 the order. A license holder and any controlling individual shall discontinue operation of the  
88.26 program upon receipt of the commissioner's order to immediately suspend the license.

88.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

88.28 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.07, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

88.29 Subd. 2a. **Immediate suspension expedited hearing.** (a) Within five working days of  
88.30 receipt of the license holder's timely appeal, the commissioner shall request assignment of  
88.31 an administrative law judge. The request must include a proposed date, time, and place of  
88.32 a hearing. A hearing must be conducted by an administrative law judge within 30 calendar  
88.33 days of the request for assignment, unless an extension is requested by either party and

89.1 granted by the administrative law judge for good cause. The commissioner shall issue a  
89.2 notice of hearing by certified mail or personal service at least ten working days before the  
89.3 hearing. The scope of the hearing shall be limited solely to the issue of whether the temporary  
89.4 immediate suspension should remain in effect pending the commissioner's final order under  
89.5 section 245A.08, regarding a licensing sanction issued under subdivision 3 following the  
89.6 immediate suspension. For suspensions under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1), the  
89.7 burden of proof in expedited hearings under this subdivision shall be limited to the  
89.8 commissioner's demonstration that reasonable cause exists to believe that the license holder's  
89.9 actions or failure to comply with applicable law or rule poses, or the actions of other  
89.10 individuals or conditions in the program poses an imminent risk of harm to the health, safety,  
89.11 or rights of persons served by the program. "Reasonable cause" means there exist specific  
89.12 articulable facts or circumstances which provide the commissioner with a reasonable  
89.13 suspicion that there is an imminent risk of harm to the health, safety, or rights of persons  
89.14 served by the program. When the commissioner has determined there is reasonable cause  
89.15 to order the temporary immediate suspension of a license based on a violation of safe sleep  
89.16 requirements, as defined in section 245A.1435, the commissioner is not required to  
89.17 demonstrate that an infant died or was injured as a result of the safe sleep violations. For  
89.18 suspensions under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (2), the burden of proof in expedited  
89.19 hearings under this subdivision shall be limited to the commissioner's demonstration by a  
89.20 preponderance of the evidence that, since the license was revoked, the license holder  
89.21 committed additional violations of law or rule which may adversely affect the health or  
89.22 safety of persons served by the program.

89.23 (b) The administrative law judge shall issue findings of fact, conclusions, and a  
89.24 recommendation within ten working days from the date of hearing. The parties shall have  
89.25 ten calendar days to submit exceptions to the administrative law judge's report. The record  
89.26 shall close at the end of the ten-day period for submission of exceptions. The commissioner's  
89.27 final order shall be issued within ten working days from the close of the record. When an  
89.28 appeal of a temporary immediate suspension is withdrawn or dismissed, the commissioner  
89.29 shall issue a final order affirming the temporary immediate suspension within ten calendar  
89.30 days of the commissioner's receipt of the withdrawal or dismissal. Within 90 calendar days  
89.31 after a final order affirming an immediate suspension, the commissioner shall make a  
89.32 determination regarding whether a final licensing sanction shall be issued under subdivision  
89.33 3. The license holder shall continue to be prohibited from operation of the program during  
89.34 this 90-day period.

90.1 (c) When the final order under paragraph (b) affirms an immediate suspension, and a  
90.2 final licensing sanction is issued under subdivision 3 and the license holder appeals that  
90.3 sanction, the license holder continues to be prohibited from operation of the program pending  
90.4 a final commissioner's order under section 245A.08, subdivision 5, regarding the final  
90.5 licensing sanction.

90.6 (d) For suspensions under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), the burden of proof  
90.7 in expedited hearings under this subdivision shall be limited to the commissioner's  
90.8 demonstration by a preponderance of the evidence that a criminal complaint and warrant  
90.9 or summons was issued for the license holder that was not dismissed, and that the criminal  
90.10 charge is an offense that involves fraud or theft against a program administered by the  
90.11 commissioner.

90.12 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

90.13 Subd. 3. **License suspension, revocation, or fine.** (a) The commissioner may suspend  
90.14 or revoke a license, or impose a fine if:

90.15 (1) a license holder fails to comply fully with applicable laws or rules including but not  
90.16 limited to the requirements of this chapter and chapter 245C;

90.17 (2) a license holder, a controlling individual, or an individual living in the household  
90.18 where the licensed services are provided or is otherwise subject to a background study has  
90.19 a been disqualified and the disqualification which has was not been set aside under section  
90.20 245C.22 and no variance has been granted;

90.21 (3) a license holder knowingly withholds relevant information from or gives false or  
90.22 misleading information to the commissioner in connection with an application for a license,  
90.23 in connection with the background study status of an individual, during an investigation,  
90.24 or regarding compliance with applicable laws or rules; ~~or~~

90.25 (4) ~~after July 1, 2012, and upon request by the commissioner, a license holder fails to~~  
90.26 ~~submit the information required of an applicant under section 245A.04, subdivision 1,~~  
90.27 ~~paragraph (f) or (g);~~ a license holder is excluded from any program administered by the  
90.28 commissioner under section 245.095; or

90.29 (5) revocation is required under section 245A.04, subdivision 7, paragraph (d).

90.30 A license holder who has had a license issued under this chapter suspended, revoked,  
90.31 or has been ordered to pay a fine must be given notice of the action by certified mail or  
90.32 personal service. If mailed, the notice must be mailed to the address shown on the application

91.1 or the last known address of the license holder. The notice must state in plain language the  
91.2 reasons the license was suspended or revoked, or a fine was ordered.

91.3 (b) If the license was suspended or revoked, the notice must inform the license holder  
91.4 of the right to a contested case hearing under chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules, parts  
91.5 1400.8505 to 1400.8612. The license holder may appeal an order suspending or revoking  
91.6 a license. The appeal of an order suspending or revoking a license must be made in writing  
91.7 by certified mail or personal service. If mailed, the appeal must be postmarked and sent to  
91.8 the commissioner within ten calendar days after the license holder receives notice that the  
91.9 license has been suspended or revoked. If a request is made by personal service, it must be  
91.10 received by the commissioner within ten calendar days after the license holder received the  
91.11 order. Except as provided in subdivision 2a, paragraph (c), if a license holder submits a  
91.12 timely appeal of an order suspending or revoking a license, the license holder may continue  
91.13 to operate the program as provided in section 245A.04, subdivision 7, paragraphs ~~(g)~~ (f)  
91.14 and ~~(h)~~ (g), until the commissioner issues a final order on the suspension or revocation.

91.15 (c)(1) If the license holder was ordered to pay a fine, the notice must inform the license  
91.16 holder of the responsibility for payment of fines and the right to a contested case hearing  
91.17 under chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8505 to 1400.8612. The appeal of an  
91.18 order to pay a fine must be made in writing by certified mail or personal service. If mailed,  
91.19 the appeal must be postmarked and sent to the commissioner within ten calendar days after  
91.20 the license holder receives notice that the fine has been ordered. If a request is made by  
91.21 personal service, it must be received by the commissioner within ten calendar days after  
91.22 the license holder received the order.

91.23 (2) The license holder shall pay the fines assessed on or before the payment date specified.  
91.24 If the license holder fails to fully comply with the order, the commissioner may issue a  
91.25 second fine or suspend the license until the license holder complies. If the license holder  
91.26 receives state funds, the state, county, or municipal agencies or departments responsible for  
91.27 administering the funds shall withhold payments and recover any payments made while the  
91.28 license is suspended for failure to pay a fine. A timely appeal shall stay payment of the fine  
91.29 until the commissioner issues a final order.

91.30 (3) A license holder shall promptly notify the commissioner of human services, in writing,  
91.31 when a violation specified in the order to forfeit a fine is corrected. If upon reinspection the  
91.32 commissioner determines that a violation has not been corrected as indicated by the order  
91.33 to forfeit a fine, the commissioner may issue a second fine. The commissioner shall notify  
91.34 the license holder by certified mail or personal service that a second fine has been assessed.  
91.35 The license holder may appeal the second fine as provided under this subdivision.

92.1 (4) Fines shall be assessed as follows:

92.2 (i) the license holder shall forfeit \$1,000 for each determination of maltreatment of a  
92.3 child under section 626.556 or the maltreatment of a vulnerable adult under section 626.557  
92.4 for which the license holder is determined responsible for the maltreatment under section  
92.5 626.556, subdivision 10e, paragraph (i), or 626.557, subdivision 9c, paragraph (c);

92.6 (ii) if the commissioner determines that a determination of maltreatment for which the  
92.7 license holder is responsible is the result of maltreatment that meets the definition of serious  
92.8 maltreatment as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 18, the license holder shall forfeit  
92.9 \$5,000;

92.10 (iii) for a program that operates out of the license holder's home and a program licensed  
92.11 under Minnesota Rules, parts 9502.0300 to ~~9502.0495~~ 9502.0445, the fine assessed against  
92.12 the license holder shall not exceed \$1,000 for each determination of maltreatment;

92.13 (iv) the license holder shall forfeit \$200 for each occurrence of a violation of law or rule  
92.14 governing matters of health, safety, or supervision, including but not limited to the provision  
92.15 of adequate staff-to-child or adult ratios, and failure to comply with background study  
92.16 requirements under chapter 245C; and

92.17 (v) the license holder shall forfeit \$100 for each occurrence of a violation of law or rule  
92.18 other than those subject to a \$5,000, \$1,000, or \$200 fine in items (i) to (iv).

92.19 For purposes of this section, "occurrence" means each violation identified in the  
92.20 commissioner's fine order. Fines assessed against a license holder that holds a license to  
92.21 provide home and community-based services, as identified in section 245D.03, subdivision  
92.22 1, and a community residential setting or day services facility license under chapter 245D  
92.23 where the services are provided, may be assessed against both licenses for the same  
92.24 occurrence, but the combined amount of the fines shall not exceed the amount specified in  
92.25 this clause for that occurrence.

92.26 (5) When a fine has been assessed, the license holder may not avoid payment by closing,  
92.27 selling, or otherwise transferring the licensed program to a third party. In such an event, the  
92.28 license holder will be personally liable for payment. In the case of a corporation, each  
92.29 controlling individual is personally and jointly liable for payment.

92.30 (d) Except for background study violations involving the failure to comply with an order  
92.31 to immediately remove an individual or an order to provide continuous, direct supervision,  
92.32 the commissioner shall not issue a fine under paragraph (c) relating to a background study  
92.33 violation to a license holder who self-corrects a background study violation before the



93.1 commissioner discovers the violation. A license holder who has previously exercised the  
 93.2 provisions of this paragraph to avoid a fine for a background study violation may not avoid  
 93.3 a fine for a subsequent background study violation unless at least 365 days have passed  
 93.4 since the license holder self-corrected the earlier background study violation.

93.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

93.6 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

93.7 Subd. 4. **License or certification fee for certain programs.** (a) Child care centers shall  
 93.8 pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the following schedule:

93.9 Licensed Capacity	Child Care Center License Fee
93.10 1 to 24 persons	\$200
93.11 25 to 49 persons	\$300
93.12 50 to 74 persons	\$400
93.13 75 to 99 persons	\$500
93.14 100 to 124 persons	\$600
93.15 125 to 149 persons	\$700
93.16 150 to 174 persons	\$800
93.17 175 to 199 persons	\$900
93.18 200 to 224 persons	\$1,000
93.19 225 or more persons	\$1,100

93.21 (b)(1) A program licensed to provide one or more of the home and community-based  
 93.22 services and supports identified under chapter 245D to persons with disabilities or age 65  
 93.23 and older, shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on revenues derived from  
 93.24 the provision of services that would require licensure under chapter 245D during the calendar  
 93.25 year immediately preceding the year in which the license fee is paid, according to the  
 93.26 following schedule:

93.27 License Holder Annual Revenue	License Fee
93.28 less than or equal to \$10,000	<del>\$200</del> <u>\$240</u>
93.29 greater than \$10,000 but less than or 93.30 equal to \$25,000	<del>\$300</del> <u>\$360</u>
93.31 greater than \$25,000 but less than or 93.32 equal to \$50,000	<del>\$400</del> <u>\$480</u>
93.33 greater than \$50,000 but less than or 93.34 equal to \$100,000	<del>\$500</del> <u>\$600</u>
93.35 greater than \$100,000 but less than or 93.36 equal to \$150,000	<del>\$600</del> <u>\$720</u>

94.1	greater than \$150,000 but less than or	
94.2	equal to \$200,000	<del>\$800</del> <u>\$960</u>
94.3	greater than \$200,000 but less than or	
94.4	equal to \$250,000	<del>\$1,000</del> <u>\$1,200</u>
94.5	greater than \$250,000 but less than or	
94.6	equal to \$300,000	<del>\$1,200</del> <u>\$1,440</u>
94.7	greater than \$300,000 but less than or	
94.8	equal to \$350,000	<del>\$1,400</del> <u>\$1,680</u>
94.9	greater than \$350,000 but less than or	
94.10	equal to \$400,000	<del>\$1,600</del> <u>\$1,920</u>
94.11	greater than \$400,000 but less than or	
94.12	equal to \$450,000	<del>\$1,800</del> <u>\$2,160</u>
94.13	greater than \$450,000 but less than or	
94.14	equal to \$500,000	<del>\$2,000</del> <u>\$2,400</u>
94.15	greater than \$500,000 but less than or	
94.16	equal to \$600,000	<del>\$2,250</del> <u>\$2,700</u>
94.17	greater than \$600,000 but less than or	
94.18	equal to \$700,000	<del>\$2,500</del> <u>\$3,000</u>
94.19	greater than \$700,000 but less than or	
94.20	equal to \$800,000	<del>\$2,750</del> <u>\$3,300</u>
94.21	greater than \$800,000 but less than or	
94.22	equal to \$900,000	<del>\$3,000</del> <u>\$3,600</u>
94.23	greater than \$900,000 but less than or	
94.24	equal to \$1,000,000	<del>\$3,250</del> <u>\$3,900</u>
94.25	greater than \$1,000,000 but less than or	
94.26	equal to \$1,250,000	<del>\$3,500</del> <u>\$4,200</u>
94.27	greater than \$1,250,000 but less than or	
94.28	equal to \$1,500,000	<del>\$3,750</del> <u>\$4,500</u>
94.29	greater than \$1,500,000 but less than or	
94.30	equal to \$1,750,000	<del>\$4,000</del> <u>\$4,800</u>
94.31	greater than \$1,750,000 but less than or	
94.32	equal to \$2,000,000	<del>\$4,250</del> <u>\$5,100</u>
94.33	greater than \$2,000,000 but less than or	
94.34	equal to \$2,500,000	<del>\$4,500</del> <u>\$5,400</u>
94.35	greater than \$2,500,000 but less than or	
94.36	equal to \$3,000,000	<del>\$4,750</del> <u>\$5,700</u>
94.37	greater than \$3,000,000 but less than or	
94.38	equal to \$3,500,000	<del>\$5,000</del> <u>\$6,000</u>
94.39	greater than \$3,500,000 but less than or	
94.40	equal to \$4,000,000	<del>\$5,500</del> <u>\$6,600</u>
94.41	greater than \$4,000,000 but less than or	
94.42	equal to \$4,500,000	<del>\$6,000</del> <u>\$7,200</u>
94.43	greater than \$4,500,000 but less than or	
94.44	equal to \$5,000,000	<del>\$6,500</del> <u>\$7,800</u>
94.45	greater than \$5,000,000 but less than or	
94.46	equal to \$7,500,000	<del>\$7,000</del> <u>\$9,000</u>

95.1	greater than \$7,500,000 but less than or	
95.2	equal to \$10,000,000	<del>\$8,500</del> <u>\$13,500</u>
95.3	greater than \$10,000,000 but less than or	
95.4	equal to \$12,500,000	<del>\$10,000</del> <u>\$18,000</u>
95.5	greater than \$12,500,000 but less than or	
95.6	equal to \$15,000,000	<del>\$14,000</del> <u>\$22,500</u>
95.7	greater than \$15,000,000 but less than or	
95.8	<u>equal to \$17,500,000</u>	<del>\$18,000</del> <u>\$27,000</u>
95.9	<u>greater than \$17,500,000 but less than or</u>	
95.10	<u>equal to \$20,000,000</u>	<u>\$31,500</u>
95.11	<u>greater than \$20,000,000 but less than or</u>	
95.12	<u>equal to \$25,000,000</u>	<u>\$36,000</u>
95.13	<u>greater than \$25,000,000 but less than or</u>	
95.14	<u>equal to \$30,000,000</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>
95.15	<u>greater than \$30,000,000 but less than or</u>	
95.16	<u>equal to \$35,000,000</u>	<u>\$54,000</u>
95.17	<u>greater than \$35,000,000 but less than or</u>	
95.18	<u>equal to \$40,000,000</u>	<u>\$63,000</u>
95.19	<u>greater than \$40,000,000</u>	<u>\$72,000</u>

95.20 (2) If requested, the license holder shall provide the commissioner information to verify  
 95.21 the license holder's annual revenues or other information as needed, including copies of  
 95.22 documents submitted to the Department of Revenue.

95.23 (3) At each annual renewal, a license holder may elect to pay the highest renewal fee,  
 95.24 and not provide annual revenue information to the commissioner.

95.25 (4) A license holder that knowingly provides the commissioner incorrect revenue amounts  
 95.26 for the purpose of paying a lower license fee shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount  
 95.27 of double the fee the provider should have paid.

95.28 ~~(5) Notwithstanding clause (1), a license holder providing services under one or more~~  
 95.29 ~~licenses under chapter 245B that are in effect on May 15, 2013, shall pay an annual license~~  
 95.30 ~~fee for calendar years 2014, 2015, and 2016, equal to the total license fees paid by the license~~  
 95.31 ~~holder for all licenses held under chapter 245B for calendar year 2013. For calendar year~~  
 95.32 ~~2017 and thereafter, the license holder shall pay an annual license fee according to clause~~  
 95.33 ~~(1).~~

95.34 (c) A chemical dependency treatment program licensed under chapter 245G, to provide  
 95.35 chemical dependency treatment shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the  
 95.36 following schedule:

95.37	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
95.38	1 to 24 persons	\$600

96.1	25 to 49 persons	\$800
96.2	50 to 74 persons	\$1,000
96.3	75 to 99 persons	\$1,200
96.4	100 or more persons	\$1,400

96.5 (d) A chemical dependency program licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6510  
 96.6 to 9530.6590, to provide detoxification services shall pay an annual nonrefundable license  
 96.7 fee based on the following schedule:

96.8	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
96.9	1 to 24 persons	\$760
96.10	25 to 49 persons	\$960
96.11	50 or more persons	\$1,160

96.12 (e) Except for child foster care, a residential facility licensed under Minnesota Rules,  
 96.13 chapter 2960, to serve children shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the  
 96.14 following schedule:

96.15	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
96.16	1 to 24 persons	\$1,000
96.17	25 to 49 persons	\$1,100
96.18	50 to 74 persons	\$1,200
96.19	75 to 99 persons	\$1,300
96.20	100 or more persons	\$1,400

96.21 (f) A residential facility licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670,  
 96.22 to serve persons with mental illness shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on  
 96.23 the following schedule:

96.24	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
96.25	1 to 24 persons	\$2,525
96.26	25 or more persons	\$2,725

96.27 (g) A residential facility licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9570.2000 to 9570.3400,  
 96.28 to serve persons with physical disabilities shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee  
 96.29 based on the following schedule:

96.30	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
96.31	1 to 24 persons	\$450
96.32	25 to 49 persons	\$650
96.33	50 to 74 persons	\$850

97.1	75 to 99 persons	\$1,050
97.2	100 or more persons	\$1,250

97.3 (h) A program licensed to provide independent living assistance for youth under section  
 97.4 245A.22 shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee of \$1,500.

97.5 (i) A private agency licensed to provide foster care and adoption services under Minnesota  
 97.6 Rules, parts 9545.0755 to 9545.0845, shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee of \$875.

97.7 (j) A program licensed as an adult day care center licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts  
 97.8 9555.9600 to 9555.9730, shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the  
 97.9 following schedule:

	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
97.10	1 to 24 persons	\$500
97.11	25 to 49 persons	\$700
97.12	50 to 74 persons	\$900
97.13	75 to 99 persons	\$1,100
97.14	100 or more persons	\$1,300

97.16 (k) A program licensed to provide treatment services to persons with sexual psychopathic  
 97.17 personalities or sexually dangerous persons under Minnesota Rules, parts 9515.3000 to  
 97.18 9515.3110, shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee of \$20,000.

97.19 (l) A mental health center or mental health clinic requesting certification for purposes  
 97.20 of insurance and subscriber contract reimbursement under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0750  
 97.21 to 9520.0870, shall pay a certification fee of \$1,550 per year. If the mental health center or  
 97.22 mental health clinic provides services at a primary location with satellite facilities, the  
 97.23 satellite facilities shall be certified with the primary location without an additional charge.

97.24 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.14, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

97.25 Subd. 4. **Special family day care homes.** Nonresidential child care programs serving  
 97.26 14 or fewer children that are conducted at a location other than the license holder's own  
 97.27 residence shall be licensed under this section and the rules governing family day care or  
 97.28 group family day care if:

97.29 (a) the license holder is the primary provider of care and the nonresidential child care  
 97.30 program is conducted in a dwelling that is located on a residential lot;

97.31 (b) the license holder is an employer who may or may not be the primary provider of  
 97.32 care, and the purpose for the child care program is to provide child care services to children  
 97.33 of the license holder's employees;

98.1 (c) the license holder is a church or religious organization;

98.2 (d) the license holder is a community collaborative child care provider. For purposes of  
98.3 this subdivision, a community collaborative child care provider is a provider participating  
98.4 in a cooperative agreement with a community action agency as defined in section 256E.31;

98.5 (e) the license holder is a not-for-profit agency that provides child care in a dwelling  
98.6 located on a residential lot and the license holder maintains two or more contracts with  
98.7 community employers or other community organizations to provide child care services.  
98.8 The county licensing agency may grant a capacity variance to a license holder licensed  
98.9 under this paragraph to exceed the licensed capacity of 14 children by no more than five  
98.10 children during transition periods related to the work schedules of parents, if the license  
98.11 holder meets the following requirements:

98.12 (1) the program does not exceed a capacity of 14 children more than a cumulative total  
98.13 of four hours per day;

98.14 (2) the program meets a one to seven staff-to-child ratio during the variance period;

98.15 (3) all employees receive at least an extra four hours of training per year than required  
98.16 in the rules governing family child care each year;

98.17 (4) the facility has square footage required per child under Minnesota Rules, part  
98.18 9502.0425;

98.19 (5) the program is in compliance with local zoning regulations;

98.20 (6) the program is in compliance with the applicable fire code as follows:

98.21 (i) if the program serves more than five children older than 2-1/2 years of age, but no  
98.22 more than five children 2-1/2 years of age or less, the applicable fire code is educational  
98.23 occupancy, as provided in Group E Occupancy under the Minnesota State Fire Code ~~2003~~  
98.24 2015, Section 202; or

98.25 (ii) if the program serves more than five children 2-1/2 years of age or less, the applicable  
98.26 fire code is Group I-4 Occupancies, as provided in the Minnesota State Fire Code ~~2003~~  
98.27 2015, Section 202, unless the rooms in which the children are cared for are located on a  
98.28 level of exit discharge and each of these child care rooms has an exit door directly to the  
98.29 exterior, then the applicable fire code is Group E occupancies, as provided in the Minnesota  
98.30 State Fire Code 2015, Section 202; and

98.31 (7) any age and capacity limitations required by the fire code inspection and square  
98.32 footage determinations shall be printed on the license; or

99.1 (f) the license holder is the primary provider of care and has located the licensed child  
99.2 care program in a commercial space, if the license holder meets the following requirements:

99.3 (1) the program is in compliance with local zoning regulations;

99.4 (2) the program is in compliance with the applicable fire code as follows:

99.5 (i) if the program serves more than five children older than 2-1/2 years of age, but no  
99.6 more than five children 2-1/2 years of age or less, the applicable fire code is educational  
99.7 occupancy, as provided in Group E Occupancy under the Minnesota State Fire Code ~~2003~~  
99.8 2015, Section 202; or

99.9 (ii) if the program serves more than five children 2-1/2 years of age or less, the applicable  
99.10 fire code is Group I-4 Occupancies, as provided under the Minnesota State Fire Code ~~2003~~  
99.11 2015, Section 202;

99.12 (3) any age and capacity limitations required by the fire code inspection and square  
99.13 footage determinations are printed on the license; and

99.14 (4) the license holder prominently displays the license issued by the commissioner which  
99.15 contains the statement "This special family child care provider is not licensed as a child  
99.16 care center."

99.17 (g) The commissioner may approve two or more licenses under paragraphs (a) to (f) to  
99.18 be issued at the same location or under one contiguous roof, if each license holder is able  
99.19 to demonstrate compliance with all applicable rules and laws. Each license holder must  
99.20 operate the license holder's respective licensed program as a distinct program and within  
99.21 the capacity, age, and ratio distributions of each license.

99.22 (h) The commissioner may grant variances to this section to allow a primary provider  
99.23 of care, a not-for-profit organization, a church or religious organization, an employer, or a  
99.24 community collaborative to be licensed to provide child care under paragraphs (e) and (f)  
99.25 if the license holder meets the other requirements of the statute.

99.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

99.27 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.14, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

99.28 Subd. 8. **Experienced aides; child care centers.** (a) An individual employed as an aide  
99.29 at a child care center may work with children without being directly supervised for an  
99.30 amount of time that does not exceed 25 percent of the child care center's daily hours if:

99.31 (1) a teacher is in the facility;

100.1 ~~(2) the individual has received within the last three years first aid training that meets the~~  
100.2 ~~requirements under section 245A.40, subdivision 3, and CPR training that meets the~~  
100.3 ~~requirements under section 245A.40, subdivision 4;~~

100.4 ~~(3)~~ (2) the individual is at least 20 years old; and

100.5 ~~(4)~~ (3) the individual has at least 4,160 hours of child care experience as a staff member  
100.6 in a licensed child care center or as the license holder of a family day care home, 120 days  
100.7 of which must be in the employment of the current company.

100.8 (b) A child care center that uses experienced aides under this subdivision must notify  
100.9 parents or guardians by posting the notification in each classroom that uses experienced  
100.10 aides, identifying which staff member is the experienced aide. Records of experienced aide  
100.11 usage must be kept on site and given to the commissioner upon request.

100.12 (c) A child care center may not use the experienced aide provision for one year following  
100.13 two determined experienced aide violations within a one-year period.

100.14 (d) A child care center may use one experienced aide per every four full-time child care  
100.15 classroom staff.

100.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

100.17 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.14, is amended by adding a subdivision  
100.18 to read:

100.19 Subd. 16. **Valid driver's license.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when a  
100.20 licensed child care center provides transportation for children or contracts to provide  
100.21 transportation for children, a person who has a current, valid driver's license appropriate to  
100.22 the vehicle driven may transport the child.

100.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

100.24 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.14, is amended by adding a subdivision  
100.25 to read:

100.26 Subd. 17. **Reusable water bottles or cups.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a  
100.27 licensed child care center may provide drinking water to a child in a reusable water bottle  
100.28 or reusable cup if the center develops and ensures implementation of a written policy that  
100.29 at a minimum includes the following procedures:



101.1 (1) each day the water bottle or cup is used, the child care center cleans and sanitizes  
101.2 the water bottle or cup using procedures that comply with the Food Code under Minnesota  
101.3 Rules, chapter 4626;

101.4 (2) a water bottle or cup is assigned to a specific child and labeled with the child's first  
101.5 and last name;

101.6 (3) water bottles and cups are stored in a manner that reduces the risk of a child using  
101.7 the wrong water bottle or cup; and

101.8 (4) a water bottle or cup is used only for water.

101.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

101.10 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.145, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

101.11 Subdivision 1. **Policies and procedures.** ~~(a) All licensed child care providers~~ The  
101.12 Department of Human Services must develop policies and procedures for reporting suspected  
101.13 child maltreatment that fulfill the requirements in section 626.556 and ~~must develop policies~~  
101.14 ~~and procedures for reporting complaints about the operation of a child care program. The~~  
101.15 ~~policies and procedures must include the telephone numbers of the local county child~~  
101.16 ~~protection agency for reporting suspected maltreatment; the county licensing agency for~~  
101.17 ~~family and group family child care providers; and the state licensing agency for child care~~  
101.18 ~~centers.~~ provide the policies and procedures to all licensed child care providers. The policies  
101.19 and procedures must be written in plain language.

101.20 (b) The policies and procedures required in paragraph (a) must:

101.21 (1) be provided to the parents of all children at the time of enrollment in the child care  
101.22 program; and

101.23 (2) be made available upon request.

101.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

101.25 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.145, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

101.26 Subd. 2. **Licensing agency phone number displayed.** ~~By July 1, 2002,~~ A new or  
101.27 renewed child care license must include the licensing agency's telephone number and a  
101.28 statement that informs parents who have ~~concerns~~ questions about their child's care that  
101.29 they may call the licensing agency. ~~The commissioner shall print the telephone number for~~  
101.30 ~~the licensing agency in bold and large font on the license issued to child care providers.~~

101.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

102.1 Sec. 44. **[245A.149] SUPERVISION OF FAMILY CHILD CARE LICENSE**

102.2 **HOLDER'S OWN CHILD.**

102.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0365, subpart 5, an individual may supervise  
102.4 the family child care license holder's own child both inside and outside of the licensed space,  
102.5 and is exempt from the requirements of this chapter and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502, if  
102.6 the individual:

102.7 (1) is related to the license holder, as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 13;

102.8 (2) is not a designated caregiver, helper, or substitute for the licensed program; and

102.9 (3) is involved only in the care of the license holder's own child.

102.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

102.11 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.151, is amended to read:

102.12 **245A.151 FIRE MARSHAL INSPECTION.**

102.13 When licensure under this chapter or certification under chapter 245H requires an  
102.14 inspection by a fire marshal to determine compliance with the State Fire Code under section  
102.15 299F.011, a local fire code inspector approved by the state fire marshal may conduct the  
102.16 inspection. If a community does not have a local fire code inspector or if the local fire code  
102.17 inspector does not perform the inspection, the state fire marshal must conduct the inspection.  
102.18 A local fire code inspector or the state fire marshal may recover the cost of these inspections  
102.19 through a fee of no more than \$50 per inspection charged to the applicant or license holder  
102.20 or license-exempt child care center certification holder. The fees collected by the state fire  
102.21 marshal under this section are appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for the  
102.22 purpose of conducting the inspections.

102.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

102.24 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

102.25 Subdivision 1. **Delegation of authority to agencies.** (a) County agencies and private  
102.26 agencies that have been designated or licensed by the commissioner to perform licensing  
102.27 functions and activities under section 245A.04 and background studies for family child care  
102.28 under chapter 245C; to recommend denial of applicants under section 245A.05; to issue  
102.29 correction orders, to issue variances, and recommend a conditional license under section  
102.30 245A.06; or to recommend suspending or revoking a license or issuing a fine under section  
102.31 245A.07, shall comply with rules and directives of the commissioner governing those

103.1 functions and with this section. The following variances are excluded from the delegation  
103.2 of variance authority and may be issued only by the commissioner:

103.3 (1) dual licensure of family child care and child foster care, dual licensure of child and  
103.4 adult foster care, and adult foster care and family child care;

103.5 (2) adult foster care maximum capacity;

103.6 (3) adult foster care minimum age requirement;

103.7 (4) child foster care maximum age requirement;

103.8 (5) variances regarding disqualified individuals except that, before the implementation  
103.9 of NETStudy 2.0, county agencies may issue variances under section 245C.30 regarding  
103.10 disqualified individuals when the county is responsible for conducting a consolidated  
103.11 reconsideration according to sections 245C.25 and 245C.27, subdivision 2, clauses (a) and  
103.12 (b), of a county maltreatment determination and a disqualification based on serious or  
103.13 recurring maltreatment;

103.14 (6) the required presence of a caregiver in the adult foster care residence during normal  
103.15 sleeping hours; ~~and~~

103.16 (7) variances to requirements relating to chemical use problems of a license holder or a  
103.17 household member of a license holder; and

103.18 (8) variances to section 245A.53 for a time-limited period. If the commissioner grants  
103.19 a variance under this clause, the license holder must provide notice of the variance to all  
103.20 parents and guardians of the children in care.

103.21 Except as provided in section 245A.14, subdivision 4, paragraph (e), a county agency must  
103.22 not grant a license holder a variance to exceed the maximum allowable family child care  
103.23 license capacity of 14 children.

103.24 (b) Before the implementation of NETStudy 2.0, county agencies must report information  
103.25 about disqualification reconsiderations under sections 245C.25 and 245C.27, subdivision  
103.26 2, paragraphs (a) and (b), and variances granted under paragraph (a), clause (5), to the  
103.27 commissioner at least monthly in a format prescribed by the commissioner.

103.28 (c) For family child care programs, the commissioner shall require a county agency to  
103.29 conduct one unannounced licensing review at least annually.

103.30 (d) For family adult day services programs, the commissioner may authorize licensing  
103.31 reviews every two years after a licensee has had at least one annual review.

103.32 (e) A license issued under this section may be issued for up to two years.

104.1 (f) During implementation of chapter 245D, the commissioner shall consider:

104.2 (1) the role of counties in quality assurance;

104.3 (2) the duties of county licensing staff; and

104.4 (3) the possible use of joint powers agreements, according to section 471.59, with counties  
104.5 through which some licensing duties under chapter 245D may be delegated by the  
104.6 commissioner to the counties.

104.7 Any consideration related to this paragraph must meet all of the requirements of the corrective  
104.8 action plan ordered by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

104.9 (g) Licensing authority specific to section 245D.06, subdivisions 5, 6, 7, and 8, or  
104.10 successor provisions; and section 245D.061 or successor provisions, for family child foster  
104.11 care programs providing out-of-home respite, as identified in section 245D.03, subdivision  
104.12 1, paragraph (b), clause (1), is excluded from the delegation of authority to county and  
104.13 private agencies.

104.14 (h) A county agency shall report to the commissioner, in a manner prescribed by the  
104.15 commissioner, the following information for a licensed family child care program:

104.16 (1) the results of each licensing review completed, including the date of the review, and  
104.17 any licensing correction order issued; ~~and~~

104.18 (2) any death, serious injury, or determination of substantiated maltreatment; and

104.19 (3) any fires that require the service of a fire department within 48 hours of the fire. The  
104.20 information under this clause must also be reported to the State Fire Marshal within 48  
104.21 hours of the fire.

104.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

104.23 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.16, is amended by adding a subdivision  
104.24 to read:

104.25 Subd. 9. Licensed family child foster care. (a) Before recommending to deny a license  
104.26 under section 245A.05 or revoke a license under section 245A.07 for nondisqualifying  
104.27 background study information received under section 245C.05, subdivision 4, paragraph  
104.28 (a), clause (3), for licensed family child foster care a county agency or private agency that  
104.29 has been designated or licensed by the commissioner must review the following:

104.30 (1) the type of crime;

104.31 (2) the number of crimes;

- 105.1 (3) the nature of the offenses;
- 105.2 (4) the age of the individual at the time of conviction;
- 105.3 (5) the length of time that has elapsed since the last conviction;
- 105.4 (6) the relationship of the crime and the capacity to care for a child;
- 105.5 (7) evidence of rehabilitation;
- 105.6 (8) information or knowledge from community members regarding the individual's  
 105.7 capacity to provide foster care;
- 105.8 (9) a statement from the study subject;
- 105.9 (10) a statement from the license holder; and
- 105.10 (11) other aggravating and mitigating factors.
- 105.11 (b) The county or private licensing agency must send a summary of the review completed  
 105.12 according to paragraph (a), on a form developed by the commissioner, to the commissioner  
 105.13 and include any recommendation for licensing action. The commissioner shall retain the  
 105.14 final authority and responsibility for determining licensing actions.

105.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2020.

105.16 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

105.17 Subd. 2. **Child passenger restraint systems; training requirement.** (a) Programs  
 105.18 licensed by the Department of Human Services under Minnesota Rules, chapter 2960, that  
 105.19 serve a child or children under ~~nine~~ eight years of age must document training that fulfills  
 105.20 the requirements in this subdivision.

105.21 (b) Before a license holder, staff person, or caregiver transports a child or children under  
 105.22 age ~~nine~~ eight in a motor vehicle, the person transporting the child must satisfactorily  
 105.23 complete training on the proper use and installation of child restraint systems in motor  
 105.24 vehicles. Training completed under this section may be used to meet initial or ongoing  
 105.25 training under Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3070, subparts 1 and 2.

105.26 ~~For all providers licensed prior to July 1, 2006, the training required in this subdivision~~  
 105.27 ~~must be obtained by December 31, 2007.~~

105.28 (c) Training required under this section must be ~~at least one hour in length,~~ completed  
 105.29 at orientation or initial training; and repeated at least once every five years. At a minimum,  
 105.30 the training must address the proper use of child restraint systems based on the child's size,

106.1 weight, and age, and the proper installation of a car seat or booster seat in the motor vehicle  
106.2 used by the license holder to transport the child or children.

106.3 (d) Training under paragraph (c) must be provided by individuals who are certified and  
106.4 approved by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety. License holders may  
106.5 obtain a list of certified and approved trainers through the Department of Public Safety  
106.6 website or by contacting the agency.

106.7 ~~(e) Child care providers that only transport school age children as defined in section~~  
106.8 ~~245A.02, subdivision 16, in school buses as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 71,~~  
106.9 ~~paragraphs (e) to (f), are exempt from this subdivision.~~

106.10 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for an emergency relative placement under section  
106.11 245A.035, the commissioner may grant a variance to the training required by this subdivision  
106.12 for a relative who completes a child seat safety check up. The child seat safety check up  
106.13 trainer must be approved by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, and  
106.14 must provide one-on-one instruction on placing a child of a specific age in the exact child  
106.15 passenger restraint in the motor vehicle in which the child will be transported. Once granted  
106.16 a variance, and if all other licensing requirements are met, the relative applicant may receive  
106.17 a license and may transport a relative foster child younger than eight years of age. A child  
106.18 seat safety check up must be completed each time a child requires a different size car seat  
106.19 according to car seat and vehicle manufacturer guidelines. A relative license holder must  
106.20 complete training that meets the other requirements of this subdivision prior to placement  
106.21 of another foster child younger than eight years of age in the home or prior to the renewal  
106.22 of the child foster care license.

106.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

106.24 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.40, is amended to read:

106.25 **245A.40 CHILD CARE CENTER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

106.26 Subdivision 1. **Orientation.** (a) The child care center license holder must ensure that  
106.27 every the director, staff person and volunteer is persons, substitutes, and unsupervised  
106.28 volunteers are given orientation training and successfully completes complete the training  
106.29 before starting assigned duties. The orientation training in this subdivision applies to  
106.30 volunteers who will have direct contact with or access to children and who are not under  
106.31 the direct supervision of a staff person. Completion of the orientation must be documented  
106.32 in the individual's personnel record. The orientation training must include information about:

- 107.1 (1) the center's philosophy, child care program, and procedures for maintaining health  
107.2 and safety according to section 245A.41 and Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0140, and handling  
107.3 emergencies and accidents according to Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0110;
- 107.4 (2) specific job responsibilities;
- 107.5 (3) the behavior guidance standards in Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0055; ~~and~~
- 107.6 (4) the reporting responsibilities in section 626.556, and Minnesota Rules, part  
107.7 9503.0130~~;~~;
- 107.8 (5) the center's drug and alcohol policy under section 245A.04, subdivision 1, paragraph  
107.9 (c);
- 107.10 (6) the center's risk reduction plan as required under section 245A.66, subdivision 2;
- 107.11 (7) at least one-half hour of training on the standards under section 245A.1435 and on  
107.12 reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death as required in subdivision 5, if applicable;
- 107.13 (8) at least one-half hour of training on the risk of abusive head trauma as required for  
107.14 the director and staff under subdivision 5a, if applicable; and
- 107.15 (9) training required by a child's individual child care program plan as required under  
107.16 Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0065, subpart 3, if applicable.
- 107.17 (b) In addition to paragraph (a), before having unsupervised direct contact with a child,  
107.18 the director and staff persons within the first 90 days of employment, and substitutes and  
107.19 unsupervised volunteers within 90 days after the first date of direct contact with a child,  
107.20 must complete:
- 107.21 (1) pediatric first aid, in accordance with subdivision 3; and
- 107.22 (2) pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation, in accordance with subdivision 4.
- 107.23 (c) In addition to paragraph (b), the director and staff persons within the first 90 days  
107.24 of employment, and substitutes and unsupervised volunteers within 90 days from the first  
107.25 date of direct contact with a child, must complete training in child development, in accordance  
107.26 with subdivision 2.
- 107.27 (d) The license holder must ensure that documentation, as required in subdivision 10,  
107.28 identifies the number of hours completed for each topic with a minimum training time  
107.29 identified, if applicable, and that all required content is included.
- 107.30 (e) Training in this subdivision must not be used to meet in-service training requirements  
107.31 in subdivision 7.

108.1 (f) Training completed within the previous 12 months under paragraphs (a), clauses (7)  
108.2 and (8), and (c) are transferable to another child care center.

108.3 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
108.4 meanings given.

108.5 (b) "Substitute" means an adult who is temporarily filling a position as a director, teacher,  
108.6 assistant teacher, or aide in a licensed child care center for less than 240 hours total in a  
108.7 calendar year due to the absence of a regularly employed staff person.

108.8 (c) "Staff person" means an employee of a child care center who provides direct contact  
108.9 services to children.

108.10 (d) "Unsupervised volunteer" means an individual who:

108.11 (1) assists in the care of a child in care;

108.12 (2) is not under the continuous direct supervision of a staff person; and

108.13 (3) is not employed by the child care center.

108.14 Subd. 2. **Child development and learning training.** (a) ~~For purposes of child care~~  
108.15 ~~centers, The director and all staff hired after July 1, 2006, persons, substitutes, and~~  
108.16 ~~unsupervised volunteers shall complete and document at least two hours of child development~~  
108.17 ~~and learning training within the first 90 days of employment. The director and staff persons,~~  
108.18 ~~not including substitutes, must complete at least two hours of training on child development~~  
108.19 ~~and learning. The training for substitutes and unsupervised volunteers is not required to be~~  
108.20 ~~of a minimum length. For purposes of this subdivision, "child development and learning~~  
108.21 ~~training" means any training in Knowledge and Competency Area I: Child Development~~  
108.22 ~~and Learning, which is training in understanding how children develop physically,~~  
108.23 ~~cognitively, emotionally, and socially and learn as part of the children's family, culture, and~~  
108.24 ~~community. Training completed under this subdivision may be used to meet the in-service~~  
108.25 ~~training requirements under subdivision 7.~~

108.26 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), individuals are exempt from this requirement if they:

108.27 (1) have taken a three-credit college course on early childhood development within the  
108.28 past five years;

108.29 (2) have received a baccalaureate or master's degree in early childhood education or  
108.30 school-age child care within the past five years;



109.1 (3) are licensed in Minnesota as a prekindergarten teacher, an early childhood educator,  
109.2 a kindergarten to sixth grade teacher with a prekindergarten specialty, an early childhood  
109.3 special education teacher, or an elementary teacher with a kindergarten endorsement; or

109.4 (4) have received a baccalaureate degree with a Montessori certificate within the past  
109.5 five years.

109.6 (c) The director and staff persons, not including substitutes, must complete at least two  
109.7 hours of child development and learning training every second calendar year.

109.8 (d) Substitutes and unsupervised volunteers must complete child development and  
109.9 learning training every second calendar year. There is no minimum number of training hours  
109.10 required.

109.11 (e) Except for training required under paragraph (a), training completed under this  
109.12 subdivision may be used to meet the in-service training requirements under subdivision 7.

109.13 Subd. 3. **First aid.** ~~(a) All teachers and assistant teachers in a child care center governed~~  
109.14 ~~by Minnesota Rules, parts 9503.0005 to 9503.0170, and at least one staff person during~~  
109.15 ~~field trips and when transporting children in care, must satisfactorily complete pediatric~~  
109.16 ~~first aid training within 90 days of the start of work, unless the training has been completed~~  
109.17 ~~within the previous two years. Unless training has been completed within the previous two~~  
109.18 years, the director, staff persons, substitutes, and unsupervised volunteers must satisfactorily  
109.19 complete pediatric first aid training prior to having unsupervised direct contact with a child,  
109.20 but not to exceed the first 90 days of employment.

109.21 ~~(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), which allows 90 days to complete training, at least~~  
109.22 ~~one staff person who has satisfactorily completed pediatric first aid training must be present~~  
109.23 ~~at all times in the center, during field trips, and when transporting children in care. Pediatric~~  
109.24 first aid training must be repeated at least every second calendar year. First aid training  
109.25 under this subdivision must be provided by an individual approved as a first aid instructor  
109.26 and must not be used to meet in-service training requirements under subdivision 7.

109.27 ~~(c) The pediatric first aid training must be repeated at least every two years, documented~~  
109.28 ~~in the person's personnel record and indicated on the center's staffing chart, and provided~~  
109.29 ~~by an individual approved as a first aid instructor. This training may be less than eight hours.~~

109.30 Subd. 4. **Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.** ~~(a) All teachers and assistant teachers in a~~  
109.31 ~~child care center governed by Minnesota Rules, parts 9503.0005 to 9503.0170, and at least~~  
109.32 ~~one staff person during field trips and when transporting children in care, must satisfactorily~~  
109.33 ~~complete training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that includes CPR techniques~~

~~110.1 for infants and children and in the treatment of obstructed airways. The CPR training must  
110.2 be completed within 90 days of the start of work, unless the training has been completed  
110.3 within the previous two years. The CPR training must have been provided by an individual  
110.4 approved to provide CPR instruction, must be repeated at least once every two years, and  
110.5 must be documented in the staff person's records.~~

~~110.6 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), which allows 90 days to complete training, at least  
110.7 one staff person who has satisfactorily completed cardiopulmonary resuscitation training  
110.8 must be present at all times in the center, during field trips, and when transporting children  
110.9 in care.~~

~~110.10 (c) CPR training may be provided for less than four hours.~~

~~110.11 (d) Persons providing CPR training must use CPR training that has been developed:~~

~~110.12 (1) by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross and incorporates  
110.13 psychomotor skills to support the instruction; or~~

~~110.14 (2) using nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines for CPR and incorporates  
110.15 psychomotor skills to support the instruction.~~

~~110.16 (a) Unless training has been completed within the previous two years, the director, staff  
110.17 persons, substitutes, and unsupervised volunteers must satisfactorily complete pediatric  
110.18 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training that meets the requirements of this subdivision.  
110.19 Pediatric CPR training must be completed prior to having unsupervised direct contact with  
110.20 a child, but not to exceed the first 90 days of employment.~~

~~110.21 (b) Pediatric CPR training must be provided by an individual approved to provide  
110.22 pediatric CPR instruction.~~

~~110.23 (c) The Pediatric CPR training must:~~

~~110.24 (1) cover CPR techniques for infants and children and the treatment of obstructed airways;~~

~~110.25 (2) include instruction, hands-on practice, and an in-person, observed skills assessment  
110.26 under the direct supervision of a CPR instructor; and~~

~~110.27 (3) be developed by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or another  
110.28 organization that uses nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines for CPR.~~

~~110.29 (d) Pediatric CPR training must be repeated at least once every second calendar year.~~

~~110.30 (e) Pediatric CPR training in this subdivision must not be used to meet in-service training  
110.31 requirements under subdivision 7.~~

111.1 Subd. 5. **Sudden unexpected infant death and abusive head trauma training.** (a)  
111.2 Before caring for infants, the director, staff persons, substitutes, and unsupervised volunteers  
111.3 must receive training on the standards under section 245A.1435 and on reducing the risk  
111.4 of sudden unexpected infant death during orientation and each calendar year thereafter.

111.5 (b) Sudden unexpected infant death reduction training required under this subdivision  
111.6 must be at least one-half hour in length. At a minimum, the training must address the risk  
111.7 factors related to sudden unexpected infant death, means of reducing the risk of sudden  
111.8 unexpected infant death in child care, and license holder communication with parents  
111.9 regarding reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death.

111.10 (c) Except if completed during orientation, training taken under this subdivision may  
111.11 be used to meet the in-service training requirements under subdivision 7.

111.12 **Subd. 5a. Abusive head trauma training.** ~~(a) License holders must document that~~  
111.13 ~~before staff persons and volunteers care for infants, they are instructed on the standards in~~  
111.14 ~~section 245A.1435 and receive training on reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant~~  
111.15 ~~death. In addition, license holders must document that before staff persons care for infants~~  
111.16 ~~or children under school age, they receive training on the risk of abusive head trauma from~~  
111.17 ~~shaking infants and young children. The training in this subdivision may be provided as~~  
111.18 ~~orientation training under subdivision 1 and in-service training under subdivision 7.~~ (a)  
111.19 Before caring for children under school age, the director, staff persons, substitutes, and  
111.20 unsupervised volunteers must receive training on the risk of abusive head trauma during  
111.21 orientation and each calendar year thereafter.

111.22 ~~(b) Sudden unexpected infant death reduction training required under this subdivision~~  
111.23 ~~must be at least one-half hour in length and must be completed at least once every year. At~~  
111.24 ~~a minimum, the training must address the risk factors related to sudden unexpected infant~~  
111.25 ~~death, means of reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death in child care, and license~~  
111.26 ~~holder communication with parents regarding reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant~~  
111.27 ~~death.~~

111.28 ~~(e)~~ (b) Abusive head trauma training under this subdivision must be at least one-half  
111.29 hour in length and must be completed at least once every year. At a minimum, the training  
111.30 must address the risk factors related to shaking infants and young children, means to reduce  
111.31 the risk of abusive head trauma in child care, and license holder communication with parents  
111.32 regarding reducing the risk of abusive head trauma.

111.33 (c) Except if completed during orientation, training taken under this subdivision may  
111.34 be used to meet the in-service training requirements under subdivision 7.

112.1 (d) The commissioner shall make available for viewing a video presentation on the  
112.2 dangers associated with shaking infants and young children, which may be used in  
112.3 conjunction with the annual training required under paragraph ~~(e)~~ (a).

112.4 Subd. 6. **Child passenger restraint systems; training requirement.** ~~(a) A license~~  
112.5 ~~holder must comply with all seat belt and child passenger restraint system requirements~~  
112.6 ~~under section 169.685. (b) Child care centers that serve a child or children under nine years~~  
112.7 ~~of age must document training that fulfills the requirements in this subdivision.~~

112.8 ~~(1)~~ (a) Before a license holder transports a child or children under age ~~nine~~ eight in a  
112.9 motor vehicle, the person placing the child or children in a passenger restraint must  
112.10 satisfactorily complete training on the proper use and installation of child restraint systems  
112.11 in motor vehicles. ~~Training completed under this subdivision may be used to meet orientation~~  
112.12 ~~training under subdivision 1 and in-service training under subdivision 7.~~

112.13 ~~(2)~~ (b) Training required under this subdivision must be ~~at least one hour in length,~~  
112.14 ~~completed at orientation,~~ and repeated at least once every five years. At a minimum, the  
112.15 training must address the proper use of child restraint systems based on the child's size,  
112.16 weight, and age, and the proper installation of a car seat or booster seat in the motor vehicle  
112.17 used by the license holder to transport the child or children.

112.18 ~~(3)~~ (c) Training required under this subdivision must be provided by individuals who  
112.19 are certified and approved by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety.  
112.20 License holders may obtain a list of certified and approved trainers through the Department  
112.21 of Public Safety website or by contacting the agency.

112.22 ~~(4)~~ (d) Child care providers that only transport school-age children as defined in section  
112.23 245A.02, subdivision 16, in child care buses as defined in section 169.448, subdivision 1,  
112.24 paragraph (e), are exempt from this subdivision.

112.25 (e) Training completed under this subdivision may be used to meet in-service training  
112.26 requirements under subdivision 7. Training completed within the previous five years is  
112.27 transferable upon a staff person's change in employment to another child care center.

112.28 Subd. 7. **In-service.** (a) A license holder must ensure that the center director ~~and all staff~~  
112.29 ~~who have direct contact with a child complete annual in-service training. In-service training~~  
112.30 ~~requirements must be met by a staff person's participation in the following training areas:~~  
112.31 staff persons, substitutes, and unsupervised volunteers complete in-service training each  
112.32 calendar year.

113.1 (b) The center director and staff persons who work more than 20 hours per week must  
113.2 complete 24 hours of in-service training each calendar year. Staff persons who work 20  
113.3 hours or less per week must complete 12 hours of in-service training each calendar year.  
113.4 Substitutes and unsupervised volunteers must complete the requirements of paragraphs (e)  
113.5 to (h) and do not otherwise have a minimum number of hours of training to complete.

113.6 (c) The number of in-service training hours may be prorated for individuals not employed  
113.7 for an entire year.

113.8 (d) Each year, in-service training must include:

113.9 (1) the center's procedures for maintaining health and safety according to section 245A.41  
113.10 and Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0140, and handling emergencies and accidents according  
113.11 to Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0110;

113.12 (2) the reporting responsibilities under section 626.556 and Minnesota Rules, part  
113.13 9503.0130;

113.14 (3) at least one-half hour of training on the standards under section 245A.1435 and on  
113.15 reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death as required under subdivision 5, if  
113.16 applicable; and

113.17 (4) at least one-half hour of training on the risk of abusive head trauma from shaking  
113.18 infants and young children as required under subdivision 5a, if applicable.

113.19 (e) Each year, or when a change is made, whichever is more frequent, in-service training  
113.20 must be provided on: (1) the center's risk reduction plan under section 245A.66, subdivision  
113.21 2; and (2) a child's individual child care program plan as required under Minnesota Rules,  
113.22 part 9503.0065, subpart 3.

113.23 (f) At least once every two calendar years, the in-service training must include:

113.24 (1) child development and learning training under subdivision 2;

113.25 (2) pediatric first aid that meets the requirements of subdivision 3;

113.26 (3) pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation training that meets the requirements of  
113.27 subdivision 4;

113.28 (4) cultural dynamics training to increase awareness of cultural differences; and

113.29 (5) disabilities training to increase awareness of differing abilities of children.

113.30 (g) At least once every five years, in-service training must include child passenger  
113.31 restraint training that meets the requirements of subdivision 6, if applicable.

114.1 (h) The remaining hours of the in-service training requirement must be met by completing  
114.2 training in the following content areas of the Minnesota Knowledge and Competency  
114.3 Framework:

114.4 (1) Content area I: child development and learning;

114.5 (2) Content area II: developmentally appropriate learning experiences;

114.6 (3) Content area III: relationships with families;

114.7 (4) Content area IV: assessment, evaluation, and individualization;

114.8 (5) Content area V: historical and contemporary development of early childhood  
114.9 education;

114.10 (6) Content area VI: professionalism; ~~and~~

114.11 (7) Content area VII: health, safety, and nutrition; and

114.12 (8) Content area VIII: application through clinical experiences.

114.13 ~~(b)~~ (i) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the meanings given  
114.14 them.

114.15 (1) "Child development and learning training" ~~has the meaning given it in subdivision~~  
114.16 ~~2, paragraph (a).~~ means training in understanding how children develop physically,  
114.17 cognitively, emotionally, and socially and learn as part of the children's family, culture, and  
114.18 community.

114.19 (2) "Developmentally appropriate learning experiences" means creating positive learning  
114.20 experiences, promoting cognitive development, promoting social and emotional development,  
114.21 promoting physical development, and promoting creative development.

114.22 (3) "Relationships with families" means training on building a positive, respectful  
114.23 relationship with the child's family.

114.24 (4) "Assessment, evaluation, and individualization" means training in observing,  
114.25 recording, and assessing development; assessing and using information to plan; and assessing  
114.26 and using information to enhance and maintain program quality.

114.27 (5) "Historical and contemporary development of early childhood education" means  
114.28 training in past and current practices in early childhood education and how current events  
114.29 and issues affect children, families, and programs.

114.30 (6) "Professionalism" means training in knowledge, skills, and abilities that promote  
114.31 ongoing professional development.

115.1 (7) "Health, safety, and nutrition" means training in establishing health practices, ensuring  
115.2 safety, and providing healthy nutrition.

115.3 (8) "Application through clinical experiences" means clinical experiences in which a  
115.4 person applies effective teaching practices using a range of educational programming models.

115.5 ~~(e) The director and all program staff persons must annually complete a number of hours~~  
115.6 ~~of in-service training equal to at least two percent of the hours for which the director or~~  
115.7 ~~program staff person is annually paid, unless one of the following is applicable.~~

115.8 ~~(1) A teacher at a child care center must complete one percent of working hours of~~  
115.9 ~~in-service training annually if the teacher:~~

115.10 ~~(i) possesses a baccalaureate or master's degree in early childhood education or school-age~~  
115.11 ~~care;~~

115.12 ~~(ii) is licensed in Minnesota as a prekindergarten teacher, an early childhood educator,~~  
115.13 ~~a kindergarten to sixth grade teacher with a prekindergarten specialty, an early childhood~~  
115.14 ~~special education teacher, or an elementary teacher with a kindergarten endorsement; or~~

115.15 ~~(iii) possesses a baccalaureate degree with a Montessori certificate.~~

115.16 ~~(2) A teacher or assistant teacher at a child care center must complete one and one-half~~  
115.17 ~~percent of working hours of in-service training annually if the individual is:~~

115.18 ~~(i) a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse with experience working with infants;~~

115.19 ~~(ii) possesses a Montessori certificate, a technical college certificate in early childhood~~  
115.20 ~~development, or a child development associate certificate; or~~

115.21 ~~(iii) possesses an associate of arts degree in early childhood education, a baccalaureate~~  
115.22 ~~degree in child development, or a technical college diploma in early childhood development.~~

115.23 ~~(d) The number of required training hours may be prorated for individuals not employed~~  
115.24 ~~full time or for an entire year.~~

115.25 ~~(e) The annual in-service training must be completed within the calendar year for which~~  
115.26 ~~it was required. In-service training completed by staff persons is transferable upon a staff~~  
115.27 ~~person's change in employment to another child care program.~~

115.28 ~~(f) (j) The license holder must ensure that, when a staff person completes in-service~~  
115.29 ~~training, the training is documented in the staff person's personnel record. The documentation~~  
115.30 ~~must include the date training was completed, the goal of the training and topics covered,~~  
115.31 ~~trainer's name and organizational affiliation, trainer's signed statement that training was~~  
115.32 ~~successfully completed, documentation, as required in subdivision 10, includes the number~~

116.1 of total training hours required to be completed, name of the training, the Minnesota  
116.2 Knowledge and Competency Framework content area, number of hours completed, and the  
116.3 director's approval of the training.

116.4 (k) In-service training completed by a staff person that is not specific to that child care  
116.5 center is transferable upon a staff person's change in employment to another child care  
116.6 program.

116.7 ~~Subd. 8. **Cultural dynamics and disabilities training for child care providers.** (a)~~  
116.8 ~~The training required of licensed child care center staff must include training in the cultural~~  
116.9 ~~dynamics of early childhood development and child care. The cultural dynamics and~~  
116.10 ~~disabilities training and skills development of child care providers must be designed to~~  
116.11 ~~achieve outcomes for providers of child care that include, but are not limited to:~~

116.12 ~~(1) an understanding and support of the importance of culture and differences in ability~~  
116.13 ~~in children's identity development;~~

116.14 ~~(2) understanding the importance of awareness of cultural differences and similarities~~  
116.15 ~~in working with children and their families;~~

116.16 ~~(3) understanding and support of the needs of families and children with differences in~~  
116.17 ~~ability;~~

116.18 ~~(4) developing skills to help children develop unbiased attitudes about cultural differences~~  
116.19 ~~and differences in ability;~~

116.20 ~~(5) developing skills in culturally appropriate caregiving; and~~

116.21 ~~(6) developing skills in appropriate caregiving for children of different abilities.~~

116.22 ~~(b) Curriculum for cultural dynamics and disability training shall be approved by the~~  
116.23 ~~commissioner.~~

116.24 ~~(c) The commissioner shall amend current rules relating to the training of the licensed~~  
116.25 ~~child care center staff to require cultural dynamics training. Timelines established in the~~  
116.26 ~~rule amendments for complying with the cultural dynamics training requirements must be~~  
116.27 ~~based on the commissioner's determination that curriculum materials and trainers are available~~  
116.28 ~~statewide.~~

116.29 ~~(d) For programs caring for children with special needs, the license holder shall ensure~~  
116.30 ~~that any additional staff training required by the child's individual child care program plan~~  
116.31 ~~required under Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0065, subpart 3, is provided.~~



117.1 ~~Subd. 9. **Ongoing health and safety training.** A staff person's orientation training on~~  
117.2 ~~maintaining health and safety and handling emergencies and accidents, as required in~~  
117.3 ~~subdivision 1, must be repeated at least once each calendar year by each staff person. The~~  
117.4 ~~completion of the annual training must be documented in the staff person's personnel record.~~

117.5 Subd. 10. **Documentation.** All training must be documented and maintained on site in  
117.6 each personnel record. In addition to any requirements for each training provided in this  
117.7 section, documentation for each staff person must include the staff person's first date of  
117.8 direct contact and first date of unsupervised contact with a child in care.

117.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

117.10 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.41, is amended to read:

117.11 **245A.41 CHILD CARE CENTER HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.**

117.12 Subdivision 1. **Allergy prevention and response.** (a) Before admitting a child for care,  
117.13 the license holder must obtain documentation of any known allergy from the child's parent  
117.14 or legal guardian or the child's source of medical care. If a child has a known allergy, the  
117.15 license holder must maintain current information about the allergy in the child's record and  
117.16 develop an individual child care program plan as specified in Minnesota Rules, part  
117.17 9503.0065, subpart 3. The individual child care program plan must include but not be limited  
117.18 to a description of the allergy, specific triggers, avoidance techniques, symptoms of an  
117.19 allergic reaction, and procedures for responding to an allergic reaction, including medication,  
117.20 dosages, and a doctor's contact information.

117.21 (b) The license holder must ensure that each staff person who is responsible for carrying  
117.22 out the individual child care program plan review and follow the plan. Documentation of a  
117.23 staff person's review must be kept on site.

117.24 (c) At least ~~annually~~ once each calendar year or following any changes made to  
117.25 allergy-related information in the child's record, the license holder must update the child's  
117.26 individual child care program plan and inform each staff person who is responsible for  
117.27 carrying out the individual child care program plan of the change. The license holder must  
117.28 keep on site documentation that a staff person was informed of a change.

117.29 (d) A child's allergy information must be available at all times including on site, when  
117.30 on field trips, or during transportation. A child's food allergy information must be readily  
117.31 available to a staff person in the area where food is prepared and served to the child.

117.32 (e) The license holder must contact the child's parent or legal guardian as soon as possible  
117.33 in any instance of exposure or allergic reaction that requires medication or medical

118.1 intervention. The license holder must call emergency medical services when epinephrine  
118.2 is administered to a child in the license holder's care.

118.3 Subd. 2. **Handling and disposal of bodily fluids.** The licensed child care center must  
118.4 comply with the following procedures for safely handling and disposing of bodily fluids:

118.5 (1) surfaces that come in contact with potentially infectious bodily fluids, including  
118.6 blood and vomit, must be cleaned and disinfected according to Minnesota Rules, part  
118.7 9503.0005, subpart 11;

118.8 (2) blood-contaminated material must be disposed of in a plastic bag with a secure tie;

118.9 (3) sharp items used for a child with special care needs must be disposed of in a "sharps  
118.10 container." The sharps container must be stored out of reach of a child;

118.11 (4) the license holder must have the following bodily fluid disposal supplies in the center:  
118.12 disposable gloves, disposal bags, and eye protection; and

118.13 (5) the license holder must ensure that each staff person ~~is trained on~~ follows universal  
118.14 precautions to reduce the risk of spreading infectious disease. ~~A staff person's completion~~  
118.15 ~~of the training must be documented in the staff person's personnel record.~~

118.16 Subd. 3. **Emergency preparedness.** (a) ~~No later than September 30, 2017,~~ A licensed  
118.17 child care center must have a written emergency plan for emergencies that require evacuation,  
118.18 sheltering, or other protection of a child, such as fire, natural disaster, intruder, or other  
118.19 threatening situation that may pose a health or safety hazard to a child. The plan must be  
118.20 written on a form developed by the commissioner and must include:

118.21 (1) procedures for an evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, or lockdown;

118.22 (2) a designated relocation site and evacuation route;

118.23 (3) procedures for notifying a child's parent or legal guardian of the evacuation, relocation,  
118.24 shelter-in-place, or lockdown, including procedures for reunification with families;

118.25 (4) accommodations for a child with a disability or a chronic medical condition;

118.26 (5) procedures for storing a child's medically necessary medicine that facilitates easy  
118.27 removal during an evacuation or relocation;

118.28 (6) procedures for continuing operations in the period during and after a crisis; ~~and~~

118.29 (7) procedures for communicating with local emergency management officials, law  
118.30 enforcement officials, or other appropriate state or local authorities; and

118.31 (8) accommodations for infants and toddlers.

119.1 (b) The license holder must train staff persons on the emergency plan at orientation,  
119.2 when changes are made to the plan, and at least once each calendar year. Training must be  
119.3 documented in each staff person's personnel file.

119.4 (c) The license holder must conduct drills according to the requirements in Minnesota  
119.5 Rules, part 9503.0110, subpart 3. The date and time of the drills must be documented.

119.6 (d) The license holder must review and update the emergency plan annually.  
119.7 Documentation of the annual emergency plan review shall be maintained in the program's  
119.8 administrative records.

119.9 (e) The license holder must include the emergency plan in the program's policies and  
119.10 procedures as specified under section 245A.04, subdivision 14. The license holder must  
119.11 provide a physical or electronic copy of the emergency plan to the child's parent or legal  
119.12 guardian upon enrollment.

119.13 (f) The relocation site and evacuation route must be posted in a visible place as part of  
119.14 the written procedures for emergencies and accidents in Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0140,  
119.15 subpart 21.

119.16 Subd. 4. **Child passenger restraint requirements.** A license holder must comply with  
119.17 all seat belt and child passenger restraint system requirements under section 169.685.

119.18 Subd. 5. **Telephone requirement in licensed child care centers.** (a) A working telephone  
119.19 which is capable of making outgoing calls and receiving incoming calls must be located  
119.20 within the licensed child care center at all times. Staff must have access to a working  
119.21 telephone while providing care and supervision to children in care, even if the care occurs  
119.22 outside of the child care facility. A license holder may use a cellular telephone to meet the  
119.23 requirements of this subdivision.

119.24 (b) If a cellular telephone is used to satisfy the requirements of this subdivision, the  
119.25 cellular telephone must be accessible to staff, be stored in a centrally located area when not  
119.26 in use, and be sufficiently charged for use at all times.

119.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

119.28 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.50, is amended to read:

119.29 **245A.50 FAMILY CHILD CARE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

119.30 Subdivision 1. **Initial training.** (a) License holders, caregivers, ~~and~~ substitutes, and  
119.31 helpers must comply with the training requirements in this section.

120.1 ~~(b) Helpers who assist with care on a regular basis must complete six hours of training~~  
120.2 ~~within one year after the date of initial employment.~~

120.3 (b) The license holder, before initial licensure, and a caregiver, before caring for a child,  
120.4 must complete:

120.5 (1) the six-hour Supervising for Safety for Family Child Care course developed by the  
120.6 commissioner;

120.7 (2) a two-hour course in Knowledge and Competency Area I: Child Development and  
120.8 Learning, as required by subdivision 2;

120.9 (3) a two-hour course in behavior guidance that may be fulfilled by completing any  
120.10 course in Knowledge and Competency Area II-C: Promoting Social and Emotional  
120.11 Development, as required by subdivision 2;

120.12 (4) pediatric first aid, as required by subdivision 3;

120.13 (5) pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as required by subdivision 4;

120.14 (6) if applicable, training in reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death and  
120.15 abusive head trauma as required by subdivision 5; and

120.16 (7) if applicable, training in child passenger restraint as required by subdivision 6.

120.17 The license holder or caregiver may take one four-hour course that covers both clauses (2)  
120.18 and (3) to meet the requirements of this subdivision.

120.19 (c) Before caring for a child, each substitute must complete:

120.20 (1) the four-hour Basics of Licensed Family Child Care for Substitutes course developed  
120.21 by the commissioner;

120.22 (2) pediatric first aid, as required by subdivision 3;

120.23 (3) pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as required by subdivision 4;

120.24 (4) if applicable, training in reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death and  
120.25 abusive head trauma as required by subdivision 5; and

120.26 (5) if applicable, training in child passenger restraint as required by subdivision 6.

120.27 (d) Each helper must complete:

120.28 (1) if applicable, before assisting with the care of a child under school age, training in  
120.29 reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death and abusive head trauma, as required  
120.30 by subdivision 5;

121.1 (2) within 90 days of the start of employment, the one-hour Child Development for  
 121.2 Helpers course developed by the commissioner; and

121.3 (3) if applicable, training in child passenger restraint as required by subdivision 6.

121.4 (e) Before caring for a child or assisting in the care of a child, the license holder must  
 121.5 train each caregiver and substitute on:

121.6 (1) the emergency plan required under section 245A.51, subdivision 3, paragraph (b);

121.7 (2) allergy prevention and response required under section 245A.51, subdivision 1,  
 121.8 paragraph (b); and

121.9 (3) the drug and alcohol policy required under section 245A.04, subdivision 1, paragraph  
 121.10 (c).

121.11 ~~(e)~~ (f) Training requirements established under this section that must be completed prior  
 121.12 to initial licensure must be satisfied only by a newly licensed child care provider or by a  
 121.13 child care provider who has not held an active child care license in Minnesota in the previous  
 121.14 12 months. A child care provider who relocates within the state or who voluntarily cancels  
 121.15 a license or allows the license to lapse for a period of less than 12 months and who seeks  
 121.16 reinstatement of the lapsed or canceled license within 12 months of the lapse or cancellation  
 121.17 must satisfy the annual, ongoing training requirements, and is not required to satisfy the  
 121.18 training requirements that must be completed prior to initial licensure.

121.19 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
 121.20 meanings given them.

121.21 (b) "Basics of Family Child Care for Substitutes" means a class developed by the  
 121.22 commissioner that includes the following topics: prevention and control of infectious  
 121.23 diseases; administering medication; preventing and responding to allergies; ensuring building  
 121.24 and physical premise safety; handling and storing biological contaminants; preventing and  
 121.25 reporting abuse and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness; and child development.

121.26 (c) "Caregiver" means an adult other than the license holder who supervises children  
 121.27 for a cumulative total of 300 or more hours in any calendar year.

121.28 (d) "Helper" means a minor, ages 13 through 17, who assists in the care of the children.

121.29 (e) "Substitute" means an adult who assumes the responsibility of a provider for a  
 121.30 cumulative total of not more than 300 hours in any calendar year.

121.31 Subd. 2. **Child development and learning and behavior guidance training.** (a) For  
 121.32 purposes of family and group family child care, The license holder and each adult caregiver

122.1 ~~who provides care in the licensed setting for more than 30 days in any 12-month period~~  
122.2 ~~shall complete and document~~ at least four hours of child growth and learning and behavior  
122.3 ~~guidance training prior to initial licensure, and before caring for children. For purposes of~~  
122.4 ~~this subdivision, "child development and learning training" means training in understanding~~  
122.5 ~~how children develop physically, cognitively, emotionally, and socially and learn as part~~  
122.6 ~~of the children's family, culture, and community. "Behavior guidance training" means~~  
122.7 ~~training in the understanding of the functions of child behavior and strategies for managing~~  
122.8 ~~challenging situations. At least two hours of child development and learning or behavior~~  
122.9 ~~guidance training must be repeated annually. Training curriculum shall be developed or~~  
122.10 ~~approved by the commissioner of human services.~~

122.11 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), individuals are exempt from this requirement if they:

122.12 (1) have taken a three-credit course on early childhood development within the past five  
122.13 years;

122.14 (2) have received a baccalaureate or master's degree in early childhood education or  
122.15 school-age child care within the past five years;

122.16 (3) are licensed in Minnesota as a prekindergarten teacher, an early childhood educator,  
122.17 a kindergarten to grade 6 teacher with a prekindergarten specialty, an early childhood special  
122.18 education teacher, or an elementary teacher with a kindergarten endorsement; or

122.19 (4) have received a baccalaureate degree with a Montessori certificate within the past  
122.20 five years.

122.21 (c) The license holder and each caregiver must complete at least two hours of child  
122.22 development training annually that may be fulfilled by completing any course in Knowledge  
122.23 and Competency Area I: Child Development and Learning; or behavior guidance training  
122.24 that may be fulfilled by completing any course in Knowledge and Competency Area II-C:  
122.25 Promoting Social and Emotional Development. The commissioner shall develop or approve  
122.26 training curriculum.

122.27 Subd. 3. **First aid.** (a) ~~When children are present in a family child care home governed~~  
122.28 ~~by Minnesota Rules, parts 9502.0315 to 9502.0445, at least one staff person must be present~~  
122.29 ~~in the home who has been trained in first aid. The license holder must complete pediatric~~  
122.30 ~~first aid training before licensure and each caregiver and substitute must complete pediatric~~  
122.31 ~~first aid training before caring for children. The first aid training must have been provided~~  
122.32 ~~by an individual approved to provide first aid instruction. First aid training may be less than~~  
122.33 ~~eight hours and persons qualified to provide first aid training include individuals approved~~  
122.34 ~~as first aid instructors. ~~First aid training must be repeated every two years.~~~~

123.1 (b) ~~A family child care provider is exempt from the first aid training requirements under~~  
123.2 ~~this subdivision related to any substitute caregiver who provides less than 30 hours of care~~  
123.3 ~~during any 12-month period. The license holder, each caregiver and each substitute must~~  
123.4 ~~complete additional pediatric first aid training every two years.~~

123.5 (c) Video training reviewed and approved by the county licensing agency satisfies the  
123.6 training requirement of this subdivision.

123.7 Subd. 4. **Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.** ~~(a) When children are present in a family~~  
123.8 ~~child care home governed by Minnesota Rules, parts 9502.0315 to 9502.0445, at least one~~  
123.9 ~~caregiver must be present in the home who has been trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation~~  
123.10 ~~(CPR), including CPR techniques for infants and children, and in the treatment of obstructed~~  
123.11 ~~airways. The CPR training must have been provided by an individual approved to provide~~  
123.12 ~~CPR instruction, must be repeated at least once every two years, and must be documented~~  
123.13 ~~in the caregiver's records. The family child care license holder must complete pediatric~~  
123.14 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training prior to licensure. Caregivers and substitutes~~  
123.15 ~~must complete pediatric CPR training prior to caring for children. Training that has been~~  
123.16 ~~completed in the previous two years fulfills this requirement.~~

123.17 (b) ~~A family child care provider is exempt from the CPR training requirement in this~~  
123.18 ~~subdivision related to any substitute caregiver who provides less than 30 hours of care during~~  
123.19 ~~any 12-month period. The CPR training must be provided by an individual approved to~~  
123.20 ~~provide CPR instruction.~~

123.21 (c) ~~Persons providing CPR training must use CPR training that has been developed: The~~  
123.22 ~~Pediatric CPR training must:~~

123.23 ~~(1) by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross and incorporates~~  
123.24 ~~psychomotor skills to support the instruction; or~~

123.25 ~~(2) using nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines for CPR training and~~  
123.26 ~~incorporates psychomotor skills to support the instruction.~~

123.27 ~~(1) cover CPR techniques for infants and children and the treatment of obstructed airways;~~

123.28 ~~(2) include instruction, hands-on practice, and an in-person observed skills assessment~~  
123.29 ~~under the direct supervision of a CPR instructor; and~~

123.30 ~~(3) be developed by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or another~~  
123.31 ~~organization that uses nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines for CPR.~~

123.32 ~~(d) License holders, caregivers, and substitutes must complete pediatric CPR training~~  
123.33 ~~at least once every two years.~~

124.1 Subd. 5. **Sudden unexpected infant death and abusive head trauma training.** (a)  
124.2 The license holder must complete training on reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant  
124.3 death prior to caring for infants. License holders must ~~document~~ ensure that before staff  
124.4 ~~persons~~, caregivers, substitutes, and helpers assist in the care of infants, they are instructed  
124.5 on the standards in section 245A.1435 and receive training on reducing the risk of sudden  
124.6 unexpected infant death.

124.7 (b) The license holder must complete training on reducing the risk of abusive head  
124.8 trauma, prior to caring for infants and children under school age. In addition, license holders  
124.9 must ~~document~~ ensure that before staff ~~persons~~, caregivers, substitutes, and helpers assist  
124.10 in the care of infants and children under school age, they receive training on reducing the  
124.11 risk of abusive head trauma ~~from shaking infants and young children.~~ ~~The training in this~~  
124.12 ~~subdivision may be provided as initial training under subdivision 1 or ongoing annual~~  
124.13 ~~training under subdivision 7.~~

124.14 ~~(b)~~ (c) Sudden unexpected infant death reduction training required under this subdivision  
124.15 must, at a minimum, address the risk factors related to sudden unexpected infant death,  
124.16 means of reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death in child care, and license  
124.17 holder communication with parents regarding reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant  
124.18 death.

124.19 ~~(e)~~ (d) Abusive head trauma training required under this subdivision must, at a minimum,  
124.20 address the risk factors related to shaking infants and young children, means of reducing  
124.21 the risk of abusive head trauma in child care, and license holder communication with parents  
124.22 regarding reducing the risk of abusive head trauma.

124.23 ~~(d)~~ (e) Training for family and group family child care providers must be developed by  
124.24 the commissioner ~~in conjunction with the Minnesota Sudden Infant Death Center and~~  
124.25 ~~approved by the Minnesota Center for Professional Development~~ Achieve - The MN Center  
124.26 for Professional Development. Sudden unexpected infant death reduction training and  
124.27 abusive head trauma training may be provided in a single course of no more than two hours  
124.28 in length.

124.29 ~~(e)~~ (f) Sudden unexpected infant death reduction training and abusive head trauma  
124.30 training required under this subdivision must be completed in person or as allowed under  
124.31 subdivision 10, clause (1) or (2), at least once every two years. On the years when the license  
124.32 holder ~~is~~, caregiver, substitute, and helper are not receiving training in person or as allowed  
124.33 under subdivision 10, clause (1) or (2), the license holder, caregiver, substitute, and helper  
124.34 must receive sudden unexpected infant death reduction training and abusive head trauma



125.1 training through a video of no more than one hour in length. The video must be developed  
125.2 or approved by the commissioner.

125.3 ~~(f)~~ (g) An individual who is related to the license holder as defined in section 245A.02,  
125.4 subdivision 13, and who is involved only in the care of the license holder's own infant or  
125.5 child under school age and who is not designated to be a caregiver, helper, or substitute, as  
125.6 defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0315, for the licensed program, is exempt from the  
125.7 sudden unexpected infant death and abusive head trauma training.

125.8 Subd. 6. **Child passenger restraint systems; training requirement.** ~~(a) A license~~  
125.9 ~~holder must comply with all seat belt and child passenger restraint system requirements~~  
125.10 ~~under section 169.685.~~

125.11 ~~(b) Family and group family child care programs licensed by the Department of Human~~  
125.12 ~~Services that serve a child or children under nine years of age must document training that~~  
125.13 ~~fulfills the requirements in this subdivision.~~

125.14 ~~(a) (1) Before~~ A license holder, ~~staff person, caregiver, or helper~~ caregiver, or substitute  
125.15 transports ~~may transport~~ a child or children under age ~~nine~~ eight in a motor vehicle; ~~the~~  
125.16 ~~person~~ Before placing the child or children in a passenger restraint, the person must  
125.17 satisfactorily complete training on the proper use and installation of child restraint systems  
125.18 in motor vehicles. Training completed under this subdivision may be used to meet initial  
125.19 training under subdivision 1 or ongoing training under subdivision 7.

125.20 (2) Training required under this subdivision must be ~~at least one hour in length, completed~~  
125.21 ~~at initial training, and~~ repeated at least once every five years.

125.22 (3) At a minimum, the training must address the proper use of child restraint systems  
125.23 based on the child's size, weight, and age, and the proper installation of a car seat or booster  
125.24 seat in the motor vehicle used by the license holder to transport the child or children.

125.25 ~~(3)~~ (4) Training under this subdivision must be provided by individuals who are certified  
125.26 and approved by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety. License holders  
125.27 may obtain a list of certified and approved trainers through the Department of Public Safety  
125.28 website or by contacting the agency.

125.29 ~~(e)~~ (b) Child care providers that only transport school-age children as defined in section  
125.30 245A.02, subdivision 19, paragraph (f), in child care buses as defined in section 169.448,  
125.31 subdivision 1, paragraph (e), are exempt from this subdivision.

125.32 Subd. 7. **Ongoing training requirements for family and group family child care**  
125.33 **license holders and caregivers.** ~~For purposes of family and group family child care, (a)~~

126.1 The license holder and each ~~primary~~ caregiver must complete 16 hours of ongoing training  
126.2 each year. ~~For purposes of this subdivision, a primary caregiver is an adult caregiver who~~  
126.3 ~~provides services in the licensed setting for more than 30 days in any 12-month period.~~  
126.4 ~~Repeat of topical training requirements in subdivisions 2 to 8 shall count toward the annual~~  
126.5 ~~16-hour training requirement.~~

126.6 (b) The license holder and caregiver must annually complete ongoing training as follows:

126.7 (1) as required by subdivision 2, a two-hour course in: child development that may be  
126.8 fulfilled by any course in Knowledge and Competency Area I: Child Development and  
126.9 Learning; or behavior guidance that may be fulfilled by any course in Knowledge and  
126.10 Competency Area II-C: Promoting Social and Emotional Development;

126.11 (2) a two-hour course in active supervision that may be fulfilled by any course in:  
126.12 Knowledge and Competency Area VII-A: Establishing Healthy Practices; or Knowledge  
126.13 and Competency Area VII-B: Ensuring Safety; and

126.14 (3) if applicable, ongoing training in reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death  
126.15 and abusive head trauma, as required under subdivision 5.

126.16 (c) At least once every two years, the license holder and caregiver must complete ongoing  
126.17 training as follows:

126.18 (1) training in pediatric first aid as required under subdivision 3;

126.19 (2) training in pediatric CPR as required under subdivision 4; and

126.20 (3) a two-hour course on accommodating children with disabilities or on cultural  
126.21 dynamics that may be fulfilled by completing any course in Knowledge and Competency  
126.22 Area III: Relationships with Families.

126.23 (d) At least once every five years, the license holder and caregiver must complete ongoing  
126.24 training as follows:

126.25 (1) the two-hour courses Health and Safety I and Health and Safety II; and

126.26 (2) if applicable, ongoing training in child passenger restraint, as required under  
126.27 subdivision 6.

126.28 (e) Additional ongoing training subjects to meet the annual 16-hour training requirement  
126.29 must be selected from the following areas training in the following content areas of the  
126.30 Minnesota Knowledge and Competency Framework:

127.1 (1) Content area I: child development and learning, including training under subdivision  
 127.2 2, paragraph (a) in understanding how children develop physically, cognitively, emotionally,  
 127.3 and socially; and learn as part of the childrens' family, culture, and community;

127.4 (2) Content area II: developmentally appropriate learning experiences, including training  
 127.5 in creating positive learning experiences, promoting cognitive development, promoting  
 127.6 social and emotional development, promoting physical development, promoting creative  
 127.7 development; and behavior guidance;

127.8 (3) Content area III: relationships with families, including training in building a positive,  
 127.9 respectful relationship with the child's family;

127.10 (4) Content area IV: assessment, evaluation, and individualization, including training  
 127.11 in observing, recording, and assessing development; assessing and using information to  
 127.12 plan; and assessing and using information to enhance and maintain program quality;

127.13 (5) Content area V: historical and contemporary development of early childhood  
 127.14 education, including training in past and current practices in early childhood education and  
 127.15 how current events and issues affect children, families, and programs;

127.16 (6) Content area VI: professionalism, including training in knowledge, skills, and abilities  
 127.17 that promote ongoing professional development; and

127.18 (7) Content area VII: health, safety, and nutrition, including training in establishing  
 127.19 healthy practices; ensuring safety; and providing healthy nutrition.

127.20 Subd. 8. ~~Other required training requirements~~ Ongoing training requirements for  
 127.21 substitutes and helpers. ~~(a) The training required of family and group family child care~~  
 127.22 ~~providers and staff must include training in the cultural dynamics of early childhood~~  
 127.23 ~~development and child care. The cultural dynamics and disabilities training and skills~~  
 127.24 ~~development of child care providers must be designed to achieve outcomes for providers~~  
 127.25 ~~of child care that include, but are not limited to:~~

127.26 ~~(1) an understanding and support of the importance of culture and differences in ability~~  
 127.27 ~~in children's identity development;~~

127.28 ~~(2) understanding the importance of awareness of cultural differences and similarities~~  
 127.29 ~~in working with children and their families;~~

127.30 ~~(3) understanding and support of the needs of families and children with differences in~~  
 127.31 ~~ability;~~

128.1 ~~(4) developing skills to help children develop unbiased attitudes about cultural differences~~  
128.2 ~~and differences in ability;~~

128.3 ~~(5) developing skills in culturally appropriate caregiving; and~~

128.4 ~~(6) developing skills in appropriate caregiving for children of different abilities.~~

128.5 ~~The commissioner shall approve the curriculum for cultural dynamics and disability~~  
128.6 ~~training.~~

128.7 ~~(b) The provider must meet the training requirement in section 245A.14, subdivision~~  
128.8 ~~11, paragraph (a), clause (4), to be eligible to allow a child cared for at the family child care~~  
128.9 ~~or group family child care home to use the swimming pool located at the home.~~

128.10 (a) Each substitute must complete ongoing training on the following schedule:

128.11 (1) annually, if applicable, training in reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant  
128.12 death and abusive head trauma as required under subdivision 5;

128.13 (2) at least once every two years: (i) training in pediatric first aid as required under  
128.14 subdivision 3; (ii) training in pediatric CPR as required under subdivision 4; and (iii) the  
128.15 four-hour Basics of Licensed Family Child Care for Substitutes course; and

128.16 (3) at least once every five years, if applicable, training in child passenger restraints, as  
128.17 required under subdivision 6.

128.18 (b) Each helper must complete training on the following schedule:

128.19 (1) annually, if applicable, training in reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant  
128.20 death and abusive head trauma as required under subdivision 5; and

128.21 (2) at least once every two years: (i) the one-hour course Basics of Child Development  
128.22 for Helpers; or (ii) any course in Knowledge and Competency Area I: Child Development  
128.23 and Learning.

128.24 ~~Subd. 9. **Supervising for safety; training requirement.** (a) Before initial licensure and~~  
128.25 ~~before caring for a child, all family child care license holders and each adult caregiver who~~  
128.26 ~~provides care in the licensed family child care home for more than 30 days in any 12-month~~  
128.27 ~~period shall complete and document the completion of the six-hour Supervising for Safety~~  
128.28 ~~for Family Child Care course developed by the commissioner.~~

128.29 ~~(b) The family child care license holder and each adult caregiver who provides care in~~  
128.30 ~~the licensed family child care home for more than 30 days in any 12-month period shall~~  
128.31 ~~complete and document:~~

129.1 ~~(1) the annual completion of a two-hour active supervision course developed by the~~  
129.2 ~~commissioner; and~~

129.3 ~~(2) the completion at least once every five years of the two-hour courses Health and~~  
129.4 ~~Safety I and Health and Safety II. A license holder's or adult caregiver's completion of either~~  
129.5 ~~training in a given year meets the annual active supervision training requirement in clause~~  
129.6 ~~(1).~~

129.7 Subd. 10. **Approved training.** County licensing staff must accept training approved by  
129.8 ~~the Minnesota Center for Professional Development~~ Achieve - the MN Center for  
129.9 Professional Development, including:

129.10 (1) face-to-face or classroom training;

129.11 (2) online training; and

129.12 (3) relationship-based professional development, such as mentoring, coaching, and  
129.13 consulting.

129.14 Subd. 11. **Provider training.** New and increased training requirements under this section  
129.15 must not be imposed on providers until the commissioner establishes statewide accessibility  
129.16 to the required provider training.

129.17 Subd. 12. **Documentation.** The license holder must document the date of a completed  
129.18 training required by this section for the license holder, each caregiver, substitute, and helper.

129.19 Subd. 13. **Training exemption.** An individual who is related to the license holder, as  
129.20 defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 13, who is involved only in the care of the family  
129.21 child care license holder's own child and who is not a designated caregiver, helper, or  
129.22 substitute for the licensed program is exempt from the training requirements in this section.

129.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

129.24 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.51, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

129.25 Subd. 3. **Emergency preparedness plan.** (a) ~~No later than September 30, 2017,~~ A  
129.26 licensed family child care provider must have a written emergency preparedness plan for  
129.27 emergencies that require evacuation, sheltering, or other protection of children, such as fire,  
129.28 natural disaster, intruder, or other threatening situation that may pose a health or safety  
129.29 hazard to children. The plan must be written on a form developed by the commissioner and  
129.30 updated at least annually. The plan must include:

129.31 (1) procedures for an evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, or lockdown;

- 130.1 (2) a designated relocation site and evacuation route;
- 130.2 (3) procedures for notifying a child's parent or legal guardian of the evacuation,  
130.3 shelter-in-place, or lockdown, including procedures for reunification with families;
- 130.4 (4) accommodations for a child with a disability or a chronic medical condition;
- 130.5 (5) procedures for storing a child's medically necessary medicine that facilitate easy  
130.6 removal during an evacuation or relocation;
- 130.7 (6) procedures for continuing operations in the period during and after a crisis; ~~and~~
- 130.8 (7) procedures for communicating with local emergency management officials, law  
130.9 enforcement officials, or other appropriate state or local authorities; and
- 130.10 (8) accommodations for infants and toddlers.
- 130.11 (b) The license holder must train caregivers before the caregiver provides care and at  
130.12 least annually on the emergency preparedness plan and document completion of this training.
- 130.13 (c) The license holder must conduct drills according to the requirements in Minnesota  
130.14 Rules, part 9502.0435, subpart 8. The date and time of the drills must be documented.
- 130.15 (d) The license holder must have the emergency preparedness plan available for review  
130.16 and posted in a prominent location. The license holder must provide a physical or electronic  
130.17 copy of the plan to the child's parent or legal guardian upon enrollment.
- 130.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.
- 130.19 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.51, is amended by adding a subdivision  
130.20 to read:
- 130.21 **Subd. 4. Transporting children.** A license holder must ensure compliance with all seat  
130.22 belt and child passenger restraint system requirements under section 169.685.
- 130.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.
- 130.24 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.51, is amended by adding a subdivision  
130.25 to read:
- 130.26 **Subd. 5. Telephone requirement.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0435,  
130.27 subpart 8, item B, a license holder is not required to post a list of emergency numbers. A  
130.28 license holder may use a cellular telephone to meet the requirements of Minnesota Rules,  
130.29 part 9502.0435, subpart 8, if the cellular telephone is sufficiently charged for use at all times.
- 130.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

131.1 Sec. 55. [245A.52] FAMILY CHILD CARE PHYSICAL SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

131.2 Subdivision 1. Means of escape. (a) (1) At least one emergency escape route separate  
131.3 from the main exit from the space must be available in each room used for sleeping by  
131.4 anyone receiving licensed care, and (2) a basement used for child care. One means of escape  
131.5 must be a stairway or door leading to the floor of exit discharge. The other must be a door  
131.6 or window leading directly outside. A window used as an emergency escape route must be  
131.7 openable without special knowledge.

131.8 (b) In homes with construction that began before May 2, 2016, the interior of the window  
131.9 leading directly outside must have a net clear opening area of not less than 4.5 square feet  
131.10 or 648 square inches and have minimum clear opening dimensions of 20 inches wide and  
131.11 20 inches high. The opening must be no higher than 48 inches from the floor. The height  
131.12 to the window may be measured from a platform if a platform is located below the window.

131.13 (c) In homes with construction that began on or after May 2, 2016, the interior of the  
131.14 window leading directly outside must have minimum clear opening dimensions of 20 inches  
131.15 wide and 24 inches high. The net clear opening dimensions shall be the result of normal  
131.16 operation of the opening. The opening must be no higher than 44 inches from the floor.

131.17 (d) Additional requirements are dependent on the distance of the openings from the  
131.18 ground outside the window: (1) windows or other openings with a sill height not more than  
131.19 44 inches above or below the finished ground level adjacent to the opening (grade-floor  
131.20 emergency escape and rescue openings) must have a minimum opening of five square feet;  
131.21 and (2) non-grade floor emergency escape and rescue openings must have a minimum  
131.22 opening of 5.7 square feet.

131.23 Subd. 2. Door to attached garage. Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0425,  
131.24 subpart 5, day care residences with an attached garage are not required to have a self-closing  
131.25 door to the residence. The door to the residence may be a steel insulated door if the door is  
131.26 at least 1-3/8 inches thick.

131.27 Subd. 3. Heating and venting systems. Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part  
131.28 9502.0425, subpart 7, items that can be ignited and support combustion, including but not  
131.29 limited to plastic, fabric, and wood products must not be located within 18 inches of a gas  
131.30 or fuel-oil heater or furnace. If a license holder produces manufacturer instructions listing  
131.31 a smaller distance, then the manufacturer instructions control the distance combustible items  
131.32 must be from gas, fuel-oil, or solid-fuel burning heaters or furnaces.

131.33 Subd. 4. Fire extinguisher. A portable, operational, multipurpose, dry chemical fire  
131.34 extinguisher with a minimum 2 A 10 BC rating must be located in or near the kitchen and

132.1 cooking areas of the residence at all times. The fire extinguisher must be serviced annually  
132.2 by a qualified inspector. All caregivers must know how to properly use the fire extinguisher.

132.3 Subd. 5. **Carbon monoxide and smoke alarms.** (a) All homes must have an approved  
132.4 and operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within ten feet of each room used for  
132.5 sleeping children in care.

132.6 (b) Smoke alarms that have been listed by the Underwriter Laboratory must be properly  
132.7 installed and maintained on all levels including basements, but not including crawl spaces  
132.8 and uninhabitable attics, and in hallways outside rooms used for sleeping children in care.

132.9 (c) In homes with construction that began on or after May 2, 2016, smoke alarms must  
132.10 be installed and maintained in each room used for sleeping children in care.

132.11 Subd. 6. **Updates.** After readoption of the Minnesota State Fire Code, the fire marshal  
132.12 must notify the commissioner of any changes that conflict with this section and Minnesota  
132.13 Rules, chapter 9502. The state fire marshal must identify necessary statutory changes to  
132.14 align statutes with the revised code. The commissioner must recommend updates to sections  
132.15 of chapter 245A that are derived from the Minnesota State Fire Code in the legislative  
132.16 session following readoption of the code.

132.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

132.18 Sec. 56. **[245A.53] SUBSTITUTE CAREGIVERS AND REPLACEMENTS IN**  
132.19 **FAMILY CHILD CARE.**

132.20 Subdivision 1. **Total hours allowed.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0365,  
132.21 subpart 5, the use of a substitute caregiver in a licensed family child care program must be  
132.22 limited to a cumulative total of not more than 400 hours in a calendar year. The license  
132.23 holder must document the name, dates, and number of hours of the substitute who provided  
132.24 care.

132.25 Subd. 2. **Emergency replacement supervision.** (a) A license holder may allow an adult  
132.26 who has not completed the training requirements under this chapter or the background study  
132.27 requirements under chapter 245C to supervise children in a family child care program in  
132.28 an emergency. For purposes of this subdivision, an emergency is a situation in which:

132.29 (1) the license holder has begun operating the family child care program for the day and  
132.30 for reasons beyond the license holder's control, including, but not limited to a serious illness  
132.31 or injury, accident, or situation requiring the license holder's immediate attention, the license  
132.32 holder needs to leave the licensed space and close the program for the day; and



133.1 (2) the parents or guardians of the children attending the program are contacted to pick  
133.2 up their children as soon as is practicable.

133.3 (b) The license holder must make reasonable efforts to minimize the time the emergency  
133.4 replacement has unsupervised contact with the children in care, not to exceed 24 hours per  
133.5 emergency incident.

133.6 (c) The license holder shall not knowingly use a person as an emergency replacement  
133.7 who has committed an action or has been convicted of a crime that would cause the person  
133.8 to be disqualified from providing care to children, if a background study was conducted  
133.9 under chapter 245C.

133.10 (d) To the extent practicable, the license holder must attempt to arrange for emergency  
133.11 care by a substitute caregiver before using an emergency replacement.

133.12 (e) To the extent practicable, the license holder must notify the county licensing agency  
133.13 within seven days that an emergency replacement was used, and specify the circumstances  
133.14 that led to the use of the emergency replacement. The county licensing agency must notify  
133.15 the commissioner within three business days after receiving the license holder's notice that  
133.16 an emergency replacement was used, and specify the circumstances that led to the use of  
133.17 the emergency replacement.

133.18 (f) Notwithstanding the requirements in Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0405, a license  
133.19 holder is not required to provide the names of persons who may be used as substitutes or  
133.20 replacements in emergencies to parents or the county licensing agency.

133.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

133.22 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.66, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

133.23 **Subd. 2. Child care centers; risk reduction plan.** (a) Child care centers licensed under  
133.24 this chapter and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9503, must develop a risk reduction plan that  
133.25 identifies the general risks to children served by the child care center. The license holder  
133.26 must establish procedures to minimize identified risks, train staff on the procedures, and  
133.27 annually review the procedures.

133.28 (b) The risk reduction plan must include an assessment of risk to children the center  
133.29 serves or intends to serve and identify specific risks based on the outcome of the assessment.  
133.30 The assessment of risk must be based on the following:

133.31 (1) an assessment of the risks presented by the physical plant where the licensed services  
133.32 are provided, including an evaluation of the following factors: the condition and design of

134.1 the facility and its outdoor space, bathrooms, storage areas, and accessibility of medications  
134.2 and cleaning products that are harmful to children when children are not supervised and the  
134.3 existence of areas that are difficult to supervise; and

134.4 (2) an assessment of the risks presented by the environment for each facility and for  
134.5 each site, including an evaluation of the following factors: the type of grounds and terrain  
134.6 surrounding the building and the proximity to hazards, busy roads, and publicly accessed  
134.7 businesses.

134.8 (c) The risk reduction plan must include a statement of measures that will be taken to  
134.9 minimize the risk of harm presented to children for each risk identified in the assessment  
134.10 required under paragraph (b) related to the physical plant and environment. At a minimum,  
134.11 the stated measures must include the development and implementation of specific policies  
134.12 and procedures or reference to existing policies and procedures that minimize the risks  
134.13 identified.

134.14 (d) In addition to any program-specific risks identified in paragraph (b), the plan must  
134.15 include development and implementation of specific policies and procedures or refer to  
134.16 existing policies and procedures that minimize the risk of harm or injury to children,  
134.17 including:

134.18 (1) closing children's fingers in doors, including cabinet doors;

134.19 (2) leaving children in the community without supervision;

134.20 (3) children leaving the facility without supervision;

134.21 (4) caregiver dislocation of children's elbows;

134.22 (5) burns from hot food or beverages, whether served to children or being consumed by  
134.23 caregivers, and the devices used to warm food and beverages;

134.24 (6) injuries from equipment, such as scissors and glue guns;

134.25 (7) sunburn;

134.26 (8) feeding children foods to which they are allergic;

134.27 (9) children falling from changing tables; and

134.28 (10) children accessing dangerous items or chemicals or coming into contact with residue  
134.29 from harmful cleaning products.

134.30 (e) The plan shall prohibit the accessibility of hazardous items to children.

135.1 (f) The plan must include specific policies and procedures to ensure adequate supervision  
 135.2 of children at all times as defined under section 245A.02, subdivision 18, with particular  
 135.3 emphasis on:

135.4 (1) times when children are transitioned from one area within the facility to another;

135.5 (2) nap-time supervision, including infant crib rooms as specified under section 245A.02,  
 135.6 subdivision 18, which requires that when an infant is placed in a crib to sleep, supervision  
 135.7 occurs when a staff person is within sight or hearing of the infant. When supervision of a  
 135.8 crib room is provided by sight or hearing, the center must have a plan to address the other  
 135.9 supervision components;

135.10 (3) child drop-off and pick-up times;

135.11 (4) supervision during outdoor play and on community activities, including but not  
 135.12 limited to field trips and neighborhood walks; ~~and~~

135.13 (5) supervision of children in hallways; and

135.14 (6) supervision of school-age children when using the restroom and visiting the child's  
 135.15 personal storage space.

135.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

135.17 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.66, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

135.18 Subd. 3. ~~Orientation to~~ Yearly review of risk reduction plan and annual review of  
 135.19 plan. (a) ~~The license holder shall ensure that all mandated reporters, as defined in section~~  
 135.20 ~~626.556, subdivision 3, who are under the control of the license holder, receive an orientation~~  
 135.21 ~~to the risk reduction plan prior to first providing unsupervised direct contact services, as~~  
 135.22 ~~defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 11, to children, not to exceed 14 days from the first~~  
 135.23 ~~supervised direct contact, and annually thereafter. The license holder must document the~~  
 135.24 ~~orientation to the risk reduction plan in the mandated reporter's personnel records.~~

135.25 (b) The license holder must review the risk reduction plan annually each calendar year  
 135.26 and document the ~~annual~~ review. When conducting the review, the license holder must  
 135.27 consider incidents that have occurred in the center since the last review, including:

135.28 (1) the assessment factors in the plan;

135.29 (2) the internal reviews conducted under this section, if any;

135.30 (3) substantiated maltreatment findings, if any; and

136.1 (4) incidents that caused injury or harm to a child, if any, that occurred since the last  
136.2 review.

136.3 Following any change to the risk reduction plan, the license holder must inform ~~mandated~~  
136.4 ~~reporters~~ staff persons, under the control of the license holder, of the changes in the risk  
136.5 reduction plan, and document that the ~~mandated-reporters~~ staff were informed of the changes.

136.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

136.7 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
136.8 to read:

136.9 **Subd. 5a. License-exempt child care center certification holder.** "License-exempt  
136.10 child care center certification holder" has the meaning given for "certification holder" in  
136.11 section 245H.01, subdivision 4.

136.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

136.13 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.02, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

136.14 **Subd. 6a. Child care background study subject.** (a) "Child care background study  
136.15 subject" means an individual who is affiliated with a licensed child care center, certified  
136.16 license exempt child care center, licensed family child care program, or legal nonlicensed  
136.17 child care provider authorized under chapter 119B, and who is:

136.18 (1) ~~who is~~ employed by a child care provider for compensation;

136.19 (2) ~~whose activities involve assisting in the supervision care~~ of a child for a child care  
136.20 provider; ~~or~~

136.21 ~~(3) who is required to have a background study under section 245C.03, subdivision 1.~~

136.22 (3) a person applying for licensure, certification, or enrollment;

136.23 (4) a controlling individual as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 5a;

136.24 (5) an individual 13 years of age or older who lives in the household where the licensed  
136.25 program will be provided and who is not receiving licensed services from the program;

136.26 (6) an individual ten to 12 years of age who lives in the household where the licensed  
136.27 services will be provided when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section  
136.28 245C.02, subdivision 15;

136.29 (7) an individual who, without providing direct contact services at a licensed program,  
136.30 certified program, or program authorized under chapter 119B, may have unsupervised access

137.1 to a child receiving services from a program when the commissioner has reasonable cause  
137.2 as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15; or

137.3 (8) a volunteer, contractor, prospective employee, or other individual who has  
137.4 unsupervised physical access to a child served by a program and who is not under direct,  
137.5 continuous supervision by an individual listed in clause (1) or (5), regardless of whether  
137.6 the individual provides program services.

137.7 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an individual who is providing services that are not  
137.8 part of the child care program is not required to have a background study if:

137.9 (1) the child receiving services is signed out of the child care program for the duration  
137.10 that the services are provided;

137.11 (2) the licensed child care center, certified license exempt child care center, licensed  
137.12 family child care program, or legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter  
137.13 119B has obtained advanced written permission from the parent authorizing the child to  
137.14 receive the services, which is maintained in the child's record;

137.15 (3) the licensed child care center, certified license exempt child care center, licensed  
137.16 family child care program, or legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter  
137.17 119B maintains documentation on-site that identifies the individual service provider and  
137.18 the services being provided; and

137.19 (4) the licensed child care center, certified license exempt child care center, licensed  
137.20 family child care program, or legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter  
137.21 119B ensures that the service provider does not have unsupervised access to a child not  
137.22 receiving the provider's services.

137.23 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
137.24 to read:

137.25 Subd. 6b. **Children's residential facility.** "Children's residential facility" means a  
137.26 children's residential facility licensed by the commissioner of corrections or the commissioner  
137.27 of human services under Minnesota Rules, chapter 2960.

137.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, for background studies  
137.29 initiated on or after that date.

138.1 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
138.2 to read:

138.3 Subd. 12a. **Licensed family child foster care.** "Licensed family child foster care"  
138.4 includes providers who have submitted an application for family child foster care licensure  
138.5 under section 245A.04, subdivision 1. Licensed family child foster care does not include  
138.6 foster residence settings that meet the licensing requirements of Minnesota Rules, parts  
138.7 2960.3200 to 2960.3230.

138.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2020.

138.9 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
138.10 to read:

138.11 Subd. 20. **Substance use disorder treatment field.** "Substance use disorder treatment  
138.12 field" means a program exclusively serving individuals 18 years of age and older and that  
138.13 is required to be:

138.14 (1) licensed under chapter 245G; or

138.15 (2) registered under section 157.17 as a board and lodge establishment that predominantly  
138.16 serves individuals being treated for or recovering from a substance use disorder.

138.17 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

138.18 Subdivision 1. **Licensed programs.** (a) The commissioner shall conduct a background  
138.19 study on:

138.20 (1) the person or persons applying for a license;

138.21 (2) an individual age 13 and over living in the household where the licensed program  
138.22 will be provided who is not receiving licensed services from the program;

138.23 (3) current or prospective employees or contractors of the applicant who will have direct  
138.24 contact with persons served by the facility, agency, or program;

138.25 (4) volunteers or student volunteers who will have direct contact with persons served  
138.26 by the program to provide program services if the contact is not under the continuous, direct  
138.27 supervision by an individual listed in clause (1) or (3);

138.28 (5) an individual age ten to 12 living in the household where the licensed services will  
138.29 be provided when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02,  
138.30 subdivision 15;

139.1 (6) an individual who, without providing direct contact services at a licensed program,  
139.2 may have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults receiving services from a  
139.3 program, when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02,  
139.4 subdivision 15;

139.5 (7) all controlling individuals as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 5a; and

139.6 (8) notwithstanding the other requirements in this subdivision, child care background  
139.7 study subjects as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 6a.

139.8 ~~(b) Paragraph (a), clauses (2), (5), and (6), apply to legal nonlicensed child care and~~  
139.9 ~~certified license-exempt child care programs.~~

139.10 ~~(e)~~ (b) For child foster care when the license holder resides in the home where foster  
139.11 care services are provided, a short-term substitute caregiver providing direct contact services  
139.12 for a child for less than 72 hours of continuous care is not required to receive a background  
139.13 study under this chapter.

139.14 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.05, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

139.15 Subd. 2c. **Privacy notice to background study subject.** (a) Prior to initiating each  
139.16 background study, the entity initiating the study must provide the commissioner's privacy  
139.17 notice to the background study subject required under section 13.04, subdivision 2. The  
139.18 notice must be available through the commissioner's electronic NETStudy and NETStudy  
139.19 2.0 systems and shall include the information in paragraphs (b) and (c).

139.20 (b) The background study subject shall be informed that any previous background studies  
139.21 that received a set-aside will be reviewed, and without further contact with the background  
139.22 study subject, the commissioner may notify the agency that initiated the subsequent  
139.23 background study:

139.24 (1) that the individual has a disqualification that has been set aside for the program or  
139.25 agency that initiated the study;

139.26 (2) the reason for the disqualification; and

139.27 (3) that information about the decision to set aside the disqualification will be available  
139.28 to the license holder upon request without the consent of the background study subject.

139.29 (c) The background study subject must also be informed that:

139.30 (1) the subject's fingerprints collected for purposes of completing the background study  
139.31 under this chapter must not be retained by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of  
139.32 Criminal Apprehension, or by the commissioner. The Federal Bureau of Investigation will

140.1 ~~only retain fingerprints of subjects with a criminal history~~ not retain background study  
140.2 subjects' fingerprints;

140.3 (2) effective upon implementation of NETStudy 2.0, the subject's photographic image  
140.4 will be retained by the commissioner, and if the subject has provided the subject's Social  
140.5 Security number for purposes of the background study, the photographic image will be  
140.6 available to prospective employers and agencies initiating background studies under this  
140.7 chapter to verify the identity of the subject of the background study;

140.8 (3) the commissioner's authorized fingerprint collection vendor shall, for purposes of  
140.9 verifying the identity of the background study subject, be able to view the identifying  
140.10 information entered into NETStudy 2.0 by the entity that initiated the background study,  
140.11 but shall not retain the subject's fingerprints, photograph, or information from NETStudy  
140.12 2.0. The authorized fingerprint collection vendor shall retain no more than the subject's  
140.13 name and the date and time the subject's fingerprints were recorded and sent, only as  
140.14 necessary for auditing and billing activities;

140.15 (4) the commissioner shall provide the subject notice, as required in section 245C.17,  
140.16 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), when an entity initiates a background study on the individual;

140.17 (5) the subject may request in writing a report listing the entities that initiated a  
140.18 background study on the individual as provided in section 245C.17, subdivision 1, paragraph  
140.19 (b);

140.20 (6) the subject may request in writing that information used to complete the individual's  
140.21 background study in NETStudy 2.0 be destroyed if the requirements of section 245C.051,  
140.22 paragraph (a), are met; and

140.23 (7) notwithstanding clause (6), the commissioner shall destroy:

140.24 (i) the subject's photograph after a period of two years when the requirements of section  
140.25 245C.051, paragraph (c), are met; and

140.26 (ii) any data collected on a subject under this chapter after a period of two years following  
140.27 the individual's death as provided in section 245C.051, paragraph (d).

140.28 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.05, subdivision 2d, is amended to read:

140.29 Subd. 2d. **Fingerprint data notification.** The commissioner of human services shall  
140.30 notify all background study subjects under this chapter that the Department of Human  
140.31 Services, Department of Public Safety, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension do not  
140.32 retain fingerprint data after a background study is completed, and that the Federal Bureau



141.1 ~~of Investigation only retains the fingerprints of subjects who have a criminal history of~~  
141.2 Investigation will not retain background study subjects' fingerprints.

141.3 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.05, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

141.4 Subd. 4. **Electronic transmission.** (a) For background studies conducted by the  
141.5 Department of Human Services, the commissioner shall implement a secure system for the  
141.6 electronic transmission of:

141.7 (1) background study information to the commissioner;

141.8 (2) background study results to the license holder;

141.9 (3) background study results and relevant underlying investigative information to county  
141.10 and private agencies for background studies conducted by the commissioner for child foster  
141.11 care, including a summary of nondisqualifying results, except as prohibited by law; and

141.12 (4) background study results to county agencies for background studies conducted by  
141.13 the commissioner for adult foster care and family adult day services and, upon  
141.14 implementation of NETStudy 2.0, family child care and legal nonlicensed child care  
141.15 authorized under chapter 119B.

141.16 (b) Unless the commissioner has granted a hardship variance under paragraph (c), a  
141.17 license holder or an applicant must use the electronic transmission system known as  
141.18 NETStudy or NETStudy 2.0 to submit all requests for background studies to the  
141.19 commissioner as required by this chapter.

141.20 (c) A license holder or applicant whose program is located in an area in which high-speed  
141.21 Internet is inaccessible may request the commissioner to grant a variance to the electronic  
141.22 transmission requirement.

141.23 (d) Section 245C.08, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), applies to results transmitted under  
141.24 this subdivision.

141.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2020.

141.26 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.05, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

141.27 Subd. 5. **Fingerprints and photograph.** (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), for  
141.28 background studies conducted by the commissioner for child foster care, children's residential  
141.29 facilities, adoptions, or a transfer of permanent legal and physical custody of a child, the  
141.30 subject of the background study, who is 18 years of age or older, shall provide the

142.1 commissioner with a set of classifiable fingerprints obtained from an authorized agency for  
142.2 a national criminal history record check.

142.3 (b) For background studies initiated on or after the implementation of NETStudy 2.0,  
142.4 except as provided under subdivision 5a, every subject of a background study must provide  
142.5 the commissioner with a set of the background study subject's classifiable fingerprints and  
142.6 photograph. The photograph and fingerprints must be recorded at the same time by the  
142.7 commissioner's authorized fingerprint collection vendor and sent to the commissioner  
142.8 through the commissioner's secure data system described in section 245C.32, subdivision  
142.9 1a, paragraph (b).

142.10 (c) The fingerprints shall be submitted by the commissioner to the Bureau of Criminal  
142.11 Apprehension and, when specifically required by law, submitted to the Federal Bureau of  
142.12 Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

142.13 (d) The fingerprints must not be retained by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau  
142.14 of Criminal Apprehension, or the commissioner. The Federal Bureau of Investigation will  
142.15 ~~only retain fingerprints of subjects with a criminal history~~ not retain background study  
142.16 subjects' fingerprints.

142.17 (e) The commissioner's authorized fingerprint collection vendor shall, for purposes of  
142.18 verifying the identity of the background study subject, be able to view the identifying  
142.19 information entered into NETStudy 2.0 by the entity that initiated the background study,  
142.20 but shall not retain the subject's fingerprints, photograph, or information from NETStudy  
142.21 2.0. The authorized fingerprint collection vendor shall retain no more than the name and  
142.22 date and time the subject's fingerprints were recorded and sent, only as necessary for auditing  
142.23 and billing activities.

142.24 (f) For any background study conducted under this chapter, the subject shall provide the  
142.25 commissioner with a set of classifiable fingerprints when the commissioner has reasonable  
142.26 cause to require a national criminal history record check as defined in section 245C.02,  
142.27 subdivision 15a.

142.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective July 1, 2019, for background studies  
142.29 initiated on or after that date.

142.30 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

142.31 Subd. 5a. **Background study requirements for minors.** (a) A background study  
142.32 completed under this chapter on a subject who is required to be studied under section

143.1 245C.03, subdivision 1, and is 17 years of age or younger shall be completed by the  
143.2 commissioner for:

143.3 (1) a legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter 119B;

143.4 (2) a licensed family child care program; or

143.5 (3) a licensed foster care home.

143.6 (b) The subject shall submit to the commissioner only the information under subdivision  
143.7 1, paragraph (a).

143.8 (c) A subject who is 17 years of age or younger is required to submit fingerprints and a  
143.9 photograph, and the commissioner shall conduct a national criminal history record check,  
143.10 if:

143.11 (1) the commissioner has reasonable cause to require a national criminal history record  
143.12 check defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15a; or

143.13 (2) under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), the subject is employed by the provider or  
143.14 supervises children served by the program.

143.15 (d) A subject who is 17 years of age or younger is required to submit  
143.16 non-fingerprint-based data according to section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a),  
143.17 clause (6), item (iii), and the commissioner shall conduct the check if:

143.18 (1) the commissioner has reasonable cause to require a national criminal history record  
143.19 check defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15a; or

143.20 (2) the subject is employed by the provider or supervises children served by the program  
143.21 under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2).

143.22 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

143.23 Subdivision 1. **Background studies conducted by Department of Human Services.** (a)  
143.24 For a background study conducted by the Department of Human Services, the commissioner  
143.25 shall review:

143.26 (1) information related to names of substantiated perpetrators of maltreatment of  
143.27 vulnerable adults that has been received by the commissioner as required under section  
143.28 626.557, subdivision 9c, paragraph (j);

143.29 (2) the commissioner's records relating to the maltreatment of minors in licensed  
143.30 programs, and from findings of maltreatment of minors as indicated through the social  
143.31 service information system;

144.1 (3) information from juvenile courts as required in subdivision 4 for individuals listed  
144.2 in section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), when there is reasonable cause;

144.3 (4) information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, including information  
144.4 regarding a background study subject's registration in Minnesota as a predatory offender  
144.5 under section 243.166;

144.6 (5) except as provided in clause (6), information received as a result of submission of  
144.7 fingerprints for a national criminal history record check, as defined in section 245C.02,  
144.8 subdivision 13c, when the commissioner has reasonable cause for a national criminal history  
144.9 record check as defined under section 245C.02, subdivision 15a, or as required under section  
144.10 144.057, subdivision 1, clause (2);

144.11 (6) for a background study related to a child foster care application for licensure, children's  
144.12 residential facilities, a transfer of permanent legal and physical custody of a child under  
144.13 sections 260C.503 to 260C.515, or adoptions, and for a background study required for  
144.14 family child care, certified license-exempt child care, child care centers, and legal nonlicensed  
144.15 child care authorized under chapter 119B, the commissioner shall also review:

144.16 (i) information from the child abuse and neglect registry for any state in which the  
144.17 background study subject has resided for the past five years; ~~and~~

144.18 (ii) when the background study subject is 18 years of age or older, or a minor under  
144.19 section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, paragraph (c), information received following submission  
144.20 of fingerprints for a national criminal history record check; and

144.21 (iii) when the background study subject is 18 years of age or older or a minor under  
144.22 section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, paragraph (d), for licensed family child care, certified  
144.23 license-exempt child care, licensed child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care  
144.24 authorized under chapter 119B, information obtained using non-fingerprint-based data  
144.25 including information from the criminal and sex offender registries for any state in which  
144.26 the background study subject resided for the past five years and information from the national  
144.27 crime information database and the national sex offender registry; and

144.28 (7) for a background study required for family child care, certified license-exempt child  
144.29 care centers, licensed child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under  
144.30 chapter 119B, the background study shall also include, to the extent practicable, a name  
144.31 and date-of-birth search of the National Sex Offender Public website.

144.32 (b) Notwithstanding expungement by a court, the commissioner may consider information  
144.33 obtained under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), unless the commissioner received notice

145.1 of the petition for expungement and the court order for expungement is directed specifically  
145.2 to the commissioner.

145.3 (c) The commissioner shall also review criminal case information received according  
145.4 to section 245C.04, subdivision 4a, from the Minnesota court information system that relates  
145.5 to individuals who have already been studied under this chapter and who remain affiliated  
145.6 with the agency that initiated the background study.

145.7 (d) When the commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the identity of a  
145.8 background study subject is uncertain, the commissioner may require the subject to provide  
145.9 a set of classifiable fingerprints for purposes of completing a fingerprint-based record check  
145.10 with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Fingerprints collected under this paragraph  
145.11 shall not be saved by the commissioner after they have been used to verify the identity of  
145.12 the background study subject against the particular criminal record in question.

145.13 (e) The commissioner may inform the entity that initiated a background study under  
145.14 NETStudy 2.0 of the status of processing of the subject's fingerprints.

145.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective July 1, 2019, for background studies  
145.16 initiated on or after that date.

145.17 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.08, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

145.18 Subd. 3. **Arrest and investigative information.** (a) For any background study completed  
145.19 under this section, if the commissioner has reasonable cause to believe the information is  
145.20 pertinent to the disqualification of an individual, the commissioner also may review arrest  
145.21 and investigative information from:

145.22 (1) the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension;

145.23 (2) the ~~commissioner~~ commissioners of health and human services;

145.24 (3) a county attorney;

145.25 (4) a county sheriff;

145.26 (5) a county agency;

145.27 (6) a local chief of police;

145.28 (7) other states;

145.29 (8) the courts;

145.30 (9) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

146.1 (10) the National Criminal Records Repository; and

146.2 (11) criminal records from other states.

146.3 (b) Except when specifically required by law, the commissioner is not required to conduct  
146.4 more than one review of a subject's records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation if a  
146.5 review of the subject's criminal history with the Federal Bureau of Investigation has already  
146.6 been completed by the commissioner and there has been no break in the subject's affiliation  
146.7 with the ~~license holder~~ who entity that initiated the background study.

146.8 (c) If the commissioner conducts a national criminal history record check when required  
146.9 by law and uses the information from the national criminal history record check to make a  
146.10 disqualification determination, the data obtained is private data and cannot be shared with  
146.11 county agencies, private agencies, or prospective employers of the background study subject.

146.12 (d) If the commissioner conducts a national criminal history record check when required  
146.13 by law and uses the information from the national criminal history record check to make a  
146.14 disqualification determination, the license holder or entity that submitted the study is not  
146.15 required to obtain a copy of the background study subject's disqualification letter under  
146.16 section 245C.17, subdivision 3.

146.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for background studies requested on or  
146.18 after October 1, 2019.

146.19 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.10, is amended by adding a subdivision  
146.20 to read:

146.21 Subd. 14. **Children's residential facilities.** The commissioner shall recover the cost of  
146.22 background studies initiated by a licensed children's residential facility through a fee of no  
146.23 more than \$51 per study. Fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the  
146.24 commissioner for purposes of conducting background studies.

146.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, for background studies  
146.26 initiated on or after that date.

146.27 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

146.28 Subd. 2. **Direct contact pending completion of background study.** The subject of a  
146.29 background study may not perform any activity requiring a background study under  
146.30 paragraph (b) until the commissioner has issued one of the notices under paragraph (a).

146.31 (a) Notices from the commissioner required prior to activity under paragraph (b) include:

147.1 (1) a notice of the study results under section 245C.17 stating that:

147.2 (i) the individual is not disqualified; or

147.3 (ii) more time is needed to complete the study but the individual is not required to be  
147.4 removed from direct contact or access to people receiving services prior to completion of  
147.5 the study as provided under section 245C.17, subdivision 1, paragraph (b) or (c). The notice  
147.6 that more time is needed to complete the study must also indicate whether the individual is  
147.7 required to be under continuous direct supervision prior to completion of the background  
147.8 study;

147.9 (2) a notice that a disqualification has been set aside under section 245C.23; or

147.10 (3) a notice that a variance has been granted related to the individual under section  
147.11 245C.30.

147.12 (b) For a background study affiliated with a licensed child care center or certified license  
147.13 exempt child care center, the notice sent under paragraph (a), clause (1), item (ii), must  
147.14 require the individual to be under continuous direct supervision prior to completion of the  
147.15 background study except as permitted in subdivision 3.

147.16 (c) Activities prohibited prior to receipt of notice under paragraph (a) include:

147.17 (1) being issued a license;

147.18 (2) living in the household where the licensed program will be provided;

147.19 (3) providing direct contact services to persons served by a program unless the subject  
147.20 is under continuous direct supervision; ~~or~~

147.21 (4) having access to persons receiving services if the background study was completed  
147.22 under section 144.057, subdivision 1, or 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2),

147.23 (5), or (6), unless the subject is under continuous direct supervision; or

147.24 (5) for licensed child care center and certified license exempt child care centers, providing  
147.25 direct contact services to persons served by the program.

147.26 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.13, is amended by adding a subdivision  
147.27 to read:

147.28 Subd. 3. **Other state information.** If the commissioner has not received criminal, sex  
147.29 offender, or maltreatment information from another state that is required to be reviewed  
147.30 under this chapter within ten days of requesting the information, and the lack of the  
147.31 information is the only reason that a notice is issued under subdivision 2, paragraph (a),

148.1 clause (1), item (ii), the commissioner may issue a notice under subdivision 2, paragraph  
148.2 (a), clause (1), item (i). The commissioner may take action on information received from  
148.3 other states after issuing a notice under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1), item (ii).

148.4 Sec. 75. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

148.5 Subdivision 1. **Disqualification from direct contact.** (a) The commissioner shall  
148.6 disqualify an individual who is the subject of a background study from any position allowing  
148.7 direct contact with persons receiving services from the license holder or entity identified in  
148.8 section 245C.03, upon receipt of information showing, or when a background study  
148.9 completed under this chapter shows any of the following:

148.10 (1) a conviction of, admission to, or Alford plea to one or more crimes listed in section  
148.11 245C.15, regardless of whether the conviction or admission is a felony, gross misdemeanor,  
148.12 or misdemeanor level crime;

148.13 (2) a preponderance of the evidence indicates the individual has committed an act or  
148.14 acts that meet the definition of any of the crimes listed in section 245C.15, regardless of  
148.15 whether the preponderance of the evidence is for a felony, gross misdemeanor, or  
148.16 misdemeanor level crime; or

148.17 (3) an investigation results in an administrative determination listed under section  
148.18 245C.15, subdivision 4, paragraph (b).

148.19 (b) No individual who is disqualified following a background study under section  
148.20 245C.03, subdivisions 1 and 2, may be retained in a position involving direct contact with  
148.21 persons served by a program or entity identified in section 245C.03, unless the commissioner  
148.22 has provided written notice under section 245C.17 stating that:

148.23 (1) the individual may remain in direct contact during the period in which the individual  
148.24 may request reconsideration as provided in section 245C.21, subdivision 2;

148.25 (2) the commissioner has set aside the individual's disqualification for that program or  
148.26 entity identified in section 245C.03, as provided in section 245C.22, subdivision 4; or

148.27 (3) the license holder has been granted a variance for the disqualified individual under  
148.28 section 245C.30.

148.29 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the purposes of a background study affiliated  
148.30 with a licensed family child foster care provider, the commissioner shall disqualify an  
148.31 individual who is the subject of a background study from any position allowing direct contact  
148.32 with persons receiving services from the license holder or entity identified in section 245C.03,



149.1 upon receipt of information showing, or when a background study completed under this  
149.2 chapter is disqualifying under section 245C.15, subdivision 6.

149.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2020.

149.4 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

149.5 Subd. 2. **15-year disqualification.** (a) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14  
149.6 if: (1) less than 15 years have passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed, if any,  
149.7 for the offense; and (2) the individual has committed a felony-level violation of any of the  
149.8 following offenses: sections 256.98 (wrongfully obtaining assistance); 268.182 (fraud);  
149.9 393.07, subdivision 10, paragraph (c) (federal Food Stamp Program fraud); 609.165 (felon  
149.10 ineligible to possess firearm); 609.2112, 609.2113, or 609.2114 (criminal vehicular homicide  
149.11 or injury); 609.215 (suicide); 609.223 or 609.2231 (assault in the third or fourth degree);  
149.12 repeat offenses under 609.224 (assault in the fifth degree); 609.229 (crimes committed for  
149.13 benefit of a gang); 609.2325 (criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult); 609.2335 (financial  
149.14 exploitation of a vulnerable adult); 609.235 (use of drugs to injure or facilitate crime);  
149.15 609.24 (simple robbery); 609.255 (false imprisonment); 609.2664 (manslaughter of an  
149.16 unborn child in the first degree); 609.2665 (manslaughter of an unborn child in the second  
149.17 degree); 609.267 (assault of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2671 (assault of an  
149.18 unborn child in the second degree); 609.268 (injury or death of an unborn child in the  
149.19 commission of a crime); 609.27 (coercion); 609.275 (attempt to coerce); 609.466 (medical  
149.20 assistance fraud); 609.495 (aiding an offender); 609.498, subdivision 1 or 1b (aggravated  
149.21 first-degree or first-degree tampering with a witness); 609.52 (theft); 609.521 (possession  
149.22 of shoplifting gear); 609.525 (bringing stolen goods into Minnesota); 609.527 (identity  
149.23 theft); 609.53 (receiving stolen property); 609.535 (issuance of dishonored checks); 609.562  
149.24 (arson in the second degree); 609.563 (arson in the third degree); 609.582 (burglary); 609.59  
149.25 (possession of burglary tools); 609.611 (insurance fraud); 609.625 (aggravated forgery);  
149.26 609.63 (forgery); 609.631 (check forgery; offering a forged check); 609.635 (obtaining  
149.27 signature by false pretense); 609.66 (dangerous weapons); 609.67 (machine guns and  
149.28 short-barreled shotguns); 609.687 (adulteration); 609.71 (riot); 609.713 (terroristic threats);  
149.29 609.817 (criminal penalties for acts involving human services programs); 609.82 (fraud in  
149.30 obtaining credit); 609.821 (financial transaction card fraud); 617.23 (indecent exposure),  
149.31 not involving a minor; repeat offenses under 617.241 (obscene materials and performances;  
149.32 distribution and exhibition prohibited; penalty); 624.713 (certain persons not to possess  
149.33 firearms); chapter 152 (drugs; controlled substance); or Minnesota Statutes 2012, section  
149.34 609.21; or a felony-level conviction involving alcohol or drug use.

150.1 (b) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than 15 years has passed  
150.2 since the individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of the  
150.3 offenses listed in paragraph (a), as each of these offenses is defined in Minnesota Statutes.

150.4 (c) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than 15 years has passed  
150.5 since the termination of the individual's parental rights under section 260C.301, subdivision  
150.6 1, paragraph (b), or subdivision 3.

150.7 (d) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than 15 years has passed  
150.8 since the discharge of the sentence imposed for an offense in any other state or country, the  
150.9 elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of the offenses listed in paragraph  
150.10 (a).

150.11 (e) If the individual studied commits one of the offenses listed in paragraph (a), but the  
150.12 sentence or level of offense is a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor, the individual is  
150.13 disqualified but the disqualification look-back period for the offense is the period applicable  
150.14 to the gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor disposition.

150.15 (f) When a disqualification is based on a judicial determination other than a conviction,  
150.16 the disqualification period begins from the date of the court order. When a disqualification  
150.17 is based on an admission, the disqualification period begins from the date of an admission  
150.18 in court. When a disqualification is based on an Alford Plea, the disqualification period  
150.19 begins from the date the Alford Plea is entered in court. When a disqualification is based  
150.20 on a preponderance of evidence of a disqualifying act, the disqualification date begins from  
150.21 the date of the dismissal, the date of discharge of the sentence imposed for a conviction for  
150.22 a disqualifying crime of similar elements, or the date of the incident, whichever occurs last.

150.23 Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.15, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

150.24 Subd. 3. **Ten-year disqualification.** (a) An individual is disqualified under section  
150.25 245C.14 if: (1) less than ten years have passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed,  
150.26 if any, for the offense; and (2) the individual has committed a gross misdemeanor-level  
150.27 violation of any of the following offenses: sections 256.98 (wrongfully obtaining assistance);  
150.28 268.182 (fraud); 393.07, subdivision 10, paragraph (c) (federal Food Stamp Program fraud);  
150.29 609.2112, 609.2113, or 609.2114 (criminal vehicular homicide or injury); 609.221 or 609.222  
150.30 (assault in the first or second degree); 609.223 or 609.2231 (assault in the third or fourth  
150.31 degree); 609.224 (assault in the fifth degree); 609.224, subdivision 2, paragraph (c) (assault  
150.32 in the fifth degree by a caregiver against a vulnerable adult); 609.2242 and 609.2243  
150.33 (domestic assault); 609.23 (mistreatment of persons confined); 609.231 (mistreatment of  
150.34 residents or patients); 609.2325 (criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult); 609.233 (criminal

151.1 neglect of a vulnerable adult); 609.2335 (financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult);  
151.2 609.234 (failure to report maltreatment of a vulnerable adult); 609.265 (abduction); 609.275  
151.3 (attempt to coerce); 609.324, subdivision 1a (other prohibited acts; minor engaged in  
151.4 prostitution); 609.33 (disorderly house); 609.377 (malicious punishment of a child); 609.378  
151.5 (neglect or endangerment of a child); 609.466 (medical assistance fraud); 609.52 (theft);  
151.6 609.525 (bringing stolen goods into Minnesota); 609.527 (identity theft); 609.53 (receiving  
151.7 stolen property); 609.535 (issuance of dishonored checks); 609.582 (burglary); 609.59  
151.8 (possession of burglary tools); 609.611 (insurance fraud); 609.631 (check forgery; offering  
151.9 a forged check); 609.66 (dangerous weapons); 609.71 (riot); 609.72, subdivision 3 (disorderly  
151.10 conduct against a vulnerable adult); repeat offenses under 609.746 (interference with privacy);  
151.11 609.749, subdivision 2 (stalking); 609.817 (criminal penalties for acts involving human  
151.12 services programs); 609.82 (fraud in obtaining credit); 609.821 (financial transaction card  
151.13 fraud); 617.23 (indecent exposure), not involving a minor; 617.241 (obscene materials and  
151.14 performances); 617.243 (indecent literature, distribution); 617.293 (harmful materials;  
151.15 dissemination and display to minors prohibited); or Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.21;  
151.16 or violation of an order for protection under section 518B.01, subdivision 14.

151.17 (b) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than ten years has passed  
151.18 since the individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of the  
151.19 offenses listed in paragraph (a), as each of these offenses is defined in Minnesota Statutes.

151.20 (c) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than ten years has passed  
151.21 since the discharge of the sentence imposed for an offense in any other state or country, the  
151.22 elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the offenses listed in  
151.23 paragraph (a).

151.24 (d) If the individual studied commits one of the offenses listed in paragraph (a), but the  
151.25 sentence or level of offense is a misdemeanor disposition, the individual is disqualified but  
151.26 the disqualification lookback period for the offense is the period applicable to misdemeanors.

151.27 (e) When a disqualification is based on a judicial determination other than a conviction,  
151.28 the disqualification period begins from the date of the court order. When a disqualification  
151.29 is based on an admission, the disqualification period begins from the date of an admission  
151.30 in court. When a disqualification is based on an Alford Plea, the disqualification period  
151.31 begins from the date the Alford Plea is entered in court. When a disqualification is based  
151.32 on a preponderance of evidence of a disqualifying act, the disqualification date begins from  
151.33 the date of the dismissal, the date of discharge of the sentence imposed for a conviction for  
151.34 a disqualifying crime of similar elements, or the date of the incident, whichever occurs last.

152.1 Sec. 78. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.15, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

152.2 Subd. 4. **Seven-year disqualification.** (a) An individual is disqualified under section  
152.3 245C.14 if: (1) less than seven years has passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed,  
152.4 if any, for the offense; and (2) the individual has committed a misdemeanor-level violation  
152.5 of any of the following offenses: sections 256.98 (wrongfully obtaining assistance); 268.182  
152.6 (fraud); 393.07, subdivision 10, paragraph (c) (federal Food Stamp Program fraud); 609.2112,  
152.7 609.2113, or 609.2114 (criminal vehicular homicide or injury); 609.221 (assault in the first  
152.8 degree); 609.222 (assault in the second degree); 609.223 (assault in the third degree);  
152.9 609.2231 (assault in the fourth degree); 609.224 (assault in the fifth degree); 609.2242  
152.10 (domestic assault); 609.2335 (financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult); 609.234 (failure  
152.11 to report maltreatment of a vulnerable adult); 609.2672 (assault of an unborn child in the  
152.12 third degree); 609.27 (coercion); violation of an order for protection under 609.3232  
152.13 (protective order authorized; procedures; penalties); 609.466 (medical assistance fraud);  
152.14 609.52 (theft); 609.525 (bringing stolen goods into Minnesota); 609.527 (identity theft);  
152.15 609.53 (receiving stolen property); 609.535 (issuance of dishonored checks); 609.611  
152.16 (insurance fraud); 609.66 (dangerous weapons); 609.665 (spring guns); 609.746 (interference  
152.17 with privacy); 609.79 (obscene or harassing telephone calls); 609.795 (letter, telegram, or  
152.18 package; opening; harassment); 609.817 (criminal penalties for acts involving human services  
152.19 programs); 609.82 (fraud in obtaining credit); 609.821 (financial transaction card fraud);  
152.20 617.23 (indecent exposure), not involving a minor; 617.293 (harmful materials; dissemination  
152.21 and display to minors prohibited); or Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.21; or violation  
152.22 of an order for protection under section 518B.01 (Domestic Abuse Act).

152.23 (b) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than seven years has  
152.24 passed since a determination or disposition of the individual's:

152.25 (1) failure to make required reports under section 626.556, subdivision 3, or 626.557,  
152.26 subdivision 3, for incidents in which: (i) the final disposition under section 626.556 or  
152.27 626.557 was substantiated maltreatment, and (ii) the maltreatment was recurring or serious;  
152.28 or

152.29 (2) substantiated serious or recurring maltreatment of a minor under section 626.556, a  
152.30 vulnerable adult under section 626.557, or serious or recurring maltreatment in any other  
152.31 state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of maltreatment under  
152.32 section 626.556 or 626.557 for which: (i) there is a preponderance of evidence that the  
152.33 maltreatment occurred, and (ii) the subject was responsible for the maltreatment.

153.1 (c) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than seven years has  
153.2 passed since the individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of  
153.3 the offenses listed in paragraphs (a) and (b), as each of these offenses is defined in Minnesota  
153.4 Statutes.

153.5 (d) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than seven years has  
153.6 passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed for an offense in any other state or  
153.7 country, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the offenses  
153.8 listed in paragraphs (a) and (b).

153.9 (e) When a disqualification is based on a judicial determination other than a conviction,  
153.10 the disqualification period begins from the date of the court order. When a disqualification  
153.11 is based on an admission, the disqualification period begins from the date of an admission  
153.12 in court. When a disqualification is based on an Alford Plea, the disqualification period  
153.13 begins from the date the Alford Plea is entered in court. When a disqualification is based  
153.14 on a preponderance of evidence of a disqualifying act, the disqualification date begins from  
153.15 the date of the dismissal, the date of discharge of the sentence imposed for a conviction for  
153.16 a disqualifying crime of similar elements, or the date of the incident, whichever occurs last.

153.17 (f) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than seven years has passed  
153.18 since the individual was disqualified under section 256.98, subdivision 8.

153.19 Sec. 79. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.15, is amended by adding a subdivision  
153.20 to read:

153.21 **Subd. 6. Licensed family child foster care disqualifications.** (a) Notwithstanding  
153.22 subdivisions 1 to 5, for a background study affiliated with a licensed family child foster  
153.23 care, an individual is disqualified under section 245C.14, regardless of how much time has  
153.24 passed, if the individual committed an act that resulted in a felony-level conviction for:  
153.25 609.185 (murder in the first degree); 609.19 (murder in the second degree); 609.195 (murder  
153.26 in the third degree); 609.20 (manslaughter in the first degree); 609.205 (manslaughter in  
153.27 the second degree); 609.2112 (criminal vehicular homicide); 609.223, subdivision 2 (assault  
153.28 in the third degree, past pattern of child abuse); 609.223, subdivision 3 (assault in the third  
153.29 degree, victim under four); a felony offense under sections 609.2242 and 609.2243 (domestic  
153.30 assault), spousal abuse, child abuse or neglect, or a crime against children; 609.2247  
153.31 (domestic assault by strangulation); 609.25 (kidnapping); 609.255 (false imprisonment);  
153.32 609.265 (abduction); 609.2661 (murder of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2662  
153.33 (murder of an unborn child in the second degree); 609.2663 (murder of an unborn child in  
153.34 the third degree); 609.2664 (manslaughter of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2665

154.1 (manslaughter of an unborn child in the second degree); 609.267 (assault of an unborn child  
154.2 in the first degree); 609.2671 (assault of an unborn child in the second degree); 609.268  
154.3 (injury or death of an unborn child in the commission of a crime); 609.324, subdivision 1  
154.4 (other prohibited acts; engaging in, hiring, or agreeing to hire minor to engage in prostitution);  
154.5 609.342 (criminal sexual conduct in the first degree); 609.343 (criminal sexual conduct in  
154.6 the second degree); 609.344 (criminal sexual conduct in the third degree); 609.345 (criminal  
154.7 sexual conduct in the fourth degree); 609.3451 (criminal sexual conduct in the fifth degree);  
154.8 609.3453 (criminal sexual predatory conduct); 609.352 (solicitation of children to engage  
154.9 in sexual conduct); 609.377 (malicious punishment of a child); 609.378 (neglect or  
154.10 endangerment of a child); 617.246 (use of minors in sexual performance prohibited); or  
154.11 617.247 (possession of pictorial representations of minors).

154.12 (b) Notwithstanding subdivisions 1 to 5, for the purposes of a background study affiliated  
154.13 with a licensed family foster care license, an individual is disqualified under section 245C.14,  
154.14 regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual:

154.15 (1) committed an action under paragraph (d) that resulted in death or involved sexual  
154.16 abuse;

154.17 (2) committed an act that resulted in a felony-level conviction for section 609.746  
154.18 (interference with privacy);

154.19 (3) committed an act that resulted in a gross misdemeanor-level conviction for section  
154.20 609.3451 (criminal sexual conduct in the fifth degree); or

154.21 (4) committed an act against or involving a minor that resulted in a felony-level conviction  
154.22 for: section 609.221 (assault in the first degree); 609.222 (assault in the second degree);  
154.23 609.223, subdivision 1 (assault in the third degree); 609.2231 (assault in the fourth degree);  
154.24 or 609.224, subdivision 4 (assault in the fifth degree).

154.25 (c) Notwithstanding subdivisions 1 to 5, for a background study affiliated with a licensed  
154.26 family child foster care license, an individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if:

154.27 (1) less than five years have passed since the termination of parental rights under section  
154.28 260C.301, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

154.29 (2) less than five years have passed since a felony-level conviction for: 152.021  
154.30 (controlled substance crime in the first degree); 152.022 (controlled substance crime in the  
154.31 second degree); 152.023 (controlled substance crime in the third degree); 152.024 (controlled  
154.32 substance crime in the fourth degree); 152.025 (controlled substance crime in the fifth  
154.33 degree); 152.0261 (importing controlled substances across state borders); 152.0262,

155.1 subdivision 1, paragraph (b) (possession of substance with intent to manufacture  
155.2 methamphetamine); 152.027, subdivision 6, paragraph (c) (sale or possession of synthetic  
155.3 cannabinoids); 152.096 (conspiracies prohibited); 152.097 (simulated controlled substances);  
155.4 152.136 (anhydrous ammonia; prohibited conduct; criminal penalties; civil liabilities);  
155.5 152.137 (methamphetamine-related crimes involving children or vulnerable adults); 169A.24  
155.6 (felony first-degree driving while impaired); 609.2113 (criminal vehicular operation; bodily  
155.7 harm); 609.2114 (criminal vehicular operation; unborn child); 609.228 (great bodily harm  
155.8 caused by distribution of drugs); 609.2325 (criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult); 609.235  
155.9 (use of drugs to injure or facilitate a crime); 609.66, subdivision 1e (felony drive-by  
155.10 shooting); 609.687 (adulteration); or 609.855, subdivision 5 (shooting at or in a public  
155.11 transit vehicle or facility); or

155.12 (3) less than five years have passed since a felony-level conviction for an act not against  
155.13 or involving a minor under: section 609.221 (assault in the first degree); 609.222 (assault  
155.14 in the second degree); 609.223, subdivision 1 (assault in the third degree); 609.2231 (assault  
155.15 in the fourth degree); or 609.224, subdivision 4 (assault in the fifth degree).

155.16 (d) Notwithstanding subdivisions 1 to 5, except as provided in paragraph (a), for a  
155.17 background study affiliated with a licensed family child foster care license, an individual  
155.18 is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than five years have passed since:

155.19 (1) a determination or disposition of the individual's failure to make required reports  
155.20 under section 626.556, subdivision 3, or 626.557, subdivision 3, for incidents in which the  
155.21 final disposition under section 626.556 or 626.557 was substantiated maltreatment and the  
155.22 maltreatment was recurring or serious;

155.23 (2) a determination or disposition of the individual's substantiated serious or recurring  
155.24 maltreatment of a minor under section 626.556, a vulnerable adult under section 626.557,  
155.25 or serious or recurring maltreatment in any other state, the elements of which are substantially  
155.26 similar to the elements of maltreatment under section 626.556 or 626.557 and meet the  
155.27 definition of serious maltreatment or recurring maltreatment;

155.28 (3) the termination of the individual's parental rights under section 260C.301, subdivision  
155.29 1, paragraph (a); or

155.30 (4) a gross misdemeanor-level conviction for: section 609.746 (interference with privacy);  
155.31 609.2242 and 609.2243 (domestic assault); 609.377 (malicious punishment of a child); or  
155.32 609.378 (neglect or endangerment of a child).

156.1 (e) An individual is disqualified under this subdivision if the individual is convicted of  
156.2 an offense in any other state or country and the elements of the offense are substantially  
156.3 similar to any of the offenses listed in this subdivision.

156.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2020.

156.5 Sec. 80. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.22, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

156.6 Subd. 4. **Risk of harm; set aside.** (a) The commissioner may set aside the disqualification  
156.7 if the commissioner finds that the individual has submitted sufficient information to  
156.8 demonstrate that the individual does not pose a risk of harm to any person served by the  
156.9 applicant, license holder, or other entities as provided in this chapter.

156.10 (b) In determining whether the individual has met the burden of proof by demonstrating  
156.11 the individual does not pose a risk of harm, the commissioner shall consider:

156.12 (1) the nature, severity, and consequences of the event or events that led to the  
156.13 disqualification;

156.14 (2) whether there is more than one disqualifying event;

156.15 (3) the age and vulnerability of the victim at the time of the event;

156.16 (4) the harm suffered by the victim;

156.17 (5) vulnerability of persons served by the program;

156.18 (6) the similarity between the victim and persons served by the program;

156.19 (7) the time elapsed without a repeat of the same or similar event;

156.20 (8) documentation of successful completion by the individual studied of training or  
156.21 rehabilitation pertinent to the event; and

156.22 (9) any other information relevant to reconsideration.

156.23 (c) If the individual requested reconsideration on the basis that the information relied  
156.24 upon to disqualify the individual was incorrect or inaccurate and the commissioner determines  
156.25 that the information relied upon to disqualify the individual is correct, the commissioner  
156.26 must also determine if the individual poses a risk of harm to persons receiving services in  
156.27 accordance with paragraph (b).

156.28 (d) For an individual seeking employment in the substance use disorder treatment field,  
156.29 the commissioner shall set aside the disqualification if the following criteria are met:



157.1 (1) the individual is not disqualified for a crime of violence as listed under section  
157.2 624.712, subdivision 5, except for the following crimes: crimes listed under section 152.021,  
157.3 subdivision 2 or 2a; 152.022, subdivision 2; 152.023, subdivision 2; 152.024; or 152.025;

157.4 (2) the individual is not disqualified under section 245C.15, subdivision 1;

157.5 (3) the individual is not disqualified under section 245C.15, subdivision 4, paragraph  
157.6 (b);

157.7 (4) the individual provided documentation of successful completion of treatment, at least  
157.8 one year prior to the date of the request for reconsideration, at a program licensed under  
157.9 chapter 245G, and has had no disqualifying crimes or conduct under section 245C.15 after  
157.10 the successful completion of treatment;

157.11 (5) the individual provided documentation demonstrating abstinence from controlled  
157.12 substances, as defined in section 152.01, subdivision 4, for the period of one year prior to  
157.13 the date of the request for reconsideration; and

157.14 (6) the individual is seeking employment in the substance use disorder treatment field.

157.15 Sec. 81. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.22, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

157.16 Subd. 5. **Scope of set-aside.** (a) If the commissioner sets aside a disqualification under  
157.17 this section, the disqualified individual remains disqualified, but may hold a license and  
157.18 have direct contact with or access to persons receiving services. Except as provided in  
157.19 paragraph (b), the commissioner's set-aside of a disqualification is limited solely to the  
157.20 licensed program, applicant, or agency specified in the set aside notice under section 245C.23.  
157.21 For personal care provider organizations, the commissioner's set-aside may further be limited  
157.22 to a specific individual who is receiving services. For new background studies required  
157.23 under section 245C.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (h), if an individual's disqualification was  
157.24 previously set aside for the license holder's program and the new background study results  
157.25 in no new information that indicates the individual may pose a risk of harm to persons  
157.26 receiving services from the license holder, the previous set-aside shall remain in effect.

157.27 (b) If the commissioner has previously set aside an individual's disqualification for one  
157.28 or more programs or agencies, and the individual is the subject of a subsequent background  
157.29 study for a different program or agency, the commissioner shall determine whether the  
157.30 disqualification is set aside for the program or agency that initiated the subsequent  
157.31 background study. A notice of a set-aside under paragraph (c) shall be issued within 15  
157.32 working days if all of the following criteria are met:

158.1 (1) the subsequent background study was initiated in connection with a program licensed  
158.2 or regulated under the same provisions of law and rule for at least one program for which  
158.3 the individual's disqualification was previously set aside by the commissioner;

158.4 (2) the individual is not disqualified for an offense specified in section 245C.15,  
158.5 subdivision 1 or 2;

158.6 (3) the commissioner has received no new information to indicate that the individual  
158.7 may pose a risk of harm to any person served by the program; and

158.8 (4) the previous set-aside was not limited to a specific person receiving services.

158.9 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), clause (2), for an individual who is employed in the  
158.10 substance use disorder field, if the commissioner has previously set aside an individual's  
158.11 disqualification for one or more programs or agencies in the substance use disorder treatment  
158.12 field, and the individual is the subject of a subsequent background study for a different  
158.13 program or agency in the substance use disorder treatment field, the commissioner shall set  
158.14 aside the disqualification for the program or agency in the substance use disorder treatment  
158.15 field that initiated the subsequent background study when the criteria under paragraph (b),  
158.16 clauses (1), (3), and (4), are met and the individual is not disqualified for an offense specified  
158.17 in section 254C.15, subdivision 1. A notice of a set-aside under paragraph (d) shall be issued  
158.18 within 15 working days.

158.19 ~~(e)~~ (d) When a disqualification is set aside under paragraph (b), the notice of background  
158.20 study results issued under section 245C.17, in addition to the requirements under section  
158.21 245C.17, shall state that the disqualification is set aside for the program or agency that  
158.22 initiated the subsequent background study. The notice must inform the individual that the  
158.23 individual may request reconsideration of the disqualification under section 245C.21 on the  
158.24 basis that the information used to disqualify the individual is incorrect.

158.25 Sec. 82. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.24, is amended to read:

158.26 **245C.24 DISQUALIFICATION; BAR TO SET ASIDE A DISQUALIFICATION;**  
158.27 **REQUEST FOR VARIANCE.**

158.28 Subdivision 1. **Minimum disqualification periods.** The disqualification periods under  
158.29 subdivisions 3 ~~and 4~~ to 6 are the minimum applicable disqualification periods. The  
158.30 commissioner may determine that an individual should continue to be disqualified from  
158.31 licensure because the individual continues to pose a risk of harm to persons served by that  
158.32 individual, even after the minimum disqualification period has passed.

159.1 Subd. 2. **Permanent bar to set aside a disqualification.** (a) Except as provided in  
159.2 ~~paragraph paragraphs~~ (b); to (d), the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification  
159.3 of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has  
159.4 passed, if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15,  
159.5 subdivision 1.

159.6 (b) For an individual ~~in the chemical dependency or corrections field~~ who was disqualified  
159.7 for a crime or conduct listed under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and ~~whose disqualification~~  
159.8 ~~was set aside prior to July 1, 2005~~ more than 20 years have passed since the discharge of  
159.9 the sentence imposed or, if the disqualification is not based on a conviction, more than 20  
159.10 years have passed since the individual committed the act upon which the disqualification  
159.11 was based, the commissioner must consider granting a set aside or variance pursuant to  
159.12 section 245C.22 or 245C.30 for the license holder for a program dealing primarily with  
159.13 adults. ~~A request for reconsideration evaluated under this paragraph must include a letter~~  
159.14 ~~of recommendation from the license holder that was subject to the prior set-aside decision~~  
159.15 ~~addressing the individual's quality of care to children or vulnerable adults and the~~  
159.16 ~~circumstances of the individual's departure from that service~~ This paragraph does not apply  
159.17 to a person disqualified based on a violation of sections 609.342 to 609.3453; 617.23,  
159.18 subdivision 2, clause (1), or subdivision 3, clause (1); 617.246; or 617.247.

159.19 (c) When a licensed foster care provider adopts an individual who had received foster  
159.20 care services from the provider for over six months, and the adopted individual is required  
159.21 to receive a background study under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause  
159.22 (2) or (6), the commissioner may grant a variance to the license holder under section 245C.30  
159.23 to permit the adopted individual with a permanent disqualification to remain affiliated with  
159.24 the license holder under the conditions of the variance when the variance is recommended  
159.25 by the county of responsibility for each of the remaining individuals in placement in the  
159.26 home and the licensing agency for the home.

159.27 (d) For an individual 18 years of age or older affiliated with a licensed family child foster  
159.28 care program, the commissioner must not set aside the disqualification of any individual  
159.29 disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual  
159.30 was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision 6, paragraph  
159.31 (a). This paragraph does not apply to an individual younger than 18 years of age at the time  
159.32 the background study is submitted.

159.33 Subd. 3. **Ten-year bar to set aside disqualification.** (a) The commissioner may not set  
159.34 aside the disqualification of an individual in connection with a license to provide family  
159.35 child care for children, ~~foster care for children in the provider's home~~, or foster care or day

160.1 care services for adults in the provider's home if: (1) less than ten years has passed since  
160.2 the discharge of the sentence imposed, if any, for the offense; or (2) when disqualified based  
160.3 on a preponderance of the evidence determination under section 245C.14, subdivision 1,  
160.4 paragraph (a), clause (2), or an admission under section 245C.14, subdivision 1, paragraph  
160.5 (a), clause (1), and less than ten years has passed since the individual committed the act or  
160.6 admitted to committing the act, whichever is later; and (3) the individual has committed a  
160.7 violation of any of the following offenses: sections 609.165 (felon ineligible to possess  
160.8 firearm); criminal vehicular homicide or criminal vehicular operation causing death under  
160.9 609.2112, 609.2113, or 609.2114 (criminal vehicular homicide or injury); 609.215 (aiding  
160.10 suicide or aiding attempted suicide); felony violations under 609.223 or 609.2231 (assault  
160.11 in the third or fourth degree); 609.229 (crimes committed for benefit of a gang); 609.713  
160.12 (terroristic threats); 609.235 (use of drugs to injure or to facilitate crime); 609.24 (simple  
160.13 robbery); 609.255 (false imprisonment); 609.562 (arson in the second degree); 609.71 (riot);  
160.14 609.498, subdivision 1 or 1b (aggravated first-degree or first-degree tampering with a  
160.15 witness); burglary in the first or second degree under 609.582 (burglary); 609.66 (dangerous  
160.16 weapon); 609.665 (spring guns); 609.67 (machine guns and short-barreled shotguns);  
160.17 609.749, subdivision 2 (gross misdemeanor stalking); 152.021 or 152.022 (controlled  
160.18 substance crime in the first or second degree); 152.023, subdivision 1, clause (3) or (4) or  
160.19 subdivision 2, clause (4) (controlled substance crime in the third degree); 152.024,  
160.20 subdivision 1, clause (2), (3), or (4) (controlled substance crime in the fourth degree);  
160.21 609.224, subdivision 2, paragraph (c) (fifth-degree assault by a caregiver against a vulnerable  
160.22 adult); 609.23 (mistreatment of persons confined); 609.231 (mistreatment of residents or  
160.23 patients); 609.2325 (criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult); 609.233 (criminal neglect of a  
160.24 vulnerable adult); 609.2335 (financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult); 609.234 (failure  
160.25 to report); 609.265 (abduction); 609.2664 to 609.2665 (manslaughter of an unborn child in  
160.26 the first or second degree); 609.267 to 609.2672 (assault of an unborn child in the first,  
160.27 second, or third degree); 609.268 (injury or death of an unborn child in the commission of  
160.28 a crime); repeat offenses under 617.23 (indecent exposure); 617.293 (disseminating or  
160.29 displaying harmful material to minors); a felony-level conviction involving alcohol or drug  
160.30 use, a gross misdemeanor offense under 609.324, subdivision 1 (other prohibited acts); a  
160.31 gross misdemeanor offense under 609.378 (neglect or endangerment of a child); a gross  
160.32 misdemeanor offense under 609.377 (malicious punishment of a child); 609.72, subdivision  
160.33 3 (disorderly conduct against a vulnerable adult); or 624.713 (certain persons not to possess  
160.34 firearms); or Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.21.

160.35 (b) The commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of an individual if less than  
160.36 ten years have passed since the individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to

161.1 commit any of the offenses listed in paragraph (a) as each of these offenses is defined in  
161.2 Minnesota Statutes.

161.3 (c) The commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of an individual if less than  
161.4 ten years have passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed for an offense in any  
161.5 other state or country, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any  
161.6 of the offenses listed in paragraph (a).

161.7 Subd. 4. **Seven-year bar to set aside disqualification.** The commissioner may not set  
161.8 aside the disqualification of an individual in connection with a license to provide family  
161.9 child care for children, ~~foster care for children in the provider's home,~~ or foster care or day  
161.10 care services for adults in the provider's home if within seven years preceding the study:

161.11 (1) the individual committed an act that constitutes maltreatment of a child under section  
161.12 626.556, subdivision 10e, and the maltreatment resulted in substantial bodily harm as defined  
161.13 in section 609.02, subdivision 7a, or substantial mental or emotional harm as supported by  
161.14 competent psychological or psychiatric evidence; or

161.15 (2) the individual was determined under section 626.557 to be the perpetrator of a  
161.16 substantiated incident of maltreatment of a vulnerable adult that resulted in substantial  
161.17 bodily harm as defined in section 609.02, subdivision 7a, or substantial mental or emotional  
161.18 harm as supported by competent psychological or psychiatric evidence.

161.19 Subd. 5. **Five-year bar to set aside disqualification.** The commissioner must not set  
161.20 aside the disqualification of an individual 18 years of age or older in connection with a  
161.21 family child foster care license if the individual is disqualified under section 245C.15,  
161.22 subdivision 6, paragraph (c). This paragraph does not apply to an individual younger than  
161.23 18 years of age at the time the background study is submitted.

161.24 Subd. 6. **Five-year bar to set aside disqualification; children's residential**  
161.25 **facilities.** The commissioner shall not set aside the disqualification of an individual in  
161.26 connection with a license for a children's residential facility who was convicted of a felony  
161.27 within the past five years for: (1) physical assault or battery; or (2) a drug-related offense.

161.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2020, except subdivision 6 is  
161.29 effective for background studies initiated on or after July 1, 2019.

161.30 Sec. 83. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

161.31 Subdivision 1. **License holder and license-exempt child care center certification**  
161.32 **holder variance.** (a) Except for any disqualification under section 245C.15, subdivision 1,  
161.33 when the commissioner has not set aside a background study subject's disqualification, and

162.1 there are conditions under which the disqualified individual may provide direct contact  
162.2 services or have access to people receiving services that minimize the risk of harm to people  
162.3 receiving services, the commissioner may grant a time-limited variance to a license holder  
162.4 or license-exempt child care center certification holder.

162.5 (b) The variance shall state the reason for the disqualification, the services that may be  
162.6 provided by the disqualified individual, and the conditions with which the license holder,  
162.7 license-exempt child care center certification holder, or applicant must comply for the  
162.8 variance to remain in effect.

162.9 (c) Except for programs licensed to provide family child care, foster care for children  
162.10 in the provider's own home, or foster care or day care services for adults in the provider's  
162.11 own home, the variance must be requested by the license holder or license-exempt child  
162.12 care center certification holder.

162.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

162.14 Sec. 84. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

162.15 Subd. 2. **Disclosure of reason for disqualification.** (a) The commissioner may not grant  
162.16 a variance for a disqualified individual unless the applicant, license-exempt child care center  
162.17 certification holder, or license holder requests the variance and the disqualified individual  
162.18 provides written consent for the commissioner to disclose to the applicant, license-exempt  
162.19 child care center certification holder, or license holder the reason for the disqualification.

162.20 (b) This subdivision does not apply to programs licensed to provide family child care  
162.21 for children, foster care for children in the provider's own home, or foster care or day care  
162.22 services for adults in the provider's own home. When the commissioner grants a variance  
162.23 for a disqualified individual in connection with a license to provide the services specified  
162.24 in this paragraph, the disqualified individual's consent is not required to disclose the reason  
162.25 for the disqualification to the license holder in the variance issued under subdivision 1,  
162.26 provided that the commissioner may not disclose the reason for the disqualification if the  
162.27 disqualification is based on a felony-level conviction for a drug-related offense within the  
162.28 past five years.

162.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

162.30 Sec. 85. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

162.31 Subd. 3. **Consequences for failing to comply with conditions of variance.** When a  
162.32 license holder or license-exempt child care center certification holder permits a disqualified

163.1 individual to provide any services for which the subject is disqualified without complying  
163.2 with the conditions of the variance, the commissioner may terminate the variance effective  
163.3 immediately and subject the license holder to a licensing action under sections 245A.06  
163.4 and 245A.07 or a license-exempt child care center certification holder to an action under  
163.5 sections 245H.06 and 245H.07.

163.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

163.7 Sec. 86. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245E.01, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

163.8 Subd. 8. **Financial misconduct or misconduct.** "Financial misconduct" or "misconduct"  
163.9 means an entity's or individual's acts or omissions that result in fraud and abuse or error  
163.10 against the Department of Human Services. Financial misconduct includes: (1) acting as a  
163.11 recruiter offering conditional employment on behalf of a provider that has received funds  
163.12 from the child care assistance program; and (2) committing an act or acts that meet the  
163.13 definition of offenses listed in sections 609.816 and 609.817.

163.14 Sec. 87. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245E.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
163.15 to read:

163.16 Subd. 1a. **Provider definitions.** For the purposes of this section, "provider" includes:

163.17 (1) individuals or entities meeting the definition of provider in section 245E.01,  
163.18 subdivision 12; and

163.19 (2) owners and controlling individuals of entities identified in clause (1).

163.20 Sec. 88. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
163.21 to read:

163.22 Subd. 7. **Substitute.** "Substitute" means an adult who is temporarily filling a position  
163.23 as a staff person for less than 240 hours total in a calendar year due to the absence of a  
163.24 regularly employed staff person who provides direct contact services to a child.

163.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

163.26 Sec. 89. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
163.27 to read:

163.28 Subd. 8. **Staff person.** "Staff person" means an employee of a certified center who  
163.29 provides direct contact services to children.

163.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

164.1 Sec. 90. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
164.2 to read:

164.3 Subd. 9. **Unsupervised volunteer.** "Unsupervised volunteer" means an individual who:  
164.4 (1) assists in the care of a child in care; (2) is not under the continuous direct supervision  
164.5 of a staff person; and (3) is not employed by the certified center.

164.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

164.7 Sec. 91. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
164.8 to read:

164.9 Subd. 4. **Reconsideration of certification denial.** (a) The applicant may request  
164.10 reconsideration of the denial by notifying the commissioner by certified mail or personal  
164.11 service. The request must be made in writing. If sent by certified mail, the request must be  
164.12 postmarked and sent to the commissioner within ten calendar days after the applicant received  
164.13 the order. If a request is made by personal service, it must be received by the commissioner  
164.14 within ten calendar days after the applicant received the order. The applicant may submit  
164.15 with the request for reconsideration a written argument or evidence in support of the request  
164.16 for reconsideration.

164.17 (b) The commissioner's disposition of a request for reconsideration is final and not  
164.18 subject to appeal under chapter 14.

164.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

164.20 Sec. 92. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.07, is amended to read:

164.21 **245H.07 DECERTIFICATION.**

164.22 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) The commissioner may decertify a center if a certification  
164.23 holder:

164.24 (1) failed to comply with an applicable law or rule; ~~or~~

164.25 (2) knowingly withheld relevant information from or gave false or misleading information  
164.26 to the commissioner in connection with an application for certification, in connection with  
164.27 the background study status of an individual, during an investigation, or regarding compliance  
164.28 with applicable laws or rules; or

164.29 (3) has authorization to receive child care assistance payments revoked pursuant to  
164.30 chapter 119B.



165.1 (b) When considering decertification, the commissioner shall consider the nature,  
165.2 chronicity, or severity of the violation of law or rule.

165.3 (c) When a center is decertified, the center is ineligible to receive a child care assistance  
165.4 payment under chapter 119B.

165.5 Subd. 2. **Reconsideration of decertification.** (a) The certification holder may request  
165.6 reconsideration of the decertification by notifying the commissioner by certified mail or  
165.7 personal service. The request must be made in writing. If sent by certified mail, the request  
165.8 must be postmarked and sent to the commissioner within ten calendar days after the  
165.9 certification holder received the order. If a request is made by personal service, it must be  
165.10 received by the commissioner within ten calendar days after the certification holder received  
165.11 the order. With the request for reconsideration, the certification holder may submit a written  
165.12 argument or evidence in support of the request for reconsideration.

165.13 (b) The commissioner's disposition of a request for reconsideration is final and not  
165.14 subject to appeal under chapter 14.

165.15 Subd. 3. **Decertification due to maltreatment.** If the commissioner decertifies a center  
165.16 pursuant to subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), based on a determination that the center  
165.17 was responsible for maltreatment, and if the center requests reconsideration of the  
165.18 decertification according to subdivision 2, paragraph (a), and appeals the maltreatment  
165.19 determination under section 626.556, subdivision 10i, the final decertification determination  
165.20 is stayed until the commissioner issues a final decision regarding the maltreatment appeal.

165.21 Subd. 4. **Decertification due to revocation of child care assistance.** If the commissioner  
165.22 decertifies a center that had payments revoked pursuant to chapter 119B, and if the center  
165.23 appeals the revocation of the center's authorization to receive child care assistance payments,  
165.24 the final decertification determination is stayed until the appeal of the center's authorization  
165.25 under chapter 119B is resolved. If the center also requests reconsideration of the  
165.26 decertification, the center must do so according to subdivision 2, paragraph (a). The final  
165.27 decision on reconsideration is stayed until the appeal of the center's authorization under  
165.28 chapter 119B is resolved.

165.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivisions 1 to 3 are effective September 30, 2019. Subdivision  
165.30 4 is effective February 26, 2021.

165.31 Sec. 93. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

165.32 Subdivision 1. ~~Documentation~~ **Individuals to be studied.** (a) The applicant or  
165.33 certification holder must submit ~~and maintain documentation of~~ a completed background

166.1 study for: each child care background study subject as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision  
 166.2 6a.

166.3 ~~(1) each person applying for the certification;~~

166.4 ~~(2) each person identified as a center operator or program operator as defined in section~~  
 166.5 ~~245H.01, subdivision 3;~~

166.6 ~~(3) each current or prospective staff person or contractor of the certified center who will~~  
 166.7 ~~have direct contact with a child served by the center;~~

166.8 ~~(4) each volunteer who has direct contact with a child served by the center if the contact~~  
 166.9 ~~is not under the continuous, direct supervision by an individual listed in clause (1), (2), or~~  
 166.10 ~~(3); and~~

166.11 ~~(5) each managerial staff person of the certification holder with oversight and supervision~~  
 166.12 ~~of the certified center.~~

166.13 (b) To be accepted for certification, a background study on every individual in paragraph  
 166.14 ~~(a), clause (1),~~ applying for certification must be completed under chapter 245C and result  
 166.15 in a not disqualified determination under section 245C.14 or a disqualification that was set  
 166.16 aside under section 245C.22.

166.17 Sec. 94. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.11, is amended to read:

166.18 **245H.11 REPORTING.**

166.19 (a) The certification holder must comply and must have written policies for staff to  
 166.20 comply with the reporting requirements for abuse and neglect specified in section 626.556.  
 166.21 A person mandated to report physical or sexual child abuse or neglect occurring within a  
 166.22 certified center shall report the information to the commissioner.

166.23 (b) The certification holder must inform the commissioner within 24 hours of:

166.24 (1) the death of a child in the program; and

166.25 (2) any injury to a child in the program that required treatment by a physician.

166.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

166.27 Sec. 95. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.12, is amended to read:

166.28 **245H.12 FEES.**

166.29 ~~The commissioner shall consult with stakeholders to develop an administrative fee to~~  
 166.30 ~~implement this chapter. By February 15, 2019, the commissioner shall provide~~

167.1 ~~recommendations on the amount of an administrative fee to the legislative committees with~~  
167.2 ~~jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance. A certified center must pay~~  
167.3 ~~an initial application fee of \$200. For calendar year 2020 and thereafter, a certified center~~  
167.4 ~~shall pay an annual nonrefundable certification fee of \$100.~~

167.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

167.6 Sec. 96. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.13, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

167.7 Subd. 5. **Building and physical premises; free of hazards.** ~~(a) The certified center~~  
167.8 ~~must document compliance with the State Fire Code by providing~~ To be accepted for  
167.9 certification, the applicant must demonstrate compliance with the State Fire Code, section  
167.10 299F.011, by either:

167.11 (1) providing documentation of a fire marshal inspection completed within the previous  
167.12 three years by a state fire marshal or a local fire code inspector trained by the state fire  
167.13 marshal; or

167.14 (2) complying with the fire marshal inspection requirements according to section  
167.15 245A.151.

167.16 (b) The certified center must designate a primary indoor and outdoor space used for  
167.17 child care on a facility site floor plan.

167.18 (c) The certified center must ensure the areas used by a child are clean and in good repair,  
167.19 with structurally sound and functional furniture and equipment that is appropriate to the  
167.20 age and size of a child who uses the area.

167.21 (d) The certified center must ensure hazardous items including but not limited to sharp  
167.22 objects, medicines, cleaning supplies, poisonous plants, and chemicals are out of reach of  
167.23 a child.

167.24 (e) The certified center must safely handle and dispose of bodily fluids and other  
167.25 potentially infectious fluids by using gloves, disinfecting surfaces that come in contact with  
167.26 potentially infectious bodily fluids, and disposing of bodily fluid in a securely sealed plastic  
167.27 bag.

167.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

168.1 Sec. 97. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.13, is amended by adding a subdivision  
168.2 to read:

168.3 Subd. 7. **Risk reduction plan.** (a) The certified center must develop a risk reduction  
168.4 plan that identifies risks to children served by the child care center. The assessment of risk  
168.5 must include risks presented by (1) the physical plant where the certified services are  
168.6 provided, including electrical hazards; and (2) the environment, including the proximity to  
168.7 busy roads and bodies of water.

168.8 (b) The certification holder must establish policies and procedures to minimize identified  
168.9 risks. After any change to the risk reduction plan, the certification holder must inform staff  
168.10 of the change in the risk reduction plan and document that staff were informed of the change.

168.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

168.12 Sec. 98. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.13, is amended by adding a subdivision  
168.13 to read:

168.14 Subd. 8. **Required policies.** A certified center must have written policies for health and  
168.15 safety items in subdivisions 1 to 6.

168.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

168.17 Sec. 99. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.13, is amended by adding a subdivision  
168.18 to read:

168.19 Subd. 9. **Behavior guidance.** The certified center must ensure that staff and volunteers  
168.20 use positive behavior guidance and do not subject children to:

168.21 (1) corporal punishment, including but not limited to rough handling, shoving, hair  
168.22 pulling, ear pulling, shaking, slapping, kicking, biting, pinching, hitting, and spanking;

168.23 (2) humiliation;

168.24 (3) abusive language;

168.25 (4) the use of mechanical restraints, including tying;

168.26 (5) the use of physical restraints other than to physically hold a child when containment  
168.27 is necessary to protect a child or others from harm; or

168.28 (6) the withholding or forcing of food and other basic needs.

168.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

169.1 Sec. 100. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.13, is amended by adding a subdivision  
169.2 to read:

169.3 Subd. 10. **Supervision.** Staff must supervise each child at all times. Staff are responsible  
169.4 for the ongoing activity of each child, appropriate visual or auditory awareness, physical  
169.5 proximity, and knowledge of activity requirements and each child's needs. Staff must  
169.6 intervene when necessary to ensure a child's safety. In determining the appropriate level of  
169.7 supervision of a child, staff must consider: (1) the age of a child; (2) individual differences  
169.8 and abilities; (3) indoor and outdoor layout of the child care program; and (4) environmental  
169.9 circumstances, hazards, and risks.

169.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

169.11 Sec. 101. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

169.12 Subdivision 1. **First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.** ~~At least one designated~~  
169.13 ~~staff person who completed pediatric first aid training and pediatric cardiopulmonary~~  
169.14 ~~resuscitation (CPR) training must be present at all times at the program, during field trips,~~  
169.15 ~~and when transporting a child. The designated staff person must repeat pediatric first aid~~  
169.16 ~~training and pediatric CPR training at least once every two years.~~

169.17 (a) Before having unsupervised direct contact with a child, but within the first 90 days  
169.18 of employment for the director and all staff persons, and within 90 days after the first date  
169.19 of direct contact with a child for substitutes and unsupervised volunteers, each person must  
169.20 successfully complete pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)  
169.21 training, unless the training has been completed within the previous two calendar years.  
169.22 Staff must complete the pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR training at least every other  
169.23 calendar year and the center must document the training in the staff person's personnel  
169.24 record.

169.25 (b) Training completed under this subdivision may be used to meet the in-service training  
169.26 requirements under subdivision 6.

169.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

169.28 Sec. 102. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

169.29 Subd. 3. **Abusive head trauma.** A certified center that cares for a child ~~through four~~  
169.30 ~~years of age~~ under school age must ensure that the director and all staff persons and  
169.31 volunteers, including substitutes and unsupervised volunteers, receive training on abusive

170.1 head trauma ~~from shaking infants and young children~~ before assisting in the care of a child  
170.2 ~~through four years of age~~ under school age.

170.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

170.4 Sec. 103. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.14, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

170.5 Subd. 4. **Child development.** The certified center must ensure ~~each staff person completes~~  
170.6 ~~at least two hours of~~ that the director and all staff persons complete child development and  
170.7 learning training within ~~14~~ 90 days of employment and ~~annually~~ every second calendar year  
170.8 thereafter. Substitutes and unsupervised volunteers must complete child development and  
170.9 learning training within 90 days after the first date of direct contact with a child and every  
170.10 second calendar year thereafter. The director and staff persons not including substitutes  
170.11 must complete at least two hours of training on child development. The training for substitutes  
170.12 and unsupervised volunteers is not required to be of a minimum length. For purposes of  
170.13 this subdivision, "child development and learning training" means how a child develops  
170.14 physically, cognitively, emotionally, and socially and learns as part of the child's family,  
170.15 culture, and community.

170.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

170.17 Sec. 104. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.14, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

170.18 Subd. 5. **Orientation.** The certified center must ensure ~~each staff person is~~ the director  
170.19 and all staff persons, substitutes, and unsupervised volunteers are trained at orientation on  
170.20 health and safety requirements in sections 245H.11, 245H.13, 245H.14, and 245H.15. The  
170.21 certified center must provide ~~staff with an~~ orientation within 14 days ~~of employment~~ after  
170.22 the first date of direct contact with a child. Before the completion of orientation, ~~a staff~~  
170.23 ~~person~~ these individuals must be supervised while providing direct care to a child.

170.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

170.25 Sec. 105. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.14, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

170.26 Subd. 6. **In service.** (a) The certified center must ensure ~~each~~ that the director and all  
170.27 staff person is persons, including substitutes and unsupervised volunteers, are trained at  
170.28 least ~~annually~~ once each calendar year on health and safety requirements in sections 245H.11,  
170.29 245H.13, 245H.14, and 245H.15.

171.1 (b) The director and each staff person, not including substitutes, must ~~annually~~ complete  
171.2 at least six hours of training each calendar year. Training required under paragraph (a) may  
171.3 be used toward the hourly training requirements of this subdivision.

171.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

171.5 Sec. 106. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

171.6 Subdivision 1. **Written emergency plan.** (a) A certified center must have a written  
171.7 emergency plan for emergencies that require evacuation, sheltering, or other protection of  
171.8 children, such as fire, natural disaster, intruder, or other threatening situation that may pose  
171.9 a health or safety hazard to children. The plan must be written on a form developed by the  
171.10 commissioner and reviewed and updated at least once each calendar year. The annual review  
171.11 of the emergency plan must be documented.

171.12 (b) The plan must include:

171.13 (1) procedures for an evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, or lockdown;

171.14 (2) a designated relocation site and evacuation route;

171.15 (3) procedures for notifying a child's parent or legal guardian of the relocation and  
171.16 reunification with families;

171.17 (4) accommodations for a child with a disability or a chronic medical condition;

171.18 (5) procedures for storing a child's medically necessary medicine that facilitates easy  
171.19 removal during an evacuation or relocation;

171.20 (6) procedures for continuing operations in the period during and after a crisis; ~~and~~

171.21 (7) procedures for communicating with local emergency management officials, law  
171.22 enforcement officials, or other appropriate state or local authorities; and

171.23 (8) accommodations for infants and toddlers.

171.24 (c) The certification holder must have an emergency plan available for review upon  
171.25 request by the child's parent or legal guardian.

171.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

171.27 Sec. 107. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.046, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

171.28 Subdivision 1. **Hearing authority.** A local agency must initiate an administrative fraud  
171.29 disqualification hearing for individuals, ~~including child care providers caring for children~~  
171.30 ~~receiving child care assistance,~~ accused of wrongfully obtaining assistance or intentional

172.1 program violations, in lieu of a criminal action when it has not been pursued, in the Minnesota  
172.2 family investment program and any affiliated program to include the diversionary work  
172.3 program and the work participation cash benefit program, child care assistance programs,  
172.4 general assistance, family general assistance program formerly codified in section 256D.05,  
172.5 subdivision 1, clause (15), Minnesota supplemental aid, food stamp programs, MinnesotaCare  
172.6 for adults without children, and upon federal approval, all categories of medical assistance  
172.7 and remaining categories of MinnesotaCare except for children through age 18. The  
172.8 Department of Human Services, in lieu of a local agency, may initiate an administrative  
172.9 fraud disqualification hearing when the state agency is directly responsible for administration  
172.10 or investigation of the program for which benefits were wrongfully obtained. The hearing  
172.11 is subject to the requirements of ~~section~~ sections 256.045 and 256.0451 and the requirements  
172.12 in Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 273.16.

172.13 Sec. 108. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.046, is amended by adding a subdivision  
172.14 to read:

172.15 **Subd. 3. Administrative disqualification of child care providers caring for children**  
172.16 **receiving child care assistance.** (a) The department or local agency shall pursue an  
172.17 administrative disqualification, if the child care provider is accused of committing an  
172.18 intentional program violation, in lieu of a criminal action when it has not been pursued.  
172.19 Intentional program violations include intentionally making false or misleading statements;  
172.20 intentionally misrepresenting, concealing, or withholding facts; and repeatedly and  
172.21 intentionally violating program regulations under chapters 119B and 245E. Intent may be  
172.22 proven by demonstrating a pattern of conduct that violates program rules under chapters  
172.23 119B and 245E.

172.24 (b) To initiate an administrative disqualification, a local agency or the commissioner  
172.25 must mail written notice to the provider against whom the action is being taken. Unless  
172.26 otherwise specified under chapter 119B or 245E or Minnesota Rules, chapter 3400, a local  
172.27 agency or the commissioner must mail the written notice at least 15 calendar days before  
172.28 the adverse action's effective date. The notice shall state (1) the factual basis for the agency's  
172.29 determination, (2) the action the agency intends to take, (3) the dollar amount of the monetary  
172.30 recovery or recoupment, if known, and (4) the provider's right to appeal the agency's proposed  
172.31 action.

172.32 (c) The provider may appeal an administrative disqualification by submitting a written  
172.33 request to the Department of Human Services, Appeals Division. A provider's request must



173.1 be received by the Appeals Division no later than 30 days after the date a local agency or  
173.2 the commissioner mails the notice.

173.3 (d) The provider's appeal request must contain the following:

173.4 (1) each disputed item, the reason for the dispute, and, if applicable, an estimate of the  
173.5 dollar amount involved for each disputed item;

173.6 (2) the computation the provider believes to be correct, if applicable;

173.7 (3) the statute or rule relied on for each disputed item; and

173.8 (4) the name, address, and telephone number of the person at the provider's place of  
173.9 business with whom contact may be made regarding the appeal.

173.10 (e) On appeal, the issuing agency bears the burden of proof to demonstrate by a  
173.11 preponderance of the evidence that the provider committed an intentional program violation.

173.12 (f) The hearing is subject to the requirements of sections 256.045 and 256.0451. The  
173.13 human services judge may combine a fair hearing and administrative disqualification hearing  
173.14 into a single hearing if the factual issues arise out of the same or related circumstances and  
173.15 the provider receives prior notice that the hearings will be combined.

173.16 (g) A provider found to have committed an intentional program violation and is  
173.17 administratively disqualified shall be disqualified, for a period of three years for the first  
173.18 offense and permanently for any subsequent offense, from receiving any payments from  
173.19 any child care program under chapter 119B.

173.20 (h) Unless a timely and proper appeal made under this section is received by the  
173.21 department, the administrative determination of the department is final and binding.

173.22 Sec. 109. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.98, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

173.23 Subd. 8. **Disqualification from program.** (a) Any person found to be guilty of  
173.24 wrongfully obtaining assistance by a federal or state court or by an administrative hearing  
173.25 determination, or waiver thereof, through a disqualification consent agreement, or as part  
173.26 of any approved diversion plan under section 401.065, or any court-ordered stay which  
173.27 carries with it any probationary or other conditions, in the Minnesota family investment  
173.28 program and any affiliated program to include the diversionary work program and the work  
173.29 participation cash benefit program, the food stamp or food support program, the general  
173.30 assistance program, housing support under chapter 256I, or the Minnesota supplemental  
173.31 aid program shall be disqualified from that program. In addition, any person disqualified  
173.32 from the Minnesota family investment program shall also be disqualified from the food

174.1 stamp or food support program. The needs of that individual shall not be taken into  
174.2 consideration in determining the grant level for that assistance unit:

174.3 (1) for one year after the first offense;

174.4 (2) for two years after the second offense; and

174.5 (3) permanently after the third or subsequent offense.

174.6 The period of program disqualification shall begin on the date stipulated on the advance  
174.7 notice of disqualification without possibility of postponement for administrative stay or  
174.8 administrative hearing and shall continue through completion unless and until the findings  
174.9 upon which the sanctions were imposed are reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

174.10 The period for which sanctions are imposed is not subject to review. The sanctions provided  
174.11 under this subdivision are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other sanctions that  
174.12 may be provided for by law for the offense involved. A disqualification established through  
174.13 hearing or waiver shall result in the disqualification period beginning immediately unless  
174.14 the person has become otherwise ineligible for assistance. If the person is ineligible for  
174.15 assistance, the disqualification period begins when the person again meets the eligibility  
174.16 criteria of the program from which they were disqualified and makes application for that  
174.17 program.

174.18 (b) A family receiving assistance through child care assistance programs under chapter  
174.19 119B with a family member who is found to be guilty of wrongfully obtaining child care  
174.20 assistance by a federal court, state court, or an administrative hearing determination or  
174.21 waiver, through a disqualification consent agreement, as part of an approved diversion plan  
174.22 under section 401.065, or a court-ordered stay with probationary or other conditions, is  
174.23 disqualified from child care assistance programs. The disqualifications must be for periods  
174.24 of one year and two years for the first and second offenses, respectively. Subsequent  
174.25 violations must result in permanent disqualification. During the disqualification period,  
174.26 disqualification from any child care program must extend to all child care programs and  
174.27 must be immediately applied.

174.28 (c) A provider caring for children receiving assistance through child care assistance  
174.29 programs under chapter 119B is disqualified from receiving payment for child care services  
174.30 from the child care assistance program under chapter 119B when the provider is found to  
174.31 have wrongfully obtained child care assistance by a federal court, state court, or an  
174.32 administrative hearing determination or waiver under section 256.046, through a  
174.33 disqualification consent agreement, as part of an approved diversion plan under section  
174.34 401.065, or a court-ordered stay with probationary or other conditions. The disqualification

175.1 must be for a period of ~~one year~~ three years for the first offense ~~and two years for the second~~  
175.2 ~~offense~~. Any subsequent violation must result in permanent disqualification. The  
175.3 disqualification period must be imposed immediately after a determination is made under  
175.4 this paragraph. During the disqualification period, the provider is disqualified from receiving  
175.5 payment from any child care program under chapter 119B.

175.6 (d) Any person found to be guilty of wrongfully obtaining MinnesotaCare for adults  
175.7 without children and upon federal approval, all categories of medical assistance and  
175.8 remaining categories of MinnesotaCare, except for children through age 18, by a federal or  
175.9 state court or by an administrative hearing determination, or waiver thereof, through a  
175.10 disqualification consent agreement, or as part of any approved diversion plan under section  
175.11 401.065, or any court-ordered stay which carries with it any probationary or other conditions,  
175.12 is disqualified from that program. The period of disqualification is one year after the first  
175.13 offense, two years after the second offense, and permanently after the third or subsequent  
175.14 offense. The period of program disqualification shall begin on the date stipulated on the  
175.15 advance notice of disqualification without possibility of postponement for administrative  
175.16 stay or administrative hearing and shall continue through completion unless and until the  
175.17 findings upon which the sanctions were imposed are reversed by a court of competent  
175.18 jurisdiction. The period for which sanctions are imposed is not subject to review. The  
175.19 sanctions provided under this subdivision are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any  
175.20 other sanctions that may be provided for by law for the offense involved.

175.21 Sec. 110. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.02, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

175.22 Subd. 7. **Vendor of medical care.** (a) "Vendor of medical care" means any person or  
175.23 persons furnishing, within the scope of the vendor's respective license, any or all of the  
175.24 following goods or services: medical, surgical, hospital, ambulatory surgical center services,  
175.25 optical, visual, dental and nursing services; drugs and medical supplies; appliances;  
175.26 laboratory, diagnostic, and therapeutic services; nursing home and convalescent care;  
175.27 screening and health assessment services provided by public health nurses as defined in  
175.28 section 145A.02, subdivision 18; health care services provided at the residence of the patient  
175.29 if the services are performed by a public health nurse and the nurse indicates in a statement  
175.30 submitted under oath that the services were actually provided; and such other ~~medical~~  
175.31 services or supplies provided or prescribed by persons authorized by state law to give such  
175.32 services and supplies. The term includes, but is not limited to, directors and officers of  
175.33 corporations or members of partnerships who, either individually or jointly with another or  
175.34 others, have the legal control, supervision, or responsibility of submitting claims for  
175.35 reimbursement to the medical assistance program. The term only includes directors and

176.1 officers of corporations who personally receive a portion of the distributed assets upon  
176.2 liquidation or dissolution, and their liability is limited to the portion of the claim that bears  
176.3 the same proportion to the total claim as their share of the distributed assets bears to the  
176.4 total distributed assets.

176.5 (b) "Vendor of medical care" also includes any person who is credentialed as a health  
176.6 professional under standards set by the governing body of a federally recognized Indian  
176.7 tribe authorized under an agreement with the federal government according to United States  
176.8 Code, title 25, section 450f, to provide health services to its members, and who through a  
176.9 tribal facility provides covered services to American Indian people within a contract health  
176.10 service delivery area of a Minnesota reservation, as defined under Code of Federal  
176.11 Regulations, title 42, section 36.22.

176.12 (c) A federally recognized Indian tribe that intends to implement standards for  
176.13 credentialing health professionals must submit the standards to the commissioner of human  
176.14 services, along with evidence of meeting, exceeding, or being exempt from corresponding  
176.15 state standards. The commissioner shall maintain a copy of the standards and supporting  
176.16 evidence, and shall use those standards to enroll tribal-approved health professionals as  
176.17 medical assistance providers. For purposes of this section, "Indian" and "Indian tribe" mean  
176.18 persons or entities that meet the definition in United States Code, title 25, section 450b.

176.19 Sec. 111. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.064, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

176.20 Subd. 1a. **Grounds for sanctions against vendors.** The commissioner may impose  
176.21 sanctions against a vendor of medical care for any of the following: (1) fraud, theft, or abuse  
176.22 in connection with the provision of medical care to recipients of public assistance; (2) a  
176.23 pattern of presentment of false or duplicate claims or claims for services not medically  
176.24 necessary; (3) a pattern of making false statements of material facts for the purpose of  
176.25 obtaining greater compensation than that to which the vendor is legally entitled; (4)  
176.26 suspension or termination as a Medicare vendor; (5) refusal to grant the state agency access  
176.27 during regular business hours to examine all records necessary to disclose the extent of  
176.28 services provided to program recipients and appropriateness of claims for payment; (6)  
176.29 failure to repay an overpayment or a fine finally established under this section; (7) failure  
176.30 to correct errors in the maintenance of health service or financial records for which a fine  
176.31 was imposed or after issuance of a warning by the commissioner; ~~and~~ (8) any reason for  
176.32 which a vendor could be excluded from participation in the Medicare program under section  
176.33 1128, 1128A, or 1866(b)(2) of the Social Security Act; and (9) there is a preponderance of

177.1 the evidence that the vendor committed an act or acts that meet the definition of offenses  
177.2 listed in section 609.817.

177.3 Sec. 112. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.064, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

177.4 Subd. 1b. **Sanctions available.** The commissioner may impose the following sanctions  
177.5 for the conduct described in subdivision 1a: suspension or withholding of payments to a  
177.6 vendor and suspending or terminating participation in the program, or imposition of a fine  
177.7 under subdivision 2, paragraph (f). When imposing sanctions under this section, the  
177.8 commissioner shall consider the nature, chronicity, or severity of the conduct and the effect  
177.9 of the conduct on the health and safety of persons served by the vendor. The commissioner  
177.10 shall suspend a vendor's participation in the program for a minimum of five years if, for an  
177.11 offense related to a provision of a health service under medical assistance or health care  
177.12 fraud, the vendor is convicted of a crime, received a stay of adjudication, or entered a  
177.13 court-ordered diversion program. Regardless of imposition of sanctions, the commissioner  
177.14 may make a referral to the appropriate state licensing board.

177.15 Sec. 113. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.064, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

177.16 Subd. 2. **Imposition of monetary recovery and sanctions.** (a) The commissioner shall  
177.17 determine any monetary amounts to be recovered and sanctions to be imposed upon a vendor  
177.18 of medical care under this section. Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d), neither a  
177.19 monetary recovery nor a sanction will be imposed by the commissioner without prior notice  
177.20 and an opportunity for a hearing, according to chapter 14, on the commissioner's proposed  
177.21 action, provided that the commissioner may suspend or reduce payment to a vendor of  
177.22 medical care, except a nursing home or convalescent care facility, after notice and prior to  
177.23 the hearing if in the commissioner's opinion that action is necessary to protect the public  
177.24 welfare and the interests of the program.

177.25 (b) Except when the commissioner finds good cause not to suspend payments under  
177.26 Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.23 (e) or (f), the commissioner shall  
177.27 withhold or reduce payments to a vendor of medical care without providing advance notice  
177.28 of such withholding or reduction if either of the following occurs:

177.29 (1) the vendor is convicted of a crime involving the conduct described in subdivision  
177.30 1a; or

177.31 (2) the commissioner determines there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an  
177.32 investigation is pending under the program. A credible allegation of fraud is an allegation  
177.33 which has been verified by the state, from any source, including but not limited to:

178.1 (i) fraud hotline complaints;

178.2 (ii) claims data mining; and

178.3 (iii) patterns identified through provider audits, civil false claims cases, and law  
178.4 enforcement investigations.

178.5 Allegations are considered to be credible when they have an indicia of reliability and  
178.6 the state agency has reviewed all allegations, facts, and evidence carefully and acts  
178.7 judiciously on a case-by-case basis.

178.8 (c) The commissioner must send notice of the withholding or reduction of payments  
178.9 under paragraph (b) within five days of taking such action unless requested in writing by a  
178.10 law enforcement agency to temporarily withhold the notice. The notice must:

178.11 (1) state that payments are being withheld according to paragraph (b);

178.12 (2) set forth the general allegations as to the nature of the withholding action, but need  
178.13 not disclose any specific information concerning an ongoing investigation;

178.14 (3) except in the case of a conviction for conduct described in subdivision 1a, state that  
178.15 the withholding is for a temporary period and cite the circumstances under which withholding  
178.16 will be terminated;

178.17 (4) identify the types of claims to which the withholding applies; and

178.18 (5) inform the vendor of the right to submit written evidence for consideration by the  
178.19 commissioner.

178.20 The withholding or reduction of payments will not continue after the commissioner  
178.21 determines there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the vendor, or after legal proceedings  
178.22 relating to the alleged fraud are completed, unless the commissioner has sent notice of  
178.23 intention to impose monetary recovery or sanctions under paragraph (a). Upon conviction  
178.24 for a crime related to the provision, management, or administration of a health service under  
178.25 medical assistance, a payment held pursuant to this section by the commissioner or a managed  
178.26 care organization that contracts with the commissioner under section 256B.035 is forfeited  
178.27 by the commissioner or managed care organization, regardless of the amount charged in  
178.28 the criminal complaint or the amount of criminal restitution ordered.

178.29 (d) The commissioner shall suspend or terminate a vendor's participation in the program  
178.30 without providing advance notice and an opportunity for a hearing when the suspension or  
178.31 termination is required because of the vendor's exclusion from participation in Medicare.

179.1 Within five days of taking such action, the commissioner must send notice of the suspension  
179.2 or termination. The notice must:

179.3 (1) state that suspension or termination is the result of the vendor's exclusion from  
179.4 Medicare;

179.5 (2) identify the effective date of the suspension or termination; and

179.6 (3) inform the vendor of the need to be reinstated to Medicare before reapplying for  
179.7 participation in the program.

179.8 (e) Upon receipt of a notice under paragraph (a) that a monetary recovery or sanction is  
179.9 to be imposed, a vendor may request a contested case, as defined in section 14.02, subdivision  
179.10 3, by filing with the commissioner a written request of appeal. The appeal request must be  
179.11 received by the commissioner no later than 30 days after the date the notification of monetary  
179.12 recovery or sanction was mailed to the vendor. The appeal request must specify:

179.13 (1) each disputed item, the reason for the dispute, and an estimate of the dollar amount  
179.14 involved for each disputed item;

179.15 (2) the computation that the vendor believes is correct;

179.16 (3) the authority in statute or rule upon which the vendor relies for each disputed item;

179.17 (4) the name and address of the person or entity with whom contacts may be made  
179.18 regarding the appeal; and

179.19 (5) other information required by the commissioner.

179.20 (f) The commissioner may order a vendor to forfeit a fine for failure to fully document  
179.21 services according to standards in this chapter and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9505. The  
179.22 commissioner may assess fines if specific required components of documentation are  
179.23 missing. The fine for incomplete documentation shall equal 20 percent of the amount paid  
179.24 on the claims for reimbursement submitted by the vendor, or up to \$5,000, whichever is  
179.25 less. If the commissioner determines that a vendor repeatedly violated this chapter or  
179.26 Minnesota Rules, chapter 9505, related to the provision of services to program recipients  
179.27 and the submission of claims for payment, the commissioner may order a vendor to forfeit  
179.28 a fine based on the nature, severity, and chronicity of the violations in an amount of up to  
179.29 \$5,000 or 20 percent of the value of the claims, whichever is greater.

179.30 (g) The vendor shall pay the fine assessed on or before the payment date specified. If  
179.31 the vendor fails to pay the fine, the commissioner may withhold or reduce payments and

180.1 recover the amount of the fine. A timely appeal shall stay payment of the fine until the  
180.2 commissioner issues a final order.

180.3 Sec. 114. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision  
180.4 to read:

180.5 Subd. 3. **Vendor mandates on prohibited payments.** (a) The commissioner shall  
180.6 maintain and publish a list of each excluded individual and entity that was convicted of a  
180.7 crime related to the provision, management, or administration of a medical assistance health  
180.8 service, or suspended or terminated under subdivision 2. Medical assistance payments cannot  
180.9 be made by a vendor for items or services furnished either directly or indirectly by an  
180.10 excluded individual or entity, or at the direction of excluded individuals or entities.

180.11 (b) The vendor must check the exclusion list on a monthly basis and document the date  
180.12 and time the exclusion list was checked and the name and title of the person who checked  
180.13 the exclusion list. The vendor must immediately terminate payments to an individual or  
180.14 entity on the exclusion list.

180.15 (c) A vendor's requirement to check the exclusion list and to terminate payments to  
180.16 individuals or entities on the exclusion list applies to each individual or entity on the  
180.17 exclusion list, even if the named individual or entity is not responsible for direct patient  
180.18 care or direct submission of a claim to medical assistance.

180.19 (d) A vendor that pays medical assistance program funds to an individual or entity on  
180.20 the exclusion list must refund any payment related to either items or services rendered by  
180.21 an individual or entity on the exclusion list from the date the individual or entity is first paid  
180.22 or the date the individual or entity is placed on the exclusion list, whichever is later, and a  
180.23 vendor may be subject to:

180.24 (1) sanctions under subdivision 2;

180.25 (2) a civil monetary penalty of up to \$25,000 for each determination by the department  
180.26 that the vendor employed or contracted with an individual or entity on the exclusion list;  
180.27 and

180.28 (3) other fines or penalties allowed by law.

180.29 Sec. 115. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision  
180.30 to read:

180.31 Subd. 4. **Notice.** (a) The notice required under subdivision 2 shall be served by first class  
180.32 mail at the address submitted to the department by the vendor. Service is complete upon



181.1 mailing. The commissioner shall place an affidavit of the first class mailing in the vendor's  
181.2 file as an indication of the address and the date of mailing.

181.3 (b) The department shall give notice in writing to a recipient placed in the Minnesota  
181.4 restricted recipient program under section 256B.0646 and Minnesota Rules, part 9505.2200.  
181.5 The notice shall be sent by first class mail to the recipient's current address on file with the  
181.6 department. A recipient placed in the Minnesota restricted recipient program may contest  
181.7 the placement by submitting a written request for a hearing to the department within 90  
181.8 days of the notice being mailed.

181.9 Sec. 116. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision  
181.10 to read:

181.11 Subd. 5. **Immunity; good faith reporters.** (a) A person who makes a good faith report  
181.12 is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise arise from reporting or  
181.13 participating in the investigation. Nothing in this subdivision affects a vendor's responsibility  
181.14 for an overpayment established under this subdivision.

181.15 (b) A person employed by a lead investigative agency who is conducting or supervising  
181.16 an investigation or enforcing the law according to the applicable law or rule is immune from  
181.17 any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise arise from the person's actions, if the  
181.18 person is acting in good faith and exercising due care.

181.19 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "person" includes a natural person or any form of  
181.20 a business or legal entity.

181.21 (d) After an investigation is complete, the reporter's name must be kept confidential.  
181.22 The subject of the report may compel disclosure of the reporter's name only with the consent  
181.23 of the reporter or upon a written finding by a district court that the report was false and there  
181.24 is evidence that the report was made in bad faith. This subdivision does not alter disclosure  
181.25 responsibilities or obligations under the Rules of Criminal Procedure, except that when the  
181.26 identity of the reporter is relevant to a criminal prosecution the district court shall conduct  
181.27 an in-camera review before determining whether to order disclosure of the reporter's identity.

181.28 Sec. 117. [256B.0646] MINNESOTA RESTRICTED RECIPIENT PROGRAM;  
181.29 PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE SERVICES.

181.30 (a) When a recipient's use of personal care assistance services or community first services  
181.31 and supports under section 256B.85 results in abusive or fraudulent billing, the commissioner  
181.32 may place a recipient in the Minnesota restricted recipient program under Minnesota Rules,

182.1 part 9505.2165. A recipient placed in the Minnesota restricted recipient program under this  
182.2 section must: (1) use a designated traditional personal care assistance provider agency; and  
182.3 (2) obtain a new assessment under section 256B.0911, including consultation with a registered  
182.4 or public health nurse on the long-term care consultation team pursuant to section 256B.0911,  
182.5 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2).

182.6 (b) A recipient must comply with additional conditions for the use of personal care  
182.7 assistance services or community first services and supports if the commissioner determines  
182.8 it is necessary to prevent future misuse of personal care assistance services or abusive or  
182.9 fraudulent billing. Additional conditions may include but are not limited to restricting service  
182.10 authorizations for a duration of no more than one month and requiring a qualified professional  
182.11 to monitor and report services on a monthly basis.

182.12 (c) A recipient placed in the Minnesota restricted recipient program under this section  
182.13 may appeal the placement according to section 256.045.

182.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

182.15 Sec. 118. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0651, subdivision 17, is amended to  
182.16 read:

182.17 Subd. 17. **Recipient protection.** (a) Providers of home care services must provide each  
182.18 recipient with a copy of the home care bill of rights under section 144A.44 at least 30 days  
182.19 prior to terminating services to a recipient, if the termination results from provider sanctions  
182.20 under section 256B.064, such as a payment withhold, a suspension of participation, or a  
182.21 termination of participation. If a home care provider determines it is unable to continue  
182.22 providing services to a recipient, the provider must notify the recipient, the recipient's  
182.23 responsible party, and the commissioner 30 days prior to terminating services to the recipient  
182.24 because of an action under section 256B.064, and must assist the commissioner and lead  
182.25 agency in supporting the recipient in transitioning to another home care provider of the  
182.26 recipient's choice.

182.27 (b) In the event of a payment withhold from a home care provider, a suspension of  
182.28 participation, or a termination of participation of a home care provider under section  
182.29 256B.064, the commissioner may inform the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care  
182.30 and the lead agencies for all recipients with active service agreements with the provider. At  
182.31 the commissioner's request, the lead agencies must contact recipients to ensure that the  
182.32 recipients are continuing to receive needed care, and that the recipients have been given  
182.33 free choice of provider if they transfer to another home care provider. In addition, the  
182.34 commissioner or the commissioner's delegate may directly notify recipients who receive

183.1 care from the provider that payments have been or will be withheld or that the provider's  
183.2 participation in medical assistance has been or will be suspended or terminated, if the  
183.3 commissioner determines that notification is necessary to protect the welfare of the recipients.  
183.4 For purposes of this subdivision, "lead agencies" means counties, tribes, and managed care  
183.5 organizations.

183.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

183.7 Sec. 119. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0659, subdivision 12, is amended to  
183.8 read:

183.9 Subd. 12. **Documentation of personal care assistance services provided.** (a) Personal  
183.10 care assistance services for a recipient must be documented daily by each personal care  
183.11 assistant, on a time sheet form approved by the commissioner. All documentation may be  
183.12 web-based, electronic, or paper documentation. The completed form must be submitted on  
183.13 a monthly basis to the provider and kept in the recipient's health record.

183.14 (b) The activity documentation must correspond to the personal care assistance care plan  
183.15 and be reviewed by the qualified professional.

183.16 (c) The personal care assistant time sheet must be on a form approved by the  
183.17 commissioner documenting time the personal care assistant provides services in the home.  
183.18 The following criteria must be included in the time sheet:

183.19 (1) full name of personal care assistant and individual provider number;

183.20 (2) provider name and telephone numbers;

183.21 (3) full name of recipient and either the recipient's medical assistance identification  
183.22 number or date of birth;

183.23 (4) consecutive dates, including month, day, and year, and arrival and departure times  
183.24 with a.m. or p.m. notations;

183.25 (5) signatures of recipient or the responsible party;

183.26 (6) personal signature of the personal care assistant;

183.27 (7) any shared care provided, if applicable;

183.28 (8) a statement that it is a federal crime to provide false information on personal care  
183.29 service billings for medical assistance payments; and

183.30 (9) dates and location of recipient stays in a hospital, care facility, or incarceration.

183.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

184.1 Sec. 120. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.27, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

184.2 Subd. 3. **Access to medical records.** The commissioner of human services, with the  
184.3 written consent of the recipient, on file with the local welfare agency, shall be allowed  
184.4 access to all personal medical records of medical assistance recipients solely for the purposes  
184.5 of investigating whether or not: (a) a vendor of medical care has submitted a claim for  
184.6 reimbursement, a cost report or a rate application which is duplicative, erroneous, or false  
184.7 in whole or in part, or which results in the vendor obtaining greater compensation than the  
184.8 vendor is legally entitled to; or (b) the medical care was medically necessary. ~~The vendor~~  
184.9 ~~of medical care shall receive notification from the commissioner at least 24 hours before~~  
184.10 ~~the commissioner gains access to such records.~~ When the commissioner is investigating a  
184.11 possible overpayment of Medicaid funds, the commissioner must be given immediate access  
184.12 without prior notice to the vendor's office during regular business hours and to documentation  
184.13 and records related to services provided and submission of claims for services provided.  
184.14 Denying the commissioner access to records is cause for the vendor's immediate suspension  
184.15 of payment or termination according to section 256B.064. The determination of provision  
184.16 of services not medically necessary shall be made by the commissioner. Notwithstanding  
184.17 any other law to the contrary, a vendor of medical care shall not be subject to any civil or  
184.18 criminal liability for providing access to medical records to the commissioner of human  
184.19 services pursuant to this section.

184.20 Sec. 121. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4912, is amended by adding a subdivision  
184.21 to read:

184.22 Subd. 11. **Home and community-based service billing requirements.** (a) A home and  
184.23 community-based service is eligible for reimbursement if:

184.24 (1) the service is provided according to a federally approved waiver plan as authorized  
184.25 under sections 256B.0913, 256B.0915, 256B.092, and 256B.49;

184.26 (2) if applicable, the service is provided on days and times during the days and hours of  
184.27 operation specified on any license required under chapter 245A or 245D; and

184.28 (3) the provider complies with subdivisions 12 to 15, if applicable.

184.29 (b) The provider must maintain documentation that, upon employment and annually  
184.30 thereafter, staff providing a service have attested to reviewing and understanding the  
184.31 following statement: "It is a federal crime to provide materially false information on service  
184.32 billings for medical assistance or services provided under a federally approved waiver plan

185.1 as authorized under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.0913, 256B.0915, 256B.092, and  
185.2 256B.49."

185.3 (c) The department may recover payment according to section 256B.064 and Minnesota  
185.4 Rules, parts 9505.2160 to 9505.2245, for a service that does not satisfy this subdivision.

185.5 Sec. 122. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4912, is amended by adding a subdivision  
185.6 to read:

185.7 Subd. 12. Home and community-based service documentation requirements. (a)  
185.8 Documentation may be collected and maintained electronically or in paper form by providers  
185.9 and must be produced upon request by the commissioner.

185.10 (b) Documentation of a delivered service must be in English and must be legible according  
185.11 to the standard of a reasonable person.

185.12 (c) If the service is reimbursed at an hourly or specified minute-based rate, each  
185.13 documentation of the provision of a service, unless otherwise specified, must include:

185.14 (1) the date the documentation occurred;

185.15 (2) the day, month, and year when the service was provided;

185.16 (3) the start and stop times with a.m. and p.m. designations, except for case management  
185.17 services as defined under sections 256B.0913, subdivision 7; 256B.0915, subdivision 1a;  
185.18 256B.092, subdivision 1a; and 256B.49, subdivision 13;

185.19 (4) the service name or description of the service provided; and

185.20 (5) the name, signature, and title, if any, of the provider of service. If the service is  
185.21 provided by multiple staff members, the provider may designate a staff member responsible  
185.22 for verifying services and completing the documentation required by this paragraph.

185.23 (d) If the service is reimbursed at a daily rate or does not meet the requirements in  
185.24 paragraph (c), each documentation of the provision of a service, unless otherwise specified,  
185.25 must include:

185.26 (1) the date the documentation occurred;

185.27 (2) the day, month, and year when the service was provided;

185.28 (3) the service name or description of the service provided; and

185.29 (4) the name, signature, and title, if any, of the person providing the service. If the service  
185.30 is provided by multiple staff, the provider may designate a staff member responsible for  
185.31 verifying services and completing the documentation required by this paragraph.

186.1 Sec. 123. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4912, is amended by adding a subdivision  
186.2 to read:

186.3 Subd. 13. **Waiver transportation documentation and billing requirements.** (a) A  
186.4 waiver transportation service must be a waiver transportation service that: (1) is not covered  
186.5 by medical transportation under the Medicaid state plan; and (2) is not included as a  
186.6 component of another waiver service.

186.7 (b) In addition to the documentation requirements in subdivision 12, a waiver  
186.8 transportation service provider must maintain:

186.9 (1) odometer and other records pursuant to section 256B.0625, subdivision 17b, paragraph  
186.10 (b), clause (3), sufficient to distinguish an individual trip with a specific vehicle and driver  
186.11 for a waiver transportation service that is billed directly by the mile. A common carrier as  
186.12 defined by Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0315, subpart 1, item B, or a publicly operated transit  
186.13 system provider are exempt from this clause; and

186.14 (2) documentation demonstrating that a vehicle and a driver meet the standards determined  
186.15 by the Department of Human Services on vehicle and driver qualifications in section  
186.16 256B.0625, subdivision 17, paragraph (c).

186.17 Sec. 124. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4912, is amended by adding a subdivision  
186.18 to read:

186.19 Subd. 14. **Equipment and supply documentation requirements.** (a) In addition to the  
186.20 requirements in subdivision 12, an equipment and supply services provider must for each  
186.21 documentation of the provision of a service include:

186.22 (1) the recipient's assessed need for the equipment or supply;

186.23 (2) the reason the equipment or supply is not covered by the Medicaid state plan;

186.24 (3) the type and brand name of the equipment or supply delivered to or purchased by  
186.25 the recipient, including whether the equipment or supply was rented or purchased;

186.26 (4) the quantity of the equipment or supply delivered or purchased; and

186.27 (5) the cost of the equipment or supply if the amount paid for the service depends on  
186.28 the cost.

186.29 (b) A provider must maintain a copy of the shipping invoice or a delivery service tracking  
186.30 log or other documentation showing the date of delivery that proves the equipment or supply  
186.31 was delivered to the recipient or a receipt if the equipment or supply was purchased by the  
186.32 recipient.

187.1 Sec. 125. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4912, is amended by adding a subdivision  
187.2 to read:

187.3 Subd. 15. **Adult day service documentation and billing requirements.** (a) In addition  
187.4 to the requirements in subdivision 12, a provider of adult day services as defined in section  
187.5 245A.02, subdivision 2a, and licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9555.9600 to 9555.9730,  
187.6 must maintain documentation of:

187.7 (1) a needs assessment and current plan of care according to section 245A.143,  
187.8 subdivisions 4 to 7, or Minnesota Rules, part 9555.9700, for each recipient, if applicable;

187.9 (2) attendance records as specified under section 245A.14, subdivision 14, paragraph  
187.10 (c), including the date of attendance with the day, month, and year; and the pickup and  
187.11 drop-off time in hours and minutes with a.m. and p.m. designations;

187.12 (3) the monthly and quarterly program requirements in Minnesota Rules, part 9555.9710,  
187.13 subparts 1, items E and H; 3; 4; and 6, if applicable;

187.14 (4) the name and qualification of each registered physical therapist, registered nurse,  
187.15 and registered dietitian who provides services to the adult day services or nonresidential  
187.16 program; and

187.17 (5) the location where the service was provided. If the location is an alternate location  
187.18 from the usual place of service, the documentation must include the address, or a description  
187.19 if the address is not available, of both the origin site and destination site; the length of time  
187.20 at the alternate location with a.m. and p.m. designations; and a list of participants who went  
187.21 to the alternate location.

187.22 (b) A provider must not exceed the provider's licensed capacity. If a provider exceeds  
187.23 the provider's licensed capacity, the department must recover all Minnesota health care  
187.24 programs payments from the date the provider exceeded licensed capacity.

187.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019.

187.26 Sec. 126. **[609.817] CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ACTS INVOLVING HUMAN**  
187.27 **SERVICES PROGRAMS.**

187.28 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited payments made relating to human services programs.** A  
187.29 person is in violation of this section if the person knowingly and willfully offers or pays  
187.30 any remuneration, including any kickback, bribe, or rebate, directly or indirectly, overtly  
187.31 or covertly, in cash or in kind, to another person:

188.1 (1) to induce that person to apply for, receive, or induce another person to apply for or  
188.2 receive an item or service for which payment may be made in whole or in part by a local  
188.3 social services agency as defined in chapter 393 or by the Department of Human Services,  
188.4 or administered by the commissioner of human services; or

188.5 (2) in return for purchasing, leasing, ordering, or arranging for or inducing the purchasing,  
188.6 leasing, or ordering of any good, facility, service, or item for which payment may be made  
188.7 in whole or in part, or which is administered in whole or in part by a local social services  
188.8 agency as defined in chapter 393, the Department of Human Services, or the United States  
188.9 Department of Health and Human Services.

188.10 **Subd. 2. Receipt of prohibited payments relating to human services programs.** A  
188.11 person is in violation of this section if the person knowingly and willfully solicits or receives  
188.12 any remuneration, including any kickback, bribe, or rebate, directly or indirectly, overtly  
188.13 or covertly, in cash or in kind:

188.14 (1) in return for applying for or receiving a human services benefit, service, or grant for  
188.15 which payment may be made in whole or in part by a local services agency as defined in  
188.16 chapter 393 or the Department of Human Services, or is administered by the commissioner  
188.17 of human services; or

188.18 (2) in return for purchasing, leasing, ordering, or arranging for or inducing the purchasing,  
188.19 leasing, or ordering of any good, facility, service, or item for which payment may be made  
188.20 in whole or in part, or which is administered in whole or in part, by the Department of  
188.21 Human Services, a local social services agency as defined in chapter 393, or the United  
188.22 States Department of Health and Human Services.

188.23 **Subd. 3. Payments exempt.** This section does not apply to remuneration exempted from  
188.24 the Anti-Kickback Statute under United States Code, title 42, section 1320a-7b(b)(3), or  
188.25 remuneration excepted from liability by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section  
188.26 1001.952.

188.27 **Subd. 4. Penalties.** (a) A person who violates subdivision 1 or 2 may be sentenced  
188.28 according to section 609.52, subdivision 3.

188.29 (1) For a violation of subdivision 1, for the purposes of sentencing under section 609.52,  
188.30 subdivision 3, the calculated value is equal to the value of the good, facility, service, or item  
188.31 that was obtained as a direct or indirect result of the prohibited payment.



189.1 (2) For a violation of subdivision 2, for the purposes of sentencing under section 609.52,  
189.2 subdivision 3, the calculated value is equal to the value of the prohibited payment solicited  
189.3 or received in violation of subdivision 2.

189.4 (b) A claim for any good, facility, service, or item rendered or claimed to have been  
189.5 rendered in violation of this section is noncompensable and unenforceable at the time the  
189.6 claim is made.

189.7 Subd. 5. **Aggregation.** In any prosecution under this section, the value of the money or  
189.8 property or services received by the defendant within any six-month period may be  
189.9 aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of subdivision  
189.10 6.

189.11 Subd. 6. **Venue.** Notwithstanding section 627.01, an offense committed under this section  
189.12 may be prosecuted in the county where any part of the offense occurred, provided that when  
189.13 two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the accused  
189.14 may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the offenses was committed for all of the  
189.15 offenses aggregated under this subdivision.

189.16 Subd. 7. **False claims.** In addition to the penalties provided for in this section, a claim  
189.17 that includes items or services resulting from a violation of this section constitutes a false  
189.18 or fraudulent claim for purposes of section 15C.02.

189.19 Subd. 8. **Actual knowledge or specific intent not required.** With respect to a violation  
189.20 of this section, a person need not have actual knowledge of this section or specific intent to  
189.21 commit a violation of this section.

189.22 Sec. 127. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 628.26, is amended to read:

189.23 **628.26 LIMITATIONS.**

189.24 (a) Indictments or complaints for any crime resulting in the death of the victim may be  
189.25 found or made at any time after the death of the person killed.

189.26 (b) Indictments or complaints for a violation of section 609.25 may be found or made  
189.27 at any time after the commission of the offense.

189.28 (c) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.282 may be found or made at  
189.29 any time after the commission of the offense if the victim was under the age of 18 at the  
189.30 time of the offense.

189.31 (d) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.282 where the victim was 18  
189.32 years of age or older at the time of the offense, or 609.42, subdivision 1, clause (1) or (2),

190.1 shall be found or made and filed in the proper court within six years after the commission  
190.2 of the offense.

190.3 (e) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections 609.322 and 609.342 to 609.345,  
190.4 if the victim was under the age of 18 years at the time the offense was committed, shall be  
190.5 found or made and filed in the proper court within the later of nine years after the commission  
190.6 of the offense or three years after the offense was reported to law enforcement authorities.

190.7 (f) Notwithstanding the limitations in paragraph (e), indictments or complaints for  
190.8 violation of sections 609.322 and 609.342 to 609.344 may be found or made and filed in  
190.9 the proper court at any time after commission of the offense, if physical evidence is collected  
190.10 and preserved that is capable of being tested for its DNA characteristics. If this evidence is  
190.11 not collected and preserved and the victim was 18 years old or older at the time of the  
190.12 offense, the prosecution must be commenced within nine years after the commission of the  
190.13 offense.

190.14 (g) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections 609.466 and 609.52, subdivision  
190.15 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), item (iii), and 609.817, shall be found or made and filed in the  
190.16 proper court within six years after the commission of the offense.

190.17 (h) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.2335, 609.52, subdivision 2,  
190.18 clause (3), items (i) and (ii), (4), (15), or (16), 609.631, or 609.821, where the value of the  
190.19 property or services stolen is more than \$35,000, or for violation of section 609.527 where  
190.20 the offense involves eight or more direct victims or the total combined loss to the direct and  
190.21 indirect victims is more than \$35,000, shall be found or made and filed in the proper court  
190.22 within five years after the commission of the offense.

190.23 (i) Except for violations relating to false material statements, representations or omissions,  
190.24 indictments or complaints for violations of section 609.671 shall be found or made and filed  
190.25 in the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

190.26 (j) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections 609.561 to 609.563, shall be found  
190.27 or made and filed in the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

190.28 (k) In all other cases, indictments or complaints shall be found or made and filed in the  
190.29 proper court within three years after the commission of the offense.

190.30 (l) The limitations periods contained in this section shall exclude any period of time  
190.31 during which the defendant was not an inhabitant of or usually resident within this state.

191.1 (m) The limitations periods contained in this section for an offense shall not include any  
191.2 period during which the alleged offender participated under a written agreement in a pretrial  
191.3 diversion program relating to that offense.

191.4 (n) The limitations periods contained in this section shall not include any period of time  
191.5 during which physical evidence relating to the offense was undergoing DNA analysis, as  
191.6 defined in section 299C.155, unless the defendant demonstrates that the prosecuting or law  
191.7 enforcement agency purposefully delayed the DNA analysis process in order to gain an  
191.8 unfair advantage.

191.9 Sec. 128. **REPEALER.**

191.10 (a) Minnesota Rules, parts 9502.0425, subparts 4, 16, and 17; and 9503.0155, subpart  
191.11 8, are repealed.

191.12 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245H.10, subdivision 2, is repealed.

191.13 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.125, subdivision 8, is repealed.

191.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 30, 2019.

### 191.15 **ARTICLE 3**

#### 191.16 **DIRECT CARE AND TREATMENT**

191.17 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 246.54, is amended by adding a subdivision  
191.18 to read:

191.19 **Subd. 3. Administrative review of county liability for cost of care.** (a) The county of  
191.20 financial responsibility may submit a written request for administrative review by the  
191.21 commissioner of the county's payment of the cost of care when a delay in discharge of a  
191.22 client from a regional treatment center, state-operated community-based behavioral health  
191.23 hospital, or other state-operated facility results from the following actions by the facility:

191.24 (1) the facility did not provide notice to the county that the facility has determined that  
191.25 it is clinically appropriate for a client to be discharged;

191.26 (2) the notice to the county that the facility has determined that it is clinically appropriate  
191.27 for a client to be discharged was communicated on a holiday or weekend;

191.28 (3) the required documentation or procedures for discharge were not completed in order  
191.29 for the discharge to occur in a timely manner; or

191.30 (4) the facility disagrees with the county's discharge plan.

192.1 (b) The county of financial responsibility may not appeal the determination that it is  
192.2 clinically appropriate for a client to be discharged from a regional treatment center,  
192.3 state-operated community-based behavioral health hospital, or other state-operated facility.

192.4 (c) The commissioner must evaluate the request for administrative review and determine  
192.5 if the facility's actions listed in paragraph (a) caused undue delay in discharging the client.  
192.6 If the commissioner determines that the facility's actions listed in paragraph (a) caused  
192.7 undue delay in discharging the client, the county's liability must be reduced to the level of  
192.8 the cost of care for a client whose stay in a facility is determined to be clinically appropriate,  
192.9 effective on the date of the facility's action or failure to act that caused the delay. The  
192.10 commissioner's determination under this subdivision is final and not subject to appeal.

192.11 (d) If a county's liability is reduced pursuant to paragraph (c), a county's liability must  
192.12 return to the level of the cost of care for a client whose stay in a facility is determined to no  
192.13 longer be appropriate effective on the date the facility rectifies the action or failure to act  
192.14 that caused the delay under paragraph (a).

192.15 (e) Any difference in the county cost of care liability resulting from administrative review  
192.16 under this subdivision must not be billed to the client or applied to future reimbursement  
192.17 from the client's estate or relatives.

192.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 246B.10, is amended to read:

192.19 **246B.10 LIABILITY OF COUNTY; REIMBURSEMENT.**

192.20 (a) The civilly committed sex offender's county shall pay to the state a portion of the  
192.21 cost of care provided in the Minnesota sex offender program to a civilly committed sex  
192.22 offender who has legally settled in that county.

192.23 (b) A county's payment must be made from the county's own sources of revenue and  
192.24 payments must:

192.25 (1) equal ten percent of the cost of care, as determined by the commissioner, for each  
192.26 day or portion of a day that the civilly committed sex offender spends at the facility for  
192.27 individuals admitted to the Minnesota sex offender program before August 1, 2011; or

192.28 (2) equal 25 percent of the cost of care, as determined by the commissioner, for each  
192.29 day or portion of a day; that the civilly committed sex offender:

192.30 (i) spends at the facility; for individuals admitted to the Minnesota sex offender program  
192.31 on or after August 1, 2011; or

193.1 (ii) receives services within a program operated by the Minnesota sex offender program  
193.2 while on provisional discharge.

193.3 (c) The county is responsible for paying the state the remaining amount if payments  
193.4 received by the state under this chapter exceed:

193.5 (1) 90 percent of the cost of care for individuals admitted to the Minnesota sex offender  
193.6 program before August 1, 2011; or

193.7 (2) 75 percent of the cost of care, ~~the county is responsible for paying the state the~~  
193.8 ~~remaining amount~~ for individuals:

193.9 (i) admitted to the Minnesota sex offender program on or after August 1, 2011; or

193.10 (ii) receiving services within a program operated by the Minnesota sex offender program  
193.11 while on provisional discharge.

193.12 (d) The county is not entitled to reimbursement from the civilly committed sex offender,  
193.13 the civilly committed sex offender's estate, or from the civilly committed sex offender's  
193.14 relatives, except as provided in section 246B.07.

193.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

193.16 **Sec. 3. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; REPORT REQUIRED.**

193.17 No later than January 1, 2023, the commissioner of human services must submit a report  
193.18 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
193.19 over human services that provides an update on county and state efforts to reduce the number  
193.20 of days clients spend in state-operated facilities after discharge from the facility has been  
193.21 determined to be clinically appropriate. The report must also include information on the  
193.22 fiscal impact of clinically inappropriate stays in these facilities.

193.23 **Sec. 4. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; DISCHARGE COORDINATION**  
193.24 **WITH COUNTIES.**

193.25 The commissioner of human services shall consult with and seek feedback from counties  
193.26 across the state to develop alternative approaches for the housing of individuals provisionally  
193.27 discharged and discharged from direct care and treatment programs according to the  
193.28 provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 253D, to incentivize local development of  
193.29 placements and supports. The approaches must consider the management of implementation  
193.30 costs and oversight of these individuals, and potential future financial incentives for host

194.1 counties or counties within a court district for accepting and hosting discharged individuals  
194.2 who the county originally committed to the program.

194.3 Sec. 5. **REPEALER.**

194.4 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 246.18, subdivisions 8 and 9, are repealed.

194.5 (b) Laws 2010, First Special Session chapter 1, article 25, section 3, subdivision 10, is  
194.6 repealed.

194.7 **ARTICLE 4**

194.8 **CONTINUING CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS**

194.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.0724, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

194.10 Subd. 4. **Resident assessment schedule.** (a) A facility must conduct and electronically  
194.11 submit to the commissioner of health MDS assessments that conform with the assessment  
194.12 schedule defined by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 483.20, and published  
194.13 by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and  
194.14 Medicaid Services, in the Long Term Care Assessment Instrument User's Manual, version  
194.15 3.0, and subsequent updates when issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.  
194.16 The commissioner of health may substitute successor manuals or question and answer  
194.17 documents published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services,  
194.18 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to replace or supplement the current version  
194.19 of the manual or document.

194.20 (b) The assessments used to determine a case mix classification for reimbursement  
194.21 include the following:

194.22 (1) a new admission assessment;

194.23 (2) an annual assessment which must have an assessment reference date (ARD) within  
194.24 92 days of the previous assessment and the previous comprehensive assessment;

194.25 (3) a significant change in status assessment must be completed within 14 days of the  
194.26 identification of a significant change, whether improvement or decline, and regardless of  
194.27 the amount of time since the last significant change in status assessment; Effective for  
194.28 rehabilitation therapy completed on or after January 1, 2020, a facility must complete a  
194.29 significant change in status assessment if for any reason all speech, occupational, and  
194.30 physical therapies have ended. The ARD of the significant change in status assessment must  
194.31 be the eighth day after all speech, occupational, and physical therapies have ended. The last

195.1 day on which rehabilitation therapy was furnished is considered day zero when determining  
195.2 the ARD for the significant change in status assessment;

195.3 (4) all quarterly assessments must have an assessment reference date (ARD) within 92  
195.4 days of the ARD of the previous assessment;

195.5 (5) any significant correction to a prior comprehensive assessment, if the assessment  
195.6 being corrected is the current one being used for RUG classification; ~~and~~

195.7 (6) any significant correction to a prior quarterly assessment, if the assessment being  
195.8 corrected is the current one being used for RUG classification; and

195.9 (7) modifications to the most recent assessment in clauses (1) to (6).

195.10 (c) In addition to the assessments listed in paragraph (b), the assessments used to  
195.11 determine nursing facility level of care include the following:

195.12 (1) preadmission screening completed under section 256.975, subdivisions 7a to 7c, by  
195.13 the Senior LinkAge Line or other organization under contract with the Minnesota Board on  
195.14 Aging; and

195.15 (2) a nursing facility level of care determination as provided for under section 256B.0911,  
195.16 subdivision 4e, as part of a face-to-face long-term care consultation assessment completed  
195.17 under section 256B.0911, by a county, tribe, or managed care organization under contract  
195.18 with the Department of Human Services.

195.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.0724, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

195.20 Subd. 5. **Short stays.** (a) A facility must submit to the commissioner of health an  
195.21 admission assessment for all residents who stay in the facility 14 days or less.

195.22 (b) Notwithstanding the admission assessment requirements of paragraph (a), a facility  
195.23 may elect to accept a short stay rate with a case mix index of 1.0 for all facility residents  
195.24 who stay 14 days or less in lieu of submitting an admission assessment. Facilities shall make  
195.25 this election annually.

195.26 (c) Nursing facilities must elect one of the options described in paragraphs (a) and (b)  
195.27 by reporting to the commissioner of health, as prescribed by the commissioner. The election  
195.28 is effective on July 1 each year.

195.29 (d) An admission assessment is not required regardless of the facility's election status  
195.30 when a resident is admitted to and discharged from the facility on the same day.

195.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for admissions on or after July 1, 2019.

196.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.0724, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

196.2 Subd. 8. **Request for reconsideration of resident classifications.** (a) The resident, or  
196.3 resident's representative, or the nursing facility or boarding care home may request that the  
196.4 commissioner of health reconsider the assigned reimbursement classification including any  
196.5 items changed during the audit process. The request for reconsideration must be submitted  
196.6 in writing to the commissioner within 30 days of the day the resident or the resident's  
196.7 representative receives the resident classification notice. The request for reconsideration  
196.8 must include the name of the resident, the name and address of the facility in which the  
196.9 resident resides, the reasons for the reconsideration, and documentation supporting the  
196.10 request. The documentation accompanying the reconsideration request is limited to ~~a copy~~  
196.11 ~~of the MDS that determined the classification and other~~ documents that would support or  
196.12 change the MDS findings.

196.13 (b) Upon request, the nursing facility must give the resident or the resident's representative  
196.14 a copy of the assessment form and the other documentation that was given to the  
196.15 commissioner of health to support the assessment findings. The nursing facility shall also  
196.16 provide access to and a copy of other information from the resident's record that has been  
196.17 requested by or on behalf of the resident to support a resident's reconsideration request. A  
196.18 copy of any requested material must be provided within three working days of receipt of a  
196.19 written request for the information. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the facility  
196.20 may not charge a fee for providing copies of the requested documentation. If a facility fails  
196.21 to provide the material within this time, it is subject to the issuance of a correction order  
196.22 and penalty assessment under sections 144.653 and 144A.10. Notwithstanding those sections,  
196.23 any correction order issued under this subdivision must require that the nursing facility  
196.24 immediately comply with the request for information and that as of the date of the issuance  
196.25 of the correction order, the facility shall forfeit to the state a \$100 fine for the first day of  
196.26 noncompliance, and an increase in the \$100 fine by \$50 increments for each day the  
196.27 noncompliance continues.

196.28 (c) In addition to the information required under paragraphs (a) and (b), a reconsideration  
196.29 request from a nursing facility must contain the following information: (i) the date the  
196.30 reimbursement classification notices were received by the facility; (ii) the date the  
196.31 classification notices were distributed to the resident or the resident's representative; and  
196.32 (iii) a copy of a notice sent to the resident or to the resident's representative. This notice  
196.33 must inform the resident or the resident's representative that a reconsideration of the resident's  
196.34 classification is being requested, the reason for the request, that the resident's rate will change  
196.35 if the request is approved by the commissioner, the extent of the change, that copies of the



197.1 facility's request and supporting documentation are available for review, and that the resident  
197.2 also has the right to request a reconsideration. If the facility fails to provide the required  
197.3 information listed in item (iii) with the reconsideration request, the commissioner may  
197.4 request that the facility provide the information within 14 calendar days. The reconsideration  
197.5 request must be denied if the information is then not provided, and the facility may not  
197.6 make further reconsideration requests on that specific reimbursement classification.

197.7 (d) Reconsideration by the commissioner must be made by individuals not involved in  
197.8 reviewing the assessment, audit, or reconsideration that established the disputed classification.  
197.9 The reconsideration must be based upon the assessment that determined the classification  
197.10 and upon the information provided to the commissioner under paragraphs (a) and (b). If  
197.11 necessary for evaluating the reconsideration request, the commissioner may conduct on-site  
197.12 reviews. Within 15 working days of receiving the request for reconsideration, the  
197.13 commissioner shall affirm or modify the original resident classification. The original  
197.14 classification must be modified if the commissioner determines that the assessment resulting  
197.15 in the classification did not accurately reflect characteristics of the resident at the time of  
197.16 the assessment. The resident and the nursing facility or boarding care home shall be notified  
197.17 within five working days after the decision is made. A decision by the commissioner under  
197.18 this subdivision is the final administrative decision of the agency for the party requesting  
197.19 reconsideration.

197.20 (e) The resident classification established by the commissioner shall be the classification  
197.21 that applies to the resident while the request for reconsideration is pending. If a request for  
197.22 reconsideration applies to an assessment used to determine nursing facility level of care  
197.23 under subdivision 4, paragraph (c), the resident shall continue to be eligible for nursing  
197.24 facility level of care while the request for reconsideration is pending.

197.25 (f) The commissioner may request additional documentation regarding a reconsideration  
197.26 necessary to make an accurate reconsideration determination.

197.27 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.071, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

197.28 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** For purposes of sections 144A.071 to 144A.073, the following  
197.29 terms have the meanings given them:

197.30 (a) "Attached fixtures" has the meaning given in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0020,  
197.31 subpart 6.

197.32 (b) "~~Buildings~~" "Building" has the meaning given in ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0020,~~  
197.33 ~~subpart 7~~ section 256R.261, subdivision 4.

198.1 (c) "Capital assets" has the meaning given in section ~~256B.421, subdivision 16~~ 256R.02,  
198.2 subdivision 8.

198.3 (d) "Commenced construction" means that all of the following conditions were met: the  
198.4 final working drawings and specifications were approved by the commissioner of health;  
198.5 the construction contracts were let; a timely construction schedule was developed, stipulating  
198.6 dates for beginning, achieving various stages, and completing construction; and all zoning  
198.7 and building permits were applied for.

198.8 (e) "Completion date" means the date on which clearance for the construction project  
198.9 is issued, or if a clearance for the construction project is not required, the date on which the  
198.10 construction project assets are available for facility use.

198.11 (f) "Construction" means any erection, building, alteration, reconstruction, modernization,  
198.12 or improvement necessary to comply with the nursing home licensure rules.

198.13 (g) "Construction project" means:

198.14 (1) a capital asset addition to, or replacement of a nursing home or certified boarding  
198.15 care home that results in new space or the remodeling of or renovations to existing facility  
198.16 space; and

198.17 (2) the remodeling or renovation of existing facility space the use of which is modified  
198.18 as a result of the project described in clause (1). This existing space and the project described  
198.19 in clause (1) must be used for the functions as designated on the construction plans on  
198.20 completion of the project described in clause (1) for a period of not less than 24 months.

198.21 (h) "Depreciation guidelines" ~~means the most recent publication of "The Estimated~~  
198.22 ~~Useful Lives of Depreciable Hospital Assets," issued by the American Hospital Association,~~  
198.23 ~~840 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, 60611~~ has the meaning given in section  
198.24 256R.261, subdivision 9.

198.25 (i) "New licensed" or "new certified beds" means:

198.26 (1) newly constructed beds in a facility or the construction of a new facility that would  
198.27 increase the total number of licensed nursing home beds or certified boarding care or nursing  
198.28 home beds in the state; or

198.29 (2) newly licensed nursing home beds or newly certified boarding care or nursing home  
198.30 beds that result from remodeling of the facility that involves relocation of beds but does not  
198.31 result in an increase in the total number of beds, except when the project involves the upgrade  
198.32 of boarding care beds to nursing home beds, as defined in section 144A.073, subdivision

199.1 1. "Remodeling" includes any of the type of conversion, renovation, replacement, or  
199.2 upgrading projects as defined in section 144A.073, subdivision 1.

199.3 ~~(j) "Project construction costs" means the cost of the following items that have a~~  
199.4 ~~completion date within 12 months before or after the completion date of the project described~~  
199.5 ~~in item (g), clause (1):~~

199.6 ~~(1) facility capital asset additions;~~

199.7 ~~(2) replacements;~~

199.8 ~~(3) renovations;~~

199.9 ~~(4) remodeling projects;~~

199.10 ~~(5) construction site preparation costs;~~

199.11 ~~(6) related soft costs; and~~

199.12 ~~(7) the cost of new technology implemented as part of the construction project and~~  
199.13 ~~depreciable equipment directly identified to the project, if the construction costs for clauses~~  
199.14 ~~(1) to (6) exceed the threshold for additions and replacements stated in section 256B.431,~~  
199.15 ~~subdivision 16. Technology and depreciable equipment shall be included in the project~~  
199.16 ~~construction costs unless a written election is made by the facility, to not include it in the~~  
199.17 ~~facility's appraised value for purposes of Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0020, subpart 5. Debt~~  
199.18 ~~incurred for purchase of technology and depreciable equipment shall be included as allowable~~  
199.19 ~~debt for purposes of Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 5, items A and C, unless the~~  
199.20 ~~written election is to not include it. Any new technology and depreciable equipment included~~  
199.21 ~~in the project construction costs that the facility elects not to include in its appraised value~~  
199.22 ~~and allowable debt shall be treated as provided in section 256B.431, subdivision 17,~~  
199.23 ~~paragraph (b). Written election under this paragraph must be included in the facility's request~~  
199.24 ~~for the rate change related to the project, and this election may not be changed.~~

199.25 ~~(k) "Technology" means information systems or devices that make documentation,~~  
199.26 ~~charting, and staff time more efficient or encourage and allow for care through alternative~~  
199.27 ~~settings including, but not limited to, touch screens, monitors, hand-helds, swipe cards,~~  
199.28 ~~motion detectors, pagers, telemedicine, medication dispensers, and equipment to monitor~~  
199.29 ~~vital signs and self-injections, and to observe skin and other conditions.~~

199.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

200.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

200.2 Subd. 2. **Moratorium.** The commissioner of health, in coordination with the  
200.3 commissioner of human services, shall deny each request for new licensed or certified  
200.4 nursing home or certified boarding care beds except as provided in subdivision 3 or 4a, or  
200.5 section 144A.073. "Certified bed" means a nursing home bed or a boarding care bed certified  
200.6 by the commissioner of health for the purposes of the medical assistance program, under  
200.7 United States Code, title 42, sections 1396 et seq. Certified beds in facilities which do not  
200.8 allow medical assistance intake shall be deemed to be decertified for purposes of this section  
200.9 only.

200.10 The commissioner of human services, in coordination with the commissioner of health,  
200.11 shall deny any request to issue a license under section 252.28 and chapter 245A to a nursing  
200.12 home or boarding care home, if that license would result in an increase in the medical  
200.13 assistance reimbursement amount.

200.14 In addition, the commissioner of health must not approve any construction project whose  
200.15 cost exceeds ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,500,000, unless:

200.16 (a) any construction costs exceeding ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,500,000 are not added to the facility's  
200.17 appraised value and are not included in the facility's payment rate for reimbursement under  
200.18 the medical assistance program; or

200.19 (b) the project:

200.20 (1) has been approved through the process described in section 144A.073;

200.21 (2) meets an exception in subdivision 3 or 4a;

200.22 (3) is necessary to correct violations of state or federal law issued by the commissioner  
200.23 of health;

200.24 (4) is necessary to repair or replace a portion of the facility that was damaged by fire,  
200.25 lightning, ground shifts, or other such hazards, including environmental hazards, provided  
200.26 that the provisions of subdivision 4a, clause (a), are met;

200.27 (5) as of May 1, 1992, the facility has submitted to the commissioner of health written  
200.28 documentation evidencing that the facility meets the "commenced construction" definition  
200.29 as specified in subdivision 1a, paragraph (d), or that substantial steps have been taken prior  
200.30 to April 1, 1992, relating to the construction project. "Substantial steps" require that the  
200.31 facility has made arrangements with outside parties relating to the construction project and  
200.32 include the hiring of an architect or construction firm, submission of preliminary plans to

201.1 the Department of Health or documentation from a financial institution that financing  
201.2 arrangements for the construction project have been made; or

201.3 (6) is being proposed by a licensed nursing facility that is not certified to participate in  
201.4 the medical assistance program and will not result in new licensed or certified beds.

201.5 Prior to the final plan approval of any construction project, the ~~commissioner~~  
201.6 commissioners of health and human services shall be provided with an itemized cost estimate  
201.7 for the project construction costs. If a construction project is anticipated to be completed in  
201.8 phases, the total estimated cost of all phases of the project shall be submitted to the  
201.9 ~~commissioner~~ commissioners and shall be considered as one construction project. Once the  
201.10 construction project is completed and prior to the final clearance by the ~~commissioner~~  
201.11 commissioners, the total project construction costs for the construction project shall be  
201.12 submitted to the ~~commissioner~~ commissioners. If the final project construction cost exceeds  
201.13 the dollar threshold in this subdivision, the commissioner of human services shall not  
201.14 recognize any of the project construction costs or the related financing costs in excess of  
201.15 this threshold in establishing the facility's property-related payment rate.

201.16 The dollar thresholds for construction projects are as follows: for construction projects  
201.17 other than those authorized in clauses (1) to (6), the dollar threshold is \$1,000,000. For  
201.18 projects authorized after July 1, 1993, under clause (1), the dollar threshold is the cost  
201.19 estimate submitted with a proposal for an exception under section 144A.073, plus inflation  
201.20 as calculated according to section 256B.431, subdivision 3f, paragraph (a). For projects  
201.21 authorized under clauses (2) to (4), the dollar threshold is the itemized estimate project  
201.22 construction costs submitted to the commissioner of health at the time of final plan approval,  
201.23 plus inflation as calculated according to section 256B.431, subdivision 3f, paragraph (a).

201.24 The commissioner of health shall adopt rules to implement this section or to amend the  
201.25 emergency rules for granting exceptions to the moratorium on nursing homes under section  
201.26 144A.073.

201.27 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.071, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

201.28 Subd. 3. **Exceptions authorizing increase in beds; hardship areas.** (a) The  
201.29 commissioner of health, in coordination with the commissioner of human services, may  
201.30 approve the addition of new licensed and Medicare and Medicaid certified nursing home  
201.31 beds, using the criteria and process set forth in this subdivision.

202.1 (b) The commissioner, in cooperation with the commissioner of human services, shall  
202.2 consider the following criteria when determining that an area of the state is a hardship area  
202.3 with regard to access to nursing facility services:

202.4 (1) a low number of beds per thousand in a specified area using as a standard the beds  
202.5 per thousand people age 65 and older, in five year age groups, using data from the most  
202.6 recent census and population projections, weighted by each group's most recent nursing  
202.7 home utilization, of the county at the 20th percentile, as determined by the commissioner  
202.8 of human services;

202.9 (2) a high level of out-migration for nursing facility services associated with a described  
202.10 area from the county or counties of residence to other Minnesota counties, as determined  
202.11 by the commissioner of human services, using as a standard an amount greater than the  
202.12 out-migration of the county ranked at the 50th percentile;

202.13 (3) an adequate level of availability of noninstitutional long-term care services measured  
202.14 as public spending for home and community-based long-term care services per individual  
202.15 age 65 and older, in five year age groups, using data from the most recent census and  
202.16 population projections, weighted by each group's most recent nursing home utilization, as  
202.17 determined by the commissioner of human services using as a standard an amount greater  
202.18 than the 50th percentile of counties;

202.19 (4) there must be a declaration of hardship resulting from insufficient access to nursing  
202.20 home beds by local county agencies and area agencies on aging; and

202.21 (5) other factors that may demonstrate the need to add new nursing facility beds.

202.22 (c) On August 15 of odd-numbered years, the commissioner, in cooperation with the  
202.23 commissioner of human services, may publish in the State Register a request for information  
202.24 in which interested parties, using the data provided under section 144A.351, along with any  
202.25 other relevant data, demonstrate that a specified area is a hardship area with regard to access  
202.26 to nursing facility services. For a response to be considered, the commissioner must receive  
202.27 it by November 15. The commissioner shall make responses to the request for information  
202.28 available to the public and shall allow 30 days for comment. The commissioner shall review  
202.29 responses and comments and determine if any areas of the state are to be declared hardship  
202.30 areas.

202.31 (d) For each designated hardship area determined in paragraph (c), the commissioner  
202.32 shall publish a request for proposals in accordance with section 144A.073 and Minnesota  
202.33 Rules, parts 4655.1070 to 4655.1098. The request for proposals must be published in the  
202.34 State Register by March 15 following receipt of responses to the request for information.

203.1 The request for proposals must specify the number of new beds which may be added in the  
203.2 designated hardship area, which must not exceed the number which, if added to the existing  
203.3 number of beds in the area, including beds in layaway status, would have prevented it from  
203.4 being determined to be a hardship area under paragraph (b), clause (1). Beginning July 1,  
203.5 2011, the number of new beds approved must not exceed 200 beds statewide per biennium.  
203.6 After June 30, 2019, the number of new beds that may be approved in a biennium must not  
203.7 exceed 300 statewide. For a proposal to be considered, the commissioner must receive it  
203.8 within six months of the publication of the request for proposals. The commissioner shall  
203.9 review responses to the request for proposals and shall approve or disapprove each proposal  
203.10 by the following July 15, in accordance with section 144A.073 and Minnesota Rules, parts  
203.11 4655.1070 to 4655.1098. The commissioner shall base approvals or disapprovals on a  
203.12 comparison and ranking of proposals using only the criteria in subdivision 4a. Approval of  
203.13 a proposal expires after 18 months unless the facility has added the new beds using existing  
203.14 space, subject to approval by the commissioner, or has commenced construction as defined  
203.15 in subdivision 1a, paragraph (d). If, after the approved beds have been added, fewer than  
203.16 50 percent of the beds in a facility are newly licensed, the operating payment rates previously  
203.17 in effect shall remain. If, after the approved beds have been added, 50 percent or more of  
203.18 the beds in a facility are newly licensed, operating and external fixed payment rates shall  
203.19 be determined according to ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0057, using the limits under sections~~  
203.20 ~~256R.23, subdivision 5, and 256R.24, subdivision 3. External fixed costs payment rates~~  
203.21 ~~must be determined according to section 256R.25~~ section 256R.21, subdivision 5. Property  
203.22 payment rates for facilities with beds added under this subdivision must be determined ~~in~~  
203.23 ~~the same manner as rate determinations resulting from projects approved and completed~~  
203.24 ~~under section 144A.073~~ under section 256R.26.

203.25 (e) The commissioner may:

203.26 (1) certify or license new beds in a new facility that is to be operated by the commissioner  
203.27 of veterans affairs or when the costs of constructing and operating the new beds are to be  
203.28 reimbursed by the commissioner of veterans affairs or the United States Veterans  
203.29 Administration; and

203.30 (2) license or certify beds in a facility that has been involuntarily delicensed or decertified  
203.31 for participation in the medical assistance program, provided that an application for  
203.32 relicensure or recertification is submitted to the commissioner by an organization that is  
203.33 not a related organization as defined in section 256R.02, subdivision 43, to the prior licensee  
203.34 within 120 days after delicensure or decertification.

203.35 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

204.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.071, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

204.2 Subd. 4a. **Exceptions for replacement beds.** It is in the best interest of the state to  
204.3 ensure that nursing homes and boarding care homes continue to meet the physical plant  
204.4 licensing and certification requirements by permitting certain construction projects. Facilities  
204.5 should be maintained in condition to satisfy the physical and emotional needs of residents  
204.6 while allowing the state to maintain control over nursing home expenditure growth.

204.7 The commissioner of health in coordination with the commissioner of human services,  
204.8 may approve the renovation, replacement, upgrading, or relocation of a nursing home or  
204.9 boarding care home, under the following conditions:

204.10 (a) to license or certify beds in a new facility constructed to replace a facility or to make  
204.11 repairs in an existing facility that was destroyed or damaged after June 30, 1987, by fire,  
204.12 lightning, or other hazard provided:

204.13 (i) destruction was not caused by the intentional act of or at the direction of a controlling  
204.14 person of the facility;

204.15 (ii) at the time the facility was destroyed or damaged the controlling persons of the  
204.16 facility maintained insurance coverage for the type of hazard that occurred in an amount  
204.17 that a reasonable person would conclude was adequate;

204.18 (iii) the net proceeds from an insurance settlement for the damages caused by the hazard  
204.19 are applied to the cost of the new facility or repairs;

204.20 (iv) the number of licensed and certified beds in the new facility does not exceed the  
204.21 number of licensed and certified beds in the destroyed facility; and

204.22 (v) the commissioner determines that the replacement beds are needed to prevent an  
204.23 inadequate supply of beds.

204.24 Project construction costs incurred for repairs authorized under this clause shall not be  
204.25 considered in the dollar threshold amount defined in subdivision 2;

204.26 (b) to license or certify beds that are moved from one location to another within a nursing  
204.27 home facility, provided the total costs of remodeling performed in conjunction with the  
204.28 relocation of beds does not exceed \$1,000,000;

204.29 (c) to license or certify beds in a project recommended for approval under section  
204.30 144A.073;



205.1 (d) to license or certify beds that are moved from an existing state nursing home to a  
205.2 different state facility, provided there is no net increase in the number of state nursing home  
205.3 beds;

205.4 (e) to certify and license as nursing home beds boarding care beds in a certified boarding  
205.5 care facility if the beds meet the standards for nursing home licensure, or in a facility that  
205.6 was granted an exception to the moratorium under section 144A.073, and if the cost of any  
205.7 remodeling of the facility does not exceed \$1,000,000. If boarding care beds are licensed  
205.8 as nursing home beds, the number of boarding care beds in the facility must not increase  
205.9 beyond the number remaining at the time of the upgrade in licensure. The provisions  
205.10 contained in section 144A.073 regarding the upgrading of the facilities do not apply to  
205.11 facilities that satisfy these requirements;

205.12 (f) to license and certify up to 40 beds transferred from an existing facility owned and  
205.13 operated by the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in the city of St. Paul to a new unit at the  
205.14 same location as the existing facility that will serve persons with Alzheimer's disease and  
205.15 other related disorders. The transfer of beds may occur gradually or in stages, provided the  
205.16 total number of beds transferred does not exceed 40. At the time of licensure and certification  
205.17 of a bed or beds in the new unit, the commissioner of health shall delicense and decertify  
205.18 the same number of beds in the existing facility. As a condition of receiving a license or  
205.19 certification under this clause, the facility must make a written commitment to the  
205.20 commissioner of human services that it will not seek to receive an increase in its  
205.21 property-related payment rate as a result of the transfers allowed under this paragraph;

205.22 (g) to license and certify nursing home beds to replace currently licensed and certified  
205.23 boarding care beds which may be located either in a remodeled or renovated boarding care  
205.24 or nursing home facility or in a remodeled, renovated, newly constructed, or replacement  
205.25 nursing home facility within the identifiable complex of health care facilities in which the  
205.26 currently licensed boarding care beds are presently located, provided that the number of  
205.27 boarding care beds in the facility or complex are decreased by the number to be licensed as  
205.28 nursing home beds and further provided that, if the total costs of new construction,  
205.29 replacement, remodeling, or renovation exceed ten percent of the appraised value of the  
205.30 facility or \$200,000, whichever is less, the facility makes a written commitment to the  
205.31 commissioner of human services that it will not seek to receive an increase in its  
205.32 property-related payment rate by reason of the new construction, replacement, remodeling,  
205.33 or renovation. The provisions contained in section 144A.073 regarding the upgrading of  
205.34 facilities do not apply to facilities that satisfy these requirements;

206.1 (h) to license as a nursing home and certify as a nursing facility a facility that is licensed  
206.2 as a boarding care facility but not certified under the medical assistance program, but only  
206.3 if the commissioner of human services certifies to the commissioner of health that licensing  
206.4 the facility as a nursing home and certifying the facility as a nursing facility will result in  
206.5 a net annual savings to the state general fund of \$200,000 or more;

206.6 (i) to certify, after September 30, 1992, and prior to July 1, 1993, existing nursing home  
206.7 beds in a facility that was licensed and in operation prior to January 1, 1992;

206.8 (j) to license and certify new nursing home beds to replace beds in a facility acquired  
206.9 by the Minneapolis Community Development Agency as part of redevelopment activities  
206.10 in a city of the first class, provided the new facility is located within three miles of the site  
206.11 of the old facility. Operating and property costs for the new facility must be determined and  
206.12 allowed under section 256B.431 or 256B.434 or chapter 256R;

206.13 (k) to license and certify up to 20 new nursing home beds in a community-operated  
206.14 hospital and attached convalescent and nursing care facility with 40 beds on April 21, 1991,  
206.15 that suspended operation of the hospital in April 1986. The commissioner of human services  
206.16 shall provide the facility with the same per diem property-related payment rate for each  
206.17 additional licensed and certified bed as it will receive for its existing 40 beds;

206.18 (l) to license or certify beds in renovation, replacement, or upgrading projects as defined  
206.19 in section 144A.073, subdivision 1, so long as the cumulative total costs of the facility's  
206.20 remodeling projects do not exceed \$1,000,000;

206.21 (m) to license and certify beds that are moved from one location to another for the  
206.22 purposes of converting up to five four-bed wards to single or double occupancy rooms in  
206.23 a nursing home that, as of January 1, 1993, was county-owned and had a licensed capacity  
206.24 of 115 beds;

206.25 (n) to allow a facility that on April 16, 1993, was a 106-bed licensed and certified nursing  
206.26 facility located in Minneapolis to layaway all of its licensed and certified nursing home  
206.27 beds. These beds may be relicensed and recertified in a newly constructed teaching nursing  
206.28 home facility affiliated with a teaching hospital upon approval by the legislature. The  
206.29 proposal must be developed in consultation with the interagency committee on long-term  
206.30 care planning. The beds on layaway status shall have the same status as voluntarily delicensed  
206.31 and decertified beds, except that beds on layaway status remain subject to the surcharge in  
206.32 section 256.9657. This layaway provision expires July 1, 1998;

206.33 (o) to allow a project which will be completed in conjunction with an approved  
206.34 moratorium exception project for a nursing home in southern Cass County and which is

207.1 directly related to that portion of the facility that must be repaired, renovated, or replaced,  
207.2 to correct an emergency plumbing problem for which a state correction order has been  
207.3 issued and which must be corrected by August 31, 1993;

207.4 (p) to allow a facility that on April 16, 1993, was a 368-bed licensed and certified nursing  
207.5 facility located in Minneapolis to layaway, upon 30 days prior written notice to the  
207.6 commissioner, up to 30 of the facility's licensed and certified beds by converting three-bed  
207.7 wards to single or double occupancy. Beds on layaway status shall have the same status as  
207.8 voluntarily delicensed and decertified beds except that beds on layaway status remain subject  
207.9 to the surcharge in section 256.9657, remain subject to the license application and renewal  
207.10 fees under section 144A.07 and shall be subject to a \$100 per bed reactivation fee. In  
207.11 addition, at any time within three years of the effective date of the layaway, the beds on  
207.12 layaway status may be:

207.13 (1) relicensed and recertified upon relocation and reactivation of some or all of the beds  
207.14 to an existing licensed and certified facility or facilities located in Pine River, Brainerd, or  
207.15 International Falls; provided that the total project construction costs related to the relocation  
207.16 of beds from layaway status for any facility receiving relocated beds may not exceed the  
207.17 dollar threshold provided in subdivision 2 unless the construction project has been approved  
207.18 through the moratorium exception process under section 144A.073;

207.19 (2) relicensed and recertified, upon reactivation of some or all of the beds within the  
207.20 facility which placed the beds in layaway status, if the commissioner has determined a need  
207.21 for the reactivation of the beds on layaway status.

207.22 The property-related payment rate of a facility placing beds on layaway status must be  
207.23 adjusted by the incremental change in its rental per diem after recalculating the rental per  
207.24 diem as provided in section 256B.431, subdivision 3a, paragraph (c). The property-related  
207.25 payment rate for a facility relicensing and recertifying beds from layaway status must be  
207.26 adjusted by the incremental change in its rental per diem after recalculating its rental per  
207.27 diem using the number of beds after the relicensing to establish the facility's capacity day  
207.28 divisor, which shall be effective the first day of the month following the month in which  
207.29 the relicensing and recertification became effective. Any beds remaining on layaway status  
207.30 more than three years after the date the layaway status became effective must be removed  
207.31 from layaway status and immediately delicensed and decertified;

207.32 (q) to license and certify beds in a renovation and remodeling project to convert 12  
207.33 four-bed wards into 24 two-bed rooms, expand space, and add improvements in a nursing  
207.34 home that, as of January 1, 1994, met the following conditions: the nursing home was located

208.1 in Ramsey County; had a licensed capacity of 154 beds; and had been ranked among the  
208.2 top 15 applicants by the 1993 moratorium exceptions advisory review panel. The total  
208.3 project construction cost estimate for this project must not exceed the cost estimate submitted  
208.4 in connection with the 1993 moratorium exception process;

208.5 (r) to license and certify up to 117 beds that are relocated from a licensed and certified  
208.6 138-bed nursing facility located in St. Paul to a hospital with 130 licensed hospital beds  
208.7 located in South St. Paul, provided that the nursing facility and hospital are owned by the  
208.8 same or a related organization and that prior to the date the relocation is completed the  
208.9 hospital ceases operation of its inpatient hospital services at that hospital. After relocation,  
208.10 the nursing facility's status shall be the same as it was prior to relocation. The nursing  
208.11 facility's property-related payment rate resulting from the project authorized in this paragraph  
208.12 shall become effective no earlier than April 1, 1996. For purposes of calculating the  
208.13 incremental change in the facility's rental per diem resulting from this project, the allowable  
208.14 appraised value of the nursing facility portion of the existing health care facility physical  
208.15 plant prior to the renovation and relocation may not exceed \$2,490,000;

208.16 (s) to license and certify two beds in a facility to replace beds that were voluntarily  
208.17 delicensed and decertified on June 28, 1991;

208.18 (t) to allow 16 licensed and certified beds located on July 1, 1994, in a 142-bed nursing  
208.19 home and 21-bed boarding care home facility in Minneapolis, notwithstanding the licensure  
208.20 and certification after July 1, 1995, of the Minneapolis facility as a 147-bed nursing home  
208.21 facility after completion of a construction project approved in 1993 under section 144A.073,  
208.22 to be laid away upon 30 days' prior written notice to the commissioner. Beds on layaway  
208.23 status shall have the same status as voluntarily delicensed or decertified beds except that  
208.24 they shall remain subject to the surcharge in section 256.9657. The 16 beds on layaway  
208.25 status may be relicensed as nursing home beds and recertified at any time within five years  
208.26 of the effective date of the layaway upon relocation of some or all of the beds to a licensed  
208.27 and certified facility located in Watertown, provided that the total project construction costs  
208.28 related to the relocation of beds from layaway status for the Watertown facility may not  
208.29 exceed the dollar threshold provided in subdivision 2 unless the construction project has  
208.30 been approved through the moratorium exception process under section 144A.073.

208.31 The property-related payment rate of the facility placing beds on layaway status must  
208.32 be adjusted by the incremental change in its rental per diem after recalculating the rental  
208.33 per diem as provided in section 256B.431, subdivision 3a, paragraph (c). The property-related  
208.34 payment rate for the facility relicensing and recertifying beds from layaway status must be  
208.35 adjusted by the incremental change in its rental per diem after recalculating its rental per

209.1 diem using the number of beds after the relicensing to establish the facility's capacity day  
209.2 divisor, which shall be effective the first day of the month following the month in which  
209.3 the relicensing and recertification became effective. Any beds remaining on layaway status  
209.4 more than five years after the date the layaway status became effective must be removed  
209.5 from layaway status and immediately delicensed and decertified;

209.6 (u) to license and certify beds that are moved within an existing area of a facility or to  
209.7 a newly constructed addition which is built for the purpose of eliminating three- and four-bed  
209.8 rooms and adding space for dining, lounge areas, bathing rooms, and ancillary service areas  
209.9 in a nursing home that, as of January 1, 1995, was located in Fridley and had a licensed  
209.10 capacity of 129 beds;

209.11 (v) to relocate 36 beds in Crow Wing County and four beds from Hennepin County to  
209.12 a 160-bed facility in Crow Wing County, provided all the affected beds are under common  
209.13 ownership;

209.14 (w) to license and certify a total replacement project of up to 49 beds located in Norman  
209.15 County that are relocated from a nursing home destroyed by flood and whose residents were  
209.16 relocated to other nursing homes. The operating cost payment rates for the new nursing  
209.17 facility shall be determined based on the interim and settle-up payment provisions of  
209.18 ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0057,~~ section 256R.27 and the reimbursement provisions of  
209.19 chapter 256R. Property-related reimbursement rates shall be determined under section  
209.20 256R.26, taking into account any federal or state flood-related loans or grants provided to  
209.21 the facility;

209.22 (x) to license and certify to the licensee of a nursing home in Polk County that was  
209.23 destroyed by flood in 1997 replacement projects with a total of up to 129 beds, with at least  
209.24 25 beds to be located in Polk County and up to 104 beds distributed among up to three other  
209.25 counties. These beds may only be distributed to counties with fewer than the median number  
209.26 of age intensity adjusted beds per thousand, as most recently published by the commissioner  
209.27 of human services. If the licensee chooses to distribute beds outside of Polk County under  
209.28 this paragraph, prior to distributing the beds, the commissioner of health must approve the  
209.29 location in which the licensee plans to distribute the beds. The commissioner of health shall  
209.30 consult with the commissioner of human services prior to approving the location of the  
209.31 proposed beds. The licensee may combine these beds with beds relocated from other nursing  
209.32 facilities as provided in section 144A.073, subdivision 3c. The operating payment rates for  
209.33 the new nursing facilities shall be determined based on the interim and settle-up payment  
209.34 provisions of Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080. Property-related  
209.35 reimbursement rates shall be determined under section 256R.26. If the replacement beds

210.1 permitted under this paragraph are combined with beds from other nursing facilities, the  
210.2 rates shall be calculated as the weighted average of rates determined as provided in this  
210.3 paragraph and section 256R.50;

210.4 (y) to license and certify beds in a renovation and remodeling project to convert 13  
210.5 three-bed wards into 13 two-bed rooms and 13 single-bed rooms, expand space, and add  
210.6 improvements in a nursing home that, as of January 1, 1994, met the following conditions:  
210.7 the nursing home was located in Ramsey County, was not owned by a hospital corporation,  
210.8 had a licensed capacity of 64 beds, and had been ranked among the top 15 applicants by  
210.9 the 1993 moratorium exceptions advisory review panel. The total project construction cost  
210.10 estimate for this project must not exceed the cost estimate submitted in connection with the  
210.11 1993 moratorium exception process;

210.12 (z) to license and certify up to 150 nursing home beds to replace an existing 285 bed  
210.13 nursing facility located in St. Paul. The replacement project shall include both the renovation  
210.14 of existing buildings and the construction of new facilities at the existing site. The reduction  
210.15 in the licensed capacity of the existing facility shall occur during the construction project  
210.16 as beds are taken out of service due to the construction process. Prior to the start of the  
210.17 construction process, the facility shall provide written information to the commissioner of  
210.18 health describing the process for bed reduction, plans for the relocation of residents, and  
210.19 the estimated construction schedule. The relocation of residents shall be in accordance with  
210.20 the provisions of law and rule;

210.21 (aa) to allow the commissioner of human services to license an additional 36 beds to  
210.22 provide residential services for the physically disabled under Minnesota Rules, parts  
210.23 9570.2000 to 9570.3400, in a 198-bed nursing home located in Red Wing, provided that  
210.24 the total number of licensed and certified beds at the facility does not increase;

210.25 (bb) to license and certify a new facility in St. Louis County with 44 beds constructed  
210.26 to replace an existing facility in St. Louis County with 31 beds, which has resident rooms  
210.27 on two separate floors and an antiquated elevator that creates safety concerns for residents  
210.28 and prevents nonambulatory residents from residing on the second floor. The project shall  
210.29 include the elimination of three- and four-bed rooms;

210.30 (cc) to license and certify four beds in a 16-bed certified boarding care home in  
210.31 Minneapolis to replace beds that were voluntarily delicensed and decertified on or before  
210.32 March 31, 1992. The licensure and certification is conditional upon the facility periodically  
210.33 assessing and adjusting its resident mix and other factors which may contribute to a potential  
210.34 institution for mental disease declaration. The commissioner of human services shall retain

211.1 the authority to audit the facility at any time and shall require the facility to comply with  
211.2 any requirements necessary to prevent an institution for mental disease declaration, including  
211.3 delicensure and decertification of beds, if necessary;

211.4 (dd) to license and certify 72 beds in an existing facility in Mille Lacs County with 80  
211.5 beds as part of a renovation project. The renovation must include construction of an addition  
211.6 to accommodate ten residents with beginning and midstage dementia in a self-contained  
211.7 living unit; creation of three resident households where dining, activities, and support spaces  
211.8 are located near resident living quarters; designation of four beds for rehabilitation in a  
211.9 self-contained area; designation of 30 private rooms; and other improvements;

211.10 (ee) to license and certify beds in a facility that has undergone replacement or remodeling  
211.11 as part of a planned closure under section 256R.40;

211.12 (ff) to license and certify a total replacement project of up to 124 beds located in Wilkin  
211.13 County that are in need of relocation from a nursing home significantly damaged by flood.  
211.14 The operating cost payment rates for the new nursing facility shall be determined based on  
211.15 the interim and settle-up payment provisions of ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0057, section~~  
211.16 256R.27 and the reimbursement provisions of chapter 256R. Property-related reimbursement  
211.17 rates shall be determined under section 256R.26, taking into account any federal or state  
211.18 flood-related loans or grants provided to the facility;

211.19 (gg) to allow the commissioner of human services to license an additional nine beds to  
211.20 provide residential services for the physically disabled under Minnesota Rules, parts  
211.21 9570.2000 to 9570.3400, in a 240-bed nursing home located in Duluth, provided that the  
211.22 total number of licensed and certified beds at the facility does not increase;

211.23 (hh) to license and certify up to 120 new nursing facility beds to replace beds in a facility  
211.24 in Anoka County, which was licensed for 98 beds as of July 1, 2000, provided the new  
211.25 facility is located within four miles of the existing facility and is in Anoka County. Operating  
211.26 and property rates shall be determined and allowed under chapter 256R and Minnesota  
211.27 Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080; or

211.28 (ii) to transfer up to 98 beds of a 129-licensed bed facility located in Anoka County that,  
211.29 as of March 25, 2001, is in the active process of closing, to a 122-licensed bed nonprofit  
211.30 nursing facility located in the city of Columbia Heights or its affiliate. The transfer is effective  
211.31 when the receiving facility notifies the commissioner in writing of the number of beds  
211.32 accepted. The commissioner shall place all transferred beds on layaway status held in the  
211.33 name of the receiving facility. The layaway adjustment provisions of section 256B.431,  
211.34 subdivision 30, do not apply to this layaway. The receiving facility may only remove the

212.1 beds from layaway for recertification and relicensure at the receiving facility's current site,  
212.2 or at a newly constructed facility located in Anoka County. The receiving facility must  
212.3 receive statutory authorization before removing these beds from layaway status, or may  
212.4 remove these beds from layaway status if removal from layaway status is part of a  
212.5 moratorium exception project approved by the commissioner under section 144A.073.

212.6 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.071, subdivision 4c, is amended to read:

212.7 Subd. 4c. **Exceptions for replacement beds after June 30, 2003.** (a) The commissioner  
212.8 of health, in coordination with the commissioner of human services, may approve the  
212.9 renovation, replacement, upgrading, or relocation of a nursing home or boarding care home,  
212.10 under the following conditions:

212.11 (1) to license and certify an 80-bed city-owned facility in Nicollet County to be  
212.12 constructed on the site of a new city-owned hospital to replace an existing 85-bed facility  
212.13 attached to a hospital that is also being replaced. The threshold allowed for this project  
212.14 under section 144A.073 shall be the maximum amount available to pay the additional  
212.15 medical assistance costs of the new facility;

212.16 (2) to license and certify 29 beds to be added to an existing 69-bed facility in St. Louis  
212.17 County, provided that the 29 beds must be transferred from active or layaway status at an  
212.18 existing facility in St. Louis County that had 235 beds on April 1, 2003.

212.19 The licensed capacity at the 235-bed facility must be reduced to 206 beds, but the payment  
212.20 rate at that facility shall not be adjusted as a result of this transfer. The operating payment  
212.21 rate of the facility adding beds after completion of this project shall be the same as it was  
212.22 on the day prior to the day the beds are licensed and certified. This project shall not proceed  
212.23 unless it is approved and financed under the provisions of section 144A.073;

212.24 (3) to license and certify a new 60-bed facility in Austin, provided that: (i) 45 of the new  
212.25 beds are transferred from a 45-bed facility in Austin under common ownership that is closed  
212.26 and 15 of the new beds are transferred from a 182-bed facility in Albert Lea under common  
212.27 ownership; (ii) the commissioner of human services is authorized by the 2004 legislature  
212.28 to negotiate budget-neutral planned nursing facility closures; and (iii) money is available  
212.29 from planned closures of facilities under common ownership to make implementation of  
212.30 this clause budget-neutral to the state. The bed capacity of the Albert Lea facility shall be  
212.31 reduced to 167 beds following the transfer. Of the 60 beds at the new facility, 20 beds shall  
212.32 be used for a special care unit for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias;



213.1 (4) to license and certify up to 80 beds transferred from an existing state-owned nursing  
213.2 facility in Cass County to a new facility located on the grounds of the Ah-Gwah-Ching  
213.3 campus. The operating cost payment rates for the new facility shall be determined based  
213.4 on the interim and settle-up payment provisions of ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0057, section~~  
213.5 256R.27 and the reimbursement provisions of chapter 256R. The property payment rate for  
213.6 the first three years of operation shall be \$35 per day. For subsequent years, the property  
213.7 payment rate of \$35 per day shall be adjusted for inflation as provided in section 256B.434,  
213.8 subdivision 4, paragraph (c), as long as the facility has a contract under section 256B.434;

213.9 (5) to initiate a pilot program to license and certify up to 80 beds transferred from an  
213.10 existing county-owned nursing facility in Steele County relocated to the site of a new acute  
213.11 care facility as part of the county's Communities for a Lifetime comprehensive plan to create  
213.12 innovative responses to the aging of its population. Upon relocation to the new site, the  
213.13 nursing facility shall delicense 28 beds. The payment rate for external fixed costs for the  
213.14 new facility shall be increased by an amount as calculated according to items (i) to (v):

213.15 (i) compute the estimated decrease in medical assistance residents served by the nursing  
213.16 facility by multiplying the decrease in licensed beds by the historical percentage of medical  
213.17 assistance resident days;

213.18 (ii) compute the annual savings to the medical assistance program from the delicensure  
213.19 of 28 beds by multiplying the anticipated decrease in medical assistance residents, determined  
213.20 in item (i), by the existing facility's weighted average payment rate multiplied by 365;

213.21 (iii) compute the anticipated annual costs for community-based services by multiplying  
213.22 the anticipated decrease in medical assistance residents served by the nursing facility,  
213.23 determined in item (i), by the average monthly elderly waiver service costs for individuals  
213.24 in Steele County multiplied by 12;

213.25 (iv) subtract the amount in item (iii) from the amount in item (ii);

213.26 (v) divide the amount in item (iv) by an amount equal to the relocated nursing facility's  
213.27 occupancy factor under section 256B.431, subdivision 3f, paragraph (c), multiplied by the  
213.28 historical percentage of medical assistance resident days; and

213.29 (6) to consolidate and relocate nursing facility beds to a new site in Goodhue County  
213.30 and to integrate these services with other community-based programs and services under a  
213.31 communities for a lifetime pilot program and comprehensive plan to create innovative  
213.32 responses to the aging of its population. Two nursing facilities, one for 84 beds and one for  
213.33 65 beds, in the city of Red Wing licensed on July 1, 2015, shall be consolidated into a newly  
213.34 renovated 64-bed nursing facility resulting in the delicensure of 85 beds. Notwithstanding

214.1 the carryforward of the approval authority in section 144A.073, subdivision 11, the funding  
214.2 approved in April 2009 by the commissioner of health for a project in Goodhue County  
214.3 shall not carry forward. The closure of the 85 beds shall not be eligible for a planned closure  
214.4 rate adjustment under section 256R.40. The construction project permitted in this clause  
214.5 shall not be eligible for a threshold project rate adjustment under section 256B.434,  
214.6 subdivision 4f. The payment rate for external fixed costs for the new facility shall be  
214.7 increased by an amount as calculated according to items (i) to (vi):

214.8 (i) compute the estimated decrease in medical assistance residents served by both nursing  
214.9 facilities by multiplying the difference between the occupied beds of the two nursing facilities  
214.10 for the reporting year ending September 30, 2009, and the projected occupancy of the facility  
214.11 at 95 percent occupancy by the historical percentage of medical assistance resident days;

214.12 (ii) compute the annual savings to the medical assistance program from the delicensure  
214.13 by multiplying the anticipated decrease in the medical assistance residents, determined in  
214.14 item (i), by the hospital-owned nursing facility weighted average payment rate multiplied  
214.15 by 365;

214.16 (iii) compute the anticipated annual costs for community-based services by multiplying  
214.17 the anticipated decrease in medical assistance residents served by the facilities, determined  
214.18 in item (i), by the average monthly elderly waiver service costs for individuals in Goodhue  
214.19 County multiplied by 12;

214.20 (iv) subtract the amount in item (iii) from the amount in item (ii);

214.21 (v) multiply the amount in item (iv) by 57.2 percent; and

214.22 (vi) divide the difference of the amount in item (iv) and the amount in item (v) by an  
214.23 amount equal to the relocated nursing facility's occupancy factor under section 256B.431,  
214.24 subdivision 3f, paragraph (c), multiplied by the historical percentage of medical assistance  
214.25 resident days.

214.26 (b) Projects approved under this subdivision shall be treated in a manner equivalent to  
214.27 projects approved under subdivision 4a.

214.28 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.071, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

214.29 Subd. 5a. **Cost estimate of a moratorium exception project.** ~~(a)~~ For the purposes of  
214.30 this section and section 144A.073, the cost estimate of a moratorium exception project shall  
214.31 include the effects of the proposed project on the costs of the state subsidy for  
214.32 community-based services, nursing services, and housing in institutional and noninstitutional  
214.33 settings. The commissioner of health, in cooperation with the commissioner of human

215.1 services, shall define the method for estimating these costs in the permanent rule  
 215.2 implementing section 144A.073. The commissioner of human services shall prepare an  
 215.3 estimate of the property-related payment rate to be established upon completion of the  
 215.4 project and total state annual long-term costs of each moratorium exception proposal. The  
 215.5 property-related payment rate estimate shall be made using the actual cost of the project  
 215.6 but the final property rate must be based on the appraisal and subject to the limitations in  
 215.7 section 256R.26, subdivision 6.

215.8 ~~(b) The interest rate to be used for estimating the cost of each moratorium exception~~  
 215.9 ~~project proposal shall be the lesser of either the prime rate plus two percentage points, or~~  
 215.10 ~~the posted yield for standard conventional fixed rate mortgages of the Federal Home Loan~~  
 215.11 ~~Mortgage Corporation plus two percentage points as published in the Wall Street Journal~~  
 215.12 ~~and in effect 56 days prior to the application deadline. If the applicant's proposal uses this~~  
 215.13 ~~interest rate, the commissioner of human services, in determining the facility's actual~~  
 215.14 ~~property-related payment rate to be established upon completion of the project must use the~~  
 215.15 ~~actual interest rate obtained by the facility for the project's permanent financing up to the~~  
 215.16 ~~maximum permitted under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 6.~~

215.17 ~~The applicant may choose an alternate interest rate for estimating the project's cost. If~~  
 215.18 ~~the applicant makes this election, the commissioner of human services, in determining the~~  
 215.19 ~~facility's actual property-related payment rate to be established upon completion of the~~  
 215.20 ~~project, must use the lesser of the actual interest rate obtained for the project's permanent~~  
 215.21 ~~financing or the interest rate which was used to estimate the proposal's project cost. For~~  
 215.22 ~~succeeding rate years, the applicant is at risk for financing costs in excess of the interest~~  
 215.23 ~~rate selected.~~

215.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

215.25 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.073, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

215.26 Subd. 3c. **Cost-neutral Relocation projects.** ~~(a)~~ Notwithstanding subdivision 3, the  
 215.27 commissioner may at any time accept proposals, or amendments to proposals previously  
 215.28 approved under this section, for relocations ~~that are cost neutral with respect to state costs~~  
 215.29 ~~as defined in section 144A.071, subdivision 5a.~~ The commissioner, in consultation with the  
 215.30 commissioner of human services, shall evaluate proposals according to subdivision 4a,  
 215.31 clauses (1), (4), (5), (6), and (8), and other criteria established in rule or law. ~~The~~  
 215.32 ~~commissioner of human services shall determine the allowable payment rates of the facility~~  
 215.33 ~~receiving the beds in accordance with section 256R.50.~~ The commissioner shall approve or  
 215.34 disapprove a project within 90 days.

216.1 ~~(b) For the purposes of paragraph (a), cost neutrality shall be measured over the first~~  
216.2 ~~three 12-month periods of operation after completion of the project.~~

216.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

216.4 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.434, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

216.5 Subdivision 1. ~~Alternative payment demonstration project established~~ Contractual  
216.6 agreements. ~~The commissioner of human services shall establish a contractual alternative~~  
216.7 ~~payment demonstration project for paying for nursing facility services under the medical~~  
216.8 ~~assistance program. A nursing facility may apply to be paid under the contractual alternative~~  
216.9 ~~payment demonstration project instead of the cost-based payment system established under~~  
216.10 ~~section 256B.431. A nursing facility~~ Nursing facilities located in Minnesota ~~electing to use~~  
216.11 ~~the alternative payment demonstration project~~ enroll as a medical assistance provider ~~must~~  
216.12 ~~enter into a contract with the commissioner. Payment rates and procedures for facilities~~  
216.13 ~~electing to use the alternative payment demonstration project are determined and governed~~  
216.14 ~~by this section and by the terms of the contract. The commissioner may negotiate different~~  
216.15 ~~contract terms for different nursing facilities.~~

216.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

216.17 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.434, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

216.18 Subd. 3. **Duration and termination of contracts.** ~~(a) Subject to available resources,~~  
216.19 ~~the commissioner may begin to execute contracts with nursing facilities November 1, 1995.~~

216.20 ~~(b)~~ (a) All contracts entered into under this section are for a term not to exceed four  
216.21 years. Either party may terminate a contract at any time without cause by providing 90  
216.22 calendar days advance written notice to the other party. The decision to terminate a contract  
216.23 is not appealable. ~~Notwithstanding section 16C.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (5),~~  
216.24 ~~the contract shall be renegotiated for additional terms of up to four years, unless either party~~  
216.25 ~~provides written notice of termination.~~ The provisions of the contract shall be renegotiated  
216.26 at a minimum of every four years by the parties prior to the expiration date of the contract.  
216.27 The parties may voluntarily ~~renegotiate~~ amend the terms of the contract at any time by  
216.28 mutual agreement.

216.29 ~~(e)~~ (b) If a nursing facility fails to comply with the terms of a contract, the commissioner  
216.30 shall provide reasonable notice regarding the breach of contract and a reasonable opportunity  
216.31 for the facility to come into compliance. If the facility fails to come into compliance or to  
216.32 remain in compliance, the commissioner may terminate the contract. ~~If a contract is~~

217.1 ~~terminated, the contract payment remains in effect for the remainder of the rate year in~~  
217.2 ~~which the contract was terminated, but in all other respects the provisions of this section~~  
217.3 ~~do not apply to that facility effective the date the contract is terminated. The contract shall~~  
217.4 ~~contain a provision governing the transition back to the cost-based reimbursement system~~  
217.5 ~~established under section 256B.431 and Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080.~~  
217.6 ~~A contract entered into under this section may be amended by mutual agreement of the~~  
217.7 ~~parties.~~

217.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

217.9 Sec. 13. **[256M.42] ADULT PROTECTION GRANT ALLOCATIONS.**

217.10 Subdivision 1. **Formula.** (a) The commissioner shall allocate state money appropriated  
217.11 under this section to each county board and tribal government approved by the commissioner  
217.12 to assume county agency duties for adult protective services or as a lead investigative agency  
217.13 under section 626.557 on an annual basis in an amount determined according to the following  
217.14 formula:

217.15 (1) 25 percent must be allocated on the basis of the number of reports of suspected  
217.16 vulnerable adult maltreatment under sections 626.557 and 626.5572, when the county or  
217.17 tribe is responsible as determined by the most recent data of the commissioner; and

217.18 (2) 75 percent must be allocated on the basis of the number of screened-in reports for  
217.19 adult protective services or vulnerable adult maltreatment investigations under sections  
217.20 626.557 and 626.5572, when the county or tribe is responsible as determined by the most  
217.21 recent data of the commissioner.

217.22 (b) The commissioner is precluded from changing the formula under this subdivision  
217.23 or recommending a change to the legislature without public review and input.

217.24 Subd. 2. **Payment.** The commissioner shall make allocations for the state fiscal year  
217.25 starting July 1, 2019, and to each county board or tribal government on or before October  
217.26 10, 2019. The commissioner shall make allocations under subdivision 1 to each county  
217.27 board or tribal government each year thereafter on or before July 10.

217.28 Subd. 3. **Prohibition on supplanting existing money.** Money received under this section  
217.29 must be used for staffing for protection of vulnerable adults or to expand adult protective  
217.30 services. Money must not be used to supplant current county or tribe expenditures for these  
217.31 purposes.

217.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

218.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.02, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

218.2 Subd. 8. **Capital assets.** "Capital assets" means a nursing facility's buildings, ~~attached~~  
218.3 ~~fixtures~~ fixed equipment, land improvements, leasehold improvements, and all additions to  
218.4 or replacements of those assets used directly for resident care.

218.5 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.02, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

218.6 Subd. 19. **External fixed costs.** "External fixed costs" means costs related to the nursing  
218.7 home surcharge under section 256.9657, subdivision 1; licensure fees under section 144.122;  
218.8 family advisory council fee under section 144A.33; scholarships under section 256R.37;  
218.9 ~~planned closure rate adjustments under section 256R.40; consolidation rate adjustments~~  
218.10 ~~under section 144A.071, subdivisions 4c, paragraph (a), clauses (5) and (6), and 4d;~~  
218.11 ~~single-bed room incentives under section 256R.41;~~ property taxes, special assessments, and  
218.12 payments in lieu of taxes; employer health insurance costs; quality improvement incentive  
218.13 payment rate adjustments under section 256R.39; performance-based incentive payments  
218.14 under section 256R.38; special dietary needs under section 256R.51; rate adjustments for  
218.15 compensation-related costs for minimum wage changes under section 256R.49 provided  
218.16 on or after January 1, 2018; and Public Employees Retirement Association employer costs.

218.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

218.18 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
218.19 to read:

218.20 Subd. 25a. **Interim payment rates.** "Interim payment rates" means the total operating  
218.21 and external fixed costs payment rates determined by anticipated costs and resident days  
218.22 reported on an interim cost report as described in section 256R.27.

218.23 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
218.24 to read:

218.25 Subd. 47a. **Settle up payment rates.** "Settle up payment rates" means the total operating  
218.26 and external fixed costs payment rates determined by actual allowable costs and resident  
218.27 days reported on a settle up cost report as described under section 256R.27.

218.28 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

218.29 Subdivision 1. **Reporting of financial statements.** (a) No later than February 1 of each  
218.30 year, a nursing facility shall:

219.1 (1) provide the state agency with a copy of its audited financial statements or its working  
219.2 trial balance;

219.3 (2) provide the state agency with a statement of ownership for the facility;

219.4 (3) provide the state agency with separate, audited financial statements or working trial  
219.5 balances for every other facility owned in whole or in part by an individual or entity that  
219.6 has an ownership interest in the facility;

219.7 (4) provide the state agency with information regarding whether the licensee, or a general  
219.8 partner, director, or officer of the licensee, has an ownership or control interest of five  
219.9 percent or more in a related party or related organization that provides any service to the  
219.10 skilled nursing facility. If the licensee, or the general partner, director, or officer of the  
219.11 licensee has such an interest, the licensee shall disclose all services provided to the skilled  
219.12 nursing facility, the number of individuals who provide that service at the skilled nursing  
219.13 facility, and any other information requested by the state agency. If goods, fees, and services  
219.14 collectively worth \$10,000 or more per year are delivered to the skilled nursing facility, the  
219.15 disclosure required pursuant to this subdivision shall include the related party and related  
219.16 organization profit and loss statement, and the Payroll-Based Journal public use data;

219.17 ~~(4)~~ (5) upon request, provide the state agency with separate, audited financial statements  
219.18 or working trial balances for every organization with which the facility conducts business  
219.19 and which is owned in whole or in part by an individual or entity which has an ownership  
219.20 interest in the facility;

219.21 ~~(5)~~ (6) provide the state agency with copies of leases, purchase agreements, and other  
219.22 documents related to the lease or purchase of the nursing facility; and

219.23 ~~(6)~~ (7) upon request, provide the state agency with copies of leases, purchase agreements,  
219.24 and other documents related to the acquisition of equipment, goods, and services which are  
219.25 claimed as allowable costs.

219.26 (b) Audited financial statements submitted under paragraph (a) must include a balance  
219.27 sheet, income statement, statement of the rate or rates charged to private paying residents,  
219.28 statement of retained earnings, statement of cash flows, notes to the financial statements,  
219.29 audited applicable supplemental information, and the public accountant's report. Public  
219.30 accountants must conduct audits in accordance with chapter 326A. The cost of an audit  
219.31 shall not be an allowable cost unless the nursing facility submits its audited financial  
219.32 statements in the manner otherwise specified in this subdivision. A nursing facility must  
219.33 permit access by the state agency to the public accountant's audit work papers that support  
219.34 the audited financial statements submitted under paragraph (a).

220.1 (c) Documents or information provided to the state agency pursuant to this subdivision  
220.2 shall be public.

220.3 (d) If the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) are not met, the reimbursement rate  
220.4 may be reduced to 80 percent of the rate in effect on the first day of the fourth calendar  
220.5 month after the close of the reporting period and the reduction shall continue until the  
220.6 requirements are met.

220.7 (e) Licensees shall provide the information required in this section to the commissioner  
220.8 in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.

220.9 (f) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given:

220.10 (1) "profit and loss statement" means the most recent annual statement on profits and  
220.11 losses finalized by a related party for the most recent year available; and

220.12 (2) "related party" means an organization related to the licensee provider or that is under  
220.13 common ownership or control, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section  
220.14 413.17(b).

220.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective November 1, 2019.

220.16 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.10, is amended by adding a subdivision  
220.17 to read:

220.18 **Subd. 8. Pilot projects for energy-related programs.** (a) The commissioner shall  
220.19 develop a pilot project to reduce overall energy consumption and evaluate the financial  
220.20 impacts associated with property assessed clean energy (PACE) approved projects in nursing  
220.21 facilities.

220.22 (b) Notwithstanding section 256R.02, subdivision 48a, the commissioner may make  
220.23 payments to facilities for the allowable costs of special assessments for approved  
220.24 energy-related program payments authorized under sections 216C.435 and 216C.436. The  
220.25 commissioner shall limit the amount of any payment and the number of contract amendments  
220.26 under this subdivision to operate the energy-related program within funds appropriated for  
220.27 this purpose.

220.28 (c) The commissioner shall approve proposals through a contract which shall specify  
220.29 the level of payment, provided that each facility demonstrates:

220.30 (1) completion of a facility-specific energy assessment or energy audit and recommended  
220.31 energy conservation measures that, in aggregate, meet the cost-effectiveness requirements  
220.32 of section 216B.241;



221.1 (2) a completed PACE application and recommended approval by a PACE program  
221.2 administrator authorized under sections 216C.435 and 216C.436; and

221.3 (3) the facility's reported spending on utilities per resident day since calendar year 2016  
221.4 is higher than average for similar facilities.

221.5 (d) Payments to facilities under this subdivision shall be in the form of time-limited rate  
221.6 adjustments which shall be included in the external fixed costs payment rate under section  
221.7 256R.25. The commissioner shall select from facilities which meet the requirements of  
221.8 paragraph (c) using a competitive application process.

221.9 (e) Allowable costs for special assessments for approved energy-related program  
221.10 payments cannot exceed the amount of debt service for net expenditures for the project and  
221.11 must meet the cost-effective energy improvements requirements described in section  
221.12 216C.435, subdivision 3a. Any credits or rebates related to the project must be offset. A  
221.13 project cost is not an allowable cost on the cost report as a special assessment if it has been  
221.14 or will be used to increase the facility's property rate.

221.15 (f) The external fixed costs payment rate for the PACE allowable costs shall be reduced  
221.16 by an amount equal to the utility per diem included in the other operating payment rate  
221.17 under section 256R.24, that is associated with the energy project.

221.18 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

221.19 Subdivision 1. **Calculation of a quality score.** (a) The commissioner shall determine  
221.20 a quality score for each nursing facility using quality measures established in section  
221.21 256B.439, according to methods determined by the commissioner in consultation with  
221.22 stakeholders and experts, and using the most recently available data as provided in the  
221.23 Minnesota Nursing Home Report Card. These methods shall be exempt from the rulemaking  
221.24 requirements under chapter 14.

221.25 (b) For each quality measure, a score shall be determined with the number of points  
221.26 assigned as determined by the commissioner using the methodology established according  
221.27 to this subdivision. The determination of the quality measures to be used and the methods  
221.28 of calculating scores may be revised annually by the commissioner.

221.29 (c) The quality score shall include up to 50 points related to the Minnesota quality  
221.30 indicators score derived from the minimum data set, up to 40 points related to the resident  
221.31 quality of life score derived from the consumer survey conducted under section 256B.439,  
221.32 subdivision 3, and up to ten points related to the state inspection results score.

222.1 (d) The commissioner, in cooperation with the commissioner of health, may adjust the  
222.2 formula in paragraph (c), or the methodology for computing the total quality score, ~~effective~~  
222.3 ~~July 1 of any year~~, with five months advance public notice. In changing the formula, the  
222.4 commissioner shall consider quality measure priorities registered by report card users, advice  
222.5 of stakeholders, and available research.

222.6 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.21, is amended by adding a subdivision  
222.7 to read:

222.8 Subd. 5. **Total payment rate for new facilities.** For a new nursing facility created under  
222.9 section 144A.073, subdivision 3c, the total payment rate must be determined according to  
222.10 this section, except:

222.11 (1) the direct care payment rate used in subdivision 2, clause (1), must be determined  
222.12 according to section 256R.27;

222.13 (2) the other care-related payment rate used in subdivision 2, clause (2), must be  
222.14 determined according to section 256R.27;

222.15 (3) the external fixed costs payment rate used in subdivision 4, clause (2), must be  
222.16 determined according to section 256R.27; and

222.17 (4) the property payment rate used in subdivision 4, clause (3), must be determined  
222.18 according to section 256R.26.

222.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

222.20 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.23, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

222.21 Subd. 5. **Determination of total care-related payment rate limits.** The commissioner  
222.22 must determine each facility's total care-related payment rate limit by:

222.23 (1) multiplying the facility's quality score, as determined under section 256R.16,  
222.24 subdivision 1, paragraph (d), by ~~0.5625~~ 2.0;

222.25 (2) ~~adding 89.375 to~~ subtracting 40.0 from the amount determined in clause (1), and  
222.26 dividing the total by 100; ~~and~~

222.27 (3) multiplying the amount determined in clause (2) by the median total care-related  
222.28 cost per day-; and

222.29 (4) multiplying the amount determined in clause (3) by the most-recent available  
222.30 Core-Based Statistical Area wage indices established by the Centers for Medicare and  
222.31 Medicaid Services for the Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System.

223.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

223.2 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.24, is amended to read:

223.3 **256R.24 OTHER OPERATING PAYMENT RATE.**

223.4 Subdivision 1. **Determination of ~~other operating~~ laundry, housekeeping, and dietary**  
223.5 **cost per day.** Each facility's ~~other operating~~ laundry, housekeeping, and dietary cost per  
223.6 day is ~~its other operating~~ equal to its laundry, housekeeping, and dietary costs divided by  
223.7 the sum of the facility's resident days.

223.8 Subd. 2. **Determination of the ~~median other operating cost per day~~ medians.** The  
223.9 commissioner must determine the laundry, housekeeping, and dietary median ~~other operating~~  
223.10 cost per resident day using the cost reports from nursing facilities in Anoka, Carver, Dakota,  
223.11 Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties.

223.12 Subd. 3. **Determination of the ~~other operating~~ payment rate for laundry,**  
223.13 **housekeeping, and dietary.** A facility's ~~other operating~~ payment rate for laundry,  
223.14 housekeeping, and dietary equals 105 percent of the median ~~other operating cost per day~~  
223.15 for laundry, housekeeping, and dietary cost as determined in subdivision 2.

223.16 Subd. 4. **Administrative, maintenance, and plant operations.** (a) The payment rate  
223.17 for administrative, maintenance, and plant operations is \$48.57 per day effective January  
223.18 1, 2020. For the rate period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023, this payment rate  
223.19 is increased by one percent annually on January 1.

223.20 (b) For rate years beginning on and after January 1, 2024, this payment rate is adjusted  
223.21 by a forecasting market basket and forecasting index. The adjustment factor must come  
223.22 from the Information Handling Services Healthcare Cost Review, the Skilled Nursing  
223.23 Facility Total Market Basket Index, and the four-quarter moving average percentage change  
223.24 line or a comparable index if this index ceases to be published. The commissioner shall use  
223.25 the fourth quarter index of the upcoming calendar year from the forecast published for the  
223.26 third quarter of the calendar year immediately prior to the rate year for which the rate is  
223.27 being determined.

223.28 Subd. 5. **Determination of the other operating payment rate.** A facility's other  
223.29 operating payment rate equals the sum of the factors determined in subdivisions 3 and 4.

224.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.25, is amended to read:

224.2 **256R.25 EXTERNAL FIXED COSTS PAYMENT RATE.**

224.3 (a) The payment rate for external fixed costs is the sum of the amounts in paragraphs  
224.4 (b) to ~~(n)~~ (k).

224.5 (b) For a facility licensed as a nursing home, the portion related to the provider surcharge  
224.6 under section 256.9657 is equal to \$8.86 per resident day. For a facility licensed as both a  
224.7 nursing home and a boarding care home, the portion related to the provider surcharge under  
224.8 section 256.9657 is equal to \$8.86 per resident day multiplied by the result of its number  
224.9 of nursing home beds divided by its total number of licensed beds.

224.10 (c) The portion related to the licensure fee under section 144.122, paragraph (d), is the  
224.11 amount of the fee divided by the sum of the facility's resident days.

224.12 (d) The portion related to development and education of resident and family advisory  
224.13 councils under section 144A.33 is \$5 per resident day divided by 365.

224.14 (e) The portion related to scholarships is determined under section 256R.37.

224.15 ~~(f) The portion related to planned closure rate adjustments is as determined under section~~  
224.16 ~~256R.40, subdivision 5, and Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256B.436.~~

224.17 ~~(g) The portion related to consolidation rate adjustments shall be as determined under~~  
224.18 ~~section 144A.071, subdivisions 4c, paragraph (a), clauses (5) and (6), and 4d.~~

224.19 ~~(h) The portion related to single-bed room incentives is as determined under section~~  
224.20 ~~256R.41.~~

224.21 ~~(i)~~ (f) The portions related to real estate taxes, special assessments, and payments made  
224.22 in lieu of real estate taxes directly identified or allocated to the nursing facility are the ~~actual~~  
224.23 allowable amounts divided by the sum of the facility's resident days. Allowable costs under  
224.24 this paragraph for payments made by a nonprofit nursing facility that are in lieu of real  
224.25 estate taxes shall not exceed the amount which the nursing facility would have paid to a  
224.26 city or township and county for fire, police, sanitation services, and road maintenance costs  
224.27 had real estate taxes been levied on that property for those purposes.

224.28 ~~(j)~~ (g) The portion related to employer health insurance costs is the allowable costs  
224.29 divided by the sum of the facility's resident days.

224.30 ~~(k)~~ (h) The portion related to the Public Employees Retirement Association is ~~actual~~  
224.31 allowable costs divided by the sum of the facility's resident days.

225.1 ~~(h)~~ (i) The portion related to quality improvement incentive payment rate adjustments  
225.2 is the amount determined under section 256R.39.

225.3 ~~(m)~~ (j) The portion related to performance-based incentive payments is the amount  
225.4 determined under section 256R.38.

225.5 ~~(n)~~ (k) The portion related to special dietary needs is the amount determined under  
225.6 section 256R.51.

225.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

225.8 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.26, is amended to read:

225.9 **256R.26 PROPERTY PAYMENT RATE.**

225.10 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The property payment rate for a nursing facility is the property  
225.11 rate established for the facility under sections 256B.431 and 256B.434. (a) For rate years  
225.12 beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the commissioner shall reimburse nursing facilities  
225.13 participating in the medical assistance program for the rental use of real estate and depreciable  
225.14 assets according to this section and sections 256R.261 to 256R.27. The property payment  
225.15 rate made under this methodology is the only payment for costs related to capital assets,  
225.16 including depreciation expense, interest and lease expenses for all depreciable assets, also  
225.17 including depreciable movable equipment, land improvements, and land.

225.18 (b) The commercial valuation system selected by the commissioner must be utilized in  
225.19 all appraisals. The appraisal is not intended to exactly reflect market value, and no  
225.20 adjustments or substitutions are permitted for any alternative analysis of properties than the  
225.21 selected commercial valuation system.

225.22 (c) Based on the valuation of a building and fixed equipment, the property appraisal  
225.23 firm selected by the commissioner must produce a report detailing both the depreciated  
225.24 replacement cost (DRC) and undepreciated replacement cost (URC) of the nursing facility.  
225.25 The valuation excludes depreciable movable equipment, land, or land improvements. The  
225.26 valuation must be adjusted for any shared area included in the DRC and URC not used for  
225.27 nursing facility purposes. Physical plant for central office operations is not included in the  
225.28 appraisal.

225.29 (d) The appraisal initially may include the full value of all shared areas. The DRC, URC,  
225.30 and square footage are established by an appraisal and must be adjusted to reflect only the  
225.31 nursing facility usage of shared areas in the final nursing facility values. The adjustment  
225.32 must be based on a Medicare-approved allocation basis for the type of service provided by

226.1 each area. Shared areas outside the appraised space must be added to the DRC, URC, and  
226.2 related square footage using the average of each value from the space in the appraisal.

226.3 Subd. 2. **Appraised value.** For rate years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the  
226.4 DRC and URC are based on the appraisals of a building and attached fixtures as determined  
226.5 by the contracted property appraisal firm using a commercial valuation system selected by  
226.6 the commissioner.

226.7 Subd. 3. **Initial rate year.** The property payment rate calculated under section 256R.265  
226.8 for the initial rate year effective January 1, 2020, must be a per diem amount based on the  
226.9 DRC and URC of a nursing facility's building and attached fixtures, as estimated by a  
226.10 commercial property appraisal firm in 2016. The initial values for both the DRC and URC,  
226.11 adjusted for nonnursing facility space, must be increased by six percent.

226.12 Subd. 4. **Subsequent rate years.** (a) Beginning in calendar year 2020, the commissioner  
226.13 shall contract with a property appraisal firm to appraise the building and attached fixtures  
226.14 for nursing facilities using the commercial valuation system. Approximately one-third of  
226.15 the nursing facilities must be appraised each year.

226.16 (b) If a nursing facility wishes to appeal findings of fact in the appraisal report, the  
226.17 nursing facility must request a revision within 20 calendar days after receipt of the appraisal  
226.18 report.

226.19 (c) The property payment rate for rate year beginning January 1, 2021, for the one-third  
226.20 of nursing facilities that are newly appraised in 2020 must be based upon new DRCs and  
226.21 URCs for buildings and attached fixtures as determined by the contracted property appraisal  
226.22 firm.

226.23 (d) The property payment rate for rate years beginning January 1, 2021, and January 1,  
226.24 2022, for the remainder of the nursing facilities that were not previously appraised, must  
226.25 use the net DRC and URC used in the January 1, 2020, property payment rates adjusted for  
226.26 inflation before any formula limitations are applied. The index for the inflation adjustment  
226.27 must be based on the change in the United States All-Items Consumer Price Index (CPI-U)  
226.28 forecasted by the Reports and Forecasts Division of the Department of Human Services in  
226.29 the third quarter of the calendar year preceding the rate year. The inflation adjustment must  
226.30 be based on the 12-month period from the midpoint of the previous rate year to the midpoint  
226.31 of the rate year for which the rate is being determined. Nursing facilities under this paragraph  
226.32 must have the property payment rates beginning January 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023,  
226.33 based on new replacement costs and depreciated values as determined in appraisals based  
226.34 on the three-year cycle.

227.1 (e) For the nursing facilities that have an on-site property appraisal conducted by the  
227.2 commissioner's designee after the initial 2016 appraisal, the most recent appraisal must be  
227.3 used in subsequent years until a new on-site property appraisal is conducted. In the years  
227.4 after the initial appraisal, the most recent DRC and URC must be updated through the  
227.5 commercial valuation system. These valuations are updates only and not subject to revisions  
227.6 of any of the original valuations or appeal by the nursing facility.

227.7 Subd. 5. **Special reappraisals.** (a) A nursing facility that completes an addition to or  
227.8 replacement of a building or attached fixtures as approved in section 144A.073 after January  
227.9 1, 2020, may request a property rate adjustment effective the first of January, April, July,  
227.10 or October after project completion. The nursing facility must submit all cost data related  
227.11 to the project to the commissioner within 90 days of project completion. The commissioner  
227.12 must add the nursing facility to the next group of scheduled appraisals. The nursing facility's  
227.13 updated appraisal must be used to calculate a revised property rate effective the first of  
227.14 January, April, July, or October after project completion. If an updated appraisal cannot be  
227.15 scheduled within 90 days of the effective date of the revised property, the commissioner  
227.16 must establish an interim valuation which must be adjusted retroactively when the updated  
227.17 appraisal is available. For a nursing facility with projects approved under section 144A.073  
227.18 prior to January 1, 2020, moratorium project construction adjustments must be calculated  
227.19 under Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.434, subdivision 4f, and the adjustment added  
227.20 to the nursing facility's hold harmless rate effective the first of January, April, July, or  
227.21 October after project completion. This adjustment is in addition to the updated appraisal  
227.22 described in this paragraph.

227.23 (b) A nursing facility that completes a threshold construction project after January 1,  
227.24 2020, may submit a project rate adjustment request to the commissioner if the building  
227.25 improvement or addition costs exceed \$300,000 and the threshold construction project is  
227.26 not reflected in an appraisal used for rate setting. The cost must be incurred by the nursing  
227.27 facility, or if the nursing facility is leased and the cost is incurred by the lease holder, the  
227.28 provider's lease has been increased for the project. Threshold project costs exceeding a total  
227.29 of \$1,500,000 within a three-year period, or a prorated amount if the appraisals are less than  
227.30 three years apart, must not be recognized. The property payment rate must be updated to  
227.31 reflect the new DRC and URC values effective the first of January or July after project  
227.32 completion. In subsequent property payment rate calculations, an addition to the DRC and  
227.33 URC must be eliminated once a full appraisal is complete for the nursing facility after project  
227.34 completion. At the option of the commissioner, the appraisal schedule may be adjusted for

228.1 nursing facilities completing threshold projects. Threshold project costs are not considered  
228.2 if the costs were incurred prior to the date of the last appraisal.

228.3 (c) Effective January 1, 2020, a nursing facility new to the medical assistance program  
228.4 must have the building and fixed equipment appraised by the property appraisal firm upon  
228.5 completion of construction of the nursing facility, or, if not newly constructed, upon entering  
228.6 the medical assistance program. If an appraisal cannot be scheduled within 90 days of the  
228.7 certification date, the commissioner must establish an interim valuation to be adjusted  
228.8 retroactively when the appraisal is available.

228.9 Subd. 6. **Limitation on appraisal valuations.** Effective for appraisals conducted on or  
228.10 after January 1, 2020, the increase in the URC is limited to \$500,000 per year since the last  
228.11 completed appraisal plus any completed project costs approved under section 144A.073.  
228.12 Any limitation to the URC must be applied in the same proportion to the DRC.

228.13 Subd. 7. **Total hold harmless rate.** (a) Total hold harmless rate includes planned closure  
228.14 adjustments under Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.40, subdivision 5; consolidation  
228.15 adjustments under section 144A.071, subdivisions 4c, paragraph (a), clauses (5) and (6),  
228.16 and 4d; equity incentives under sections 256B.431, subdivision 16, and Minnesota Statutes  
228.17 2018, 256B.434, subdivision 4f; single-bed incentives under Minnesota Statutes 2018,  
228.18 section 256R.41; project construction costs under Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.071,  
228.19 subdivision 1a, paragraph (j); and all components of the property payment rate under section  
228.20 256R.26 in effect on December 31, 2019.

228.21 (b) For moratorium projects as defined under sections 144A.071 and 144A.073 that are  
228.22 eligible for rate adjustments approved prior to January 1, 2020, but not reflected in the rate  
228.23 on December 31, 2019, the moratorium rate adjustments determined under Minnesota  
228.24 Statutes 2018, sections 256B.431, subdivisions 3f, 17, 17a, 17c, 17d, 17e, 21, 30, and 45,  
228.25 and 256B.434, subdivisions 4f and 4j, must be added to the total hold harmless rate in effect  
228.26 on the first of January, April, July, or October after project completion.

228.27 (c) Effective January 1, 2020, rate adjustments under Minnesota Statutes 2018, section  
228.28 256R.25, paragraphs (f) to (h) from previous rate years shall be included in the total hold  
228.29 harmless rate.

228.30 (d) This subdivision expires effective January 1, 2026.

228.31 Subd. 8. **Phase out of hold harmless rate.** (a) For a nursing facility that has a higher  
228.32 total hold harmless rate than the rate calculated in section 256R.265, the nursing facility  
228.33 must receive 100 percent of the total hold harmless rate for the rate year beginning January  
228.34 1, 2020.



229.1 (b) For rate years beginning January 1, 2021, to January 1, 2024, the property payment  
229.2 rate is a blending of the total hold harmless rate and the property rate determined in section  
229.3 256R.265, plus any adjustments issued for construction projects between appraisals, if a  
229.4 higher rate results. If not, the property payment rate is determined according to section  
229.5 256R.265.

229.6 (c) For the rate year beginning January 1, 2021, for eligible nursing facilities, the property  
229.7 payment rate is 80 percent of the total hold harmless rate and 20 percent of the property  
229.8 payment rate calculated in section 256R.265.

229.9 (d) For the rate year beginning January 1, 2022, for eligible nursing facilities, the property  
229.10 payment rate is 60 percent of the total hold harmless rate and 40 percent of the property  
229.11 payment rate calculated in section 256R.265.

229.12 (e) For the rate year beginning January 1, 2023, for eligible nursing facilities, the property  
229.13 payment rate is 40 percent of the total hold harmless rate and 60 percent of the property  
229.14 payment rate calculated in section 256R.265.

229.15 (f) For the rate year beginning January 1, 2024, for eligible nursing facilities, the property  
229.16 payment rate is 20 percent of the total hold harmless rate and 80 percent of the property  
229.17 payment rate calculated in section 256R.265.

229.18 (g) For rate years beginning January 1, 2025, and thereafter, the property payment rate  
229.19 is as calculated under section 256R.265.

229.20 (h) This subdivision expires effective January 1, 2026.

229.21 **Sec. 26. [256R.261] NURSING FACILITY PROPERTY RATE DEFINITIONS.**

229.22 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of sections 256R.26 to 256R.27, the following  
229.23 terms have the meanings given them.

229.24 Subd. 2. **Addition.** "Addition" means an extension, enlargement, or expansion of the  
229.25 nursing facility for the purpose of increasing the number of licensed beds or improving  
229.26 resident care.

229.27 Subd. 3. **Appraisal.** "Appraisal" means an evaluation of the nursing facility's physical  
229.28 real estate conducted by a property appraisal firm selected by the commissioner to establish  
229.29 the valuation of a building and fixed equipment.

229.30 Subd. 4. **Building.** "Building" means the physical plant and fixed equipment used directly  
229.31 for resident care and licensed under chapter 144A or sections 144.50 to 144.56. Building  
229.32 excludes buildings or portions of buildings used by central, affiliated, or corporate offices.

230.1 Subd. 5. **Commercial valuation system.** "Commercial valuation system" means a  
230.2 commercially available building valuation system selected by the commissioner.

230.3 Subd. 6. **Depreciable movable equipment.** "Depreciable movable equipment" means  
230.4 the standard movable care equipment and support service equipment generally used in  
230.5 nursing facilities. Depreciable movable equipment includes equipment specified in the major  
230.6 movable equipment table of the depreciation guidelines. The general characteristics of this  
230.7 equipment are: (1) a relatively fixed location in the building; (2) capable of being moved  
230.8 as distinguished from building equipment; (3) a unit cost sufficient to justify ledger control;  
230.9 and (4) sufficient size and identity to make control feasible by means of identification tags.

230.10 Subd. 7. **Depreciated replacement cost or DRC.** "Depreciated replacement cost" or  
230.11 "DRC" means the depreciated replacement cost determined by an appraisal using the  
230.12 commercial valuation system. DRC excludes costs related to parking structures.

230.13 Subd. 8. **Depreciation expense.** "Depreciation expense" means the portion of a capital  
230.14 asset deemed to be consumed or expired over the life of the asset.

230.15 Subd. 9. **Depreciation guidelines.** "Depreciation guidelines" means the most recent  
230.16 publication of "Estimated Useful Lives of Depreciable Hospital Assets" issued by the  
230.17 American Hospital Association.

230.18 Subd. 10. **Equipment allowance.** "Equipment allowance" means the component of the  
230.19 property-related payment rate which is a payment for the use of depreciable movable  
230.20 equipment.

230.21 Subd. 11. **Fair rental value system.** "Fair rental value system" means a system that  
230.22 establishes a price for the use of a space based on an appraised value of the property. The  
230.23 price is established without consideration of the actual accounting cost to construct or  
230.24 remodel the property. The price is the nursing facility value, subject to limits, multiplied  
230.25 by an established rental rate.

230.26 Subd. 12. **Fixed equipment.** "Fixed equipment" means equipment affixed to the building  
230.27 and not subject to transfer, including but not limited to wiring, electrical fixtures, plumbing,  
230.28 elevators, and heating and air conditioning systems.

230.29 Subd. 13. **Land improvement.** "Land improvement" means improvement to the land  
230.30 surrounding the nursing facility directly used for nursing facility operations as specified in  
230.31 the land improvements table of the depreciation guidelines. Land improvement includes  
230.32 construction of auxiliary buildings including sheds, garages, storage buildings, and parking  
230.33 structures.

231.1 Subd. 14. **Rental rate.** "Rental rate" means the percentage applied to the allowable value  
231.2 of the building and attached fixtures per year in the property payment calculation as  
231.3 determined by the commissioner.

231.4 Subd. 15. **Shared area.** "Shared area" means square footage that a nursing facility shares  
231.5 with a non-nursing facility operation to provide a support service.

231.6 Subd. 16. **Threshold project.** "Threshold project" means additions to a building or fixed  
231.7 equipment that exceed the costs specified in section 256R.26, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).  
231.8 Threshold projects exclude land, land improvements, and depreciable movable equipment  
231.9 purchases.

231.10 Subd. 17. **Undepreciated replacement cost or URC.** "Undepreciated replacement cost"  
231.11 or "URC" means the undepreciated replacement cost determined by the appraisal for building  
231.12 and attached fixtures using a commercial valuation system. URC excludes costs related to  
231.13 parking structures.

231.14 Subd. 18. **Undepreciated replacement cost (URC) per bed limit.** "Undepreciated  
231.15 replacement cost (URC) per bed limit" means the maximum allowed URC per nursing  
231.16 facility bed as established by the commissioner based on values across the industry and  
231.17 compared to an industry standard for reasonableness.

231.18 Sec. 27. **[256R.265] PROPERTY RATE CALCULATION UNDER FAIR RENTAL**  
231.19 **VALUE SYSTEM.**

231.20 Subdivision 1. **Square feet per bed limit.** The square feet per bed limit is calculated as  
231.21 follows:

231.22 (1) the URC of the nursing facility from the appraisal is divided by the total allowable  
231.23 square feet;

231.24 (2) the total allowable square feet per bed is calculated by dividing the actual square  
231.25 feet from the appraisal, after adjustment for non-nursing facility area, by the number of  
231.26 licensed beds three months prior to the beginning of the rate year limited to the following  
231.27 maximum. The allowable square feet maximum is 800 square feet per bed plus 25 percent  
231.28 of the square feet over 800 up to 1,200 square feet per bed. Square feet over 1,200 square  
231.29 feet per bed is not recognized; and

231.30 (3) the total allowable square feet per bed in clause (2) is multiplied by the amount in  
231.31 clause (1) and by the number of licensed beds three months prior to the beginning of the  
231.32 rate year to determine the square feet per bed limit.

232.1 Subd. 2. **Total URC limit.** The total URC limit is calculated as follows:

232.2 (1) the square feet per bed limit as determined in subdivision 1 is divided by the number  
232.3 of licensed beds three months prior to the beginning of the rate year to determine allowable  
232.4 URC per bed for each nursing facility, adjusted for square feet limitation;

232.5 (2) the allowable URC per bed, adjusted for square feet limitation, for all nursing facilities  
232.6 is placed in an array annually to determine the value at the 75th percentile. This is the limit  
232.7 for the URC per bed for non-single beds;

232.8 (3) the value determined in clause (2) is multiplied by 115 percent to determine the limit  
232.9 for the URC per bed for single beds;

232.10 (4) the number of non-single-licensed beds three months prior to the beginning of the  
232.11 rate year is multiplied by the amount in clause (2);

232.12 (5) the number of single-licensed beds three months prior to the beginning of the rate  
232.13 year is multiplied by the amount in clause (3); and

232.14 (6) the amounts in clauses (4) and (5) are summed to determine the total URC limit;

232.15 Subd. 3. **Calculation of total property rate.** The total property rate is calculated as  
232.16 follows:

232.17 (1) the lower of the allowable URC based on square feet per bed limit as determined  
232.18 under subdivision 1 or the total URC limit in subdivision 2 is the final allowed URC;

232.19 (2) the final allowed URC determined in clause (1) is divided by the URC from the  
232.20 appraisal to determine the allowed percentage. The allowed percentage is multiplied by the  
232.21 depreciated replacement value from the appraisal, adjusted for non-nursing facility area, to  
232.22 determine the final allowed depreciated replacement value;

232.23 (3) the number of licensed beds three months prior to the beginning of the rate year is  
232.24 multiplied by \$5,305 to determine reimbursement for land and land improvements. There  
232.25 is no separate addition to the property rate for parking structures;

232.26 (4) the values in clauses (2) and (3) are summed and then multiplied by the rental rate  
232.27 of 5.5 percent to determine allowable property reimbursement;

232.28 (5) the allowable property reimbursement determined in clause (4) is divided by 90  
232.29 percent of capacity days to determine the building property rate. Capacity days are determined  
232.30 by multiplying the number of licensed beds three months prior to the beginning of the report  
232.31 year by 365;

233.1 (6) for the rate year beginning January 1, 2020, the equipment allowance is \$2.77 per  
233.2 resident day. For the rate year beginning January 1, 2021, the equipment allowance must  
233.3 be adjusted annually for inflation. The index for the inflation adjustment must be based on  
233.4 the change in the United States All Items Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) forecasted by the  
233.5 Reports and Forecasts Division of the Department of Human Services in the third quarter  
233.6 of the calendar year preceding the rate year. The inflation adjustment must be based on the  
233.7 12-month period from the midpoint of the previous rate year to the midpoint of the rate year  
233.8 for which the rate is being determined; and

233.9 (7) the sum of the building property rate and the equipment allowance is the total property  
233.10 rate.

233.11 **Sec. 28. [256R.27] INTERIM AND SETTLE UP PAYMENT RATES.**

233.12 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) The commissioner shall determine the interim payment  
233.13 rates and settle up payment rates for a newly constructed nursing facility, or a nursing facility  
233.14 with an increase in licensed capacity of 50 percent or more, according to subdivisions 2 and  
233.15 3.

233.16 (b) The nursing facility must submit a written application to the commissioner to receive  
233.17 interim payment rates. In its application, the nursing facility must state any reasons for  
233.18 noncompliance with this chapter.

233.19 (c) The effective date of the interim payment rates is the earlier of either the first day a  
233.20 resident is admitted to the newly constructed nursing facility or the date the nursing facility  
233.21 bed is certified for the medical assistance program. The interim payment rates must not be  
233.22 in effect for more than 17 months.

233.23 (d) The nursing facility must continue to receive the interim payment rates until the  
233.24 settle up payment rates are determined under subdivision 3.

233.25 (e) For the 15-month period following the settle up reporting period, the settle up payment  
233.26 rates must be determined according to subdivision 3, paragraph (c).

233.27 (f) The settle up payment rates are effective retroactively to the beginning of the interim  
233.28 cost reporting period and are effective until the end of the interim rate period.

233.29 (g) The total operating and external fixed costs payment rate for the rate year beginning  
233.30 January 1 following the 15-month period in paragraph (e) must be determined under this  
233.31 chapter.

234.1 Subd. 2. Determination of interim payment rates. (a) The nursing facility shall submit  
234.2 an interim cost report in a format similar to the Minnesota Statistical and Cost Report and  
234.3 other supporting information as required by this chapter for the reporting year in which the  
234.4 nursing facility plans to begin operation at least 60 days before the first day a resident is  
234.5 admitted to the newly constructed nursing facility bed. The interim cost report must include  
234.6 the nursing facility's anticipated interim costs and anticipated interim resident days for each  
234.7 resident class in the interim cost report. The anticipated interim resident days for each  
234.8 resident class is multiplied by the weight for that resident class to determine the anticipated  
234.9 interim standardized days as defined in section 256R.02, subdivision 50, and resident days  
234.10 as defined in section 256R.02, subdivision 45, for the reporting period.

234.11 (b) The interim total operating payment rate is determined according to this section,  
234.12 except that:

234.13 (1) the anticipated interim costs and anticipated interim resident days reported on the  
234.14 interim cost report and the anticipated interim standardized days as defined by section  
234.15 256R.02, subdivision 50, must be used for the interim;

234.16 (2) the commissioner shall use anticipated interim costs and anticipated interim  
234.17 standardized days in determining the allowable historical direct care cost per standardized  
234.18 day as determined under section 256R.23, subdivision 2;

234.19 (3) the commissioner shall use anticipated interim costs and anticipated interim resident  
234.20 days in determining the allowable historical other care-related cost per resident day as  
234.21 determined under section 256R.23, subdivision 3;

234.22 (4) the commissioner shall use anticipated interim costs and anticipated interim resident  
234.23 days to determine the allowable historical external fixed costs per day under section 256R.25,  
234.24 paragraphs (b) to (k);

234.25 (5) the total care-related payment rate limits established in section 256R.23, subdivision  
234.26 5, and in effect at the beginning of the interim period, must be increased by ten percent; and

234.27 (6) the other operating payment rate as determined under section 256R.24 in effect for  
234.28 the rate year must be used for the other operating cost per day.

234.29 Subd. 3. Determination of settle up payment rates. (a) When the interim payment  
234.30 rates begin between May 1 and September 30, the nursing facility shall file settle up cost  
234.31 reports for the period from the beginning of the interim payment rates through September  
234.32 30 of the following year.

235.1 (b) When the interim payment rates begin between October 1 and April 30, the nursing  
235.2 facility shall file settle up cost reports for the period from the beginning of the interim  
235.3 payment rates to the first September 30 following the beginning of the interim payment  
235.4 rates.

235.5 (c) The settle up total operating payment rate is determined according to this section,  
235.6 except that:

235.7 (1) the allowable costs and resident days reported on the settle up cost report and the  
235.8 standardized days as defined by section 256R.02, subdivision 50, must be used for the  
235.9 interim and settle-up period;

235.10 (2) the commissioner shall use the allowable costs and standardized days in clause (1)  
235.11 to determine the allowable historical direct care cost per standardized day as determined  
235.12 under section 256R.23, subdivision 2;

235.13 (3) the commissioner shall use the allowable costs and the allowable resident days to  
235.14 determine both the allowable historical other care-related cost per resident day as determined  
235.15 under section 256R.23, subdivision 3;

235.16 (4) the commissioner shall use the allowable costs and the allowable resident days to  
235.17 determine the allowable historical external fixed costs per day under section 256R.25,  
235.18 paragraphs (b) to (k);

235.19 (5) the total care-related payment limits established in section 256R.23, subdivision 5,  
235.20 are the limits for the settle up reporting periods. If the interim period includes more than  
235.21 one July 1 date, the commissioner shall use the total care-related payment rate limit  
235.22 established in section 256R.23, subdivision 5, increased by ten percent for the second July  
235.23 1 date; and

235.24 (6) the other operating payment rate as determined under section 256R.24 in effect for  
235.25 the rate year must be used for the other operating cost per day.

235.26 **Sec. 29. [256R.28] INTERIM AND SETTLE UP PAYMENT RATES FOR NEW**  
235.27 **OWNERS AND OPERATORS.**

235.28 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) A nursing facility that undergoes a change of ownership  
235.29 or operator resulting in a change of licensee, as determined by the commissioner of health  
235.30 under chapter 144A, after December 31, 2019, must receive interim payment rates and settle  
235.31 up payment rates according to this section.

236.1 (b) The effective date of the interim rates is the effective date of the new license. The  
236.2 interim payment rates must not be in effect for more than 26 months.

236.3 (c) The nursing facility must continue to receive the interim payment rates until the settle  
236.4 up payment rates are determined under subdivision 3.

236.5 (d) The settle up payment rates are effective retroactively to the effective date of the  
236.6 new license and remain effective until the end of the interim rate period.

236.7 (e) For the 15-month period following the settle up payment, rates must be determined  
236.8 according to subdivision 3, paragraph (c).

236.9 (f) The total operating and external fixed costs payment rates for the rate year beginning  
236.10 January 1 following the 15-month period in paragraph (e) must be determined under section  
236.11 256R.21.

236.12 Subd. 2. **Determination of interim payment rates.** The interim total payment rates  
236.13 must be the rates established under section 256R.21.

236.14 Subd. 3. **Determination of settle up payment rates.** (a) When the interim payment  
236.15 rates begin between May 1 and September 30, the nursing facility shall file settle up cost  
236.16 reports for the period from the beginning of the interim payment rates through September  
236.17 30 of the following year.

236.18 (b) When the interim payment rates begin between October 1 and April 30, the nursing  
236.19 facility shall file settle up cost reports for the period from the beginning of the interim  
236.20 payment rates to the first September 30 following the beginning of the interim payment  
236.21 rates.

236.22 (c) The settle up total payment rates are determined according to section 256R.21, except  
236.23 that the commissioner shall:

236.24 (1) use the allowable costs and the resident days from the settle up cost reports to  
236.25 determine the allowable external fixed costs payment rate; and

236.26 (2) use the allowable costs and the resident days from the settle up cost reports to  
236.27 determine the total care-related payment rate.



237.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.44, is amended to read:

237.2 **256R.44 RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR PRIVATE ROOMS FOR MEDICAL**  
237.3 **NECESSITY.**

237.4 The amount paid for a private room is ~~41.5~~ 110 percent of the established total payment  
237.5 rate for a resident if the resident is a medical assistance recipient and the private room is  
237.6 considered a medical necessity for the resident or others who are affected by the resident's  
237.7 condition, ~~except as provided in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11, item C.~~  
237.8 Conditions requiring a private room must be determined by the resident's attending physician  
237.9 and submitted to the commissioner for approval or denial by the commissioner on the basis  
237.10 of medical necessity.

237.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

237.12 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.47, is amended to read:

237.13 **256R.47 RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR CRITICAL ACCESS NURSING**  
237.14 **FACILITIES.**

237.15 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, may designate  
237.16 certain nursing facilities as critical access nursing facilities. The designation shall be granted  
237.17 on a competitive basis, within the limits of funds appropriated for this purpose.

237.18 (b) The commissioner shall request proposals from nursing facilities every two years.  
237.19 Proposals must be submitted in the form and according to the timelines established by the  
237.20 commissioner. In selecting applicants to designate, the commissioner, in consultation with  
237.21 the commissioner of health, and with input from stakeholders, shall develop criteria designed  
237.22 to preserve access to nursing facility services in isolated areas, rebalance long-term care,  
237.23 and improve quality. To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall ensure an even  
237.24 distribution of designations across the state.

237.25 (c) The commissioner shall allow the benefits in clauses (1) to (5) for nursing facilities  
237.26 designated as critical access nursing facilities:

237.27 (1) partial rebasing, with the commissioner allowing a designated facility operating  
237.28 payment rates being the sum of up to 60 percent of the operating payment rate determined  
237.29 in accordance with section 256R.21, subdivision 3, and at least 40 percent, with the sum of  
237.30 the two portions being equal to 100 percent, of the operating payment rate that would have  
237.31 been allowed had the facility not been designated. The commissioner may adjust these  
237.32 percentages by up to 20 percent and may approve a request for less than the amount allowed;

238.1 (2) enhanced payments for leave days. Notwithstanding section 256R.43, upon  
238.2 designation as a critical access nursing facility, the commissioner shall limit payment for  
238.3 leave days to 60 percent of that nursing facility's total payment rate for the involved resident,  
238.4 and shall allow this payment only when the occupancy of the nursing facility, inclusive of  
238.5 bed hold days, is equal to or greater than 90 percent;

238.6 (3) two designated critical access nursing facilities, with up to 100 beds in active service,  
238.7 may jointly apply to the commissioner of health for a waiver of Minnesota Rules, part  
238.8 4658.0500, subpart 2, in order to jointly employ a director of nursing. The commissioner  
238.9 of health shall consider each waiver request independently based on the criteria under  
238.10 Minnesota Rules, part 4658.0040;

238.11 (4) the minimum threshold under section 256B.431, subdivision 15, paragraph (e), shall  
238.12 be 40 percent of the amount that would otherwise apply; and

238.13 (5) the quality-based rate limits under section 256R.23, subdivisions 5 to 7, apply to  
238.14 designated critical access nursing facilities.

238.15 (d) Designation of a critical access nursing facility is for a period of two years, after  
238.16 which the benefits allowed under paragraph (c) shall be removed. Designated facilities may  
238.17 apply for continued designation.

238.18 (e) This section is suspended and no state or federal funding shall be appropriated or  
238.19 allocated for the purposes of this section from January 1, 2016, to ~~December 31, 2019~~,  
238.20 through December 31, 2023.

238.21 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256R.50, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

238.22 Subd. 6. **Determination of rate adjustment.** (a) If the amount determined in subdivision  
238.23 5 is less than or equal to the amount determined in subdivision 4, the commissioner shall  
238.24 allow a total payment rate equal to the amount used in subdivision 5, clause (3).

238.25 (b) If the amount determined in subdivision 5 is greater than the amount determined in  
238.26 subdivision 4, the commissioner shall allow a rate with a case mix index of 1.0 that when  
238.27 used in subdivision 5, clause (3), results in the amount determined in subdivision 5 being  
238.28 equal to the amount determined in subdivision 4.

238.29 (c) If the commissioner relies upon provider estimates in subdivision 5, clause (1) or  
238.30 (2), then annually, for three years after the rates determined in this section take effect, the  
238.31 commissioner shall determine the accuracy of the alternative factors of medical assistance  
238.32 case load and the facility average case mix index used in this section and shall reduce the  
238.33 total payment rate if the factors used result in medical assistance costs exceeding the amount

239.1 in subdivision 4. If the actual medical assistance costs exceed the estimates by more than  
239.2 five percent, the commissioner shall also recover the difference between the estimated costs  
239.3 in subdivision 5 and the actual costs according to section 256B.0641. The commissioner  
239.4 may require submission of data from the receiving facility needed to implement this  
239.5 paragraph.

239.6 (d) When beds approved for relocation are put into active service at the destination  
239.7 facility, rates determined in this section must be adjusted by any adjustment amounts that  
239.8 were implemented after the date of the letter of approval.

239.9 (e) Rate adjustments determined under this subdivision expire after three full rate years  
239.10 following the effective date of the rate adjustment. This subdivision expires when the final  
239.11 rate adjustment determined under this subdivision expires.

239.12 Sec. 33. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; MORATORIUM EXCEPTION**  
239.13 **FUNDING.**

239.14 In fiscal year 2020, the commissioner of health may approve moratorium exception  
239.15 projects under Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.073, for which the full annualized state  
239.16 share of medical assistance costs does not exceed \$1,500,000 plus any carryover of previous  
239.17 appropriations for this purpose.

239.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

239.19 Sec. 34. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

239.20 In Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall renumber the nursing facility  
239.21 contracting provisions that are currently coded as section 256B.434, subdivisions 1 and 3,  
239.22 as amended by this act, as a section in chapter 256R and revise any statutory cross-references  
239.23 consistent with that recoding.

239.24 Sec. 35. **REPEALER.**

239.25 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 144A.071, subdivision 4d; 256R.40; and 256R.41,  
239.26 are repealed effective July 1, 2019.

239.27 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 256B.431, subdivisions 3a, 3f, 3g, 3i, 10, 13, 15,  
239.28 16, 17, 17a, 17c, 17d, 17e, 18, 21, 22, 30, and 45; 256B.434, subdivisions 4, 4f, 4i, and 4j;  
239.29 and 256R.36, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0057; and 9549.0060, subparts 4, 5, 6, 7,  
239.30 10, 11, and 14, are repealed effective January 1, 2020.

240.1 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.434, subdivisions 6 and 10, are repealed  
240.2 effective the day following final enactment.

## 240.3 ARTICLE 5

### 240.4 DISABILITY SERVICES

240.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.50, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

240.6 Subd. 4a. **Deaf.** "Deaf" means a hearing loss of such severity that the ~~individual~~ person  
240.7 must depend primarily upon visual communication such as writing, lip reading, sign language,  
240.8 and gestures.

240.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
240.10 by October 1, 2019.

240.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.50, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
240.12 read:

240.13 Subd. 4c. **Discounted telecommunications or Internet services.** "Discounted  
240.14 telecommunications or Internet services" means private, nonprofit, and public programs  
240.15 intended to subsidize or reduce the monthly costs of telecommunications or Internet services  
240.16 for a person who meets a program's eligibility requirements.

240.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
240.18 by October 1, 2019.

240.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.50, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

240.20 Subd. 6a. **Hard-of-hearing.** "Hard-of-hearing" means a hearing loss resulting in a  
240.21 functional limitation, but not to the extent that the ~~individual~~ person must depend primarily  
240.22 upon visual communication in all interactions.

240.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
240.24 by October 1, 2019.

240.25 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.50, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
240.26 read:

240.27 Subd. 6b. **Interconnectivity product.** "Interconnectivity product" means a device,  
240.28 accessory, or application for which the primary function is use with a telecommunications  
240.29 device. Interconnectivity product may include a cell phone amplifier, hearing aid streamer,

241.1 Bluetooth-enabled device that connects to a wireless telecommunications device, advanced  
241.2 communications application for a smartphone, or other applicable technology.

241.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
241.4 by October 1, 2019.

241.5 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.50, subdivision 10a, is amended to read:

241.6 Subd. 10a. **Telecommunications device.** "Telecommunications device" means a device  
241.7 that (1) allows a person with a communication disability to have access to  
241.8 telecommunications services as defined in subdivision 13, and (2) is specifically selected  
241.9 by the Department of Human Services for its capacity to allow persons with communication  
241.10 disabilities to use telecommunications services in a manner that is functionally equivalent  
241.11 to the ability of ~~an individual~~ a person who does not have a communication disability. A  
241.12 telecommunications device may include a ring signaler, an amplified telephone, a hands-free  
241.13 telephone, a text telephone, a captioned telephone, a wireless device, a device that produces  
241.14 Braille output for use with a telephone, and any other device the Department of Human  
241.15 Services deems appropriate.

241.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
241.17 by October 1, 2019.

241.18 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.50, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

241.19 Subd. 11. **Telecommunications Relay Services.** "Telecommunications Relay Services"  
241.20 or "TRS" means the telecommunications transmission services required under Federal  
241.21 Communications Commission regulations at Code of Federal Regulations, title 47, sections  
241.22 64.604 to 64.606. TRS allows ~~an individual~~ a person who has a communication disability  
241.23 to use telecommunications services in a manner that is functionally equivalent to the ability  
241.24 of ~~an individual~~ a person who does not have a communication disability.

241.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
241.26 by October 1, 2019.

241.27 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.51, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

241.28 Subdivision 1. **Creation.** (a) The commissioner of commerce shall:

241.29 (1) administer through interagency agreement with the commissioner of human services  
241.30 a program to distribute telecommunications devices and interconnectivity products to eligible  
241.31 persons who have communication disabilities; and

242.1 (2) contract with one or more qualified vendors that serve persons who have  
242.2 communication disabilities to provide telecommunications relay services.

242.3 (b) For purposes of sections 237.51 to 237.56, the Department of Commerce and any  
242.4 organization with which it contracts pursuant to this section or section 237.54, subdivision  
242.5 2, are not telephone companies or telecommunications carriers as defined in section 237.01.

242.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
242.7 by October 1, 2019.

242.8 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.51, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

242.9 Subd. 5a. **Commissioner of human services duties.** (a) In addition to any duties specified  
242.10 elsewhere in sections 237.51 to 237.56, the commissioner of human services shall:

242.11 (1) define economic hardship, special needs, and household criteria so as to determine  
242.12 the priority of eligible applicants for initial distribution of devices and products and to  
242.13 determine circumstances necessitating provision of more than one telecommunications  
242.14 device per household;

242.15 (2) establish a method to verify eligibility requirements;

242.16 (3) establish specifications for telecommunications devices and interconnectivity products  
242.17 to be provided under section 237.53, subdivision 3;

242.18 (4) inform the public and specifically persons who have communication disabilities of  
242.19 the program; ~~and~~

242.20 (5) provide devices and products based on the assessed need of eligible applicants; and

242.21 (6) assist a person with completing an application for discounted telecommunications  
242.22 or Internet services.

242.23 (b) The commissioner may establish an advisory board to advise the department in  
242.24 carrying out the duties specified in this section and to advise the commissioner of commerce  
242.25 in carrying out duties under section 237.54. If so established, the advisory board must  
242.26 include, at a minimum, the following persons:

242.27 (1) at least one member who is deaf;

242.28 (2) at least one member who has a speech disability;

242.29 (3) at least one member who has a physical disability that makes it difficult or impossible  
242.30 for the person to access telecommunications services; and

242.31 (4) at least one member who is hard-of-hearing.

243.1 (c) The membership terms, compensation, and removal of members and the filling of  
243.2 membership vacancies are governed by section 15.059. Advisory board meetings shall be  
243.3 held at the discretion of the commissioner.

243.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
243.5 by October 1, 2019.

243.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.52, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

243.7 Subd. 5. **Expenditures.** (a) Money in the fund may only be used for:

243.8 (1) expenses of the Department of Commerce, including personnel cost, public relations,  
243.9 advisory board members' expenses, preparation of reports, and other reasonable expenses  
243.10 not to exceed ten percent of total program expenditures;

243.11 (2) reimbursing the commissioner of human services for purchases made or services  
243.12 provided pursuant to section 237.53; and

243.13 (3) contracting for the provision of TRS required by section 237.54.

243.14 (b) All costs directly associated with the establishment of the program, the purchase and  
243.15 distribution of telecommunications devices, and interconnectivity products, and the provision  
243.16 of TRS are either reimbursable or directly payable from the fund after authorization by the  
243.17 commissioner of commerce. The commissioner of commerce shall contract with one or  
243.18 more TRS providers to indemnify the telecommunications service providers for any fines  
243.19 imposed by the Federal Communications Commission related to the failure of the relay  
243.20 service to comply with federal service standards. Notwithstanding section 16A.41, the  
243.21 commissioner may advance money to the TRS providers if the providers establish to the  
243.22 commissioner's satisfaction that the advance payment is necessary for the provision of the  
243.23 service. The advance payment may be used only for working capital reserve for the operation  
243.24 of the service. The advance payment must be offset or repaid by the end of the contract  
243.25 fiscal year together with interest accrued from the date of payment.

243.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
243.27 by October 1, 2019.

244.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.53, is amended to read:

244.2 **237.53 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ~~DEVICE~~ DEVICES AND**  
244.3 **INTERCONNECTIVITY PRODUCTS.**

244.4 Subdivision 1. **Application.** A person applying for a telecommunications device or  
244.5 interconnectivity product under this section must apply to the program administrator on a  
244.6 form prescribed by the Department of Human Services.

244.7 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible to obtain a telecommunications device or  
244.8 interconnectivity product under this section, a person must:

244.9 (1) be able to benefit from and use the equipment for its intended purpose;

244.10 (2) have a communication disability;

244.11 (3) be a resident of the state;

244.12 (4) be a resident in a household that has a median income at or below the applicable  
244.13 median household income in the state, except a person who is deafblind applying for a  
244.14 Braille device may reside in a household that has a median income no more than 150 percent  
244.15 of the applicable median household income in the state; and

244.16 (5) be a resident in a household that has telecommunications service or that has made  
244.17 application for service and has been assigned a telephone number; or a resident in a residential  
244.18 care facility, such as a nursing home or group home where telecommunications service is  
244.19 not included as part of overall service provision.

244.20 **Subd. 2a. Assessment of needs.** After a person is determined to be eligible for the  
244.21 program, the commissioner of human services shall assess the person's telecommunications  
244.22 needs to determine: (1) the type of telecommunications device that provides the person with  
244.23 functionally equivalent access to telecommunications services; and (2) appropriate  
244.24 interconnectivity products for the person.

244.25 Subd. 3. **Distribution.** The commissioner of human services shall (1) purchase ~~and~~  
244.26 ~~distribute~~ a sufficient number of telecommunications devices and interconnectivity products  
244.27 so that each eligible household receives appropriate devices and products as determined  
244.28 under section 237.51, subdivision 5a. ~~The commissioner of human services shall, and (2)~~  
244.29 ~~distribute the devices and products to eligible households free of charge.~~

244.30 Subd. 4. **Training; information; maintenance.** The commissioner of human services  
244.31 shall maintain the telecommunications devices and interconnectivity products until the  
244.32 warranty period expires, and provide training, without charge, to first-time users of the



245.1 devices- and products. The commissioner shall provide information about assistive  
245.2 communications devices and products that may benefit a program participant and about  
245.3 where a person may obtain or purchase assistive communications devices and products.  
245.4 Assistive communications devices and products include a pocket talker for a person who  
245.5 is hard-of-hearing, a communication board for a person with a speech disability, a one-to-one  
245.6 video communication application for a person who is deaf, and other devices and products  
245.7 designed to facilitate effective communication for a person with a communication disability.

245.8 Subd. 6. **Ownership.** Telecommunications devices and interconnectivity products  
245.9 purchased pursuant to subdivision 3, clause (1), are the property of the state of Minnesota.  
245.10 Policies and procedures for the return of distributed devices ~~from individuals who withdraw~~  
245.11 ~~from the program or whose eligibility status changes~~ and products shall be determined by  
245.12 the commissioner of human services.

245.13 Subd. 7. **Standards.** The telecommunications devices distributed under this section must  
245.14 comply with the electronic industries alliance standards and be approved by the Federal  
245.15 Communications Commission. The commissioner of human services must provide each  
245.16 eligible person a choice of several models of devices, the retail value of which may not  
245.17 exceed \$600 for a text telephone, and a retail value of \$7,000 for a Braille device, or an  
245.18 amount authorized by the Department of Human Services for all other telecommunications  
245.19 devices ~~and~~, auxiliary equipment, and interconnectivity products it deems cost-effective  
245.20 and appropriate to distribute according to sections 237.51 to 237.56.

245.21 Subd. 9. **Discounted telecommunications or Internet services assistance.** The  
245.22 commissioner of human services shall assist a person who is applying for telecommunication  
245.23 devices and products in applying for discounted telecommunications or Internet services.

245.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and must be implemented  
245.25 by October 1, 2019.

245.26 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
245.27 to read:

245.28 Subd. 13. **Early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention providers.** The  
245.29 commissioner shall conduct background studies according to this chapter when initiated by  
245.30 an early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention provider under section  
245.31 256B.0949.

246.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.10, is amended by adding a subdivision  
246.2 to read:

246.3 Subd. 14. **Early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention providers.** The  
246.4 commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies required under section 245C.03,  
246.5 subdivision 13, for the purposes of early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention  
246.6 under section 256B.0949, through a fee of no more than \$32 per study charged to the enrolled  
246.7 agency. Fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the  
246.8 purpose of conducting background studies.

246.9 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245D.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

246.10 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** (a) The commissioner shall regulate the provision of home  
246.11 and community-based services to persons with disabilities and persons age 65 and older  
246.12 pursuant to this chapter. The licensing standards in this chapter govern the provision of  
246.13 basic support services and intensive support services.

246.14 (b) Basic support services provide the level of assistance, supervision, and care that is  
246.15 necessary to ensure the health and welfare of the person and do not include services that  
246.16 are specifically directed toward the training, treatment, habilitation, or rehabilitation of the  
246.17 person. Basic support services include:

246.18 (1) in-home and out-of-home respite care services as defined in section 245A.02,  
246.19 subdivision 15, and under the brain injury, community alternative care, community access  
246.20 for disability inclusion, developmental disability, and elderly waiver plans, excluding  
246.21 out-of-home respite care provided to children in a family child foster care home licensed  
246.22 under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.3000 to 2960.3100, when the child foster care license  
246.23 holder complies with the requirements under section 245D.06, subdivisions 5, 6, 7, and 8,  
246.24 or successor provisions; and section 245D.061 or successor provisions, which must be  
246.25 stipulated in the statement of intended use required under Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3000,  
246.26 subpart 4;

246.27 (2) adult companion services as defined under the brain injury, community access for  
246.28 disability inclusion, and elderly waiver plans, excluding adult companion services provided  
246.29 under the Corporation for National and Community Services Senior Companion Program  
246.30 established under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Public Law 98-288;

246.31 (3) personal support as defined under the developmental disability waiver plan;

246.32 (4) 24-hour emergency assistance, personal emergency response as defined under the  
246.33 community access for disability inclusion and developmental disability waiver plans;

- 247.1 (5) night supervision services as defined under the brain injury waiver plan;
- 247.2 (6) homemaker services as defined under the community access for disability inclusion,  
247.3 brain injury, community alternative care, developmental disability, and elderly waiver plans,  
247.4 excluding providers licensed by the Department of Health under chapter 144A and those  
247.5 providers providing cleaning services only; ~~and~~
- 247.6 (7) individual community living support under section 256B.0915, subdivision 3j; and
- 247.7 (8) individualized home supports services as defined under the brain injury, community  
247.8 alternative care, and community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disability  
247.9 waiver plans.
- 247.10 (c) Intensive support services provide assistance, supervision, and care that is necessary  
247.11 to ensure the health and welfare of the person and services specifically directed toward the  
247.12 training, habilitation, or rehabilitation of the person. Intensive support services include:
- 247.13 (1) intervention services, including:
- 247.14 (i) behavioral support services as defined under the brain injury and community access  
247.15 for disability inclusion waiver plans;
- 247.16 (ii) in-home or out-of-home crisis respite services as defined under the developmental  
247.17 disability waiver plan; and
- 247.18 (iii) specialist services as defined under the current developmental disability waiver  
247.19 plan;
- 247.20 (2) in-home support services, including:
- 247.21 (i) in-home family support and supported living services as defined under the  
247.22 developmental disability waiver plan;
- 247.23 (ii) independent living services training as defined under the brain injury and community  
247.24 access for disability inclusion waiver plans;
- 247.25 (iii) semi-independent living services; ~~and~~
- 247.26 ~~(iv) individualized home supports services as defined under the brain injury, community~~  
247.27 ~~alternative care, and community access for disability inclusion waiver plans;~~
- 247.28 (iv) individualized home support with training services as defined under the brain injury,  
247.29 community alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental  
247.30 disability waiver plans; and

248.1 (v) individualized home support with family training services as defined under the brain  
248.2 injury, community alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and  
248.3 developmental disability waiver plans;

248.4 (3) residential supports and services, including:

248.5 (i) supported living services as defined under the developmental disability waiver plan  
248.6 provided in a family or corporate child foster care residence, a family adult foster care  
248.7 residence, a community residential setting, or a supervised living facility;

248.8 (ii) foster care services as defined in the brain injury, community alternative care, and  
248.9 community access for disability inclusion waiver plans provided in a family or corporate  
248.10 child foster care residence, a family adult foster care residence, or a community residential  
248.11 setting; ~~and~~

248.12 (iii) community residential services as defined under the brain injury, community  
248.13 alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disability  
248.14 waiver plans provided in a corporate child foster care residence, a community residential  
248.15 setting, or a supervised living facility;

248.16 (iv) family residential services as defined in the brain injury, community alternative  
248.17 care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disability waiver plans  
248.18 provided in a family child foster care residence or a family adult foster care residence; and

248.19 (v) residential services provided to more than four persons with developmental disabilities  
248.20 in a supervised living facility, including ICFs/DD;

248.21 (4) day services, including:

248.22 (i) structured day services as defined under the brain injury waiver plan;

248.23 (ii) day services under sections 252.41 to 252.46, and as defined under the brain injury,  
248.24 community alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental  
248.25 disability waiver plans;

248.26 (iii) day training and habilitation services under sections 252.41 to 252.46, and as defined  
248.27 under the developmental disability waiver plan; and

248.28 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) prevocational services as defined under the brain injury and, community  
248.29 alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disability  
248.30 waiver plans; and

249.1 (5) employment exploration services as defined under the brain injury, community  
249.2 alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disability  
249.3 waiver plans;

249.4 (6) employment development services as defined under the brain injury, community  
249.5 alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disability  
249.6 waiver plans; ~~and~~

249.7 (7) employment support services as defined under the brain injury, community alternative  
249.8 care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disability waiver plans;  
249.9 and

249.10 (8) integrated community support as defined under the brain injury and community  
249.11 access for disability inclusion waiver plans beginning January 1, 2021, and community  
249.12 alternative care and developmental disability waiver plans beginning January 1, 2023.

249.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021, or upon federal approval,  
249.14 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
249.15 when federal approval is obtained.

249.16 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245D.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

249.17 Subdivision 1. **Requirements for intensive support services.** Except for services  
249.18 identified in section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (2), item (ii), a  
249.19 license holder providing intensive support services identified in section 245D.03, subdivision  
249.20 1, paragraph (c), must comply with the requirements in this section and section 245D.07,  
249.21 subdivisions 1, 1a, and 3. Services identified in section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph  
249.22 (c), clauses (1) and (2), item (ii), must comply with the requirements in section 245D.07,  
249.23 subdivision 2.

249.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

249.25 Sec. 15. **[245D.12] INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS; SETTING**  
249.26 **CAPACITY REPORT.**

249.27 (a) The license holder providing integrated community support, as defined in section  
249.28 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (8), must submit a setting capacity report to  
249.29 the commissioner to ensure the identified location of service delivery meets the criteria of  
249.30 the home and community-based service requirements as specified in section 256B.492.

249.31 (b) The license holder shall provide the setting capacity report on the forms and in the  
249.32 manner prescribed by the commissioner. The report must include:

250.1 (1) the address of the multifamily housing building where the license holder delivers  
250.2 integrated community supports and owns, leases, or has a direct or indirect financial  
250.3 relationship with the property owner;

250.4 (2) the total number of living units in the multifamily housing building described in  
250.5 clause (1) where integrated community supports are delivered;

250.6 (3) the total number of living units in the multifamily housing building described in  
250.7 clause (1), including the living units identified in clause (2); and

250.8 (4) the percentage of living units that are controlled by the license holder in the  
250.9 multifamily housing building by dividing clause (2) by clause (3).

250.10 (c) Only one license holder may deliver integrated community supports at the address  
250.11 of the multifamily housing building.

250.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the date of federal approval. The  
250.13 commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
250.14 is obtained.

250.15 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.27, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

250.16 Subd. 2a. **Contribution amount.** (a) The natural or adoptive parents of a minor child,  
250.17 including a child determined eligible for medical assistance without consideration of parental  
250.18 income, must contribute to the cost of services used by making monthly payments on a  
250.19 sliding scale based on income, unless the child is married or has been married, parental  
250.20 rights have been terminated, or the child's adoption is subsidized according to chapter 259A  
250.21 or through title IV-E of the Social Security Act. The parental contribution is a partial or full  
250.22 payment for medical services provided for diagnostic, therapeutic, curing, treating, mitigating,  
250.23 rehabilitation, maintenance, and personal care services as defined in United States Code,  
250.24 title 26, section 213, needed by the child with a chronic illness or disability.

250.25 (b) For households with adjusted gross income equal to or greater than 275 percent of  
250.26 federal poverty guidelines, the parental contribution shall be computed by applying the  
250.27 following schedule of rates to the adjusted gross income of the natural or adoptive parents:

250.28 (1) if the adjusted gross income is equal to or greater than 275 percent of federal poverty  
250.29 guidelines and less than or equal to 545 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the parental  
250.30 contribution shall be determined using a sliding fee scale established by the commissioner  
250.31 of human services which begins at ~~1.94~~ 1.65 percent of adjusted gross income at 275 percent  
250.32 of federal poverty guidelines and increases to ~~5.29~~ 4.5 percent of adjusted gross income for  
250.33 those with adjusted gross income up to 545 percent of federal poverty guidelines;

251.1 (2) if the adjusted gross income is greater than 545 percent of federal poverty guidelines  
251.2 and less than 675 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the parental contribution shall be  
251.3 ~~5.29~~ 4.5 percent of adjusted gross income;

251.4 (3) if the adjusted gross income is equal to or greater than 675 percent of federal poverty  
251.5 guidelines and less than 975 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the parental contribution  
251.6 shall be determined using a sliding fee scale established by the commissioner of human  
251.7 services which begins at ~~5.29~~ 4.5 percent of adjusted gross income at 675 percent of federal  
251.8 poverty guidelines and increases to ~~7.05~~ 5.99 percent of adjusted gross income for those  
251.9 with adjusted gross income up to 975 percent of federal poverty guidelines; and

251.10 (4) if the adjusted gross income is equal to or greater than 975 percent of federal poverty  
251.11 guidelines, the parental contribution shall be ~~8.81~~ 7.49 percent of adjusted gross income.

251.12 If the child lives with the parent, the annual adjusted gross income is reduced by \$2,400  
251.13 prior to calculating the parental contribution. If the child resides in an institution specified  
251.14 in section 256B.35, the parent is responsible for the personal needs allowance specified  
251.15 under that section in addition to the parental contribution determined under this section.  
251.16 The parental contribution is reduced by any amount required to be paid directly to the child  
251.17 pursuant to a court order, but only if actually paid.

251.18 (c) The household size to be used in determining the amount of contribution under  
251.19 paragraph (b) includes natural and adoptive parents and their dependents, including the  
251.20 child receiving services. Adjustments in the contribution amount due to annual changes in  
251.21 the federal poverty guidelines shall be implemented on the first day of July following  
251.22 publication of the changes.

251.23 (d) For purposes of paragraph (b), "income" means the adjusted gross income of the  
251.24 natural or adoptive parents determined according to the previous year's federal tax form,  
251.25 except, effective retroactive to July 1, 2003, taxable capital gains to the extent the funds  
251.26 have been used to purchase a home shall not be counted as income.

251.27 (e) The contribution shall be explained in writing to the parents at the time eligibility  
251.28 for services is being determined. The contribution shall be made on a monthly basis effective  
251.29 with the first month in which the child receives services. Annually upon redetermination  
251.30 or at termination of eligibility, if the contribution exceeded the cost of services provided,  
251.31 the local agency or the state shall reimburse that excess amount to the parents, either by  
251.32 direct reimbursement if the parent is no longer required to pay a contribution, or by a  
251.33 reduction in or waiver of parental fees until the excess amount is exhausted. All  
251.34 reimbursements must include a notice that the amount reimbursed may be taxable income

252.1 if the parent paid for the parent's fees through an employer's health care flexible spending  
252.2 account under the Internal Revenue Code, section 125, and that the parent is responsible  
252.3 for paying the taxes owed on the amount reimbursed.

252.4 (f) The monthly contribution amount must be reviewed at least every 12 months; when  
252.5 there is a change in household size; and when there is a loss of or gain in income from one  
252.6 month to another in excess of ten percent. The local agency shall mail a written notice 30  
252.7 days in advance of the effective date of a change in the contribution amount. A decrease in  
252.8 the contribution amount is effective in the month that the parent verifies a reduction in  
252.9 income or change in household size.

252.10 (g) Parents of a minor child who do not live with each other shall each pay the  
252.11 contribution required under paragraph (a). An amount equal to the annual court-ordered  
252.12 child support payment actually paid on behalf of the child receiving services shall be deducted  
252.13 from the adjusted gross income of the parent making the payment prior to calculating the  
252.14 parental contribution under paragraph (b).

252.15 (h) The contribution under paragraph (b) shall be increased by an additional five percent  
252.16 if the local agency determines that insurance coverage is available but not obtained for the  
252.17 child. For purposes of this section, "available" means the insurance is a benefit of employment  
252.18 for a family member at an annual cost of no more than five percent of the family's annual  
252.19 income. For purposes of this section, "insurance" means health and accident insurance  
252.20 coverage, enrollment in a nonprofit health service plan, health maintenance organization,  
252.21 self-insured plan, or preferred provider organization.

252.22 Parents who have more than one child receiving services shall not be required to pay  
252.23 more than the amount for the child with the highest expenditures. There shall be no resource  
252.24 contribution from the parents. The parent shall not be required to pay a contribution in  
252.25 excess of the cost of the services provided to the child, not counting payments made to  
252.26 school districts for education-related services. Notice of an increase in fee payment must  
252.27 be given at least 30 days before the increased fee is due.

252.28 (i) The contribution under paragraph (b) shall be reduced by \$300 per fiscal year if, in  
252.29 the 12 months prior to July 1:

252.30 (1) the parent applied for insurance for the child;

252.31 (2) the insurer denied insurance;



253.1 (3) the parents submitted a complaint or appeal, in writing to the insurer, submitted a  
253.2 complaint or appeal, in writing, to the commissioner of health or the commissioner of  
253.3 commerce, or litigated the complaint or appeal; and

253.4 (4) as a result of the dispute, the insurer reversed its decision and granted insurance.

253.5 For purposes of this section, "insurance" has the meaning given in paragraph (h).

253.6 A parent who has requested a reduction in the contribution amount under this paragraph  
253.7 shall submit proof in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner or county agency,  
253.8 including, but not limited to, the insurer's denial of insurance, the written letter or complaint  
253.9 of the parents, court documents, and the written response of the insurer approving insurance.  
253.10 The determinations of the commissioner or county agency under this paragraph are not rules  
253.11 subject to chapter 14.

253.12 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.275, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

253.13 Subd. 3. **Reimbursement.** Counties shall be reimbursed for all expenditures made  
253.14 pursuant to subdivision 1 at a rate of ~~70~~ 85 percent, up to the allocation determined pursuant  
253.15 to subdivisions 4 and 4b. However, the commissioner shall not reimburse costs of services  
253.16 for any person if the costs exceed the state share of the average medical assistance costs for  
253.17 services provided by intermediate care facilities for a person with a developmental disability  
253.18 for the same fiscal year, and shall not reimburse costs of a onetime living allowance for any  
253.19 person if the costs exceed \$1,500 in a state fiscal year. The commissioner may make  
253.20 payments to each county in quarterly installments. The commissioner may certify an advance  
253.21 of up to 25 percent of the allocation. Subsequent payments shall be made on a reimbursement  
253.22 basis for reported expenditures and may be adjusted for anticipated spending patterns.

253.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

253.24 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

253.25 Subdivision 1. **Determinations; redeterminations.** In conjunction with the appropriate  
253.26 ~~county~~ lead agency boards, the commissioner of human services shall determine, ~~and shall~~  
253.27 ~~redetermine at least every four years,~~ the need, ~~anticipated growth or,~~ decline in need ~~until~~  
253.28 ~~the next anticipated redetermination,~~ location, size, and program services of public and  
253.29 private day training and habilitation services ~~for persons with developmental disabilities,~~  
253.30 structured day services, prevocational services, and adult day services for people with  
253.31 disabilities funded under medical assistance and the home and community-based services  
253.32 waivers under sections 256B.092 and 256B.49. This subdivision does not apply to

254.1 semi-independent living services and residential-based habilitation services provided to  
254.2 four or fewer persons at a single site funded as home and community-based services. A  
254.3 determination of need shall not be required for a change in ownership.

254.4 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.41, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

254.5 Subd. 3. **Day ~~training and habilitation~~ services for adults with developmental**  
254.6 **disabilities.** (a) "Day ~~training and habilitation~~ services for adults with developmental  
254.7 disabilities" means services that:

254.8 (1) include supervision, training, assistance, support, center-based facility-based  
254.9 work-related activities, or other community-integrated activities designed and implemented  
254.10 in accordance with the ~~individual service and individual habilitation plans~~ coordinated  
254.11 service and support plan and coordinated service and support plan addendum required under  
254.12 sections 245D.02, subdivision 4, paragraphs (b) and (c), and 256B.092, subdivision 1b, and  
254.13 Minnesota Rules, parts ~~part~~ 9525.0004 to 9525.0036, subpart 12, to help an adult reach and  
254.14 maintain the highest possible level of independence, productivity, and integration into the  
254.15 community; ~~and~~

254.16 (2) include day support services, prevocational services, day training and habilitation  
254.17 services, structured day services, and adult day services as defined in Minnesota's federally  
254.18 approved disability waiver plans; and

254.19 (3) are provided by a vendor licensed under sections 245A.01 to 245A.16 ~~and, 245D.27~~  
254.20 to 245D.31, 252.28, subdivision 2, and 252.41 to 252.46, and Minnesota Rules, parts  
254.21 9525.1200 to 9525.1330, to provide day ~~training and habilitation~~ services.

254.22 (b) Day ~~training and habilitation~~ services reimbursable under this section do not include  
254.23 special education and related services as defined in the Education of the Individuals with  
254.24 Disabilities Act, United States Code, title 20, chapter 33, section 1401, clauses (6) and (17),  
254.25 or vocational services funded under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, United  
254.26 States Code, title 29, section 720, as amended.

254.27 (c) Day ~~training and habilitation~~ services do not include employment exploration,  
254.28 employment development, or employment support services as defined in the home and  
254.29 community-based services waivers for people with disabilities authorized under sections  
254.30 256B.092 and 256B.49.

254.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021, or upon federal approval,  
254.32 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
254.33 when federal approval is obtained.

255.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.41, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

255.2 Subd. 4. **Independence.** "Independence" means the extent to which persons with  
255.3 ~~developmental~~ disabilities exert control and choice over their own lives.

255.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021.

255.5 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.41, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

255.6 Subd. 5. **Integration.** "Integration" means that persons with ~~developmental~~ disabilities:

255.7 (1) use the same community resources that are used by and available to individuals who  
255.8 are not disabled;

255.9 (2) participate in the same community activities in which nondisabled individuals  
255.10 participate; and

255.11 (3) regularly interact and have contact with nondisabled individuals.

255.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021.

255.13 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.41, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

255.14 Subd. 6. **Productivity.** "Productivity" means that persons with ~~developmental~~ disabilities:

255.15 (1) engage in income-producing work designed to improve their income level,  
255.16 employment status, or job advancement; or

255.17 (2) engage in activities that contribute to a business, household, or community.

255.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021.

255.19 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.41, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

255.20 Subd. 7. **Regional center.** "Regional center" means any state-operated facility under  
255.21 the direct administrative authority of the commissioner that serves persons with  
255.22 ~~developmental~~ disabilities.

255.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021.

255.24 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.41, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

255.25 Subd. 9. **Vendor.** "Vendor" means a ~~nonprofit~~ legal entity that:

255.26 (1) is licensed under sections 245A.01 to 245A.16 ~~and~~, 245D.27 to 245D.31, 252.28,  
255.27 subdivision 2, and 252.41 to 252.46, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9525.1200 to 9525.1330,

256.1 to provide day ~~training and habilitation~~ services to adults with ~~developmental~~ disabilities;  
256.2 and

256.3 (2) does not have a financial interest in the legal entity that provides residential services  
256.4 to the same person or persons to whom it provides day ~~training and habilitation~~ services.  
256.5 This clause does not apply to regional treatment centers, state-operated, community-based  
256.6 programs operating according to section 252.50 until July 1, 2000, or vendors licensed prior  
256.7 to April 15, 1983.

256.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021.

256.9 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.42, is amended to read:

256.10 **252.42 SERVICE PRINCIPLES.**

256.11 The design and delivery of services eligible for reimbursement should reflect the  
256.12 following principles:

256.13 (1) services must suit a person's chronological age and be provided in the least restrictive  
256.14 environment possible, consistent with the needs identified in the person's ~~individual service~~  
256.15 ~~and individual habilitation plans under~~ coordinated service and support plan and coordinated  
256.16 service and support plan addendum required under sections 256B.092, subdivision 1b, and  
256.17 245D.02, subdivision 4, paragraphs (b) and (c), and Minnesota Rules, parts 9525.0004 to  
256.18 9525.0036, subpart 12;

256.19 (2) a person with a ~~developmental~~ disability whose ~~individual service and individual~~  
256.20 ~~habilitation plans~~ coordinated service and support plans and coordinated service and support  
256.21 plan addendums authorize employment or employment-related activities shall be given the  
256.22 opportunity to participate in employment and employment-related activities in which  
256.23 nondisabled persons participate;

256.24 (3) a person with a ~~developmental~~ disability participating in work shall be paid wages  
256.25 commensurate with the rate for comparable work and productivity except as regional centers  
256.26 are governed by section 246.151;

256.27 (4) a person with a ~~developmental~~ disability shall receive services which include services  
256.28 offered in settings used by the general public and designed to increase the person's active  
256.29 participation in ordinary community activities;

256.30 (5) a person with a ~~developmental~~ disability shall participate in the patterns, conditions,  
256.31 and rhythms of everyday living and working that are consistent with the norms of the  
256.32 mainstream of society.

257.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021.

257.2 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.43, is amended to read:

257.3 **252.43 COMMISSIONER'S DUTIES.**

257.4 The commissioner shall supervise ~~county boards'~~ lead agencies' provision of day ~~training~~  
257.5 ~~and habilitation~~ services to adults with ~~developmental~~ disabilities. The commissioner shall:

257.6 (1) determine the need for day ~~training and habilitation~~ services under section ~~252.28~~  
257.7 256B.4914;

257.8 (2) establish payment rates as provided under section 256B.4914;

257.9 (3) add transportation costs to the day services payment rate;

257.10 (4) adopt rules for the administration and provision of day ~~training and habilitation~~  
257.11 services under sections ~~252.41 to 252.46~~ and sections 245A.01 to 245A.16 and, 252.28,  
257.12 subdivision 2, and 252.41 to 252.46, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9525.1200 to 9525.1330;

257.13 ~~(4)~~ (5) enter into interagency agreements necessary to ensure effective coordination and  
257.14 provision of day ~~training and habilitation~~ services;

257.15 ~~(5)~~ (6) monitor and evaluate the costs and effectiveness of day ~~training and habilitation~~  
257.16 services; and

257.17 ~~(6)~~ (7) provide information and technical help to ~~county boards~~ lead agencies and vendors  
257.18 in their administration and provision of day ~~training and habilitation~~ services.

257.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021.

257.20 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.44, is amended to read:

257.21 **252.44 ~~COUNTY~~ LEAD AGENCY BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES.**

257.22 When the need for day ~~training and habilitation~~ services in a county or tribe has been  
257.23 determined under section 252.28, the board of commissioners for that ~~county~~ lead agency  
257.24 shall:

257.25 (1) authorize the delivery of services according to the ~~individual service and habilitation~~  
257.26 ~~plans~~ coordinated service and support plans and coordinated service and support plan  
257.27 addendums required as part of the ~~county's~~ lead agency's provision of case management  
257.28 services under sections 256B.0913, subdivision 8; 256B.0915, subdivision 6; 256B.092,  
257.29 subdivision 1b; and 256B.49, subdivision 15, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9525.0004 to  
257.30 9525.0036. ~~For calendar years for which section 252.46, subdivisions 2 to 10, apply, the~~

258.1 ~~county board shall not authorize a change in service days from the number of days authorized~~  
258.2 ~~for the previous calendar year unless there is documentation for the change in the individual~~  
258.3 ~~service plan. An increase in service days must also be supported by documentation that the~~  
258.4 ~~goals and objectives assigned to the vendor cannot be met more economically and effectively~~  
258.5 ~~by other available community services and that without the additional days of service the~~  
258.6 ~~individual service plan could not be implemented in a manner consistent with the service~~  
258.7 ~~principles in section 252.42;~~

258.8 (2) ensure that transportation is provided or arranged by the vendor in the most efficient  
258.9 and reasonable way possible; and

258.10 (3) monitor and evaluate the cost and effectiveness of the services.

258.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021.

258.12 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.45, is amended to read:

258.13 **252.45 VENDOR'S DUTIES.**

258.14 A day service vendor enrolled with the commissioner is responsible for items under  
258.15 clauses (1), (2), and (3), and extends only to the provision of services that are reimbursable  
258.16 under state and federal law. A vendor providing day ~~training and habilitation~~ services shall:

258.17 (1) provide the amount and type of services authorized in the individual service plan  
258.18 under coordinated service and support plan and coordinated service and support plan  
258.19 addendum required under sections 245D.02, subdivision 4, paragraphs (b) and (c), and  
258.20 256B.092, subdivision 1b, and Minnesota Rules, parts part 9525.0004 to 9525.0036, subpart  
258.21 12;

258.22 (2) design the services to achieve the outcomes assigned to the vendor in the ~~individual~~  
258.23 ~~service plan~~ coordinated service and support plan and coordinated service and support plan  
258.24 addendum required under sections 245D.02, subdivision 4, paragraphs (a) and (b), and  
258.25 256B.092, subdivision 1b, and Minnesota Rules, part 9525.0004, subpart 12;

258.26 (3) provide or arrange for transportation of persons receiving services to and from service  
258.27 sites;

258.28 (4) enter into agreements with community-based intermediate care facilities for persons  
258.29 with developmental disabilities to ensure compliance with applicable federal regulations;  
258.30 and

258.31 (5) comply with state and federal law.

258.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021.

259.1 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.9365, is amended to read:

259.2 **256.9365 PURCHASE OF ~~CONTINUATION~~ HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR**  
259.3 **~~AIDS PATIENTS~~ PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV.**

259.4 Subdivision 1. **Program established.** The commissioner of human services shall establish  
259.5 a program to pay ~~private~~ the cost of health plan premiums and cost sharing for prescriptions,  
259.6 including co-payments, deductibles, and coinsurance for persons who have contracted human  
259.7 immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to enable them to continue coverage under or enroll in a  
259.8 group or individual health plan. If a person is determined to be eligible under subdivision  
259.9 2, the commissioner shall pay the ~~portion of the group plan premium for which the individual~~  
259.10 ~~is responsible, if the individual is responsible for at least 50 percent of the cost of the~~  
259.11 ~~premium, or pay the individual plan premium~~ health insurance premiums and prescription  
259.12 cost sharing, including co-payments and deductibles required under section 256B.0631.  
259.13 The commissioner shall not pay for that portion of a premium that is attributable to other  
259.14 family members or dependents or is paid by the individual's employer.

259.15 Subd. 2. **Eligibility requirements.** To be eligible for the program, an applicant must  
259.16 ~~satisfy the following requirements:~~ meet all eligibility requirements for Part B of the Ryan  
259.17 White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, Public Law 111-87, and enroll in the  
259.18 Minnesota Ryan White program.

259.19 ~~(1) the applicant must provide a physician's, advanced practice registered nurse's, or~~  
259.20 ~~physician assistant's statement verifying that the applicant is infected with HIV and is, or~~  
259.21 ~~within three months is likely to become, too ill to work in the applicant's current employment~~  
259.22 ~~because of HIV-related disease;~~

259.23 ~~(2) the applicant's monthly gross family income must not exceed 300 percent of the~~  
259.24 ~~federal poverty guidelines, after deducting medical expenses and insurance premiums;~~

259.25 ~~(3) the applicant must not own assets with a combined value of more than \$25,000; and~~

259.26 ~~(4) if applying for payment of group plan premiums, the applicant must be covered by~~  
259.27 ~~an employer's or former employer's group insurance plan.~~

259.28 Subd. 3. **Cost-effective coverage.** Requirements for the payment of individual plan  
259.29 premiums under subdivision 2, ~~clause (5),~~ must be designed to ensure that the state cost of  
259.30 paying an individual plan premium does not exceed the estimated state cost that would  
259.31 otherwise be incurred in the medical assistance program. The commissioner shall purchase  
259.32 the most cost-effective coverage available for eligible individuals.

260.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0658, is amended to read:

260.2 **256B.0658 HOUSING ACCESS GRANTS.**

260.3 The commissioner of human services shall award through a competitive process contracts  
260.4 for grants to public and private agencies to support and assist individuals ~~eligible for publicly~~  
260.5 ~~funded home and community-based services, including state plan home care~~ with a disability  
260.6 as defined in section 256B.051, subdivision 2, paragraph (e), to access housing. Grants may  
260.7 be awarded to agencies that may include, but are not limited to, the following supports:  
260.8 assessment to ensure suitability of housing, accompanying an individual to look at housing,  
260.9 filling out applications and rental agreements, meeting with landlords, helping with Section  
260.10 8 or other program applications, helping to develop a budget, obtaining furniture and  
260.11 household goods, if necessary, and assisting with any problems that may arise with housing.

260.12 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0659, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

260.13 Subd. 11. **Personal care assistant; requirements.** (a) A personal care assistant must  
260.14 meet the following requirements:

260.15 (1) be at least 18 years of age with the exception of persons who are 16 or 17 years of  
260.16 age with these additional requirements:

260.17 (i) supervision by a qualified professional every 60 days; and

260.18 (ii) employment by only one personal care assistance provider agency responsible for  
260.19 compliance with current labor laws;

260.20 (2) be employed by a personal care assistance provider agency;

260.21 (3) enroll with the department as a personal care assistant after clearing a background  
260.22 study. Except as provided in subdivision 11a, before a personal care assistant provides  
260.23 services, the personal care assistance provider agency must initiate a background study on  
260.24 the personal care assistant under chapter 245C, and the personal care assistance provider  
260.25 agency must have received a notice from the commissioner that the personal care assistant  
260.26 is:

260.27 (i) not disqualified under section 245C.14; or

260.28 (ii) is disqualified, but the personal care assistant has received a set aside of the  
260.29 disqualification under section 245C.22;

260.30 (4) be able to effectively communicate with the recipient and personal care assistance  
260.31 provider agency;



261.1 (5) be able to provide covered personal care assistance services according to the recipient's  
261.2 personal care assistance care plan, respond appropriately to recipient needs, and report  
261.3 changes in the recipient's condition to the supervising qualified professional or physician;

261.4 (6) not be a consumer of personal care assistance services;

261.5 (7) maintain daily written records including, but not limited to, time sheets under  
261.6 subdivision 12;

261.7 (8) effective January 1, 2010, complete standardized training as determined by the  
261.8 commissioner before completing enrollment. The training must be available in languages  
261.9 other than English and to those who need accommodations due to disabilities. Personal care  
261.10 assistant training must include successful completion of the following training components:  
261.11 basic first aid, vulnerable adult, child maltreatment, OSHA universal precautions, basic  
261.12 roles and responsibilities of personal care assistants including information about assistance  
261.13 with lifting and transfers for recipients, emergency preparedness, orientation to positive  
261.14 behavioral practices, fraud issues, and completion of time sheets. Upon completion of the  
261.15 training components, the personal care assistant must demonstrate the competency to provide  
261.16 assistance to recipients;

261.17 (9) complete training and orientation on the needs of the recipient; and

261.18 (10) be limited to providing and being paid for up to 275 hours per month of personal  
261.19 care assistance services regardless of the number of recipients being served or the number  
261.20 of personal care assistance provider agencies enrolled with. The number of hours worked  
261.21 per day shall not be disallowed by the department unless in violation of the law.

261.22 (b) A legal guardian may be a personal care assistant if the guardian is not being paid  
261.23 for the guardian services and meets the criteria for personal care assistants in paragraph (a).

261.24 (c) Persons who do not qualify as a personal care assistant include parents, stepparents,  
261.25 and legal guardians of minors; spouses; paid legal guardians of adults; family foster care  
261.26 providers, except as otherwise allowed in section 256B.0625, subdivision 19a; and staff of  
261.27 a residential setting.

261.28 (d) Personal care assistance services qualify for the enhanced rate described in subdivision  
261.29 17a if the personal care assistant providing the services:

261.30 (1) provides services, according to the care plan in subdivision 7, to a recipient who  
261.31 qualifies for 12 or more hours per day of personal care assistance services; and

261.32 (2) satisfies the current requirements of Medicare for training and competency or  
261.33 competency evaluation of home health aides or nursing assistants, as provided in the Code

262.1 of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 483.151 or 484.36, or alternative state-approved  
262.2 training or competency requirements.

262.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

262.4 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0659, is amended by adding a subdivision  
262.5 to read:

262.6 **Subd. 17a. Enhanced rate.** An enhanced rate of 107.5 percent of the rate paid for  
262.7 personal care assistance services shall be paid for services provided to persons who qualify  
262.8 for 12 or more hours of personal care assistance services per day when provided by a personal  
262.9 care assistant who meets the requirements of subdivision 11, paragraph (d). The enhanced  
262.10 rate for personal care assistance services includes, and is not in addition to, any rate  
262.11 adjustments implemented by the commissioner on July 1, 2019, to comply with the terms  
262.12 of a collective bargaining agreement between the state of Minnesota and an exclusive  
262.13 representative of individual providers under section 179A.54, that provides for wage increases  
262.14 for individual providers who serve participants assessed to need 12 or more hours of personal  
262.15 care assistance services per day.

262.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

262.17 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0659, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

262.18 **Subd. 21. Requirements for provider enrollment of personal care assistance provider**  
262.19 **agencies.** (a) All personal care assistance provider agencies must provide, at the time of  
262.20 enrollment, reenrollment, and revalidation as a personal care assistance provider agency in  
262.21 a format determined by the commissioner, information and documentation that includes,  
262.22 but is not limited to, the following:

262.23 (1) the personal care assistance provider agency's current contact information including  
262.24 address, telephone number, and e-mail address;

262.25 (2) proof of surety bond coverage. Upon new enrollment, or if the provider's Medicaid  
262.26 revenue in the previous calendar year is up to and including \$300,000, the provider agency  
262.27 must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If the Medicaid revenue in the previous year is  
262.28 over \$300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety  
262.29 bond must be in a form approved by the commissioner, must be renewed annually, and must  
262.30 allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond;

262.31 (3) proof of fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$20,000;

262.32 (4) proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage;

- 263.1 (5) proof of liability insurance;
- 263.2 (6) a description of the personal care assistance provider agency's organization identifying  
263.3 the names of all owners, managing employees, staff, board of directors, and the affiliations  
263.4 of the directors, owners, or staff to other service providers;
- 263.5 (7) a copy of the personal care assistance provider agency's written policies and  
263.6 procedures including: hiring of employees; training requirements; service delivery; and  
263.7 employee and consumer safety including process for notification and resolution of consumer  
263.8 grievances, identification and prevention of communicable diseases, and employee  
263.9 misconduct;
- 263.10 (8) copies of all other forms the personal care assistance provider agency uses in the  
263.11 course of daily business including, but not limited to:
- 263.12 (i) a copy of the personal care assistance provider agency's time sheet if the time sheet  
263.13 varies from the standard time sheet for personal care assistance services approved by the  
263.14 commissioner, and a letter requesting approval of the personal care assistance provider  
263.15 agency's nonstandard time sheet;
- 263.16 (ii) the personal care assistance provider agency's template for the personal care assistance  
263.17 care plan; and
- 263.18 (iii) the personal care assistance provider agency's template for the written agreement  
263.19 in subdivision 20 for recipients using the personal care assistance choice option, if applicable;
- 263.20 (9) a list of all training and classes that the personal care assistance provider agency  
263.21 requires of its staff providing personal care assistance services;
- 263.22 (10) documentation that the personal care assistance provider agency and staff have  
263.23 successfully completed all the training required by this section;
- 263.24 (11) documentation of the agency's marketing practices;
- 263.25 (12) disclosure of ownership, leasing, or management of all residential properties that  
263.26 is used or could be used for providing home care services;
- 263.27 (13) documentation that the agency will use the following percentages of revenue  
263.28 generated from the medical assistance rate paid for personal care assistance services for  
263.29 employee personal care assistant wages and benefits: 72.5 percent of revenue in the personal  
263.30 care assistance choice option and 72.5 percent of revenue from other personal care assistance  
263.31 providers, except for other personal care assistance providers, all of the revenue generated  
263.32 by a medical assistance rate increase due to a collective bargaining agreement under section

264.1 179A.54 must be used for employee personal care assistant wages and benefits. The revenue  
264.2 generated by the qualified professional and the reasonable costs associated with the qualified  
264.3 professional shall not be used in making this calculation; and

264.4 (14) effective May 15, 2010, documentation that the agency does not burden recipients'  
264.5 free exercise of their right to choose service providers by requiring personal care assistants  
264.6 to sign an agreement not to work with any particular personal care assistance recipient or  
264.7 for another personal care assistance provider agency after leaving the agency and that the  
264.8 agency is not taking action on any such agreements or requirements regardless of the date  
264.9 signed.

264.10 (b) Personal care assistance provider agencies shall provide the information specified  
264.11 in paragraph (a) to the commissioner at the time the personal care assistance provider agency  
264.12 enrolls as a vendor or upon request from the commissioner. The commissioner shall collect  
264.13 the information specified in paragraph (a) from all personal care assistance providers  
264.14 beginning July 1, 2009.

264.15 (c) All personal care assistance provider agencies shall require all employees in  
264.16 management and supervisory positions and owners of the agency who are active in the  
264.17 day-to-day management and operations of the agency to complete mandatory training as  
264.18 determined by the commissioner before enrollment of the agency as a provider. Employees  
264.19 in management and supervisory positions and owners who are active in the day-to-day  
264.20 operations of an agency who have completed the required training as an employee with a  
264.21 personal care assistance provider agency do not need to repeat the required training if they  
264.22 are hired by another agency, if they have completed the training within the past three years.  
264.23 By September 1, 2010, the required training must be available with meaningful access  
264.24 according to title VI of the Civil Rights Act and federal regulations adopted under that law  
264.25 or any guidance from the United States Health and Human Services Department. The  
264.26 required training must be available online or by electronic remote connection. The required  
264.27 training must provide for competency testing. Personal care assistance provider agency  
264.28 billing staff shall complete training about personal care assistance program financial  
264.29 management. This training is effective July 1, 2009. Any personal care assistance provider  
264.30 agency enrolled before that date shall, if it has not already, complete the provider training  
264.31 within 18 months of July 1, 2009. Any new owners or employees in management and  
264.32 supervisory positions involved in the day-to-day operations are required to complete  
264.33 mandatory training as a requisite of working for the agency. Personal care assistance provider  
264.34 agencies certified for participation in Medicare as home health agencies are exempt from

265.1 the training required in this subdivision. When available, Medicare-certified home health  
265.2 agency owners, supervisors, or managers must successfully complete the competency test.

265.3 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0659, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

265.4 Subd. 24. **Personal care assistance provider agency; general duties.** A personal care  
265.5 assistance provider agency shall:

265.6 (1) enroll as a Medicaid provider meeting all provider standards, including completion  
265.7 of the required provider training;

265.8 (2) comply with general medical assistance coverage requirements;

265.9 (3) demonstrate compliance with law and policies of the personal care assistance program  
265.10 to be determined by the commissioner;

265.11 (4) comply with background study requirements;

265.12 (5) verify and keep records of hours worked by the personal care assistant and qualified  
265.13 professional;

265.14 (6) not engage in any agency-initiated direct contact or marketing in person, by phone,  
265.15 or other electronic means to potential recipients, guardians, or family members;

265.16 (7) pay the personal care assistant and qualified professional based on actual hours of  
265.17 services provided;

265.18 (8) withhold and pay all applicable federal and state taxes;

265.19 (9) effective January 1, 2010, document that the agency uses a minimum of 72.5 percent  
265.20 of the revenue generated by the medical assistance rate for personal care assistance services  
265.21 for employee personal care assistant wages and benefits. The revenue generated by the  
265.22 qualified professional and the reasonable costs associated with the qualified professional  
265.23 shall not be used in making this calculation;

265.24 (10) make the arrangements and pay unemployment insurance, taxes, workers'  
265.25 compensation, liability insurance, and other benefits, if any;

265.26 (11) enter into a written agreement under subdivision 20 before services are provided;

265.27 (12) report suspected neglect and abuse to the common entry point according to section  
265.28 256B.0651;

265.29 (13) provide the recipient with a copy of the home care bill of rights at start of service;  
265.30 ~~and~~

266.1 (14) request reassessments at least 60 days prior to the end of the current authorization  
266.2 for personal care assistance services, on forms provided by the commissioner; and

266.3 (15) document that the additional revenue the agency receives for the enhanced rate is  
266.4 passed on, in wages and benefits, to the personal care assistant who provided services to a  
266.5 recipient who is eligible for the enhanced rate.

266.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

266.7 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0659, subdivision 28, is amended to read:

266.8 Subd. 28. **Personal care assistance provider agency; required documentation.** (a)

266.9 Required documentation must be completed and kept in the personal care assistance provider  
266.10 agency file or the recipient's home residence. The required documentation consists of:

266.11 (1) employee files, including:

266.12 (i) applications for employment;

266.13 (ii) background study requests and results;

266.14 (iii) orientation records about the agency policies;

266.15 (iv) trainings completed with demonstration of competence, including verification of  
266.16 the completion of training required under subdivision 11, paragraph (d), if personal care  
266.17 assistance services eligible for the enhanced rate are provided and submitted for  
266.18 reimbursement under this section;

266.19 (v) supervisory visits;

266.20 (vi) evaluations of employment; and

266.21 (vii) signature on fraud statement;

266.22 (2) recipient files, including:

266.23 (i) demographics;

266.24 (ii) emergency contact information and emergency backup plan;

266.25 (iii) personal care assistance service plan;

266.26 (iv) personal care assistance care plan;

266.27 (v) month-to-month service use plan;

266.28 (vi) all communication records;

266.29 (vii) start of service information, including the written agreement with recipient; and

- 267.1 (viii) date the home care bill of rights was given to the recipient;
- 267.2 (3) agency policy manual, including:
- 267.3 (i) policies for employment and termination;
- 267.4 (ii) grievance policies with resolution of consumer grievances;
- 267.5 (iii) staff and consumer safety;
- 267.6 (iv) staff misconduct; and
- 267.7 (v) staff hiring, service delivery, staff and consumer safety, staff misconduct, and
- 267.8 resolution of consumer grievances;
- 267.9 (4) time sheets for each personal care assistant along with completed activity sheets for
- 267.10 each recipient served; and
- 267.11 (5) agency marketing and advertising materials and documentation of marketing activities
- 267.12 and costs.
- 267.13 (b) The commissioner may assess a fine of up to \$500 on provider agencies that do not
- 267.14 consistently comply with the requirements of this subdivision.

267.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

267.16 **Sec. 36. [256B.0715] DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE REPORT.**

267.17 The commissioner of human services shall annually assess the direct care workforce

267.18 and publish findings in a direct care workforce report each August beginning August 1,

267.19 2020. This report shall consider the number of workers employed, the number of regular

267.20 hours worked, the number of overtime hours worked, the regular wages and benefits paid,

267.21 the overtime wages paid, retention rates, and job vacancies across providers of home and

267.22 community-based services disability waiver services, state plan home care services, state

267.23 plan personal care assistance services, and community first services and supports.

267.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

267.25 **Sec. 37.** Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0915, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

267.26 **Subd. 3a. Elderly waiver cost limits.** (a) Effective on the first day of the state fiscal

267.27 year in which the resident assessment system as described in section 256R.17 for nursing

267.28 home rate determination is implemented and the first day of each subsequent state fiscal

267.29 year, the monthly limit for the cost of waived services to an individual elderly waiver

267.30 client shall be the monthly limit of the case mix resident class to which the waiver client

268.1 would be assigned under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0051 to 9549.0059, in effect on the  
268.2 last day of the previous state fiscal year, adjusted by any legislatively adopted home and  
268.3 community-based services percentage rate adjustment. If a legislatively authorized increase  
268.4 is service-specific, the monthly cost limit shall be adjusted based on the overall average  
268.5 increase to the elderly waiver program.

268.6 (b) The monthly limit for the cost of waived services under paragraph (a) to an  
268.7 individual elderly waiver client assigned to a case mix classification A with:

268.8 (1) no dependencies in activities of daily living; or

268.9 (2) up to two dependencies in bathing, dressing, grooming, walking, and eating when  
268.10 the dependency score in eating is three or greater as determined by an assessment performed  
268.11 under section 256B.0911 shall be \$1,750 per month effective on July 1, 2011, for all new  
268.12 participants enrolled in the program on or after July 1, 2011. This monthly limit shall be  
268.13 applied to all other participants who meet this criteria at reassessment. This monthly limit  
268.14 shall be increased annually as described in paragraphs (a) and (e).

268.15 (c) If extended medical supplies and equipment or environmental modifications are or  
268.16 will be purchased for an elderly waiver client, the costs may be prorated for up to 12  
268.17 consecutive months beginning with the month of purchase. If the monthly cost of a recipient's  
268.18 waived services exceeds the monthly limit established in paragraph (a), (b), (d), or (e),  
268.19 the annual cost of all waived services shall be determined. In this event, the annual cost  
268.20 of all waived services shall not exceed 12 times the monthly limit of waived services  
268.21 as described in paragraph (a), (b), (d), or (e).

268.22 (d) Effective July 1, 2013, the monthly cost limit of waiver services, including any  
268.23 necessary home care services described in section 256B.0651, subdivision 2, for individuals  
268.24 who meet the criteria as ventilator-dependent given in section 256B.0651, subdivision 1,  
268.25 paragraph (g), shall be the average of the monthly medical assistance amount established  
268.26 for home care services as described in section 256B.0652, subdivision 7, and the annual  
268.27 average contracted amount established by the commissioner for nursing facility services  
268.28 for ventilator-dependent individuals. This monthly limit shall be increased annually as  
268.29 described in paragraphs (a) and (e).

268.30 (e) Effective January 1, 2018, and each January 1 thereafter, the monthly cost limits for  
268.31 elderly waiver services in effect on the previous December 31 shall be increased by the  
268.32 difference between any legislatively adopted home and community-based provider rate  
268.33 increases effective on January 1 or since the previous January 1 and the average statewide  
268.34 percentage increase in nursing facility operating payment rates under chapter 256R, effective



269.1 the previous January 1. This paragraph shall only apply if the average statewide percentage  
269.2 increase in nursing facility operating payment rates is greater than any legislatively adopted  
269.3 home and community-based provider rate increases effective on January 1, or occurring  
269.4 since the previous January 1.

269.5 (f) The commissioner shall approve an exception to the monthly case mix budget cap  
269.6 in paragraph (a) to account for the additional cost of providing enhanced rate personal care  
269.7 assistance services under section 256B.0659 or 256B.85. The exception shall not exceed  
269.8 107.5 percent of the budget otherwise available to the individual. The exception must be  
269.9 reapproved on an annual basis at the time of a participant's annual reassessment.

269.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, or upon federal approval,  
269.11 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
269.12 when federal approval is obtained.

269.13 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0949, is amended by adding a subdivision  
269.14 to read:

269.15 Subd. 16a. **Background studies.** The requirements for background studies under this  
269.16 section shall be met by an early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention services  
269.17 agency through the commissioner's NETStudy system as provided under sections 245C.03,  
269.18 subdivision 13, and 245C.10, subdivision 14.

269.19 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4913, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

269.20 Subd. 4a. **Rate stabilization adjustment.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision,  
269.21 "implementation period" means the period beginning January 1, 2014, and ending on the  
269.22 last day of the month in which the rate management system is populated with the data  
269.23 necessary to calculate rates for substantially all individuals receiving home and  
269.24 community-based waiver services under sections 256B.092 and 256B.49. "Banding period"  
269.25 means the time period beginning on January 1, 2014, and ending upon the expiration of the  
269.26 12-month period defined in paragraph (c), clause (5).

269.27 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, the historical rate for all service recipients means  
269.28 the individual reimbursement rate for a recipient in effect on December 1, 2013, except  
269.29 that:

269.30 (1) for a day service recipient who was not authorized to receive these waiver services  
269.31 prior to January 1, 2014; added a new service or services on or after January 1, 2014; or  
269.32 changed providers on or after January 1, 2014, the historical rate must be the weighted

270.1 average authorized rate for the provider number in the county of service, effective December  
270.2 1, 2013; or

270.3 (2) for a unit-based service with programming or a unit-based service without  
270.4 programming recipient who was not authorized to receive these waiver services prior to  
270.5 January 1, 2014; added a new service or services on or after January 1, 2014; or changed  
270.6 providers on or after January 1, 2014, the historical rate must be the weighted average  
270.7 authorized rate for each provider number in the county of service, effective December 1,  
270.8 2013; or

270.9 (3) for residential service recipients who change providers on or after January 1, 2014,  
270.10 the historical rate must be set by each lead agency within their county aggregate budget  
270.11 using their respective methodology for residential services effective December 1, 2013, for  
270.12 determining the provider rate for a similarly situated recipient being served by that provider.

270.13 (c) The commissioner shall adjust individual reimbursement rates determined under this  
270.14 section so that the unit rate is no higher or lower than:

270.15 (1) 0.5 percent from the historical rate for the implementation period;

270.16 (2) 0.5 percent from the rate in effect in clause (1), for the 12-month period immediately  
270.17 following the time period of clause (1);

270.18 (3) 0.5 percent from the rate in effect in clause (2), for the 12-month period immediately  
270.19 following the time period of clause (2);

270.20 (4) 1.0 percent from the rate in effect in clause (3), for the 12-month period immediately  
270.21 following the time period of clause (3);

270.22 (5) 1.0 percent from the rate in effect in clause (4), for the 12-month period immediately  
270.23 following the time period of clause (4); and

270.24 (6) no adjustment to the rate in effect in clause (5) for the 12-month period immediately  
270.25 following the time period of clause (5). During this banding rate period, the commissioner  
270.26 shall not enforce any rate decrease or increase that would otherwise result from the end of  
270.27 the banding period. ~~The commissioner shall, upon enactment, seek federal approval for the~~  
270.28 ~~addition of this banding period; and~~

270.29 ~~(7) one percent from the rate in effect in clause (6) for the 12-month period immediately~~  
270.30 ~~following the time period of clause (6).~~

271.1 (d) The commissioner shall review all changes to rates that were in effect on December  
271.2 1, 2013, to verify that the rates in effect produce the equivalent level of spending and service  
271.3 unit utilization on an annual basis as those in effect on October 31, 2013.

271.4 (e) By December 31, 2014, the commissioner shall complete the review in paragraph  
271.5 (d), adjust rates to provide equivalent annual spending, and make appropriate adjustments.

271.6 (f) During the banding period, the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)  
271.7 service agreement rate must be adjusted to account for change in an individual's need. The  
271.8 commissioner shall adjust the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) service  
271.9 agreement rate by:

271.10 (1) calculating a service rate under section 256B.4914, subdivision 6, 7, 8, or 9, for the  
271.11 individual with variables reflecting the level of service in effect on December 1, 2013;

271.12 (2) calculating a service rate under section 256B.4914, subdivision 6, 7, 8, or 9, for the  
271.13 individual with variables reflecting the updated level of service at the time of application;  
271.14 and

271.15 (3) adding to or subtracting from the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)  
271.16 service agreement rate, the difference between the values in clauses (1) and (2).

271.17 (g) This subdivision must not apply to rates for recipients served by providers new to a  
271.18 given county after January 1, 2014. Providers of personal supports services who also acted  
271.19 as fiscal support entities must be treated as new providers as of January 1, 2014.

271.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

271.21 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4913, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

271.22 Subd. 5. **Stakeholder consultation and county training.** (a) The commissioner shall  
271.23 continue consultation on regular intervals with the existing stakeholder group established  
271.24 as part of the rate-setting methodology process and others, to gather input, concerns, and  
271.25 data, to assist in the ~~full implementation~~ ongoing administration of the new rate payment  
271.26 system and to make pertinent information available to the public through the department's  
271.27 website.

271.28 (b) The commissioner shall offer training at least annually for county personnel  
271.29 responsible for administering the rate-setting framework in a manner consistent with this  
271.30 section and section 256B.4914.

271.31 (c) The commissioner shall maintain an online instruction manual explaining the  
271.32 rate-setting framework. The manual shall be consistent with this section and section

272.1 256B.4914, and shall be accessible to all stakeholders including recipients, representatives  
272.2 of recipients, county or tribal agencies, and license holders.

272.3 (d) The commissioner shall not defer to the county or tribal agency on matters of technical  
272.4 application of the rate-setting framework, and a county or tribal agency shall not set rates  
272.5 in a manner that conflicts with this section or section 256B.4914.

272.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

272.7 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

272.8 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
272.9 meanings given them, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

272.10 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

272.11 (c) "Comparable occupations" means the occupations, excluding direct care staff, as  
272.12 represented by the Bureau of Labor Statistics standard occupational classification codes  
272.13 that have the same classification for:

272.14 (1) typical education needed for entry;

272.15 (2) work experience in a related occupation; and

272.16 (3) typical on-the-job training competency as the most predominant classification for  
272.17 direct care staff.

272.18 ~~(e)~~(d) "Component value" means underlying factors that are part of the cost of providing  
272.19 services that are built into the waiver rates methodology to calculate service rates.

272.20 ~~(d)~~(e) "Customized living tool" means a methodology for setting service rates that  
272.21 delineates and documents the amount of each component service included in a recipient's  
272.22 customized living service plan.

272.23 (f) "Direct care staff" means employees providing direct service to people receiving  
272.24 services under this section. Direct care staff excludes executive, managerial, and  
272.25 administrative staff.

272.26 ~~(e)~~(g) "Disability waiver rates system" means a statewide system that establishes rates  
272.27 that are based on uniform processes and captures the individualized nature of waiver services  
272.28 and recipient needs.

272.29 ~~(f)~~(h) "Individual staffing" means the time spent as a one-to-one interaction specific to  
272.30 an individual recipient by staff to provide direct support and assistance with activities of  
272.31 daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, and training to participants, and is based

273.1 on the requirements in each individual's coordinated service and support plan under section  
273.2 245D.02, subdivision 4b; any coordinated service and support plan addendum under section  
273.3 245D.02, subdivision 4c; and an assessment tool. Provider observation of an individual's  
273.4 needs must also be considered.

273.5 ~~(g)~~ (i) "Lead agency" means a county, partnership of counties, or tribal agency charged  
273.6 with administering waived services under sections 256B.092 and 256B.49.

273.7 ~~(h)~~ (j) "Median" means the amount that divides distribution into two equal groups,  
273.8 one-half above the median and one-half below the median.

273.9 ~~(i)~~ (k) "Payment or rate" means reimbursement to an eligible provider for services  
273.10 provided to a qualified individual based on an approved service authorization.

273.11 ~~(j)~~ (l) "Rates management system" means a web-based software application that uses a  
273.12 framework and component values, as determined by the commissioner, to establish service  
273.13 rates.

273.14 ~~(k)~~ (m) "Recipient" means a person receiving home and community-based services  
273.15 funded under any of the disability waivers.

273.16 ~~(l)~~ (n) "Shared staffing" means time spent by employees, not defined under paragraph  
273.17 (f), providing or available to provide more than one individual with direct support and  
273.18 assistance with activities of daily living as defined under section 256B.0659, subdivision  
273.19 1, paragraph (b); instrumental activities of daily living as defined under section 256B.0659,  
273.20 subdivision 1, paragraph (i); ancillary activities needed to support individual services; and  
273.21 training to participants, and is based on the requirements in each individual's coordinated  
273.22 service and support plan under section 245D.02, subdivision 4b; any coordinated service  
273.23 and support plan addendum under section 245D.02, subdivision 4c; an assessment tool; and  
273.24 provider observation of an individual's service need. Total shared staffing hours are divided  
273.25 proportionally by the number of individuals who receive the shared service provisions.

273.26 ~~(m)~~ (o) "Staffing ratio" means the number of recipients a service provider employee  
273.27 supports during a unit of service based on a uniform assessment tool, provider observation,  
273.28 case history, and the recipient's services of choice, and not based on the staffing ratios under  
273.29 section 245D.31.

273.30 ~~(n)~~ (p) "Unit of service" means the following:

273.31 (1) for residential support services under subdivision 6, a unit of service is a day. Any  
273.32 portion of any calendar day, within allowable Medicaid rules, where an individual spends  
273.33 time in a residential setting is billable as a day;

274.1 (2) for day services under subdivision 7:

274.2 (i) for day training and habilitation services, a unit of service is either:

274.3 (A) a day unit of service is defined as six or more hours of time spent providing direct  
274.4 services and transportation; or

274.5 (B) a partial day unit of service is defined as fewer than six hours of time spent providing  
274.6 direct services and transportation; and

274.7 (C) for new day service recipients after January 1, 2014, 15 minute units of service must  
274.8 be used for fewer than six hours of time spent providing direct services and transportation;

274.9 (ii) for adult day and structured day services, a unit of service is a day or 15 minutes. A  
274.10 day unit of service is six or more hours of time spent providing direct services;

274.11 (iii) for day support services, a unit of service is 15 minutes; and

274.12 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) for prevocational services, a unit of service is a day or an hour. A day unit of  
274.13 service is six or more hours of time spent providing direct service;

274.14 (3) for unit-based services with programming under subdivision 8:

274.15 (i) for supported living services, a unit of service is a day or 15 minutes. When a day  
274.16 rate is authorized, any portion of a calendar day where an individual receives services is  
274.17 billable as a day; and

274.18 (ii) for all other services, a unit of service is 15 minutes; and

274.19 (4) for unit-based services without programming under subdivision 9, a unit of service  
274.20 is 15 minutes.

274.21 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

274.22 Subd. 4. **Data collection for rate determination.** (a) Rates for applicable home and  
274.23 community-based waived services, including rate exceptions under subdivision 12, are  
274.24 set by the rates management system.

274.25 ~~(b) Data for services under section 256B.4913, subdivision 4a, shall be collected in a~~  
274.26 ~~manner prescribed by the commissioner.~~

274.27 ~~(e)~~ (b) Data and information in the rates management system may be used to calculate  
274.28 an individual's rate.

274.29 ~~(d)~~ (c) Service providers, with information from the community support plan and  
274.30 oversight by lead agencies, shall provide values and information needed to calculate an

275.1 individual's rate into the rates management system. The determination of service levels must  
275.2 be part of a discussion with members of the support team as defined in section 245D.02,  
275.3 subdivision 34. This discussion must occur prior to the final establishment of each individual's  
275.4 rate. The values and information include:

275.5 (1) shared staffing hours;

275.6 (2) individual staffing hours;

275.7 (3) direct registered nurse hours;

275.8 (4) direct licensed practical nurse hours;

275.9 (5) staffing ratios;

275.10 (6) information to document variable levels of service qualification for variable levels  
275.11 of reimbursement in each framework;

275.12 (7) shared or individualized arrangements for unit-based services, including the staffing  
275.13 ratio;

275.14 (8) number of trips and miles for transportation services; and

275.15 (9) service hours provided through monitoring technology.

275.16 ~~(e)~~ (d) Updates to individual data must include:

275.17 (1) data for each individual that is updated annually when renewing service plans; and

275.18 (2) requests by individuals or lead agencies to update a rate whenever there is a change  
275.19 in an individual's service needs, with accompanying documentation.

275.20 ~~(f)~~ (e) Lead agencies shall review and approve all services reflecting each individual's  
275.21 needs, and the values to calculate the final payment rate for services with variables under  
275.22 subdivisions 6, 7, 8, and 9 for each individual. Lead agencies must notify the individual and  
275.23 the service provider of the final agreed-upon values and rate, and provide information that  
275.24 is identical to what was entered into the rates management system. If a value used was  
275.25 mistakenly or erroneously entered and used to calculate a rate, a provider may petition lead  
275.26 agencies to correct it. Lead agencies must respond to these requests. When responding to  
275.27 the request, the lead agency must consider:

275.28 (1) meeting the health and welfare needs of the individual or individuals receiving  
275.29 services by service site, identified in their coordinated service and support plan under section  
275.30 245D.02, subdivision 4b, and any addendum under section 245D.02, subdivision 4c;

276.1 (2) meeting the requirements for staffing under subdivision 2, paragraphs ~~(h)~~ (h), ~~(i)~~ (n),  
276.2 and ~~(m)~~ (o); and meeting or exceeding the licensing standards for staffing required under  
276.3 section 245D.09, subdivision 1; and

276.4 (3) meeting the staffing ratio requirements under subdivision 2, paragraph ~~(n)~~ (o), and  
276.5 meeting or exceeding the licensing standards for staffing required under section 245D.31.

276.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

276.7 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

276.8 Subd. 5. **Base wage index and standard component values.** (a) The base wage index  
276.9 is established to determine staffing costs associated with providing services to individuals  
276.10 receiving home and community-based services. For purposes of developing and calculating  
276.11 the proposed base wage, Minnesota-specific wages taken from job descriptions and standard  
276.12 occupational classification (SOC) codes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics as defined in  
276.13 the most recent edition of the Occupational Handbook must be used. The base wage index  
276.14 must be calculated as follows:

276.15 (1) for residential direct care staff, the sum of:

276.16 (i) 15 percent of the subtotal of 50 percent of the median wage for personal and home  
276.17 health aide (SOC code 39-9021); 30 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant (SOC  
276.18 code 31-1014); and 20 percent of the median wage for social and human services aide (SOC  
276.19 code 21-1093); and

276.20 (ii) 85 percent of the subtotal of 20 percent of the median wage for home health aide  
276.21 (SOC code 31-1011); 20 percent of the median wage for personal and home health aide  
276.22 (SOC code 39-9021); 20 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant (SOC code  
276.23 31-1014); 20 percent of the median wage for psychiatric technician (SOC code 29-2053);  
276.24 and 20 percent of the median wage for social and human services aide (SOC code 21-1093);

276.25 (2) for day services, 20 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant (SOC code  
276.26 31-1014); 20 percent of the median wage for psychiatric technician (SOC code 29-2053);  
276.27 and 60 percent of the median wage for social and human services aide (SOC code 21-1093);

276.28 (3) for residential asleep-overnight staff, the wage is the minimum wage in Minnesota  
276.29 for large employers, except in a family foster care setting, the wage is 36 percent of the  
276.30 minimum wage in Minnesota for large employers;

276.31 (4) for behavior program analyst staff, 100 percent of the median wage for mental health  
276.32 counselors (SOC code 21-1014);



277.1 (5) for behavior program professional staff, 100 percent of the median wage for clinical  
277.2 counseling and school psychologist (SOC code 19-3031);

277.3 (6) for behavior program specialist staff, 100 percent of the median wage for psychiatric  
277.4 technicians (SOC code 29-2053);

277.5 (7) for supportive living services staff, 20 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant  
277.6 (SOC code 31-1014); 20 percent of the median wage for psychiatric technician (SOC code  
277.7 29-2053); and 60 percent of the median wage for social and human services aide (SOC code  
277.8 21-1093);

277.9 (8) for housing access coordination staff, 100 percent of the median wage for community  
277.10 and social services specialist (SOC code 21-1099);

277.11 (9) for in-home family support staff, 20 percent of the median wage for nursing aide  
277.12 (SOC code 31-1012); 30 percent of the median wage for community social service specialist  
277.13 (SOC code 21-1099); 40 percent of the median wage for social and human services aide  
277.14 (SOC code 21-1093); and ten percent of the median wage for psychiatric technician (SOC  
277.15 code 29-2053);

277.16 (10) for individualized home supports services staff, 40 percent of the median wage for  
277.17 community social service specialist (SOC code 21-1099); 50 percent of the median wage  
277.18 for social and human services aide (SOC code 21-1093); and ten percent of the median  
277.19 wage for psychiatric technician (SOC code 29-2053);

277.20 (11) for independent living skills staff, 40 percent of the median wage for community  
277.21 social service specialist (SOC code 21-1099); 50 percent of the median wage for social and  
277.22 human services aide (SOC code 21-1093); and ten percent of the median wage for psychiatric  
277.23 technician (SOC code 29-2053);

277.24 (12) for independent living skills specialist staff, 100 percent of mental health and  
277.25 substance abuse social worker (SOC code 21-1023);

277.26 (13) for supported employment staff, 20 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant  
277.27 (SOC code 31-1014); 20 percent of the median wage for psychiatric technician (SOC code  
277.28 29-2053); and 60 percent of the median wage for social and human services aide (SOC code  
277.29 21-1093);

277.30 (14) for employment support services staff, 50 percent of the median wage for  
277.31 rehabilitation counselor (SOC code 21-1015); and 50 percent of the median wage for  
277.32 community and social services specialist (SOC code 21-1099);

278.1 (15) for employment exploration services staff, 50 percent of the median wage for  
278.2 rehabilitation counselor (SOC code 21-1015); and 50 percent of the median wage for  
278.3 community and social services specialist (SOC code 21-1099);

278.4 (16) for employment development services staff, 50 percent of the median wage for  
278.5 education, guidance, school, and vocational counselors (SOC code 21-1012); and 50 percent  
278.6 of the median wage for community and social services specialist (SOC code 21-1099);

278.7 (17) for adult companion staff, 50 percent of the median wage for personal and home  
278.8 care aide (SOC code 39-9021); and 50 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant  
278.9 (SOC code 31-1014);

278.10 (18) for night supervision staff, 20 percent of the median wage for home health aide  
278.11 (SOC code 31-1011); 20 percent of the median wage for personal and home health aide  
278.12 (SOC code 39-9021); 20 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant (SOC code  
278.13 31-1014); 20 percent of the median wage for psychiatric technician (SOC code 29-2053);  
278.14 and 20 percent of the median wage for social and human services aide (SOC code 21-1093);

278.15 (19) for respite staff, 50 percent of the median wage for personal and home care aide  
278.16 (SOC code 39-9021); and 50 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant (SOC code  
278.17 31-1014);

278.18 (20) for personal support staff, 50 percent of the median wage for personal and home  
278.19 care aide (SOC code 39-9021); and 50 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant  
278.20 (SOC code 31-1014);

278.21 (21) for supervisory staff, 100 percent of the median wage for community and social  
278.22 services specialist (SOC code 21-1099), with the exception of the supervisor of behavior  
278.23 professional, behavior analyst, and behavior specialists, which is 100 percent of the median  
278.24 wage for clinical counseling and school psychologist (SOC code 19-3031);

278.25 (22) for registered nurse staff, 100 percent of the median wage for registered nurses  
278.26 (SOC code 29-1141); and

278.27 (23) for licensed practical nurse staff, 100 percent of the median wage for licensed  
278.28 practical nurses (SOC code 29-2061).

278.29 (b) Component values for residential support services are:

278.30 (1) competitive workforce factor: 4.7 percent;

278.31 ~~(1)~~ (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;

278.32 ~~(2)~~ (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;

- 279.1 ~~(3)~~ (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;
- 279.2 ~~(4)~~ (5) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;
- 279.3 ~~(5)~~ (6) program-related expense ratio: 1.3 percent; and
- 279.4 ~~(6)~~ (7) absence and utilization factor ratio: 3.9 percent.
- 279.5 (c) Component values for family foster care are:
- 279.6 (1) competitive workforce factor: 4.7 percent;
- 279.7 ~~(1)~~ (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;
- 279.8 ~~(2)~~ (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;
- 279.9 ~~(3)~~ (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;
- 279.10 ~~(4)~~ (5) general administrative support ratio: 3.3 percent;
- 279.11 ~~(5)~~ (6) program-related expense ratio: 1.3 percent; and
- 279.12 ~~(6)~~ (7) absence factor: 1.7 percent.
- 279.13 (d) Component values for day services for all services are:
- 279.14 (1) competitive workforce factor: 4.7 percent;
- 279.15 ~~(1)~~ (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;
- 279.16 ~~(2)~~ (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;
- 279.17 ~~(3)~~ (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;
- 279.18 ~~(4)~~ (5) program plan support ratio: 5.6 percent;
- 279.19 ~~(5)~~ (6) client programming and support ratio: ten percent;
- 279.20 ~~(6)~~ (7) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;
- 279.21 ~~(7)~~ (8) program-related expense ratio: 1.8 percent; and
- 279.22 ~~(8)~~ (9) absence and utilization factor ratio: 9.4 percent.
- 279.23 (e) Component values for unit-based services with programming are:
- 279.24 (1) competitive workforce factor: 4.7 percent;
- 279.25 ~~(1)~~ (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;
- 279.26 ~~(2)~~ (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;
- 279.27 ~~(3)~~ (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;

- 280.1 ~~(4)~~ (5) program plan supports ratio: 15.5 percent;
- 280.2 ~~(5)~~ (6) client programming and supports ratio: 4.7 percent;
- 280.3 ~~(6)~~ (7) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;
- 280.4 ~~(7)~~ (8) program-related expense ratio: 6.1 percent; and
- 280.5 ~~(8)~~ (9) absence and utilization factor ratio: 3.9 percent.
- 280.6 (f) Component values for unit-based services without programming except respite are:
- 280.7 (1) competitive workforce factor: 4.7 percent;
- 280.8 ~~(1)~~ (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;
- 280.9 ~~(2)~~ (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;
- 280.10 ~~(3)~~ (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;
- 280.11 ~~(4)~~ (5) program plan support ratio: 7.0 percent;
- 280.12 ~~(5)~~ (6) client programming and support ratio: 2.3 percent;
- 280.13 ~~(6)~~ (7) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;
- 280.14 ~~(7)~~ (8) program-related expense ratio: 2.9 percent; and
- 280.15 ~~(8)~~ (9) absence and utilization factor ratio: 3.9 percent.
- 280.16 (g) Component values for unit-based services without programming for respite are:
- 280.17 (1) competitive workforce factor: 4.7 percent;
- 280.18 ~~(1)~~ (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;
- 280.19 ~~(2)~~ (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;
- 280.20 ~~(3)~~ (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;
- 280.21 ~~(4)~~ (5) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;
- 280.22 ~~(5)~~ (6) program-related expense ratio: 2.9 percent; and
- 280.23 ~~(6)~~ (7) absence and utilization factor ratio: 3.9 percent.
- 280.24 (h) ~~On July 1, 2017, the commissioner shall update the base wage index in paragraph~~
- 280.25 ~~(a) based on the wage data by standard occupational code (SOC) from the Bureau of Labor~~
- 280.26 ~~Statistics available on December 31, 2016. The commissioner shall publish these updated~~
- 280.27 ~~values and load them into the rate management system. On July 1, 2022, and every five two~~
- 280.28 ~~years thereafter, the commissioner shall update the base wage index in paragraph (a) based~~

281.1 on the most recently available wage data by SOC from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The  
281.2 commissioner shall publish these updated values and load them into the rate management  
281.3 system.

281.4 (i) On July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2024, the commissioner shall increase paragraph (b),  
281.5 clause (1); paragraph (c), clause (1); paragraph (d), clause (1); paragraph (e), clause (1);  
281.6 paragraph (f), clause (1); and paragraph (g), clause (1), by two percentage points.

281.7 (j) Beginning January 1, 2026, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking  
281.8 minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over health  
281.9 and human services policy and finance an analysis of the competitive workforce factor. The  
281.10 report must include recommendations to update the competitive workforce factor using:

281.11 (1) the most recently available wage data by SOC code for the weighted average wage  
281.12 for direct care staff for residential services and direct care staff for day services;

281.13 (2) the most recently available wage data by SOC code of the weighted average wage  
281.14 of comparable occupations; and

281.15 (3) workforce data as required under subdivision 10a, paragraph (g).

281.16 The commissioner shall not recommend an increase or decrease of the competitive workforce  
281.17 factor from the current value by more than two percentage points. If, after a biennial analysis  
281.18 for the next report, the competitive workforce factor is less than or equal to zero, the  
281.19 commissioner shall recommend a competitive workforce factor of zero.

281.20 ~~(i) On July 1, 2017, the commissioner shall update the framework components in~~  
281.21 ~~paragraph (d), clause (5); paragraph (e), clause (5); and paragraph (f), clause (5); subdivision~~  
281.22 ~~6, clauses (8) and (9); and subdivision 7, clauses (10), (16), and (17), for changes in the~~  
281.23 ~~Consumer Price Index. The commissioner will adjust these values higher or lower by the~~  
281.24 ~~percentage change in the Consumer Price Index-All Items, United States city average~~  
281.25 ~~(CPI-U) from January 1, 2014, to January 1, 2017. The commissioner shall publish these~~  
281.26 ~~updated values and load them into the rate management system. (k) On July 1, 2022, and~~  
281.27 ~~every five two years thereafter, the commissioner shall update the framework components~~  
281.28 ~~in paragraph (d), clause (5); paragraph (e), clause (5); and paragraph (f), clause (5);~~  
281.29 ~~subdivision 6, clauses (8) and (9); and subdivision 7, clauses (10), (16), and (17), for changes~~  
281.30 ~~in the Consumer Price Index. The commissioner shall adjust these values higher or lower~~  
281.31 ~~by the percentage change in the CPI-U from the date of the previous update to the date of~~  
281.32 ~~the data most recently available prior to the scheduled update. The commissioner shall~~  
281.33 ~~publish these updated values and load them into the rate management system.~~

282.1 (l) Upon the implementation of the updates under paragraphs (h) and (k), rate adjustments  
282.2 authorized under section 256B.439, subdivision 7; Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 7, section  
282.3 60; and Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 27, section 75, shall be removed from service rates  
282.4 calculated under this section.

282.5 (m) Any rate adjustments applied to the service rates calculated under this section outside  
282.6 of the cost components and rate methodology specified in this section shall be removed  
282.7 from rate calculations upon implementation of the updates under paragraphs (h) and (k).

282.8 (n) In this subdivision, if Bureau of Labor Statistics occupational codes or Consumer  
282.9 Price Index items are unavailable in the future, the commissioner shall recommend to the  
282.10 legislature codes or items to update and replace missing component values.

282.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval,  
282.12 except:

282.13 (1) paragraphs (h) and (k) are effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval, whichever  
282.14 is later; and

282.15 (2) paragraph (l) is effective retroactively from July 1, 2018.

282.16 The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
282.17 is obtained or denied.

282.18 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, is amended by adding a subdivision  
282.19 to read:

282.20 Subd. 5a. **Direct care staff; compensation.** (a) A provider paid with rates determined  
282.21 under subdivision 6 must use a minimum of 66 percent of the revenue generated by rates  
282.22 determined under subdivision 6 for direct care staff compensation.

282.23 (b) A provider paid with rates determined under subdivision 7 must use a minimum of  
282.24 45 percent of the revenue generated by rates determined under subdivision 7 for direct care  
282.25 staff compensation.

282.26 (c) A provider paid with rates determined under subdivision 8 or 9 must use a minimum  
282.27 of 55 percent of the revenue generated by rates determined under subdivisions 8 and 9 for  
282.28 direct care staff compensation.

282.29 (d) Applicable compensation under this subdivision includes:

282.30 (1) wages;

282.31 (2) Social Security and Medicare taxes;

- 283.1 (3) federal unemployment insurance tax;
- 283.2 (4) state unemployment insurance tax;
- 283.3 (5) workers' compensation insurance;
- 283.4 (6) health insurance;
- 283.5 (7) dental insurance;
- 283.6 (8) vision insurance;
- 283.7 (9) life insurance;
- 283.8 (10) short-term disability insurance;
- 283.9 (11) long-term disability insurance;
- 283.10 (12) retirement spending;
- 283.11 (13) tuition reimbursement;
- 283.12 (14) wellness programs;
- 283.13 (15) paid vacation time;
- 283.14 (16) paid sick time; or
- 283.15 (17) other items of monetary value provided to direct care staff.
- 283.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

283.17 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

283.18 Subd. 6. **Payments for residential support services.** (a) Payments for residential support  
283.19 services, as defined in sections 256B.092, subdivision 11, and 256B.49, subdivision 22,  
283.20 must be calculated as follows:

283.21 (1) determine the number of shared staffing and individual direct staff hours to meet a  
283.22 recipient's needs provided on site or through monitoring technology;

283.23 (2) personnel hourly wage rate must be based on the 2009 Bureau of Labor Statistics  
283.24 Minnesota-specific rates or rates derived by the commissioner as provided in subdivision  
283.25 ~~5. This is defined as the direct-care rate;~~

283.26 (3) except for subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (21) to (23), multiply the  
283.27 result of clause (2) by the product of one plus the competitive workforce factor in subdivision  
283.28 5, paragraph (b), clause (1);

284.1 ~~(3)~~ (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
284.2 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
284.3 to the result of clause ~~(2)~~ (3). ~~This is defined as the customized direct-care rate;~~

284.4 ~~(4)~~ (5) multiply the number of shared and individual direct staff hours provided on site  
284.5 or through monitoring technology and nursing hours by the appropriate staff wages ~~in~~  
284.6 ~~subdivision 5, paragraph (a), or the customized direct-care rate;~~

284.7 ~~(5)~~ (6) multiply the number of shared and individual direct staff hours provided on site  
284.8 or through monitoring technology and nursing hours by the product of the supervision span  
284.9 of control ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause ~~(1)~~ (2), and the appropriate supervision  
284.10 wage in subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (21);

284.11 ~~(6)~~ (7) combine the results of clauses ~~(4)~~ ~~and~~ (5) ~~and~~ (6), excluding any shared and  
284.12 individual direct staff hours provided through monitoring technology, and multiply the  
284.13 result by one plus the employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio in subdivision  
284.14 5, paragraph (b), clause ~~(2)~~ (3). This is defined as the direct staffing cost;

284.15 ~~(7)~~ (8) for employee-related expenses, multiply the direct staffing cost, excluding any  
284.16 shared and individual direct staff hours provided through monitoring technology, by one  
284.17 plus the employee-related cost ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause ~~(3)~~ (4);

284.18 ~~(8)~~ (9) for client programming and supports, the commissioner shall add \$2,179; and

284.19 ~~(9)~~ (10) for transportation, if provided, the commissioner shall add \$1,680, or \$3,000 if  
284.20 customized for adapted transport, based on the resident with the highest assessed need.

284.21 (b) The total rate must be calculated using the following steps:

284.22 (1) subtotal paragraph (a), clauses ~~(7)~~ ~~to~~ ~~(9)~~ (8) to (10), and the direct staffing cost of  
284.23 any shared and individual direct staff hours provided through monitoring technology that  
284.24 was excluded in clause ~~(7)~~ (8);

284.25 (2) sum the standard general and administrative rate, the program-related expense ratio,  
284.26 and the absence and utilization ratio;

284.27 (3) divide the result of clause (1) by one minus the result of clause (2). This is the total  
284.28 payment amount; and

284.29 (4) adjust the result of clause (3) by a factor to be determined by the commissioner to  
284.30 adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

284.31 (c) The payment methodology for customized living, 24-hour customized living, and  
284.32 residential care services must be the customized living tool. Revisions to the customized



285.1 living tool must be made to reflect the services and activities unique to disability-related  
285.2 recipient needs.

285.3 ~~(d) For individuals enrolled prior to January 1, 2014, the days of service authorized must~~  
285.4 ~~meet or exceed the days of service used to convert service agreements in effect on December~~  
285.5 ~~1, 2013, and must not result in a reduction in spending or service utilization due to conversion~~  
285.6 ~~during the implementation period under section 256B.4913, subdivision 4a. If during the~~  
285.7 ~~implementation period, an individual's historical rate, including adjustments required under~~  
285.8 ~~section 256B.4913, subdivision 4a, paragraph (c), is equal to or greater than the rate~~  
285.9 ~~determined in this subdivision, the number of days authorized for the individual is 365.~~

285.10 ~~(e)~~ (d) The number of days authorized for all individuals enrolling after January 1, 2014,  
285.11 in residential services must include every day that services start and end.

285.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval,  
285.13 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
285.14 when federal approval is obtained.

285.15 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

285.16 Subd. 7. **Payments for day programs.** Payments for services with day programs  
285.17 including adult day care services, day treatment and habilitation, day support services,  
285.18 prevocational services, and structured day services must be calculated as follows:

285.19 (1) determine the number of units of service and staffing ratio to meet a recipient's needs:

285.20 (i) the staffing ratios for the units of service provided to a recipient in a typical week  
285.21 must be averaged to determine an individual's staffing ratio; and

285.22 (ii) the commissioner, in consultation with service providers, shall develop a uniform  
285.23 staffing ratio worksheet to be used to determine staffing ratios under this subdivision;

285.24 (2) personnel hourly wage rates must be based on the 2009 Bureau of Labor Statistics  
285.25 Minnesota-specific rates or rates derived by the commissioner as provided in subdivision  
285.26 5;

285.27 (3) except for subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (21) to (23), multiply the  
285.28 result of clause (2) by the product of one plus the competitive workforce factor in subdivision  
285.29 5, paragraph (d), clause (1);

285.30 ~~(3)~~ (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
285.31 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
285.32 to the result of clause ~~(2)~~ (3). ~~This is defined as the customized direct care rate;~~

286.1 ~~(4)~~(5) multiply the number of day program direct staff hours and nursing hours by the  
286.2 appropriate staff wage ~~in subdivision 5, paragraph (a), or the customized direct care rate;~~

286.3 ~~(5)~~(6) multiply the number of day direct staff hours by the product of the supervision  
286.4 span of control ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (d), clause ~~(1)~~(2), and the appropriate  
286.5 supervision wage in subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (21);

286.6 ~~(6)~~(7) combine the results of clauses ~~(4)~~ and (5) and (6), and multiply the result by one  
286.7 plus the employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph  
286.8 (d), clause ~~(2)~~(3). This is defined as the direct staffing rate;

286.9 ~~(7)~~(8) for program plan support, multiply the result of clause ~~(6)~~(7) by one plus the  
286.10 program plan support ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (d), clause ~~(4)~~(5);

286.11 ~~(8)~~(9) for employee-related expenses, multiply the result of clause ~~(7)~~(8) by one plus  
286.12 the employee-related cost ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (d), clause ~~(3)~~(4);

286.13 ~~(9)~~(10) for client programming and supports, multiply the result of clause ~~(8)~~(9) by  
286.14 one plus the client programming and support ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (d), clause  
286.15 ~~(5)~~(6);

286.16 ~~(10)~~(11) for program facility costs, add \$19.30 per week with consideration of staffing  
286.17 ratios to meet individual needs;

286.18 ~~(11)~~(12) for adult day bath services, add \$7.01 per 15 minute unit;

286.19 ~~(12)~~(13) this is the subtotal rate;

286.20 ~~(13)~~(14) sum the standard general and administrative rate, the program-related expense  
286.21 ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

286.22 ~~(14)~~(15) divide the result of clause ~~(12)~~(13) by one minus the result of clause ~~(13)~~(14).  
286.23 This is the total payment amount;

286.24 ~~(15)~~(16) adjust the result of clause ~~(14)~~(15) by a factor to be determined by the  
286.25 commissioner to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services;

286.26 ~~(16)~~(17) for transportation provided as part of day training and habilitation for an  
286.27 individual who does not require a lift, add:

286.28 (i) \$10.50 for a trip between zero and ten miles for a nonshared ride in a vehicle without  
286.29 a lift, \$8.83 for a shared ride in a vehicle without a lift, and \$9.25 for a shared ride in a  
286.30 vehicle with a lift;

287.1 (ii) \$15.75 for a trip between 11 and 20 miles for a nonshared ride in a vehicle without  
287.2 a lift, \$10.58 for a shared ride in a vehicle without a lift, and \$11.88 for a shared ride in a  
287.3 vehicle with a lift;

287.4 (iii) \$25.75 for a trip between 21 and 50 miles for a nonshared ride in a vehicle without  
287.5 a lift, \$13.92 for a shared ride in a vehicle without a lift, and \$16.88 for a shared ride in a  
287.6 vehicle with a lift; or

287.7 (iv) \$33.50 for a trip of 51 miles or more for a nonshared ride in a vehicle without a lift,  
287.8 \$16.50 for a shared ride in a vehicle without a lift, and \$20.75 for a shared ride in a vehicle  
287.9 with a lift;

287.10 ~~(17)~~ (18) for transportation provided as part of day training and habilitation for an  
287.11 individual who does require a lift, add:

287.12 (i) \$19.05 for a trip between zero and ten miles for a nonshared ride in a vehicle with a  
287.13 lift, and \$15.05 for a shared ride in a vehicle with a lift;

287.14 (ii) \$32.16 for a trip between 11 and 20 miles for a nonshared ride in a vehicle with a  
287.15 lift, and \$28.16 for a shared ride in a vehicle with a lift;

287.16 (iii) \$58.76 for a trip between 21 and 50 miles for a nonshared ride in a vehicle with a  
287.17 lift, and \$58.76 for a shared ride in a vehicle with a lift; or

287.18 (iv) \$80.93 for a trip of 51 miles or more for a nonshared ride in a vehicle with a lift,  
287.19 and \$80.93 for a shared ride in a vehicle with a lift.

287.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval,  
287.21 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
287.22 when federal approval is obtained.

287.23 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

287.24 Subd. 8. **Payments for unit-based services with programming.** Payments for unit-based  
287.25 services with programming, including ~~behavior programming~~ employment exploration  
287.26 services, employment development services, housing access coordination, individualized  
287.27 home supports with family training, individualized home supports with training, in-home  
287.28 family support, independent living skills training, independent living skills specialist services,  
287.29 individualized home supports, hourly supported living services, employment exploration  
287.30 services, employment development services, supported employment, and employment  
287.31 support and hourly supported living services provided to an individual outside of any day

288.1 or residential service plan must be calculated as follows, unless the services are authorized  
288.2 separately under subdivision 6 or 7:

288.3 (1) determine the number of units of service to meet a recipient's needs;

288.4 (2) personnel hourly wage rate must be based on the 2009 Bureau of Labor Statistics  
288.5 Minnesota-specific rates or rates derived by the commissioner as provided in subdivision  
288.6 5;

288.7 (3) except for subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (21) to (23), multiply the  
288.8 result of clause (2) by the product of one plus the competitive workforce factor in subdivision  
288.9 5, paragraph (e), clause (1);

288.10 ~~(3)~~ (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
288.11 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
288.12 to the result of clause ~~(2)~~ (3). ~~This is defined as the customized direct-care rate;~~

288.13 ~~(4)~~ (5) multiply the number of direct staff hours by the appropriate staff wage ~~in~~  
288.14 ~~subdivision 5, paragraph (a), or the customized direct-care rate;~~

288.15 ~~(5)~~ (6) multiply the number of direct staff hours by the product of the supervision span  
288.16 of control ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (e), clause ~~(1)~~ (2), and the appropriate supervision  
288.17 wage in subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (21);

288.18 ~~(6)~~ (7) combine the results of clauses ~~(4)~~ and (5) ~~and (6)~~, and multiply the result by one  
288.19 plus the employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph  
288.20 (e), clause ~~(2)~~ (3). This is defined as the direct staffing rate;

288.21 ~~(7)~~ (8) for program plan support, multiply the result of clause ~~(6)~~ (7) by one plus the  
288.22 program plan supports ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (e), clause ~~(4)~~ (5);

288.23 ~~(8)~~ (9) for employee-related expenses, multiply the result of clause ~~(7)~~ (8) by one plus  
288.24 the employee-related cost ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (e), clause ~~(3)~~ (4);

288.25 ~~(9)~~ (10) for client programming and supports, multiply the result of clause ~~(8)~~ (9) by  
288.26 one plus the client programming and supports ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (e), clause  
288.27 ~~(5)~~ (6);

288.28 ~~(10)~~ (11) this is the subtotal rate;

288.29 ~~(11)~~ (12) sum the standard general and administrative rate, the program-related expense  
288.30 ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

288.31 ~~(12)~~ (13) divide the result of clause ~~(10)~~ (11) by one minus the result of clause ~~(11)~~ (12).  
288.32 This is the total payment amount;

289.1 ~~(13)~~(14) for supported employment provided in a shared manner, divide the total payment  
289.2 amount in clause ~~(12)~~(13) by the number of service recipients, not to exceed three. For  
289.3 employment support services provided in a shared manner, divide the total payment amount  
289.4 in clause ~~(12)~~(13) by the number of service recipients, not to exceed six. For independent  
289.5 living skills training and individualized home supports provided in a shared manner, divide  
289.6 the total payment amount in clause ~~(12)~~(13) by the number of service recipients, not to  
289.7 exceed two; and

289.8 ~~(14)~~(15) adjust the result of clause ~~(13)~~(14) by a factor to be determined by the  
289.9 commissioner to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

289.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval,  
289.11 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
289.12 when federal approval is obtained.

289.13 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

289.14 **Subd. 9. Payments for unit-based services without programming.** Payments for  
289.15 unit-based services without programming, including night supervision, personal support,  
289.16 respite, and companion care provided to an individual outside of any day or residential  
289.17 service plan must be calculated as follows unless the services are authorized separately  
289.18 under subdivision 6 or 7:

289.19 (1) for all services except respite, determine the number of units of service to meet a  
289.20 recipient's needs;

289.21 (2) personnel hourly wage rates must be based on the 2009 Bureau of Labor Statistics  
289.22 Minnesota-specific rate or rates derived by the commissioner as provided in subdivision 5;

289.23 (3) except for subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (21) to (23), multiply the  
289.24 result of clause (2) by the product of one plus the competitive workforce factor in subdivision  
289.25 5, paragraph (f), clause (1);

289.26 ~~(3)~~(4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
289.27 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
289.28 to the result of clause ~~(2)~~(3). ~~This is defined as the customized direct care rate;~~

289.29 ~~(4)~~(5) multiply the number of direct staff hours by the appropriate staff wage ~~in~~  
289.30 ~~subdivision 5 or the customized direct care rate;~~

290.1 ~~(5)~~ (6) multiply the number of direct staff hours by the product of the supervision span  
290.2 of control ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (f), clause ~~(1)~~ (2), and the appropriate supervision  
290.3 wage in subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (21);

290.4 ~~(6)~~ (7) combine the results of clauses ~~(4)~~ and (5) and (6), and multiply the result by one  
290.5 plus the employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph  
290.6 (f), clause ~~(2)~~ (3). This is defined as the direct staffing rate;

290.7 ~~(7)~~ (8) for program plan support, multiply the result of clause ~~(6)~~ (7) by one plus the  
290.8 program plan support ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (f), clause ~~(4)~~ (5);

290.9 ~~(8)~~ (9) for employee-related expenses, multiply the result of clause ~~(7)~~ (8) by one plus  
290.10 the employee-related cost ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (f), clause ~~(3)~~ (4);

290.11 ~~(9)~~ (10) for client programming and supports, multiply the result of clause ~~(8)~~ (9) by  
290.12 one plus the client programming and support ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (f), clause  
290.13 ~~(5)~~ (6);

290.14 ~~(10)~~ (11) this is the subtotal rate;

290.15 ~~(11)~~ (12) sum the standard general and administrative rate, the program-related expense  
290.16 ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

290.17 ~~(12)~~ (13) divide the result of clause ~~(10)~~ (11) by one minus the result of clause ~~(11)~~ (12).  
290.18 This is the total payment amount;

290.19 ~~(13)~~ (14) for respite services, determine the number of day units of service to meet an  
290.20 individual's needs;

290.21 ~~(14)~~ (15) personnel hourly wage rates must be based on the 2009 Bureau of Labor  
290.22 Statistics Minnesota-specific rate or rates derived by the commissioner as provided in  
290.23 subdivision 5;

290.24 (16) except for subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (21) to (23), multiply the  
290.25 result of clause (15) by the product of one plus the competitive workforce factor in  
290.26 subdivision 5, paragraph (g), clause (1);

290.27 ~~(15)~~ (17) for a recipient requiring deaf and hard-of-hearing customization under  
290.28 subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12 to the result of clause  
290.29 ~~(14)~~ (16). ~~This is defined as the customized direct care rate;~~

290.30 ~~(16)~~ (18) multiply the number of direct staff hours by the appropriate staff wage in  
290.31 ~~subdivision 5, paragraph (a);~~

291.1 ~~(17)~~ (19) multiply the number of direct staff hours by the product of the supervisory  
 291.2 span of control ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (g), clause ~~(1)~~ (2), and the appropriate  
 291.3 supervision wage in subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (21);

291.4 ~~(18)~~ (20) combine the results of clauses ~~(16)~~ (18) and ~~(17)~~ (19), and multiply the result  
 291.5 by one plus the employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio in subdivision 5,  
 291.6 paragraph (g), clause ~~(2)~~ (3). This is defined as the direct staffing rate;

291.7 ~~(19)~~ (21) for employee-related expenses, multiply the result of clause ~~(18)~~ (20) by one  
 291.8 plus the employee-related cost ratio in subdivision 5, paragraph (g), clause ~~(3)~~ (4);

291.9 ~~(20)~~ (22) this is the subtotal rate;

291.10 ~~(21)~~ (23) sum the standard general and administrative rate, the program-related expense  
 291.11 ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

291.12 ~~(22)~~ (24) divide the result of clause ~~(20)~~ (22) by one minus the result of clause ~~(21)~~ (23).  
 291.13 This is the total payment amount; and

291.14 ~~(23)~~ (25) adjust the result of clauses ~~(12)~~ (13) and ~~(22)~~ (24) by a factor to be determined  
 291.15 by the commissioner to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

291.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval,  
 291.17 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
 291.18 when federal approval is obtained.

291.19 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

291.20 Subd. 10. **Updating payment values and additional information.** ~~(a) From January~~  
 291.21 ~~1, 2014, through December 31, 2017, the commissioner shall develop and implement uniform~~  
 291.22 ~~procedures to refine terms and adjust values used to calculate payment rates in this section.~~

291.23 ~~(b)~~ (a) No later than July 1, 2014, the commissioner shall, within available resources,  
 291.24 begin to conduct research and gather data and information from existing state systems or  
 291.25 other outside sources on the following items:

291.26 (1) differences in the underlying cost to provide services and care across the state; and

291.27 (2) mileage, vehicle type, lift requirements, incidents of individual and shared rides, and  
 291.28 units of transportation for all day services, which must be collected from providers using  
 291.29 the rate management worksheet and entered into the rates management system; and

292.1 (3) the distinct underlying costs for services provided by a license holder under sections  
292.2 245D.05, 245D.06, 245D.07, 245D.071, 245D.081, and 245D.09, and for services provided  
292.3 by a license holder certified under section 245D.33.

292.4 ~~(c) Beginning January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2018, using a statistically valid~~  
292.5 ~~set of rates management system data, the commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders,~~  
292.6 ~~shall analyze for each service the average difference in the rate on December 31, 2013, and~~  
292.7 ~~the framework rate at the individual, provider, lead agency, and state levels. The~~  
292.8 ~~commissioner shall issue semiannual reports to the stakeholders on the difference in rates~~  
292.9 ~~by service and by county during the banding period under section 256B.4913, subdivision~~  
292.10 ~~4a. The commissioner shall issue the first report by October 1, 2014, and the final report~~  
292.11 ~~shall be issued by December 31, 2018.~~

292.12 ~~(d)~~ (b) No later than July 1, 2014, the commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders,  
292.13 shall begin the review and evaluation of the following values already in subdivisions 6 to  
292.14 9, or issues that impact all services, including, but not limited to:

292.15 (1) values for transportation rates;

292.16 (2) values for services where monitoring technology replaces staff time;

292.17 (3) values for indirect services;

292.18 (4) values for nursing;

292.19 (5) values for the facility use rate in day services, and the weightings used in the day  
292.20 service ratios and adjustments to those weightings;

292.21 (6) values for workers' compensation as part of employee-related expenses;

292.22 (7) values for unemployment insurance as part of employee-related expenses;

292.23 (8) direct care workforce labor market measures;

292.24 (9) any changes in state or federal law with a direct impact on the underlying cost of  
292.25 providing home and community-based services; and

292.26 ~~(9)~~ (10) outcome measures, determined by the commissioner, for home and  
292.27 community-based services rates determined under this section.

292.28 ~~(e)~~ (c) The commissioner shall report to the chairs and the ranking minority members  
292.29 of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over health and human services  
292.30 policy and finance with the information and data gathered under paragraphs ~~(b) to (d)~~ (a)  
292.31 and (b) on the following dates:



293.1 ~~(1) January 15, 2015, with preliminary results and data;~~

293.2 ~~(2) January 15, 2016, with a status implementation update, and additional data and~~  
293.3 ~~summary information;~~

293.4 ~~(3) January 15, 2017, with the full report; and~~

293.5 ~~(4) January 15, 2020 2021, with another a full report, and a full report once every four~~  
293.6 ~~years thereafter.~~

293.7 ~~(f) The commissioner shall implement a regional adjustment factor to all rate calculations~~  
293.8 ~~in subdivisions 6 to 9, effective no later than January 1, 2015. (d) Beginning July 1, 2017,~~  
293.9 ~~January 1, 2022, the commissioner shall renew analysis and implement changes to the~~  
293.10 ~~regional adjustment factors when adjustments required under subdivision 5, paragraph (h),~~  
293.11 ~~occur once every six years. Prior to implementation, the commissioner shall consult with~~  
293.12 ~~stakeholders on the methodology to calculate the adjustment.~~

293.13 ~~(g)~~ (e) The commissioner shall provide a public notice via LISTSERV in October of  
293.14 each year beginning October 1, 2014, containing information detailing legislatively approved  
293.15 changes in:

293.16 (1) calculation values including derived wage rates and related employee and  
293.17 administrative factors;

293.18 (2) service utilization;

293.19 (3) county and tribal allocation changes; and

293.20 (4) information on adjustments made to calculation values and the timing of those  
293.21 adjustments.

293.22 The information in this notice must be effective January 1 of the following year.

293.23 ~~(h)~~ (f) When the available shared staffing hours in a residential setting are insufficient  
293.24 to meet the needs of an individual who enrolled in residential services after January 1, 2014,  
293.25 ~~or insufficient to meet the needs of an individual with a service agreement adjustment~~  
293.26 ~~described in section 256B.4913, subdivision 4a, paragraph (f), then individual staffing hours~~  
293.27 ~~shall be used.~~

293.28 ~~(i) The commissioner shall study the underlying cost of absence and utilization for day~~  
293.29 ~~services. Based on the commissioner's evaluation of the data collected under this paragraph,~~  
293.30 ~~the commissioner shall make recommendations to the legislature by January 15, 2018, for~~  
293.31 ~~changes, if any, to the absence and utilization factor ratio component value for day services.~~

294.1 ~~(j) Beginning July 1, 2017,~~ (g) The commissioner shall collect transportation and trip  
294.2 information for all day services through the rates management system.

294.3 (h) The commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders, shall study value-based models  
294.4 and outcome-based payment strategies for fee-for-service home and community-based  
294.5 services and report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the disability waiver  
294.6 rate system by October 1, 2020, with recommended strategies to: (1) promote new models  
294.7 of care, services, and reimbursement structures that require more efficient use of public  
294.8 dollars while improving the outcomes most valued by the individuals served; (2) assist  
294.9 clients and their families in evaluating options and stretching individual budget funds; (3)  
294.10 support individualized, person-centered planning and individual budget choices; and (4)  
294.11 create a broader range of client options geographically or targeted at culturally competent  
294.12 models for racial and ethnic minority groups.

294.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment, except  
294.14 the amendment to paragraph (f) is effective January 1, 2020.

294.15 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 10a, is amended to  
294.16 read:

294.17 Subd. 10a. **Reporting and analysis of cost data.** (a) The commissioner must ensure  
294.18 that wage values and component values in subdivisions 5 to 9 reflect the cost to provide the  
294.19 service. As determined by the commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders identified  
294.20 in section 256B.4913, subdivision 5, a provider enrolled to provide services with rates  
294.21 determined under this section must submit requested cost data to the commissioner to support  
294.22 research on the cost of providing services that have rates determined by the disability waiver  
294.23 rates system. Requested cost data may include, but is not limited to:

294.24 (1) worker wage costs;

294.25 (2) benefits paid;

294.26 (3) supervisor wage costs;

294.27 (4) executive wage costs;

294.28 (5) vacation, sick, and training time paid;

294.29 (6) taxes, workers' compensation, and unemployment insurance costs paid;

294.30 (7) administrative costs paid;

294.31 (8) program costs paid;

295.1 (9) transportation costs paid;

295.2 (10) vacancy rates; and

295.3 (11) other data relating to costs required to provide services requested by the  
295.4 commissioner.

295.5 (b) At least once in any five-year period, a provider must submit cost data for a fiscal  
295.6 year that ended not more than 18 months prior to the submission date. The commissioner  
295.7 shall provide each provider a 90-day notice prior to its submission due date. If a provider  
295.8 fails to submit required reporting data, the commissioner shall provide notice to providers  
295.9 that have not provided required data 30 days after the required submission date, and a second  
295.10 notice for providers who have not provided required data 60 days after the required  
295.11 submission date. The commissioner shall temporarily suspend payments to the provider if  
295.12 cost data is not received 90 days after the required submission date. Withheld payments  
295.13 shall be made once data is received by the commissioner.

295.14 (c) The commissioner shall conduct a random validation of data submitted under  
295.15 paragraph (a) to ensure data accuracy. The commissioner shall analyze cost documentation  
295.16 in paragraph (a) and provide recommendations for adjustments to cost components.

295.17 (d) The commissioner shall analyze cost documentation in paragraph (a) and, in  
295.18 consultation with stakeholders identified in section 256B.4913, subdivision 5, may submit  
295.19 recommendations on component values and inflationary factor adjustments to the chairs  
295.20 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human  
295.21 services every four years beginning January 1, 2020. The commissioner shall make  
295.22 recommendations in conjunction with reports submitted to the legislature according to  
295.23 subdivision 10, paragraph (e). The commissioner shall release cost data in an aggregate  
295.24 form, and cost data from individual providers shall not be released except as provided for  
295.25 in current law.

295.26 (e) The commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders identified in section 256B.4913,  
295.27 subdivision 5, shall develop and implement a process for providing training and technical  
295.28 assistance necessary to support provider submission of cost documentation required under  
295.29 paragraph (a).

295.30 (f) Beginning November 1, 2019, providers enrolled to provide services with rates  
295.31 determined under this section shall submit labor market data to the commissioner annually,  
295.32 including but not limited to:

295.33 (1) number of direct care staff;

- 296.1 (2) wages of direct care staff;
- 296.2 (3) overtime wages of direct care staff;
- 296.3 (4) hours worked by direct care staff;
- 296.4 (5) overtime hours worked by direct care staff;
- 296.5 (6) benefits provided to direct care staff;
- 296.6 (7) direct care staff job vacancies; and
- 296.7 (8) direct care staff retention rates.
- 296.8 (g) Beginning February 1, 2020, the commissioner shall publish annual reports on
- 296.9 provider and state-level labor market data, including but not limited to the data obtained
- 296.10 under paragraph (f).
- 296.11 (h) The commissioner shall temporarily suspend payments to the provider if data
- 296.12 requested under paragraph (f) is not received 90 days after the required submission date.
- 296.13 The commissioner shall make withheld payments once data is received by the commissioner.
- 296.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 296.15 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 14, is amended to read:
- 296.16 Subd. 14. **Exceptions.** (a) In a format prescribed by the commissioner, lead agencies
- 296.17 must identify individuals with exceptional needs that cannot be met under the disability
- 296.18 waiver rate system. The commissioner shall use that information to evaluate and, if necessary,
- 296.19 approve an alternative payment rate for those individuals. Whether granted, denied, or
- 296.20 modified, the commissioner shall respond to all exception requests in writing. The
- 296.21 commissioner shall include in the written response the basis for the action and provide
- 296.22 notification of the right to appeal under paragraph (h).
- 296.23 (b) Lead agencies must act on an exception request within 30 days and notify the initiator
- 296.24 of the request of their recommendation in writing. A lead agency shall submit all exception
- 296.25 requests along with its recommendation to the commissioner.
- 296.26 (c) An application for a rate exception may be submitted for the following criteria:
- 296.27 (1) an individual has service needs that cannot be met through additional units of service;
- 296.28 (2) an individual's rate determined under subdivisions 6, 7, 8, and 9 is so insufficient
- 296.29 that it has resulted in an individual receiving a notice of discharge from the individual's
- 296.30 provider; or

297.1 (3) an individual's service needs, including behavioral changes, require a level of service  
297.2 which necessitates a change in provider or which requires the current provider to propose  
297.3 service changes beyond those currently authorized.

297.4 (d) Exception requests must include the following information:

297.5 (1) the service needs required by each individual that are not accounted for in subdivisions  
297.6 6, 7, 8, and 9;

297.7 (2) the service rate requested and the difference from the rate determined in subdivisions  
297.8 6, 7, 8, and 9;

297.9 (3) a basis for the underlying costs used for the rate exception and any accompanying  
297.10 documentation; and

297.11 (4) any contingencies for approval.

297.12 (e) Approved rate exceptions shall be managed within lead agency allocations under  
297.13 sections 256B.092 and 256B.49.

297.14 (f) Individual disability waiver recipients, an interested party, or the license holder that  
297.15 would receive the rate exception increase may request that a lead agency submit an exception  
297.16 request. A lead agency that denies such a request shall notify the individual waiver recipient,  
297.17 interested party, or license holder of its decision and the reasons for denying the request in  
297.18 writing no later than 30 days after the request has been made and shall submit its denial to  
297.19 the commissioner in accordance with paragraph (b). The reasons for the denial must be  
297.20 based on the failure to meet the criteria in paragraph (c).

297.21 (g) The commissioner shall determine whether to approve or deny an exception request  
297.22 no more than 30 days after receiving the request. If the commissioner denies the request,  
297.23 the commissioner shall notify the lead agency and the individual disability waiver recipient,  
297.24 the interested party, and the license holder in writing of the reasons for the denial.

297.25 (h) The individual disability waiver recipient may appeal any denial of an exception  
297.26 request by either the lead agency or the commissioner, pursuant to sections 256.045 and  
297.27 256.0451. When the denial of an exception request results in the proposed demission of a  
297.28 waiver recipient from a residential or day habilitation program, the commissioner shall issue  
297.29 a temporary stay of demission, when requested by the disability waiver recipient, consistent  
297.30 with the provisions of section 256.045, subdivisions 4a and 6, paragraph (c). The temporary  
297.31 stay shall remain in effect until the lead agency can provide an informed choice of  
297.32 appropriate, alternative services to the disability waiver.

298.1 (i) Providers may petition lead agencies to update values that were entered incorrectly  
298.2 or erroneously into the rate management system, based on past service level discussions  
298.3 and determination in subdivision 4, without applying for a rate exception.

298.4 (j) The starting date for the rate exception will be the later of the date of the recipient's  
298.5 change in support or the date of the request to the lead agency for an exception.

298.6 (k) The commissioner shall track all exception requests received and their dispositions.  
298.7 The commissioner shall issue quarterly public exceptions statistical reports, including the  
298.8 number of exception requests received and the numbers granted, denied, withdrawn, and  
298.9 pending. The report shall include the average amount of time required to process exceptions.

298.10 ~~(l) No later than January 15, 2016, the commissioner shall provide research findings on~~  
298.11 ~~the estimated fiscal impact, the primary cost drivers, and common population characteristics~~  
298.12 ~~of recipients with needs that cannot be met by the framework rates.~~

298.13 ~~(m) No later than July 1, 2016, the commissioner shall develop and implement, in~~  
298.14 ~~consultation with stakeholders, a process to determine eligibility for rate exceptions for~~  
298.15 ~~individuals with rates determined under the methodology in section 256B.4913, subdivision~~  
298.16 ~~4a. Determination of eligibility for an exception will occur as annual service renewals are~~  
298.17 ~~completed.~~

298.18 ~~(n) (l) Approved rate exceptions will be implemented at such time that the individual's~~  
298.19 ~~rate is no longer banded and remain in effect in all cases until an individual's needs change~~  
298.20 ~~as defined in paragraph (c).~~

298.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

298.22 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.4914, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

298.23 Subd. 15. **County or tribal allocations.** ~~(a) Upon implementation of the disability waiver~~  
298.24 ~~rates management system on January 1, 2014,~~ The commissioner shall establish a method  
298.25 of tracking and reporting the fiscal impact of the disability waiver rates management system  
298.26 on individual lead agencies.

298.27 ~~(b) Beginning January 1, 2014,~~ The commissioner shall make annual adjustments to  
298.28 lead agencies' home and community-based waived service budget allocations to adjust  
298.29 for rate differences and the resulting impact on county allocations upon implementation of  
298.30 the disability waiver rates system.

298.31 (c) Lead agencies exceeding their allocations shall be subject to the provisions under  
298.32 sections 256B.0916, subdivision 11, and 256B.49, subdivision 26.

299.1 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.85, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

299.2 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** (a) CFSS is available to a person who meets one of the following:

299.3 (1) is an enrollee of medical assistance as determined under section 256B.055, 256B.056,  
299.4 or 256B.057, subdivisions 5 and 9;

299.5 (2) is a participant in the alternative care program under section 256B.0913;

299.6 (3) is a waiver participant as defined under section 256B.0915, 256B.092, 256B.093, or  
299.7 256B.49; or

299.8 (4) has medical services identified in a person's individualized education program and  
299.9 is eligible for services as determined in section 256B.0625, subdivision 26.

299.10 (b) In addition to meeting the eligibility criteria in paragraph (a), a person must also  
299.11 meet all of the following:

299.12 (1) require assistance and be determined dependent in one activity of daily living or  
299.13 Level I behavior based on assessment under section 256B.0911; and

299.14 (2) is not a participant under a family support grant under section 252.32.

299.15 (c) A pregnant woman eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.055, subdivision  
299.16 6, is eligible for CFSS without federal financial participation if the woman: (1) is eligible  
299.17 for CFSS under paragraphs (a) and (b); and (2) does not meet institutional level of care, as  
299.18 determined under section 256B.0911.

299.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

299.20 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.85, is amended by adding a subdivision  
299.21 to read:

299.22 Subd. 7a. **Enhanced rate.** An enhanced rate of 107.5 percent of the rate paid for CFSS  
299.23 must be paid for services provided to persons who qualify for 12 or more hours of CFSS  
299.24 per day when provided by a support worker who meets the requirements of subdivision 16,  
299.25 paragraph (e). The enhanced rate for CFSS includes, and is not in addition to, any rate  
299.26 adjustments implemented by the commissioner on July 1, 2019, to comply with the terms  
299.27 of a collective bargaining agreement between the state of Minnesota and an exclusive  
299.28 representative of individual providers under section 179A.54 that provides for wage increases  
299.29 for individual providers who serve participants assessed to need 12 or more hours of CFSS  
299.30 per day.

299.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

300.1 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.85, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

300.2 Subd. 10. **Agency-provider and FMS provider qualifications and duties.** (a)

300.3 Agency-providers identified in subdivision 11 and FMS providers identified in subdivision  
300.4 13a shall:

300.5 (1) enroll as a medical assistance Minnesota health care programs provider and meet all  
300.6 applicable provider standards and requirements;

300.7 (2) demonstrate compliance with federal and state laws and policies for CFSS as  
300.8 determined by the commissioner;

300.9 (3) comply with background study requirements under chapter 245C and maintain  
300.10 documentation of background study requests and results;

300.11 (4) verify and maintain records of all services and expenditures by the participant,  
300.12 including hours worked by support workers;

300.13 (5) not engage in any agency-initiated direct contact or marketing in person, by telephone,  
300.14 or other electronic means to potential participants, guardians, family members, or participants'  
300.15 representatives;

300.16 (6) directly provide services and not use a subcontractor or reporting agent;

300.17 (7) meet the financial requirements established by the commissioner for financial  
300.18 solvency;

300.19 (8) have never had a lead agency contract or provider agreement discontinued due to  
300.20 fraud, or have never had an owner, board member, or manager fail a state or FBI-based  
300.21 criminal background check while enrolled or seeking enrollment as a Minnesota health care  
300.22 programs provider; and

300.23 (9) have an office located in Minnesota.

300.24 (b) In conducting general duties, agency-providers and FMS providers shall:

300.25 (1) pay support workers based upon actual hours of services provided;

300.26 (2) pay for worker training and development services based upon actual hours of services  
300.27 provided or the unit cost of the training session purchased;

300.28 (3) withhold and pay all applicable federal and state payroll taxes;

300.29 (4) make arrangements and pay unemployment insurance, taxes, workers' compensation,  
300.30 liability insurance, and other benefits, if any;



301.1 (5) enter into a written agreement with the participant, participant's representative, or  
301.2 legal representative that assigns roles and responsibilities to be performed before services,  
301.3 supports, or goods are provided;

301.4 (6) report maltreatment as required under sections 626.556 and 626.557; ~~and~~

301.5 (7) comply with any data requests from the department consistent with the Minnesota  
301.6 Government Data Practices Act under chapter 13; and

301.7 (8) maintain documentation for the requirements under subdivision 16, paragraph (e),  
301.8 clause (2), to qualify for an enhanced rate under this section.

301.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

301.10 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.85, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

301.11 Subd. 11. **Agency-provider model.** (a) The agency-provider model includes services  
301.12 provided by support workers and staff providing worker training and development services  
301.13 who are employed by an agency-provider that meets the criteria established by the  
301.14 commissioner, including required training.

301.15 (b) The agency-provider shall allow the participant to have a significant role in the  
301.16 selection and dismissal of the support workers for the delivery of the services and supports  
301.17 specified in the participant's CFSS service delivery plan.

301.18 (c) A participant may use authorized units of CFSS services as needed within a service  
301.19 agreement that is not greater than 12 months. Using authorized units in a flexible manner  
301.20 in either the agency-provider model or the budget model does not increase the total amount  
301.21 of services and supports authorized for a participant or included in the participant's CFSS  
301.22 service delivery plan.

301.23 (d) A participant may share CFSS services. Two or three CFSS participants may share  
301.24 services at the same time provided by the same support worker.

301.25 (e) The agency-provider must use a minimum of 72.5 percent of the revenue generated  
301.26 by the medical assistance payment for CFSS for support worker wages and benefits, except  
301.27 all of the revenue generated by a medical assistance rate increase due to a collective  
301.28 bargaining agreement under section 179A.54 must be used for support worker wages and  
301.29 benefits. The agency-provider must document how this requirement is being met. The  
301.30 revenue generated by the worker training and development services and the reasonable costs  
301.31 associated with the worker training and development services must not be used in making  
301.32 this calculation.

302.1 (f) The agency-provider model must be used by individuals who are restricted by the  
302.2 Minnesota restricted recipient program under Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2160 to  
302.3 9505.2245.

302.4 (g) Participants purchasing goods under this model, along with support worker services,  
302.5 must:

302.6 (1) specify the goods in the CFSS service delivery plan and detailed budget for  
302.7 expenditures that must be approved by the consultation services provider, case manager, or  
302.8 care coordinator; and

302.9 (2) use the FMS provider for the billing and payment of such goods.

302.10 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.85, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

302.11 Subd. 12. **Requirements for enrollment of CFSS agency-providers.** (a) All CFSS  
302.12 agency-providers must provide, at the time of enrollment, reenrollment, and revalidation  
302.13 as a CFSS agency-provider in a format determined by the commissioner, information and  
302.14 documentation that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

302.15 (1) the CFSS agency-provider's current contact information including address, telephone  
302.16 number, and e-mail address;

302.17 (2) proof of surety bond coverage. Upon new enrollment, or if the agency-provider's  
302.18 Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is less than or equal to \$300,000, the  
302.19 agency-provider must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If the agency-provider's Medicaid  
302.20 revenue in the previous calendar year is greater than \$300,000, the agency-provider must  
302.21 purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond must be in a form approved by the  
302.22 commissioner, must be renewed annually, and must allow for recovery of costs and fees in  
302.23 pursuing a claim on the bond;

302.24 (3) proof of fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$20,000;

302.25 (4) proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage;

302.26 (5) proof of liability insurance;

302.27 (6) a description of the CFSS agency-provider's organization identifying the names of  
302.28 all owners, managing employees, staff, board of directors, and the affiliations of the directors  
302.29 and owners to other service providers;

302.30 (7) a copy of the CFSS agency-provider's written policies and procedures including:  
302.31 hiring of employees; training requirements; service delivery; and employee and consumer

303.1 safety, including the process for notification and resolution of participant grievances, incident  
303.2 response, identification and prevention of communicable diseases, and employee misconduct;

303.3 (8) copies of all other forms the CFSS agency-provider uses in the course of daily  
303.4 business including, but not limited to:

303.5 (i) a copy of the CFSS agency-provider's time sheet; and

303.6 (ii) a copy of the participant's individual CFSS service delivery plan;

303.7 (9) a list of all training and classes that the CFSS agency-provider requires of its staff  
303.8 providing CFSS services;

303.9 (10) documentation that the CFSS agency-provider and staff have successfully completed  
303.10 all the training required by this section;

303.11 (11) documentation of the agency-provider's marketing practices;

303.12 (12) disclosure of ownership, leasing, or management of all residential properties that  
303.13 are used or could be used for providing home care services;

303.14 (13) documentation that the agency-provider will use at least the following percentages  
303.15 of revenue generated from the medical assistance rate paid for CFSS services for CFSS  
303.16 support worker wages and benefits: 72.5 percent of revenue from CFSS providers, except  
303.17 100 percent of the revenue generated by a medical assistance rate increase due to a collective  
303.18 bargaining agreement under section 179A.54 must be used for support worker wages and  
303.19 benefits. The revenue generated by the worker training and development services and the  
303.20 reasonable costs associated with the worker training and development services shall not be  
303.21 used in making this calculation; and

303.22 (14) documentation that the agency-provider does not burden participants' free exercise  
303.23 of their right to choose service providers by requiring CFSS support workers to sign an  
303.24 agreement not to work with any particular CFSS participant or for another CFSS  
303.25 agency-provider after leaving the agency and that the agency is not taking action on any  
303.26 such agreements or requirements regardless of the date signed.

303.27 (b) CFSS agency-providers shall provide to the commissioner the information specified  
303.28 in paragraph (a).

303.29 (c) All CFSS agency-providers shall require all employees in management and  
303.30 supervisory positions and owners of the agency who are active in the day-to-day management  
303.31 and operations of the agency to complete mandatory training as determined by the  
303.32 commissioner. Employees in management and supervisory positions and owners who are

304.1 active in the day-to-day operations of an agency who have completed the required training  
304.2 as an employee with a CFSS agency-provider do not need to repeat the required training if  
304.3 they are hired by another agency, if they have completed the training within the past three  
304.4 years. CFSS agency-provider billing staff shall complete training about CFSS program  
304.5 financial management. Any new owners or employees in management and supervisory  
304.6 positions involved in the day-to-day operations are required to complete mandatory training  
304.7 as a requisite of working for the agency.

304.8 (d) The commissioner shall send annual review notifications to agency-providers 30  
304.9 days prior to renewal. The notification must:

304.10 (1) list the materials and information the agency-provider is required to submit;

304.11 (2) provide instructions on submitting information to the commissioner; and

304.12 (3) provide a due date by which the commissioner must receive the requested information.

304.13 Agency-providers shall submit all required documentation for annual review within 30 days  
304.14 of notification from the commissioner. If an agency-provider fails to submit all the required  
304.15 documentation, the commissioner may take action under subdivision 23a.

304.16 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.85, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

304.17 Subd. 16. **Support workers requirements.** (a) Support workers shall:

304.18 (1) enroll with the department as a support worker after a background study under chapter  
304.19 245C has been completed and the support worker has received a notice from the  
304.20 commissioner that the support worker:

304.21 (i) is not disqualified under section 245C.14; or

304.22 (ii) is disqualified, but has received a set-aside of the disqualification under section  
304.23 245C.22;

304.24 (2) have the ability to effectively communicate with the participant or the participant's  
304.25 representative;

304.26 (3) have the skills and ability to provide the services and supports according to the  
304.27 participant's CFSS service delivery plan and respond appropriately to the participant's needs;

304.28 (4) complete the basic standardized CFSS training as determined by the commissioner  
304.29 before completing enrollment. The training must be available in languages other than English  
304.30 and to those who need accommodations due to disabilities. CFSS support worker training  
304.31 must include successful completion of the following training components: basic first aid,

305.1 vulnerable adult, child maltreatment, OSHA universal precautions, basic roles and  
305.2 responsibilities of support workers including information about basic body mechanics,  
305.3 emergency preparedness, orientation to positive behavioral practices, orientation to  
305.4 responding to a mental health crisis, fraud issues, time cards and documentation, and an  
305.5 overview of person-centered planning and self-direction. Upon completion of the training  
305.6 components, the support worker must pass the certification test to provide assistance to  
305.7 participants;

305.8 (5) complete employer-directed training and orientation on the participant's individual  
305.9 needs;

305.10 (6) maintain the privacy and confidentiality of the participant; and

305.11 (7) not independently determine the medication dose or time for medications for the  
305.12 participant.

305.13 (b) The commissioner may deny or terminate a support worker's provider enrollment  
305.14 and provider number if the support worker:

305.15 (1) does not meet the requirements in paragraph (a);

305.16 (2) fails to provide the authorized services required by the employer;

305.17 (3) has been intoxicated by alcohol or drugs while providing authorized services to the  
305.18 participant or while in the participant's home;

305.19 (4) has manufactured or distributed drugs while providing authorized services to the  
305.20 participant or while in the participant's home; or

305.21 (5) has been excluded as a provider by the commissioner of human services, or by the  
305.22 United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, from  
305.23 participation in Medicaid, Medicare, or any other federal health care program.

305.24 (c) A support worker may appeal in writing to the commissioner to contest the decision  
305.25 to terminate the support worker's provider enrollment and provider number.

305.26 (d) A support worker must not provide or be paid for more than 275 hours of CFSS per  
305.27 month, regardless of the number of participants the support worker serves or the number  
305.28 of agency-providers or participant employers by which the support worker is employed.  
305.29 The department shall not disallow the number of hours per day a support worker works  
305.30 unless it violates other law.

305.31 (e) CFSS qualify for an enhanced rate if the support worker providing the services:

306.1 (1) provides services, within the scope of CFSS described in subdivision 7, to a participant  
306.2 who qualifies for 12 or more hours per day of CFSS; and

306.3 (2) satisfies the current requirements of Medicare for training and competency or  
306.4 competency evaluation of home health aides or nursing assistants, as provided in the Code  
306.5 of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 483.151 or 484.36, or alternative state-approved  
306.6 training or competency requirements.

306.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

306.8 Sec. 59. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 45, is amended to  
306.9 read:

306.10 Sec. 45. **CONSUMER-DIRECTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS BUDGET**  
306.11 **METHODOLOGY ~~EXCEPTION FOR PERSONS LEAVING INSTITUTIONS AND~~**  
306.12 **~~CRISIS RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS.~~**

306.13 **Subdivision 1. Exception for persons leaving institutions and crisis residential**  
306.14 **settings.** (a) By September 30, 2017, the commissioner shall establish an institutional and  
306.15 crisis bed consumer-directed community supports budget exception process in the home  
306.16 and community-based services waivers under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.092 and  
306.17 256B.49. This budget exception process shall be available for any individual who:

306.18 (1) is not offered available and appropriate services within 60 days since approval for  
306.19 discharge from the individual's current institutional setting; and

306.20 (2) requires services that are more expensive than appropriate services provided in a  
306.21 noninstitutional setting using the consumer-directed community supports option.

306.22 (b) Institutional settings for purposes of this exception include intermediate care facilities  
306.23 for persons with developmental disabilities; nursing facilities; acute care hospitals; Anoka  
306.24 Metro Regional Treatment Center; Minnesota Security Hospital; and crisis beds. The budget  
306.25 exception shall be limited to no more than the amount of appropriate services provided in  
306.26 a noninstitutional setting as determined by the lead agency managing the individual's home  
306.27 and community-based services waiver. The lead agency shall notify the Department of  
306.28 Human Services of the budget exception.

306.29 **Subd. 2. Shared services.** (a) Medical assistance payments for shared services under  
306.30 consumer-directed community supports are limited to this subdivision.

307.1 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "shared services" means services provided at the  
307.2 same time by the same direct care worker for individuals who have entered into an agreement  
307.3 to share consumer-directed community support services.

307.4 (c) Shared services may include services in the personal assistance category as outlined  
307.5 in the consumer-directed community supports community support plan and shared services  
307.6 agreement, except:

307.7 (1) services for more than three individuals provided by one worker at one time;

307.8 (2) use of more than one worker for the shared services; and

307.9 (3) a child care program licensed under chapter 245A or operated by a local school  
307.10 district or private school.

307.11 (d) The individuals or, as needed, their representatives shall develop the plan for shared  
307.12 services when developing or amending the consumer-directed community supports plan,  
307.13 and must follow the consumer-directed community supports process for approval of the  
307.14 plan by the lead agency. The plan for shared services in an individual's consumer-directed  
307.15 community supports plan shall include the intention to utilize shared services based on  
307.16 individuals' needs and preferences.

307.17 (e) Individuals sharing services must use the same financial management services  
307.18 provider.

307.19 (f) Individuals whose consumer-directed community supports community support plans  
307.20 include the intention to utilize shared services must also jointly develop, with the support  
307.21 of their representatives as needed, a shared services agreement. This agreement must include:

307.22 (1) the names of the individuals receiving shared services;

307.23 (2) the individuals' representative, if identified in their consumer-directed community  
307.24 supports plans, and their duties;

307.25 (3) the names of the case managers;

307.26 (4) the financial management services provider;

307.27 (5) the shared services that must be provided;

307.28 (6) the schedule for shared services;

307.29 (7) the location where shared services must be provided;

307.30 (8) the training specific to each individual served;

308.1 (9) the training specific to providing shared services to the individuals identified in the  
308.2 agreement;

308.3 (10) instructions to follow all required documentation for time and services provided;

308.4 (11) a contingency plan for each of the individuals that accounts for service provision  
308.5 and billing in the absence of one of the individuals in a shared services setting due to illness  
308.6 or other circumstances;

308.7 (12) signatures of all parties involved in the shared services; and

308.8 (13) agreement by each of the individuals who are sharing services on the number of  
308.9 shared hours for services provided.

308.10 (g) Any individual or any individual's representative may withdraw from participating  
308.11 in a shared services agreement at any time.

308.12 (h) The lead agency for each individual must authorize the use of the shared services  
308.13 option based on the criteria that the shared service is appropriate to meet the needs, health,  
308.14 and safety of each individual for whom they provide case management or care coordination.

308.15 (i) Nothing in this subdivision must be construed to reduce the total authorized  
308.16 consumer-directed community supports budget for an individual.

308.17 (j) No later than September 30, 2019, the commissioner of human services shall:

308.18 (1) submit an amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the  
308.19 home and community-based services waivers authorized under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
308.20 256B.092 and 256B.49, to allow for a shared services option under consumer-directed  
308.21 community supports; and

308.22 (2) with stakeholder input, develop guidance for shared services in consumer-directed  
308.23 community-supports within the Community Based Services Manual. Guidance must include:

308.24 (i) recommendations for negotiating payment for one-to-two and one-to-three services;  
308.25 and

308.26 (ii) a template of the shared services agreement.

308.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2019, or upon federal approval,  
308.28 whichever is later, except for subdivision 2, paragraph (j), which is effective the day  
308.29 following final enactment. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of  
308.30 statutes when federal approval is obtained.



309.1 Sec. 60. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 3, section 49, is amended to  
309.2 read:

309.3 Sec. 49. ~~ELECTRONIC SERVICE DELIVERY DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM~~  
309.4 VISIT VERIFICATION.

309.5 Subdivision 1. **Documentation; establishment.** The commissioner of human services  
309.6 shall establish implementation requirements and standards for ~~an electronic service delivery~~  
309.7 ~~documentation system~~ visit verification to comply with the 21st Century Cures Act, Public  
309.8 Law 114-255. Within available appropriations, the commissioner shall take steps to comply  
309.9 with the electronic visit verification requirements in the 21st Century Cures Act, Public  
309.10 Law 114-255.

309.11 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision have  
309.12 the meanings given them.

309.13 (b) "Electronic ~~service delivery documentation~~ visit verification" means the electronic  
309.14 documentation of the:

309.15 (1) type of service performed;

309.16 (2) individual receiving the service;

309.17 (3) date of the service;

309.18 (4) location of the service delivery;

309.19 (5) individual providing the service; and

309.20 (6) time the service begins and ends.

309.21 (c) "Electronic ~~service delivery documentation~~ visit verification system" means a system  
309.22 that provides electronic ~~service delivery documentation~~ verification of services that complies  
309.23 with the 21st Century Cures Act, Public Law 114-255, and the requirements of subdivision  
309.24 3.

309.25 (d) "Service" means one of the following:

309.26 (1) personal care assistance services as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625,  
309.27 subdivision 19a, and provided according to Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0659; ~~or~~

309.28 (2) community first services and supports under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.85;

309.29 (3) home health services under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 6a;

309.30 or

310.1 (4) other medical supplies and equipment or home and community-based services that  
310.2 are required to be electronically verified by the 21st Century Cures Act, Public Law 114-255.

310.3 Subd. 3. **Requirements.** (a) In developing implementation requirements for an electronic  
310.4 ~~service delivery documentation system~~ visit verification, the commissioner shall consider  
310.5 ~~electronic visit verification systems and other electronic service delivery documentation~~  
310.6 ~~methods. The commissioner shall convene stakeholders that will be impacted by an electronic~~  
310.7 ~~service delivery system, including service providers and their representatives, service~~  
310.8 ~~recipients and their representatives, and, as appropriate, those with expertise in the~~  
310.9 ~~development and operation of an electronic service delivery documentation system, to ensure~~  
310.10 that the requirements:

310.11 (1) are minimally administratively and financially burdensome to a provider;

310.12 (2) are minimally burdensome to the service recipient and the least disruptive to the  
310.13 service recipient in receiving and maintaining allowed services;

310.14 (3) consider existing best practices and use of electronic ~~service delivery documentation~~  
310.15 visit verification;

310.16 (4) are conducted according to all state and federal laws;

310.17 (5) are effective methods for preventing fraud when balanced against the requirements  
310.18 of clauses (1) and (2); and

310.19 (6) are consistent with the Department of Human Services' policies related to covered  
310.20 services, flexibility of service use, and quality assurance.

310.21 (b) The commissioner shall make training available to providers on the electronic ~~service~~  
310.22 ~~delivery documentation~~ visit verification system requirements.

310.23 (c) The commissioner shall establish baseline measurements related to preventing fraud  
310.24 and establish measures to determine the effect of electronic ~~service delivery documentation~~  
310.25 visit verification requirements on program integrity.

310.26 (d) The commissioner shall make a state-selected electronic visit verification system  
310.27 available to providers of services.

310.28 Subd. 3a. **Provider requirements.** (a) A provider of services may select any electronic  
310.29 visit verification system that meets the requirements established by the commissioner.

310.30 (b) All electronic visit verification systems used by providers to comply with the  
310.31 requirements established by the commissioner must provide data to the commissioner in a  
310.32 format and at a frequency to be established by the commissioner.

311.1 (c) Providers must implement the electronic visit verification systems required under  
311.2 this section by a date established by the commissioner to be set after the state-selected  
311.3 electronic visit verification systems for personal care services and home health services are  
311.4 in production. For purposes of this paragraph, "personal care services" and "home health  
311.5 services" have the meanings given in United States Code, title 42, section 1396b(1)(5).  
311.6 Reimbursement rates for providers must not be reduced as a result of federal action to reduce  
311.7 the federal medical assistance percentage under the 21st Century Cures Act, Public Law  
311.8 114-255.

311.9 ~~Subd. 4. **Legislative report.** (a) The commissioner shall submit a report by January 15,~~  
311.10 ~~2018, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with~~  
311.11 ~~jurisdiction over human services with recommendations, based on the requirements of~~  
311.12 ~~subdivision 3, to establish electronic service delivery documentation system requirements~~  
311.13 ~~and standards. The report shall identify:~~

311.14 ~~(1) the essential elements necessary to operationalize a base-level electronic service~~  
311.15 ~~delivery documentation system to be implemented by January 1, 2019; and~~

311.16 ~~(2) enhancements to the base-level electronic service delivery documentation system to~~  
311.17 ~~be implemented by January 1, 2019, or after, with projected operational costs and the costs~~  
311.18 ~~and benefits for system enhancements.~~

311.19 ~~(b) The report must also identify current regulations on service providers that are either~~  
311.20 ~~inefficient, minimally effective, or will be unnecessary with the implementation of an~~  
311.21 ~~electronic service delivery documentation system.~~

311.22 **Sec. 61. INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS OF DIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES.**

311.23 The labor agreement between the state of Minnesota and the Service Employees  
311.24 International Union Healthcare Minnesota, submitted to the Legislative Coordinating  
311.25 Commission on March 11, 2019, is ratified.

311.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

311.27 **Sec. 62. RATE INCREASE FOR DIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDERS**  
311.28 **WORKFORCE NEGOTIATIONS.**

311.29 (a) Effective July 1, 2019, if the labor agreement between the state of Minnesota and  
311.30 the Service Employees International Union Healthcare Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes,  
311.31 section 179A.54, is approved pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 3.855, the commissioner  
311.32 of human services shall:

312.1 (1) increase reimbursement rates, individual budgets, grants, or allocations by 2.37  
312.2 percent for services provided on or after July 1, 2019, to implement the minimum hourly  
312.3 wage, holiday, and paid time off provisions of that agreement; and

312.4 (2) for services provided on or after July 1, 2019, to eligible service recipients, provide  
312.5 an enhanced rate of 7.5 percent for personal care assistance and community first services  
312.6 and supports and an enhanced budget increased by 7.5 percent for consumer-directed  
312.7 community supports and the consumer support grant. Eligible service recipients are persons  
312.8 identified by the state through assessment who are eligible for at least 12 hours of personal  
312.9 care assistance each day and are served by workers who have completed designated training  
312.10 approved by the commissioner. The enhanced rate and enhanced budget includes, and is  
312.11 not in addition to, any previously implemented enhanced rates or enhanced budgets for  
312.12 eligible service recipients.

312.13 (b) The rate changes described in this section apply to direct support services provided  
312.14 through a covered program, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0711, subdivision  
312.15 1.

312.16 **Sec. 63. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; SKILLED NURSE VISIT RATES.**

312.17 The commissioner of human services shall ensure that skilled nurse visits reimbursed  
312.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0653, are coded, specific to the category of the  
312.19 nurse performing the visit, using code sets compliant with the Health Insurance Portability  
312.20 and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191. "Skilled nurse visit" has the meaning given  
312.21 in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0653, subdivision 2, paragraph (j).

312.22 **Sec. 64. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS.**

312.23 By October 1, 2019, the Department of Commerce, Public Utilities Commission, and  
312.24 Department of Human Services must amend all interagency agreements necessary to  
312.25 implement sections 1 to 10.

312.26 **Sec. 65. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; FEDERAL AUTHORITY FOR**  
312.27 **RECONFIGURED WAIVER SERVICES.**

312.28 The commissioner of human services shall seek necessary federal authority to implement  
312.29 new and reconfigured waiver services under section 66. The commissioner of human services  
312.30 shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained and when new services  
312.31 are fully implemented.

313.1 Sec. 66. **DISABILITY WAIVER RECONFIGURATION.**

313.2 Subdivision 1. **Intent.** It is the intent of the legislature to reform the medical assistance  
313.3 waiver programs for people with disabilities to simplify administration of the programs,  
313.4 incentivize inclusive person-centered supports, enhance each person's personal authority  
313.5 over the person's service choice, align benefits across waivers, encourage equity across  
313.6 programs and populations, and promote long-term sustainability of needed services. To the  
313.7 maximum extent possible, the disability waiver reconfiguration must maintain service  
313.8 stability and continuity of care, while promoting the most independent and integrated  
313.9 supports of each person's choosing in both short- and long-term planning.

313.10 Subd. 2. **Report.** By January 15, 2021, the commissioner of human services shall submit  
313.11 a report to the members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services  
313.12 on any necessary waivers, state plan amendments, requests for new funding or realignment  
313.13 of existing funds, any changes to state statute or rule, and any other federal authority  
313.14 necessary to implement this section. The report must include information about the  
313.15 commissioner's work to collect feedback and input from providers, persons accessing home  
313.16 and community-based services waivers and their families, and client advocacy organizations.

313.17 Subd. 3. **Proposal.** By January 15, 2021, the commissioner shall develop a proposal to  
313.18 reconfigure the medical assistance waivers provided in sections 256B.092 and 256B.49.  
313.19 The proposal shall include all necessary plans for implementing two home and  
313.20 community-based services waiver programs, as authorized under section 1915(c) of the  
313.21 Social Security Act that serve persons who are determined to require the levels of care  
313.22 provided in a nursing home, a hospital, a neurobehavioral hospital, or an intermediate care  
313.23 facility for persons with developmental disabilities. Before submitting the final report to  
313.24 the legislature, the commissioner shall publish a draft report with sufficient time for interested  
313.25 persons to offer additional feedback.

313.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

313.27 Sec. 67. **DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE RATE METHODOLOGY STUDY.**

313.28 The commissioner of human services, in consultation with stakeholders, shall evaluate  
313.29 the feasibility of developing a rate methodology for the personal care assistance program,  
313.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0659, and community first services and supports,  
313.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.85, similar to the disability waiver rate system  
313.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.4914, including determining the component values  
313.33 and factors to include in such a rate methodology; consider aligning any rate methodology  
313.34 with the collective bargaining agreement and negotiation cycle under Minnesota Statutes,

314.1 section 179A.54; recommend strategies for ensuring adequate, competitive wages for direct  
314.2 care workers; develop methods and determine the necessary resources for the commissioner  
314.3 to more consistently collect and audit data from the direct care industry; and report  
314.4 recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the chairs and ranking minority members  
314.5 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance by  
314.6 February 1, 2020.

314.7 Sec. 68. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; TEFRA**  
314.8 **OPTION IMPROVEMENT MEASURES.**

314.9 (a) The commissioner of human services shall, using existing appropriations, develop  
314.10 content to be included on the MNsure website explaining the TEFRA option under medical  
314.11 assistance for applicants who indicate during the application process that a child in the  
314.12 family has a disability.

314.13 (b) The commissioner shall develop a cover letter explaining the TEFRA option under  
314.14 medical assistance, as well as the application and renewal process, to be disseminated with  
314.15 the DHS-6696A form to applicants who may qualify for medical assistance under the TEFRA  
314.16 option. The commissioner shall provide the content and the form to the executive director  
314.17 of MNsure for inclusion on the MNsure website. The commissioner shall also develop and  
314.18 implement education and training for lead agency staff statewide to improve understanding  
314.19 of the medical assistance TEFRA enrollment and renewal processes and procedures.

314.20 (c) The commissioner shall convene a stakeholder group that shall consider improvements  
314.21 to the TEFRA option enrollment and renewal processes, including but not limited to revisions  
314.22 to, or the development of, application and renewal paperwork specific to the TEFRA option;  
314.23 possible technology solutions; and county processes.

314.24 (d) The stakeholder group must include representatives from the Department of Human  
314.25 Services Health Care Division, MNsure, representatives from at least two counties in the  
314.26 metropolitan area and from at least one county in greater Minnesota, the Arc Minnesota,  
314.27 Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, the Autism Society of Minnesota, Proof Alliance,  
314.28 the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, and other interested stakeholders  
314.29 as identified by the commissioner of human services.

314.30 (e) The stakeholder group shall submit a report of the group's recommended  
314.31 improvements and any associated costs to the commissioner by December 31, 2020. The  
314.32 group shall also provide copies of the report to each stakeholder group member. The  
314.33 commissioner shall provide a copy of the report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
314.34 over medical assistance.

315.1 Sec. 69. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; DIRECT CARE STAFF**  
315.2 **COMPENSATION REPORT.**

315.3 By January 15, 2022, the commissioner of human services, in consultation with  
315.4 stakeholders, shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
315.5 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance  
315.6 with recommendations for:

315.7 (1) the implementation of penalties for providers who do not meet the compensation  
315.8 levels identified in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.4914, subdivision 5a;

315.9 (2) the implementation of good cause exemptions for providers who have not met the  
315.10 compensation levels identified in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.4914, subdivision 5a;  
315.11 and

315.12 (3) the rebasing of compensation levels identified in Minnesota Statutes, section  
315.13 256B.4914, subdivision 5a, using data reported under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.4914,  
315.14 subdivision 10a.

315.15 Sec. 70. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

315.16 The revisor of statutes, in consultation with the House Research Department, Office of  
315.17 Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis, and Department of Human Services, shall  
315.18 prepare legislation for the 2020 legislative session to codify laws governing  
315.19 consumer-directed community supports in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B.

315.20 Sec. 71. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

315.21 The revisor of statutes shall renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.4913, subdivision  
315.22 5, as a subdivision in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.4914. The revisor shall also make  
315.23 necessary cross-reference changes in Minnesota Statutes consistent with the renumbering.

315.24 Sec. 72. **REPEALER.**

315.25 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0705, is repealed.

315.26 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 252.431; and 252.451, are repealed.

315.27 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 252.41, subdivision 8; and 256B.4913, subdivisions  
315.28 4a, 6, and 7, are repealed.

315.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective the day following final enactment.

315.30 Paragraph (b) is effective September 1, 2019. Paragraph (c) is effective January 1, 2020.

316.1

**ARTICLE 6**

316.2

**CHEMICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH**

316.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13.851, is amended by adding a subdivision

316.4 to read:

316.5 Subd. 12. **Mental health screening.** The treatment of data collected by a sheriff or local  
316.6 corrections agency related to individuals who may have a mental illness is governed by  
316.7 section 641.15, subdivision 3a.

316.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4661, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

316.9 Subd. 9. **Services and programs.** (a) The following ~~three~~ four distinct grant programs  
316.10 are funded under this section:

316.11 (1) mental health crisis services;

316.12 (2) housing with supports for adults with serious mental illness; ~~and~~

316.13 (3) projects for assistance in transitioning from homelessness (PATH program); and

316.14 (4) culturally specific mental health and substance use disorder provider consultation.

316.15 (b) In addition, the following are eligible for grant funds:

316.16 (1) community education and prevention;

316.17 (2) client outreach;

316.18 (3) early identification and intervention;

316.19 (4) adult outpatient diagnostic assessment and psychological testing;

316.20 (5) peer support services;

316.21 (6) community support program services (CSP);

316.22 (7) adult residential crisis stabilization;

316.23 (8) supported employment;

316.24 (9) assertive community treatment (ACT);

316.25 (10) housing subsidies;

316.26 (11) basic living, social skills, and community intervention;

316.27 (12) emergency response services;

316.28 (13) adult outpatient psychotherapy;



- 317.1 (14) adult outpatient medication management;
- 317.2 (15) adult mobile crisis services;
- 317.3 (16) adult day treatment;
- 317.4 (17) partial hospitalization;
- 317.5 (18) adult residential treatment;
- 317.6 (19) adult mental health targeted case management;
- 317.7 (20) intensive community rehabilitative services (ICRS); and
- 317.8 (21) transportation.
- 317.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4889, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 317.10 Subdivision 1. **Establishment and authority.** (a) The commissioner is authorized to
- 317.11 make grants from available appropriations to assist:
- 317.12 (1) counties;
- 317.13 (2) Indian tribes;
- 317.14 (3) children's collaboratives under section 124D.23 or 245.493; or
- 317.15 (4) mental health service providers.
- 317.16 (b) The following services are eligible for grants under this section:
- 317.17 (1) services to children with emotional disturbances as defined in section 245.4871,
- 317.18 subdivision 15, and their families;
- 317.19 (2) transition services under section 245.4875, subdivision 8, for young adults under
- 317.20 age 21 and their families;
- 317.21 (3) respite care services for children with severe emotional disturbances who are at risk
- 317.22 of out-of-home placement;
- 317.23 (4) children's mental health crisis services;
- 317.24 (5) mental health services for people from cultural and ethnic minorities;
- 317.25 (6) children's mental health screening and follow-up diagnostic assessment and treatment;
- 317.26 (7) services to promote and develop the capacity of providers to use evidence-based
- 317.27 practices in providing children's mental health services;

318.1 (8) school-linked mental health services, ~~including transportation for children receiving~~  
318.2 ~~school-linked mental health services when school is not in session~~ under section 245.4901;

318.3 (9) building evidence-based mental health intervention capacity for children birth to age  
318.4 five;

318.5 (10) suicide prevention and counseling services that use text messaging statewide;

318.6 (11) mental health first aid training;

318.7 (12) training for parents, collaborative partners, and mental health providers on the  
318.8 impact of adverse childhood experiences and trauma and development of an interactive  
318.9 website to share information and strategies to promote resilience and prevent trauma;

318.10 (13) transition age services to develop or expand mental health treatment and supports  
318.11 for adolescents and young adults 26 years of age or younger;

318.12 (14) early childhood mental health consultation;

318.13 (15) evidence-based interventions for youth at risk of developing or experiencing a first  
318.14 episode of psychosis, and a public awareness campaign on the signs and symptoms of  
318.15 psychosis;

318.16 (16) psychiatric consultation for primary care practitioners; and

318.17 (17) providers to begin operations and meet program requirements when establishing a  
318.18 new children's mental health program. These may be start-up grants.

318.19 (c) Services under paragraph (b) must be designed to help each child to function and  
318.20 remain with the child's family in the community and delivered consistent with the child's  
318.21 treatment plan. Transition services to eligible young adults under this paragraph must be  
318.22 designed to foster independent living in the community.

318.23 (d) As a condition of receiving grant funds, a grantee shall obtain all available third-party  
318.24 reimbursement sources, if applicable.

318.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

318.26 Sec. 4. **[245.4901] SCHOOL-LINKED MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS.**

318.27 **Subdivision 1. Establishment.** The commissioner of human services shall establish a  
318.28 school-linked mental health grant program to provide early identification and intervention  
318.29 for students with mental health needs and to build the capacity of schools to support students  
318.30 with mental health needs in the classroom.

319.1 Subd. 2. **Eligible applicants.** An eligible applicant for school-linked mental health grants  
319.2 is an entity that is:

319.3 (1) certified under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0750 to 9520.0870;

319.4 (2) a community mental health center under section 256B.0625, subdivision 5;

319.5 (3) an Indian health service facility or a facility owned and operated by a tribe or tribal  
319.6 organization operating under United States Code, title 25, section 5321;

319.7 (4) a provider of children's therapeutic services and supports as defined in section  
319.8 256B.0943; or

319.9 (5) enrolled in medical assistance as a mental health or substance use disorder provider  
319.10 agency and employs at least two full-time equivalent mental health professionals qualified  
319.11 according to section 245I.16, subdivision 2, or two alcohol and drug counselors licensed or  
319.12 exempt from licensure under chapter 148F who are qualified to provide clinical services to  
319.13 children and families.

319.14 Subd. 3. **Allowable grant activities and related expenses.** (a) Allowable grant activities  
319.15 and related expenses may include but are not limited to:

319.16 (1) identifying and diagnosing mental health conditions of students;

319.17 (2) delivering mental health treatment and services to students and their families,  
319.18 including via telemedicine consistent with section 256B.0625, subdivision 3b;

319.19 (3) supporting families in meeting their child's needs, including navigating health care,  
319.20 social service, and juvenile justice systems;

319.21 (4) providing transportation for students receiving school-linked mental health services  
319.22 when school is not in session;

319.23 (5) building the capacity of schools to meet the needs of students with mental health  
319.24 concerns, including school staff development activities for licensed and nonlicensed staff;  
319.25 and

319.26 (6) purchasing equipment, connection charges, on-site coordination, set-up fees, and  
319.27 site fees in order to deliver school-linked mental health services via telemedicine.

319.28 (b) Grantees shall obtain all available third-party reimbursement sources as a condition  
319.29 of receiving a grant. For purposes of this grant program, a third-party reimbursement source  
319.30 excludes a public school as defined in section 120A.20, subdivision 1. Grantees shall serve  
319.31 students regardless of health coverage status or ability to pay.

320.1 Subd. 4. Data collection and outcome measurement. Grantees shall provide data to  
320.2 the commissioner for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the school-linked mental  
320.3 health grant program.

320.4 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

320.5 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.735, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

320.6 Subd. 3. **Certified community behavioral health clinics.** (a) The commissioner shall  
320.7 establish a state certification process for certified community behavioral health clinics  
320.8 (CCBHCs) ~~to be eligible for the prospective payment system in paragraph (f).~~ Entities that  
320.9 choose to be CCBHCs must:

320.10 (1) comply with the CCBHC criteria published by the United States Department of  
320.11 Health and Human Services;

320.12 (2) employ or contract for clinic staff who have backgrounds in diverse disciplines,  
320.13 including licensed mental health professionals and licensed alcohol and drug counselors,  
320.14 and staff who are culturally and linguistically trained to ~~serve~~ meet the needs of the ~~clinic's~~  
320.15 ~~patient~~ population the clinic serves;

320.16 (3) ensure that clinic services are available and accessible to ~~patients~~ individuals and  
320.17 families of all ages and genders and that crisis management services are available 24 hours  
320.18 per day;

320.19 (4) establish fees for clinic services for ~~nonmedical assistance patients~~ individuals who  
320.20 are not enrolled in medical assistance using a sliding fee scale that ensures that services to  
320.21 patients are not denied or limited due to ~~a patient's~~ an individual's inability to pay for services;

320.22 (5) comply with quality assurance reporting requirements and other reporting  
320.23 requirements, including any required reporting of encounter data, clinical outcomes data,  
320.24 and quality data;

320.25 (6) provide crisis mental health and substance use services, withdrawal management  
320.26 services, emergency crisis intervention services, and stabilization services; screening,  
320.27 assessment, and diagnosis services, including risk assessments and level of care  
320.28 determinations; ~~patient-centered~~ person- and family-centered treatment planning; outpatient  
320.29 mental health and substance use services; targeted case management; psychiatric  
320.30 rehabilitation services; peer support and counselor services and family support services;  
320.31 and intensive community-based mental health services, including mental health services  
320.32 for members of the armed forces and veterans;

321.1 (7) provide coordination of care across settings and providers to ensure seamless  
321.2 transitions for ~~patients~~ individuals being served across the full spectrum of health services,  
321.3 including acute, chronic, and behavioral needs. Care coordination may be accomplished  
321.4 through partnerships or formal contracts with:

321.5 (i) counties, health plans, pharmacists, pharmacies, rural health clinics, federally qualified  
321.6 health centers, inpatient psychiatric facilities, substance use and detoxification facilities, or  
321.7 community-based mental health providers; and

321.8 (ii) other community services, supports, and providers, including schools, child welfare  
321.9 agencies, juvenile and criminal justice agencies, Indian health services clinics, tribally  
321.10 licensed health care and mental health facilities, urban Indian health clinics, Department of  
321.11 Veterans Affairs medical centers, outpatient clinics, drop-in centers, acute care hospitals,  
321.12 and hospital outpatient clinics;

321.13 (8) be certified as mental health clinics under section 245.69, subdivision 2;

321.14 ~~(9) be certified to provide integrated treatment for co-occurring mental illness and~~  
321.15 ~~substance use disorders in adults or children under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9533, effective~~  
321.16 ~~July 1, 2017;~~

321.17 ~~(10) (9) comply with standards relating to mental health services in Minnesota Rules,~~  
321.18 ~~parts 9505.0370 to 9505.0372 chapter 245I and section 256B.0671;~~

321.19 ~~(11) (10) be licensed to provide chemical dependency substance use disorder treatment~~  
321.20 ~~under chapter 245G;~~

321.21 ~~(12) (11) be certified to provide children's therapeutic services and supports under section~~  
321.22 ~~256B.0943;~~

321.23 ~~(13) (12) be certified to provide adult rehabilitative mental health services under section~~  
321.24 ~~256B.0623;~~

321.25 ~~(14) (13) be enrolled to provide mental health crisis response services under section~~  
321.26 ~~sections 256B.0624 and 256B.0944;~~

321.27 ~~(15) (14) be enrolled to provide mental health targeted case management under section~~  
321.28 ~~256B.0625, subdivision 20;~~

321.29 ~~(16) (15) comply with standards relating to mental health case management in Minnesota~~  
321.30 ~~Rules, parts 9520.0900 to 9520.0926; and~~

321.31 ~~(17) (16) provide services that comply with the evidence-based practices described in~~  
321.32 ~~paragraph (e); and~~

322.1 (17) comply with standards relating to peer services under sections 256B.0615,  
322.2 256B.0616, and 245G.07, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5), as applicable when peer  
322.3 services are provided.

322.4 (b) If an entity is unable to provide one or more of the services listed in paragraph (a),  
322.5 clauses (6) to (17), the commissioner may certify the entity as a CCBHC, if the entity has  
322.6 a current contract with another entity that has the required authority to provide that service  
322.7 and that meets federal CCBHC criteria as a designated collaborating organization, or, to  
322.8 the extent allowed by the federal CCBHC criteria, the commissioner may approve a referral  
322.9 arrangement. The CCBHC must meet federal requirements regarding the type and scope of  
322.10 services to be provided directly by the CCBHC.

322.11 (c) Notwithstanding any other law that requires a county contract or other form of county  
322.12 approval for certain services listed in paragraph (a), clause (6), a clinic that otherwise meets  
322.13 CCBHC requirements may receive the prospective payment under ~~paragraph (f)~~ section  
322.14 256B.0625, subdivision 5m, for those services without a county contract or county approval.  
322.15 There is no county share when medical assistance pays the CCBHC prospective payment.  
322.16 As part of the certification process in paragraph (a), the commissioner shall require a letter  
322.17 of support from the CCBHC's host county confirming that the CCBHC and the county or  
322.18 counties it serves have an ongoing relationship to facilitate access and continuity of care,  
322.19 especially for individuals who are uninsured or who may go on and off medical assistance.

322.20 (d) When the standards listed in paragraph (a) or other applicable standards conflict or  
322.21 address similar issues in duplicative or incompatible ways, the commissioner may grant  
322.22 variances to state requirements if the variances do not conflict with federal requirements.  
322.23 If standards overlap, the commissioner may substitute all or a part of a licensure or  
322.24 certification that is substantially the same as another licensure or certification. The  
322.25 commissioner shall consult with stakeholders, as described in subdivision 4, before granting  
322.26 variances under this provision. For the CCBHC that is certified but not approved for  
322.27 prospective payment under section 256B.0625, subdivision 5m, the commissioner may  
322.28 grant a variance under this paragraph if the variance does not increase the state share of  
322.29 costs.

322.30 (e) The commissioner shall issue a list of required evidence-based practices to be  
322.31 delivered by CCBHCs, and may also provide a list of recommended evidence-based practices.  
322.32 The commissioner may update the list to reflect advances in outcomes research and medical  
322.33 services for persons living with mental illnesses or substance use disorders. The commissioner  
322.34 shall take into consideration the adequacy of evidence to support the efficacy of the practice,  
322.35 the quality of workforce available, and the current availability of the practice in the state.

323.1 At least 30 days before issuing the initial list and any revisions, the commissioner shall  
323.2 provide stakeholders with an opportunity to comment.

323.3 ~~(f) The commissioner shall establish standards and methodologies for a prospective~~  
323.4 ~~payment system for medical assistance payments for services delivered by certified~~  
323.5 ~~community behavioral health clinics, in accordance with guidance issued by the Centers~~  
323.6 ~~for Medicare and Medicaid Services. During the operation of the demonstration project,~~  
323.7 ~~payments shall comply with federal requirements for an enhanced federal medical assistance~~  
323.8 ~~percentage. The commissioner may include quality bonus payment in the prospective~~  
323.9 ~~payment system based on federal criteria and on a clinic's provision of the evidence-based~~  
323.10 ~~practices in paragraph (e). The prospective payment system does not apply to MinnesotaCare.~~  
323.11 ~~Implementation of the prospective payment system is effective July 1, 2017, or upon federal~~  
323.12 ~~approval, whichever is later.~~

323.13 ~~(g) The commissioner shall seek federal approval to continue federal financial~~  
323.14 ~~participation in payment for CCBHC services after the federal demonstration period ends~~  
323.15 ~~for clinics that were certified as CCBHCs during the demonstration period and that continue~~  
323.16 ~~to meet the CCBHC certification standards in paragraph (a). Payment for CCBHC services~~  
323.17 ~~shall cease effective July 1, 2019, if continued federal financial participation for the payment~~  
323.18 ~~of CCBHC services cannot be obtained.~~

323.19 ~~(h) The commissioner may certify at least one CCBHC located in an urban area and at~~  
323.20 ~~least one CCBHC located in a rural area, as defined by federal criteria. To the extent allowed~~  
323.21 ~~by federal law, the commissioner may limit the number of certified clinics so that the~~  
323.22 ~~projected claims for certified clinics will not exceed the funds budgeted for this purpose.~~  
323.23 ~~The commissioner shall give preference to clinics that:~~

323.24 ~~(1) provide a comprehensive range of services and evidence-based practices for all age~~  
323.25 ~~groups, with services being fully coordinated and integrated; and~~

323.26 ~~(2) enhance the state's ability to meet the federal priorities to be selected as a CCBHC~~  
323.27 ~~demonstration state.~~

323.28 ~~(i)~~ (f) The commissioner shall recertify CCBHCs at least every three years. The  
323.29 commissioner shall establish a process for decertification and shall require corrective action,  
323.30 medical assistance repayment, or decertification of a CCBHC that no longer meets the  
323.31 requirements in this section or that fails to meet the standards provided by the commissioner  
323.32 in the application and certification process.

324.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, or upon federal approval,  
324.2 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
324.3 when federal approval is obtained.

324.4 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245F.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

324.5 Subd. 2. **Admission criteria.** For an individual to be admitted to a withdrawal  
324.6 management program, the program must make a determination that the program services  
324.7 are appropriate to the needs of the individual. A program may only admit individuals ~~who~~  
324.8 ~~meet the admission criteria and~~ who, at the time of admission, meet the criteria for admission  
324.9 as determined by current American Society of Addiction Medicine standards for appropriate  
324.10 level of withdrawal management.

324.11 ~~(1) are impaired as the result of intoxication;~~

324.12 ~~(2) are experiencing physical, mental, or emotional problems due to intoxication or~~  
324.13 ~~withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs;~~

324.14 ~~(3) are being held under apprehend and hold orders under section 253B.07, subdivision~~  
324.15 ~~2b;~~

324.16 ~~(4) have been committed under chapter 253B and need temporary placement;~~

324.17 ~~(5) are held under emergency holds or peace and health officer holds under section~~  
324.18 ~~253B.05, subdivision 1 or 2; or~~

324.19 ~~(6) need to stay temporarily in a protective environment because of a crisis related to~~  
324.20 ~~substance use disorder. Individuals satisfying this clause may be admitted only at the request~~  
324.21 ~~of the county of fiscal responsibility, as determined according to section 256G.02, subdivision~~  
324.22 ~~4. Individuals admitted according to this clause must not be restricted to the facility.~~

324.23 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254A.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

324.24 Subd. 3. **Rules for substance use disorder care.** (a) The commissioner of human  
324.25 services shall establish by rule criteria to be used in determining the appropriate level of  
324.26 chemical dependency care for each recipient of public assistance seeking treatment for  
324.27 substance misuse or substance use disorder. Upon federal approval of a comprehensive  
324.28 assessment as a Medicaid benefit, or on July 1, 2018, whichever is later, and notwithstanding  
324.29 the criteria in Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6600 to 9530.6655, an eligible vendor of  
324.30 comprehensive assessments under section 254B.05 may determine and approve the  
324.31 appropriate level of substance use disorder treatment for a recipient of public assistance.  
324.32 The process for determining an individual's financial eligibility for the consolidated chemical



325.1 dependency treatment fund or determining an individual's enrollment in or eligibility for a  
325.2 publicly subsidized health plan is not affected by the individual's choice to access a  
325.3 comprehensive assessment for placement.

325.4 (b) The commissioner shall develop and implement a utilization review process for  
325.5 publicly funded treatment placements to monitor and review the clinical appropriateness  
325.6 and timeliness of all publicly funded placements in treatment.

325.7 (c) If a screen result is positive for alcohol or substance misuse, a brief screening for  
325.8 alcohol or substance use disorder that is provided to a recipient of public assistance within  
325.9 a primary care clinic, hospital, or other medical setting or school setting establishes medical  
325.10 necessity and approval for an initial set of substance use disorder services identified in  
325.11 section 254B.05, subdivision 5. The initial set of services approved for a recipient whose  
325.12 screen result is positive may include any combination of up to four hours of individual or  
325.13 group substance use disorder treatment, two hours of substance use disorder treatment  
325.14 coordination, or two hours of substance use disorder peer support services provided by a  
325.15 qualified individual according to chapter 245G. A recipient must obtain an assessment  
325.16 pursuant to paragraph (a) to be approved for additional treatment services.

325.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Contingent upon federal approval, this section is effective July  
325.18 1, 2019. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when  
325.19 federal approval is obtained or denied.

325.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254B.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

325.21 Subdivision 1. **Chemical dependency treatment allocation.** The chemical dependency  
325.22 treatment appropriation shall be placed in a special revenue account. ~~The commissioner~~  
325.23 ~~shall annually transfer funds from the chemical dependency fund to pay for operation of~~  
325.24 ~~the drug and alcohol abuse normative evaluation system and to pay for all costs incurred~~  
325.25 ~~by adding two positions for licensing of chemical dependency treatment and rehabilitation~~  
325.26 ~~programs located in hospitals for which funds are not otherwise appropriated. The remainder~~  
325.27 ~~of the money in the special revenue account must be used according to the requirements in~~  
325.28 this chapter.

325.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

325.30 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254B.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

325.31 Subd. 2. **Chemical dependency fund payment.** (a) Payment from the chemical  
325.32 dependency fund is limited to payments for services other than detoxification licensed under

326.1 Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6510 to 9530.6590, that, if located outside of federally  
326.2 recognized tribal lands, would be required to be licensed by the commissioner as a chemical  
326.3 dependency treatment or rehabilitation program under sections 245A.01 to 245A.16, and  
326.4 services other than detoxification provided in another state that would be required to be  
326.5 licensed as a chemical dependency program if the program were in the state. Out of state  
326.6 vendors must also provide the commissioner with assurances that the program complies  
326.7 substantially with state licensing requirements and possesses all licenses and certifications  
326.8 required by the host state to provide chemical dependency treatment. Vendors receiving  
326.9 payments from the chemical dependency fund must not require co-payment from a recipient  
326.10 of benefits for services provided under this subdivision. The vendor is prohibited from using  
326.11 the client's public benefits to offset the cost of services paid under this section. The vendor  
326.12 shall not require the client to use public benefits for room or board costs. This includes but  
326.13 is not limited to cash assistance benefits under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256J, or SNAP  
326.14 benefits. Retention of SNAP benefits is a right of a client receiving services through the  
326.15 consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund or through state contracted managed care  
326.16 entities. Payment from the chemical dependency fund shall be made for necessary room  
326.17 and board costs provided by vendors ~~certified according to~~ meeting the criteria under section  
326.18 254B.05, subdivision 1a, or in a community hospital licensed by the commissioner of health  
326.19 according to sections 144.50 to 144.56 to a client who is:

326.20 (1) determined to meet the criteria for placement in a residential chemical dependency  
326.21 treatment program according to rules adopted under section 254A.03, subdivision 3; and

326.22 (2) concurrently receiving a chemical dependency treatment service in a program licensed  
326.23 by the commissioner and reimbursed by the chemical dependency fund.

326.24 (b) A county may, from its own resources, provide chemical dependency services for  
326.25 which state payments are not made. A county may elect to use the same invoice procedures  
326.26 and obtain the same state payment services as are used for chemical dependency services  
326.27 for which state payments are made under this section if county payments are made to the  
326.28 state in advance of state payments to vendors. When a county uses the state system for  
326.29 payment, the commissioner shall make monthly billings to the county using the most recent  
326.30 available information to determine the anticipated services for which payments will be made  
326.31 in the coming month. Adjustment of any overestimate or underestimate based on actual  
326.32 expenditures shall be made by the state agency by adjusting the estimate for any succeeding  
326.33 month.

326.34 (c) The commissioner shall coordinate chemical dependency services and determine  
326.35 whether there is a need for any proposed expansion of chemical dependency treatment

327.1 services. The commissioner shall deny vendor certification to any provider that has not  
327.2 received prior approval from the commissioner for the creation of new programs or the  
327.3 expansion of existing program capacity. The commissioner shall consider the provider's  
327.4 capacity to obtain clients from outside the state based on plans, agreements, and previous  
327.5 utilization history, when determining the need for new treatment services.

327.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

327.7 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254B.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

327.8 Subd. 4. **Division of costs.** (a) Except for services provided by a county under section  
327.9 254B.09, subdivision 1, or services provided under section 256B.69, the county shall, out  
327.10 of local money, pay the state for 22.95 percent of the cost of chemical dependency services,  
327.11 ~~including~~ except for those services provided to persons eligible for enrolled in medical  
327.12 assistance under chapter 256B and room and board services under section 254B.05,  
327.13 subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (12). Counties may use the indigent hospitalization  
327.14 levy for treatment and hospital payments made under this section.

327.15 (b) 22.95 percent of any state collections from private or third-party pay, less 15 percent  
327.16 for the cost of payment and collections, must be distributed to the county that paid for a  
327.17 portion of the treatment under this section.

327.18 ~~(e) For fiscal year 2017 only, the 22.95 percentages under paragraphs (a) and (b) are~~  
327.19 ~~equal to 20.2 percent.~~

327.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

327.21 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

327.22 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) Persons eligible for benefits under Code of Federal  
327.23 Regulations, title 25, part 20, ~~and persons eligible for medical assistance benefits under~~  
327.24 ~~sections 256B.055, 256B.056, and 256B.057, subdivisions 1, 5, and 6, or who meet the~~  
327.25 income standards of section 256B.056, subdivision 4, and are not enrolled in medical  
327.26 assistance, are entitled to chemical dependency fund services. State money appropriated  
327.27 for this paragraph must be placed in a separate account established for this purpose.

327.28 (b) Persons with dependent children who are determined to be in need of chemical  
327.29 dependency treatment pursuant to an assessment under section 626.556, subdivision 10, or  
327.30 a case plan under section 260C.201, subdivision 6, or 260C.212, shall be assisted by the  
327.31 local agency to access needed treatment services. Treatment services must be appropriate  
327.32 for the individual or family, which may include long-term care treatment or treatment in a

328.1 facility that allows the dependent children to stay in the treatment facility. The county shall  
328.2 pay for out-of-home placement costs, if applicable.

328.3 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), persons enrolled in medical assistance are eligible  
328.4 for room and board services under section 254B.05, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause  
328.5 (12).

328.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2019.

328.7 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254B.05, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

328.8 Subd. 1a. **Room and board provider requirements.** (a) Effective January 1, 2000,  
328.9 vendors of room and board are eligible for chemical dependency fund payment if the vendor:

328.10 (1) has rules prohibiting residents bringing chemicals into the facility or using chemicals  
328.11 while residing in the facility and provide consequences for infractions of those rules;

328.12 (2) is determined to meet applicable health and safety requirements;

328.13 (3) is not a jail or prison;

328.14 (4) is not concurrently receiving funds under chapter 256I for the recipient;

328.15 (5) admits individuals who are 18 years of age or older;

328.16 (6) is registered as a board and lodging or lodging establishment according to section  
328.17 157.17;

328.18 (7) has awake staff on site 24 hours per day;

328.19 (8) has staff who are at least 18 years of age and meet the requirements of section  
328.20 245G.11, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

328.21 (9) has emergency behavioral procedures that meet the requirements of section 245G.16;

328.22 (10) meets the requirements of section 245G.08, subdivision 5, if administering  
328.23 medications to clients;

328.24 (11) meets the abuse prevention requirements of section 245A.65, including a policy on  
328.25 fraternization and the mandatory reporting requirements of section 626.557;

328.26 (12) documents coordination with the treatment provider to ensure compliance with  
328.27 section 254B.03, subdivision 2;

328.28 (13) protects client funds and ensures freedom from exploitation by meeting the  
328.29 provisions of section 245A.04, subdivision 13;

329.1 (14) has a grievance procedure that meets the requirements of section 245G.15,  
329.2 subdivision 2; and

329.3 (15) has sleeping and bathroom facilities for men and women separated by a door that  
329.4 is locked, has an alarm, or is supervised by awake staff.

329.5 (b) Programs licensed according to Minnesota Rules, chapter 2960, are exempt from  
329.6 paragraph (a), clauses (5) to (15).

329.7 (c) Licensed programs providing intensive residential treatment services or residential  
329.8 crisis stabilization services pursuant to section 256B.0622 or 256B.0624 are eligible vendors  
329.9 of room and board and are exempt from paragraph (a), clauses (6) to (15).

329.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2019.

329.11 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

329.12 Subdivision 1. **State collections.** The commissioner is responsible for all collections  
329.13 from persons determined to be partially responsible for the cost of care of an eligible person  
329.14 receiving services under Laws 1986, chapter 394, sections 8 to 20. The commissioner may  
329.15 initiate, or request the attorney general to initiate, necessary civil action to recover the unpaid  
329.16 cost of care. The commissioner may collect all third-party payments for chemical dependency  
329.17 services provided under Laws 1986, chapter 394, sections 8 to 20, including private insurance  
329.18 and federal Medicaid and Medicare financial participation. ~~The commissioner shall deposit~~  
329.19 ~~in a dedicated account a percentage of collections to pay for the cost of operating the chemical~~  
329.20 ~~dependency consolidated treatment fund invoice processing and vendor payment system,~~  
329.21 ~~billing, and collections.~~ The remaining receipts must be deposited in the chemical dependency  
329.22 fund.

329.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

329.24 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254B.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

329.25 Subd. 2. **Allocation of collections.** ~~(a) The commissioner shall allocate all federal~~  
329.26 ~~financial participation collections to a special revenue account.~~ The commissioner shall  
329.27 allocate 77.05 percent of patient payments and third-party payments to the special revenue  
329.28 account and 22.95 percent to the county financially responsible for the patient.

329.29 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2017 only, the commissioner's allocation to the special revenue account~~  
329.30 ~~shall be increased from 77.05 percent to 79.8 percent and the county financial responsibility~~  
329.31 ~~shall be reduced from 22.95 percent to 20.2 percent.~~

330.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

330.2 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.478, is amended to read:

330.3 **256.478 HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES TRANSITIONS**  
330.4 **GRANTS TRANSITION TO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.**

330.5 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) An individual is eligible for the transition to community  
330.6 initiative if the individual meets the following criteria:

330.7 (1) without the additional resources available through the transitions to community  
330.8 initiative the individual would otherwise remain at the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment  
330.9 Center, a state-operated community behavioral health hospital, or the Minnesota Security  
330.10 Hospital;

330.11 (2) the individual's discharge would be significantly delayed without the additional  
330.12 resources available through the transitions to community initiative; and

330.13 (3) the individual met treatment objectives and no longer needs hospital-level care or a  
330.14 secure treatment setting.

330.15 (b) An individual who is in a community hospital and on the waiting list for the  
330.16 Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center, but for whom alternative community placement  
330.17 would be appropriate is eligible for the transition to community initiative upon the  
330.18 commissioner's approval.

330.19 Subd. 2. **Transition grants.** The commissioner shall make available ~~home and~~  
330.20 ~~community-based services~~ transition to community grants to serve assist individuals ~~who~~  
330.21 ~~do not meet eligibility criteria for the medical assistance program under section 256B.056~~  
330.22 ~~or 256B.057, but who otherwise meet the criteria under section 256B.092, subdivision 13,~~  
330.23 ~~or 256B.49, subdivision 24~~ who met the criteria under subdivision 1.

330.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

330.25 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
330.26 to read:

330.27 Subd. 5m. **Certified community behavioral health clinic services.** (a) Medical  
330.28 assistance covers certified community behavioral health clinic (CCBHC) services that meet  
330.29 the requirements of section 245.735, subdivision 3.

330.30 (b) The commissioner shall establish standards and methodologies for a prospective  
330.31 payment system for medical assistance payments for services delivered by a CCBHC, in

331.1 accordance with guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The  
331.2 commissioner shall include a quality bonus payment in the prospective payment system  
331.3 based on federal criteria.

331.4 (c) To the extent allowed by federal law, the commissioner may limit the number of  
331.5 CCBHCs for the prospective payment system in paragraph (b) to ensure that the projected  
331.6 claims do not exceed the money appropriated for this purpose. The commissioner shall  
331.7 apply the following priorities, in the order listed, to give preference to clinics that:

331.8 (1) provide a comprehensive range of services and evidence-based practices for all age  
331.9 groups, with services being fully coordinated and integrated;

331.10 (2) are certified as CCBHCs during the federal CCBHC demonstration period;

331.11 (3) receive CCBHC grants from the United States Department of Health and Human  
331.12 Services; or

331.13 (4) focus on serving individuals in tribal areas and other underserved communities.

331.14 (d) Unless otherwise indicated in applicable federal requirements, the prospective payment  
331.15 system must continue to be based on the federal instructions issued for the federal CCBHC  
331.16 demonstration, except:

331.17 (1) the commissioner shall rebase CCBHC rates at least every three years;

331.18 (2) the commissioner shall provide for a 60-day appeals process of the rebasing;

331.19 (3) the prohibition against inclusion of new facilities in the demonstration does not apply  
331.20 after the demonstration ends;

331.21 (4) the prospective payment rate under this section does not apply to services rendered  
331.22 by CCBHCs to individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and medical assistance  
331.23 when Medicare is the primary payer for the service. An entity that receives a prospective  
331.24 payment system rate that overlaps with the CCBHC rate is not eligible for the CCBHC rate;

331.25 (5) payments for CCBHC services to individuals enrolled in managed care shall be  
331.26 coordinated with the state's phase-out of CCBHC wrap payments;

331.27 (6) initial prospective payment rates for CCBHCs certified after July 1, 2019, shall be  
331.28 based on rates for comparable CCBHCs. If no comparable provider exists, the commissioner  
331.29 shall compute a CCBHC-specific rate based upon the CCBHC's audited costs adjusted for  
331.30 changes in the scope of services; and

331.31 (7) the prospective payment rate for each CCBHC shall be adjusted annually by the  
331.32 Medicare Economic Index as defined for the CCBHC federal demonstration.

332.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Contingent upon federal approval, this section is effective July  
332.2 1, 2019. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when  
332.3 federal approval is obtained or denied.

332.4 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
332.5 to read:

332.6 Subd. 20c. **Integrated care model; mental health case management services by**  
332.7 **Center for Victims of Torture.** (a) The commissioner of human services, in collaboration  
332.8 with the Center for Victims of Torture, shall develop a pilot project to support the continued  
332.9 testing of an integrated care model for the delivery of mental health targeted case management  
332.10 at one designated service site. For purposes of this subdivision, "center" means the Center  
332.11 for Victims of Torture.

332.12 (b) The commissioner of human services shall contract directly with the center for the  
332.13 provision of the services described in paragraph (c). The services shall be paid at \$695 per  
332.14 member per month and shall be funded using 100 percent state funding.

332.15 (c) Individuals who are eligible to receive medical assistance under this chapter, who  
332.16 are eligible to receive mental health targeted case management as described under section  
332.17 245.4711, and who are being served by the center shall be served using the integrated care  
332.18 model and must be evaluated using the center's social functioning tool.

332.19 (d) The commissioner of human services, in collaboration with the center, shall also  
332.20 evaluate whether the center's social functioning tool can be adapted for use with the general  
332.21 medical assistance population. Beginning July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter until the  
332.22 evaluation is complete, the commissioner of human services shall report on the results of  
332.23 the evaluation to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services.

332.24 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

332.25 Subd. 24. **Other medical or remedial care.** Medical assistance covers any other medical  
332.26 or remedial care licensed and recognized under state law unless otherwise prohibited by  
332.27 law, ~~except licensed chemical dependency treatment programs or primary treatment or~~  
332.28 ~~extended care treatment units in hospitals that are covered under chapter 254B.~~ The  
332.29 ~~commissioner shall include chemical dependency services in the state medical assistance~~  
332.30 ~~plan for federal reporting purposes, but payment must be made under chapter 254B.~~ The  
332.31 commissioner shall publish in the State Register a list of elective surgeries that require a  
332.32 second medical opinion before medical assistance reimbursement, and the criteria and  
332.33 standards for deciding whether an elective surgery should require a second medical opinion.



333.1 The list and criteria and standards are not subject to the requirements of sections 14.01 to  
333.2 14.69.

333.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

333.4 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
333.5 to read:

333.6 **Subd. 24a. Substance use disorder services.** Medical assistance covers substance use  
333.7 disorder treatment services according to section 254B.05, subdivision 5, except for room  
333.8 and board.

333.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

333.10 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 45a, is amended to  
333.11 read:

333.12 Subd. 45a. **Psychiatric residential treatment facility services for persons younger**  
333.13 **than 21 years of age.** (a) Medical assistance covers psychiatric residential treatment facility  
333.14 services, according to section 256B.0941, for persons younger than 21 years of age.  
333.15 Individuals who reach age 21 at the time they are receiving services are eligible to continue  
333.16 receiving services until they no longer require services or until they reach age 22, whichever  
333.17 occurs first.

333.18 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "psychiatric residential treatment facility" means  
333.19 a facility other than a hospital that provides psychiatric services, as described in Code of  
333.20 Federal Regulations, title 42, sections 441.151 to 441.182, to individuals under age 21 in  
333.21 an inpatient setting.

333.22 (c) The commissioner shall enroll up to 150 certified psychiatric residential treatment  
333.23 facility services beds ~~at up to six sites.~~ The commissioner may enroll an additional 80  
333.24 certified psychiatric residential treatment facility services beds beginning July 1, 2020, and  
333.25 an additional 70 certified psychiatric residential treatment facility services beds beginning  
333.26 July 1, 2023. The commissioner shall select psychiatric residential treatment facility services  
333.27 providers through a request for proposals process. Providers of state-operated services may  
333.28 respond to the request for proposals. The commissioner shall prioritize programs that  
333.29 demonstrate the capacity to serve children and youth with aggressive and risky behaviors  
333.30 toward themselves or others, multiple diagnoses, neurodevelopmental disorders, or complex  
333.31 trauma related issues.

334.1 (d) Notwithstanding the limit on the number of certified psychiatric residential treatment  
334.2 facility services beds under paragraph (c), providers of children's residential treatment under  
334.3 section 256B.0945, who are enrolled to provide services as of July 1, 2019, may submit a  
334.4 letter of intent to develop a psychiatric residential treatment facility program in a format  
334.5 developed by the commissioner. Each letter of intent must demonstrate the need for  
334.6 psychiatric residential treatment facility services, the proposed bed capacity for the program,  
334.7 and the capacity of the organization to develop and deliver psychiatric residential treatment  
334.8 facility services. The letter of intent must also include a description of the proposed services  
334.9 and physical site as well as specific information about the population that the program plans  
334.10 to serve. The commissioner shall respond to the letter of intent within 60 days of receiving  
334.11 all requested information with a determination of whether the program is approved, or with  
334.12 specific recommended actions required to obtain approval. Programs that receive an approved  
334.13 letter of intent must initiate the processes required by the commissioner to enroll as a provider  
334.14 of psychiatric residential treatment facility services within 30 days of receiving notice of  
334.15 approval. The commissioner shall process letters of intent in the order received. A program  
334.16 approved under this paragraph may not increase bed capacity when converting to provide  
334.17 psychiatric residential treatment facility services.

334.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

334.19 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 57, is amended to read:

334.20 Subd. 57. **Payment for Part B Medicare crossover claims.** (a) Effective for services  
334.21 provided on or after January 1, 2012, medical assistance payment for an enrollee's  
334.22 cost-sharing associated with Medicare Part B is limited to an amount up to the medical  
334.23 assistance total allowed, when the medical assistance rate exceeds the amount paid by  
334.24 Medicare.

334.25 (b) Excluded from this limitation are payments for mental health services and payments  
334.26 for dialysis services provided to end-stage renal disease patients. The exclusion for mental  
334.27 health services does not apply to payments for physician services provided by psychiatrists  
334.28 and advanced practice nurses with a specialty in mental health.

334.29 (c) Excluded from this limitation are payments to federally qualified health centers ~~and~~<sub>2</sub>  
334.30 rural health clinics, and CCBHCs subject to the prospective payment system under  
334.31 subdivision 5m.

334.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Contingent upon federal approval, this section is effective July  
334.33 1, 2019. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when  
334.34 federal approval is obtained or denied.

335.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

335.2 Subd. 2. **Eligible individual.** (a) The commissioner may develop health home models  
335.3 in accordance with United States Code, title 42, section 1396w-4(h)(1).

335.4 (b) An individual is eligible for health home services under this section if the individual  
335.5 is eligible for medical assistance under this chapter and ~~has at least:~~

335.6 ~~(1) two chronic conditions;~~

335.7 ~~(2) one chronic condition and is at risk of having a second chronic condition;~~

335.8 ~~(3) one serious and persistent mental health condition; or~~

335.9 ~~(4) has a condition that meets the definition of serious mental illness as described in~~

335.10 section 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (a), or emotional disturbance as defined in section

335.11 245.4871, subdivision 15, clause (2); and has a current diagnostic assessment as defined in

335.12 Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1, item B or C, as performed or reviewed by a

335.13 mental health professional employed by or under contract with the behavioral health home.

335.14 The commissioner shall establish criteria for determining continued eligibility.

335.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

335.16 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, is amended by adding a subdivision  
335.17 to read:

335.18 Subd. 2a. **Discharge criteria.** (a) An individual may be discharged from behavioral  
335.19 health home services if:

335.20 (1) the behavioral health home services provider is unable to locate, contact, and engage  
335.21 the individual for a period of greater than three months after persistent efforts by the  
335.22 behavioral health home services provider; or

335.23 (2) the individual is unwilling to participate in behavioral health home services as  
335.24 demonstrated by the individual's refusal to meet with the behavioral health home services  
335.25 provider, or refusal to identify the individual's health and wellness goals or the activities or  
335.26 support necessary to achieve these goals.

335.27 (b) Before discharge from behavioral health home services, the behavioral health home  
335.28 services provider must offer a face-to-face meeting with the individual and the individual's  
335.29 identified supports, to discuss options available to the individual, including maintaining  
335.30 behavioral health home services.

335.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

336.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

336.2 Subd. 4. **Designated provider.** ~~(a)~~ Health home services are voluntary and an eligible  
336.3 individual may choose any designated provider. The commissioner shall establish designated  
336.4 providers to serve as health homes and provide the services described in subdivision 3 to  
336.5 individuals eligible under subdivision 2. The commissioner shall apply for grants as provided  
336.6 under section 3502 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish health  
336.7 homes and provide capitated payments to designated providers. For purposes of this section,  
336.8 "designated provider" means a provider, clinical practice or clinical group practice, rural  
336.9 clinic, community health center, community mental health center, or any other entity that  
336.10 is determined by the commissioner to be qualified to be a health home for eligible individuals.  
336.11 This determination must be based on documentation evidencing that the designated provider  
336.12 has the systems and infrastructure in place to provide health home services and satisfies the  
336.13 qualification standards established by the commissioner in consultation with stakeholders  
336.14 and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

336.15 ~~(b) The commissioner shall develop and implement certification standards for designated~~  
336.16 ~~providers under this subdivision.~~

336.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

336.18 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, is amended by adding a subdivision  
336.19 to read:

336.20 **Subd. 4a. Behavioral health home services provider requirements.** A behavioral  
336.21 health home services provider must:

336.22 (1) be an enrolled Minnesota Health Care Programs provider;

336.23 (2) provide a medical assistance covered primary care or behavioral health service;

336.24 (3) utilize an electronic health record;

336.25 (4) utilize an electronic patient registry that contains the data elements required by the  
336.26 commissioner;

336.27 (5) demonstrate the organization's capacity to administer screenings approved by the  
336.28 commissioner for substance use disorder or alcohol and tobacco use;

336.29 (6) demonstrate the organization's capacity to refer an individual to resources appropriate  
336.30 to the individual's screening results;

336.31 (7) have policies and procedures to track referrals to ensure that the referral met the  
336.32 individual's needs;

337.1 (8) conduct a brief needs assessment when an individual begins receiving behavioral  
337.2 health home services. The brief needs assessment must be completed with input from the  
337.3 individual and the individual's identified supports. The brief needs assessment must address  
337.4 the individual's immediate safety and transportation needs and potential barriers to  
337.5 participating in behavioral health home services;

337.6 (9) conduct a health wellness assessment within 60 days after intake that contains all  
337.7 required elements identified by the commissioner;

337.8 (10) conduct a health action plan that contains all required elements identified by the  
337.9 commissioner. The plan must be completed within 90 days after intake and must be updated  
337.10 at least once every six months, or more frequently if significant changes to an individual's  
337.11 needs or goals occur;

337.12 (11) agree to cooperate with and participate in the state's monitoring and evaluation of  
337.13 behavioral health home services; and

337.14 (12) obtain the individual's written consent to begin receiving behavioral health home  
337.15 services using a form approved by the commissioner.

337.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

337.17 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, is amended by adding a subdivision  
337.18 to read:

337.19 **Subd. 4b. Behavioral health home provider training and practice transformation**  
337.20 **requirements.** (a) The behavioral health home services provider must ensure that all staff  
337.21 delivering behavioral health home services receive adequate preservice and ongoing training,  
337.22 including:

337.23 (1) training approved by the commissioner that describes the goals and principles of  
337.24 behavioral health home services; and

337.25 (2) training on evidence-based practices to promote an individual's ability to successfully  
337.26 engage with medical, behavioral health, and social services to achieve the individual's health  
337.27 and wellness goals.

337.28 (b) The behavioral health home services provider must ensure that staff are capable of  
337.29 implementing culturally responsive services, as determined by the individual's culture,  
337.30 beliefs, values, and language as identified in the individual's health wellness assessment.

338.1 (c) The behavioral health home services provider must participate in the department's  
338.2 practice transformation activities to support continued skill and competency development  
338.3 in the provision of integrated medical, behavioral health, and social services.

338.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

338.5 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, is amended by adding a subdivision  
338.6 to read:

338.7 Subd. 4c. **Behavioral health home staff qualifications.** (a) A behavioral health home  
338.8 services provider must maintain staff with required professional qualifications appropriate  
338.9 to the setting.

338.10 (b) If behavioral health home services are offered in a mental health setting, the  
338.11 integration specialist must be a registered nurse licensed under the Minnesota Nurse Practice  
338.12 Act, sections 148.171 to 148.285.

338.13 (c) If behavioral health home services are offered in a primary care setting, the integration  
338.14 specialist must be a mental health professional as defined in section 245.462, subdivision  
338.15 18, clauses (1) to (6), or 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (6).

338.16 (d) If behavioral health home services are offered in either a primary care setting or  
338.17 mental health setting, the systems navigator must be a mental health practitioner as defined  
338.18 in section 245.462, subdivision 17, or a community health worker as defined in section  
338.19 256B.0625, subdivision 49.

338.20 (e) If behavioral health home services are offered in either a primary care setting or  
338.21 mental health setting, the qualified health home specialist must be one of the following:

338.22 (1) a peer support specialist as defined in section 256B.0615;

338.23 (2) a family peer support specialist as defined in section 256B.0616;

338.24 (3) a case management associate as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 4, paragraph  
338.25 (g), or 245.4871, subdivision 4, paragraph (j);

338.26 (4) a mental health rehabilitation worker as defined in section 256B.0623, subdivision  
338.27 5, clause (4);

338.28 (5) a community paramedic as defined in section 144E.28, subdivision 9;

338.29 (6) a peer recovery specialist as defined in section 245G.07, subdivision 1, clause (5);

338.30 or

338.31 (7) a community health worker as defined in section 256B.0625, subdivision 49.

339.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

339.2 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, is amended by adding a subdivision  
339.3 to read:

339.4 Subd. 4d. **Behavioral health home service delivery standards.** (a) A behavioral health  
339.5 home services provider must meet the following service delivery standards:

339.6 (1) establish and maintain processes to support the coordination of an individual's primary  
339.7 care, behavioral health, and dental care;

339.8 (2) maintain a team-based model of care, including regular coordination and  
339.9 communication between behavioral health home services team members;

339.10 (3) use evidence-based practices that recognize and are tailored to the medical, social,  
339.11 economic, behavioral health, functional impairment, cultural, and environmental factors  
339.12 affecting the individual's health and health care choices;

339.13 (4) use person-centered planning practices to ensure the individual's health action plan  
339.14 accurately reflects the individual's preferences, goals, resources, and optimal outcomes for  
339.15 the individual and the individual's identified supports;

339.16 (5) use the patient registry to identify individuals and population subgroups requiring  
339.17 specific levels or types of care and provide or refer the individual to needed treatment,  
339.18 intervention, or services;

339.19 (6) utilize the Department of Human Services Partner Portal to identify past and current  
339.20 treatment or services and identify potential gaps in care;

339.21 (7) deliver services consistent with the standards for frequency and face-to-face contact  
339.22 required by the commissioner;

339.23 (8) ensure that a diagnostic assessment is completed for each individual receiving  
339.24 behavioral health home services within six months of the start of behavioral health home  
339.25 services;

339.26 (9) deliver services in locations and settings that meet the needs of the individual;

339.27 (10) provide a central point of contact to ensure that individuals and the individual's  
339.28 identified supports can successfully navigate the array of services that impact the individual's  
339.29 health and well-being;

339.30 (11) have capacity to assess an individual's readiness for change and the individual's  
339.31 capacity to integrate new health care or community supports into the individual's life;

340.1 (12) offer or facilitate the provision of wellness and prevention education on  
340.2 evidenced-based curriculums specific to the prevention and management of common chronic  
340.3 conditions;

340.4 (13) help an individual set up and prepare for medical, behavioral health, social service,  
340.5 or community support appointments, including accompanying the individual to appointments  
340.6 as appropriate, and providing follow-up with the individual after these appointments;

340.7 (14) offer or facilitate the provision of health coaching related to chronic disease  
340.8 management and the navigation of complex systems of care to the individual, the individual's  
340.9 family, and identified supports;

340.10 (15) connect the individual, the individual's family, and identified supports to appropriate  
340.11 support services that help the individual overcome access or service barriers, increase  
340.12 self-sufficiency skills, and improve overall health;

340.13 (16) provide effective referrals and timely access to services; and

340.14 (17) establish a continuous quality improvement process for providing behavioral health  
340.15 home services.

340.16 (b) The behavioral health home services provider must also create a plan, in partnership  
340.17 with the individual and the individual's identified supports, to support the individual after  
340.18 discharge from a hospital, residential treatment program, or other setting. The plan must  
340.19 include protocols for:

340.20 (1) maintaining contact between the behavioral health home services team member, the  
340.21 individual, and the individual's identified supports during and after discharge;

340.22 (2) linking the individual to new resources as needed;

340.23 (3) reestablishing the individual's existing services and community and social supports;  
340.24 and

340.25 (4) following up with appropriate entities to transfer or obtain the individual's service  
340.26 records as necessary for continued care.

340.27 (c) If the individual is enrolled in a managed care plan, a behavioral health home services  
340.28 provider must:

340.29 (1) notify the behavioral health home services contact designated by the managed care  
340.30 plan within 30 days of when the individual begins behavioral health home services; and

340.31 (2) adhere to the managed care plan communication and coordination requirements  
340.32 described in the behavioral health home services manual.



341.1 (d) Before terminating behavioral health home services, the behavioral health home  
341.2 services provider must:

341.3 (1) provide a 60-day notice of termination of behavioral health home services to all  
341.4 individuals receiving behavioral health home services, the commissioner, and managed care  
341.5 plans, if applicable; and

341.6 (2) refer individuals receiving behavioral health home services to a new behavioral  
341.7 health home services provider.

341.8 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, is amended by adding a subdivision  
341.9 to read:

341.10 Subd. 4e. **Behavioral health home provider variances.** (a) The commissioner may  
341.11 grant a variance to specific requirements under subdivisions 4a, 4b, 4c, or 4d for a behavioral  
341.12 health home services provider according to this subdivision.

341.13 (b) The commissioner may grant a variance if the commissioner finds that:

341.14 (1) failure to grant the variance would result in hardship or injustice to the applicant;

341.15 (2) the variance would be consistent with the public interest; and

341.16 (3) the variance would not reduce the level of services provided to individuals served  
341.17 by the organization.

341.18 (c) The commissioner may grant a variance from one or more requirements to permit  
341.19 an applicant to offer behavioral health home services of a type or in a manner that is  
341.20 innovative, if the commissioner finds that the variance does not impede the achievement of  
341.21 the criteria in subdivisions 4a, 4b, 4c, or 4d and may improve the behavioral health home  
341.22 services provided by the applicant.

341.23 (d) The commissioner's decision to grant or deny a variance request is final and not  
341.24 subject to appeal.

341.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

341.26 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

341.27 Subd. 8. **Evaluation and continued development.** (a) For continued certification under  
341.28 this section, behavioral health homes must meet process, outcome, and quality standards  
341.29 developed and specified by the commissioner. The commissioner shall collect data from  
341.30 health homes as necessary to monitor compliance with certification standards.

342.1 (b) The commissioner may contract with a private entity to evaluate patient and family  
342.2 experiences, health care utilization, and costs.

342.3 (c) The commissioner shall utilize findings from the implementation of ~~behavioral~~ health  
342.4 homes to determine populations to serve under subsequent health home models for individuals  
342.5 with chronic conditions.

342.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

342.7 Sec. 31. **[256B.0759] SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

342.8 **Subdivision 1. Establishment.** The commissioner shall develop and implement a medical  
342.9 assistance demonstration project to test reforms of Minnesota's substance use disorder  
342.10 treatment system to ensure individuals with substance use disorders have access to a full  
342.11 continuum of high quality care.

342.12 **Subd. 2. Provider participation.** Substance use disorder treatment providers may elect  
342.13 to participate in the demonstration project and meet the requirements of subdivision 3. To  
342.14 participate, a provider must notify the commissioner of the provider's intent to participate  
342.15 in a format required by the commissioner and enroll as a demonstration project provider.

342.16 **Subd. 3. Provider standards.** (a) The commissioner shall establish requirements for  
342.17 participating providers that are consistent with the federal requirements of the demonstration  
342.18 project.

342.19 (b) A participating residential provider must obtain applicable licensure under chapters  
342.20 245F and 245G or other applicable standards for the services provided and must:

342.21 (1) deliver services in accordance with American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)  
342.22 standards;

342.23 (2) maintain formal patient referral arrangements with providers delivering step-up or  
342.24 step-down levels of care in accordance with ASAM standards; and

342.25 (3) provide or arrange for medication-assisted treatment services if requested by a client  
342.26 for whom an effective medication exists.

342.27 (c) A participating outpatient provider must obtain applicable licensure under chapter  
342.28 245G or other applicable standards for the services provided and must:

342.29 (1) deliver services in accordance with ASAM standards; and

342.30 (2) maintain formal patient referral arrangements with providers delivering step-up or  
342.31 step-down levels of care in accordance with ASAM standards.

343.1 (d) If the provider standards under chapter 245G or other applicable standards conflict  
343.2 or are duplicative, the commissioner may grant variances to the standards if the variances  
343.3 do not conflict with federal requirements. The commissioner shall publish service  
343.4 components, service standards, and staffing requirements for participating providers that  
343.5 are consistent with ASAM standards and federal requirements.

343.6 Subd. 4. **Provider payment rates.** (a) Payment rates for participating providers must  
343.7 be increased for services provided to medical assistance enrollees.

343.8 (b) For substance use disorder services under section 254B.05, subdivision 5, paragraph  
343.9 (b), clause (8), payment rates must be increased by 15 percent over the rates in effect on  
343.10 January 1, 2020.

343.11 (c) For substance use disorder services under section 254B.05, subdivision 5, paragraph  
343.12 (b), clauses (1), (6), (7), and (10), payment rates must be increased by ten percent over the  
343.13 rates in effect on January 1, 2021.

343.14 Subd. 5. **Federal approval.** The commissioner shall seek federal approval to implement  
343.15 the demonstration project under this section and to receive federal financial participation.

343.16 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0915, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:

343.17 Subd. 3b. **Cost limits for elderly waiver applicants who reside in a nursing facility**  
343.18 **or another eligible facility.** (a) For a person who is a nursing facility resident at the time  
343.19 of requesting a determination of eligibility for elderly waived services, a monthly  
343.20 conversion budget limit for the cost of elderly waived services may be requested. The  
343.21 monthly conversion budget limit for the cost of elderly waiver services shall be the resident  
343.22 class assigned under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0050 to 9549.0059, for that resident in  
343.23 the nursing facility where the resident currently resides until July 1 of the state fiscal year  
343.24 in which the resident assessment system as described in section 256B.438 for nursing home  
343.25 rate determination is implemented. Effective on July 1 of the state fiscal year in which the  
343.26 resident assessment system as described in section 256B.438 for nursing home rate  
343.27 determination is implemented, the monthly conversion budget limit for the cost of elderly  
343.28 waiver services shall be based on the per diem nursing facility rate as determined by the  
343.29 resident assessment system as described in section ~~256B.438~~ 256R.17 for residents in the  
343.30 nursing facility where the elderly waiver applicant currently resides. The monthly conversion  
343.31 budget limit shall be calculated by multiplying the per diem by 365, divided by 12, and  
343.32 reduced by the recipient's maintenance needs allowance as described in subdivision 1d. The  
343.33 initially approved monthly conversion budget limit shall be adjusted annually as described  
343.34 in subdivision 3a, paragraph (a). The limit under this ~~subdivision~~ paragraph only applies to

344.1 persons discharged from a nursing facility after a minimum 30-day stay and found eligible  
344.2 for waived services on or after July 1, 1997. For conversions from the nursing home to  
344.3 the elderly waiver with consumer directed community support services, the nursing facility  
344.4 per diem used to calculate the monthly conversion budget limit must be reduced by a  
344.5 percentage equal to the percentage difference between the consumer directed services budget  
344.6 limit that would be assigned according to the federally approved waiver plan and the  
344.7 corresponding community case mix cap, but not to exceed 50 percent.

344.8 (b) A person who meets elderly waiver eligibility criteria and the eligibility criteria under  
344.9 section 256.478, subdivision 1, is eligible for a special monthly budget limit for the cost of  
344.10 elderly waived services up to \$21,610 per month. The special monthly budget limit must  
344.11 be adjusted annually as described in subdivision 3a, paragraphs (a) and (e). For a person  
344.12 using a special monthly budget limit under the elderly waiver with consumer-directed  
344.13 community support services, the special monthly budget limit must be reduced as described  
344.14 in paragraph (a).

344.15 (c) The commissioner may provide an additional payment for documented costs between  
344.16 a threshold determined by the commissioner and the special monthly budget limit to a  
344.17 managed care plan for elderly waiver services provided to a person who is: (1) eligible for  
344.18 a special monthly budget limit under paragraph (b); and (2) enrolled in a managed care plan  
344.19 that provides elderly waiver services under section 256B.69.

344.20 (d) For monthly conversion budget limits under paragraph (a) and special monthly budget  
344.21 limits under paragraph (b), the service rate limits for adult foster care under subdivision 3d  
344.22 and for customized living under subdivision 3e may be exceeded if necessary for the provider  
344.23 to meet identified needs and provide services as approved in the coordinated service and  
344.24 support plan, if the total cost of all services does not exceed the monthly conversion or  
344.25 special monthly budget limit. Service rates must be established using tools provided by the  
344.26 commissioner.

344.27 (e) The following costs must be included in determining the total monthly costs for the  
344.28 waiver client:

344.29 (1) cost of all waived services, including specialized supplies and equipment and  
344.30 environmental accessibility adaptations; and

344.31 (2) cost of skilled nursing, home health aide, and personal care services reimbursable  
344.32 by medical assistance.

344.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon federal approval. The commissioner  
344.34 of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes once federal approval is obtained.

345.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.092, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

345.2 Subd. 13. **Waiver allocations for transition populations.** (a) The commissioner shall  
345.3 make available additional waiver allocations and additional necessary resources to assure  
345.4 ~~timely discharges from the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center and the Minnesota~~  
345.5 ~~Security Hospital in St. Peter~~ for individuals who meet the following eligibility criteria:  
345.6 established under section 256.478, subdivision 1.

345.7 ~~(1) are otherwise eligible for the developmental disabilities waiver under this section;~~

345.8 ~~(2) who would otherwise remain at the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center or the~~  
345.9 ~~Minnesota Security Hospital;~~

345.10 ~~(3) whose discharge would be significantly delayed without the available waiver~~  
345.11 ~~allocation; and~~

345.12 ~~(4) who have met treatment objectives and no longer meet hospital level of care.~~

345.13 (b) Additional waiver allocations under this subdivision must meet cost-effectiveness  
345.14 requirements of the federal approved waiver plan.

345.15 (c) Any corporate foster care home developed under this subdivision must be considered  
345.16 an exception under section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraph (a).

345.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

345.18 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0941, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

345.19 Subd. 3. **Per diem rate.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a statewide one per diem  
345.20 rate per provider for psychiatric residential treatment facility services for individuals 21  
345.21 years of age or younger. The rate for a provider must not exceed the rate charged by that  
345.22 provider for the same service to other payers. Payment must not be made to more than one  
345.23 entity for each individual for services provided under this section on a given day. The  
345.24 commissioner shall set rates prospectively for the annual rate period. The commissioner  
345.25 shall require providers to submit annual cost reports on a uniform cost reporting form and  
345.26 shall use submitted cost reports to inform the rate-setting process. The cost reporting shall  
345.27 be done according to federal requirements for Medicare cost reports.

345.28 (b) The following are included in the rate:

345.29 (1) costs necessary for licensure and accreditation, meeting all staffing standards for  
345.30 participation, meeting all service standards for participation, meeting all requirements for  
345.31 active treatment, maintaining medical records, conducting utilization review, meeting  
345.32 inspection of care, and discharge planning. The direct services costs must be determined

346.1 using the actual cost of salaries, benefits, payroll taxes, and training of direct services staff  
346.2 and service-related transportation; and

346.3 (2) payment for room and board provided by facilities meeting all accreditation and  
346.4 licensing requirements for participation.

346.5 (c) A facility may submit a claim for payment outside of the per diem for professional  
346.6 services arranged by and provided at the facility by an appropriately licensed professional  
346.7 who is enrolled as a provider with Minnesota health care programs. Arranged services must  
346.8 be billed by the facility on a separate claim, and the facility shall be responsible for payment  
346.9 to the provider. These services must be included in the individual plan of care and are subject  
346.10 to prior authorization by the state's medical review agent.

346.11 (d) Medicaid shall reimburse for concurrent services as approved by the commissioner  
346.12 to support continuity of care and successful discharge from the facility. "Concurrent services"  
346.13 means services provided by another entity or provider while the individual is admitted to a  
346.14 psychiatric residential treatment facility. Payment for concurrent services may be limited  
346.15 and these services are subject to prior authorization by the state's medical review agent.  
346.16 Concurrent services may include targeted case management, assertive community treatment,  
346.17 clinical care consultation, team consultation, and treatment planning.

346.18 (e) Payment rates under this subdivision shall not include the costs of providing the  
346.19 following services:

346.20 (1) educational services;

346.21 (2) acute medical care or specialty services for other medical conditions;

346.22 (3) dental services; and

346.23 (4) pharmacy drug costs.

346.24 (f) For purposes of this section, "actual cost" means costs that are allowable, allocable,  
346.25 reasonable, and consistent with federal reimbursement requirements in Code of Federal  
346.26 Regulations, title 48, chapter 1, part 31, relating to for-profit entities, and the Office of  
346.27 Management and Budget Circular Number A-122, relating to nonprofit entities.

346.28 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.49, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

346.29 Subd. 24. **Waiver allocations for transition populations.** (a) The commissioner shall  
346.30 make available additional waiver allocations and additional necessary resources to assure  
346.31 ~~timely discharges from the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center and the Minnesota~~

347.1 ~~Security Hospital in St. Peter~~ for individuals who meet the following eligibility criteria:  
347.2 established under section 256.478, subdivision 1.

347.3 ~~(1) are otherwise eligible for the brain injury, community access for disability inclusion,~~  
347.4 ~~or community alternative care waivers under this section;~~

347.5 ~~(2) who would otherwise remain at the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center or the~~  
347.6 ~~Minnesota Security Hospital;~~

347.7 ~~(3) whose discharge would be significantly delayed without the available waiver~~  
347.8 ~~allocation; and~~

347.9 ~~(4) who have met treatment objectives and no longer meet hospital level of care.~~

347.10 (b) Additional waiver allocations under this subdivision must meet cost-effectiveness  
347.11 requirements of the federal approved waiver plan.

347.12 (c) Any corporate foster care home developed under this subdivision must be considered  
347.13 an exception under section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraph (a).

347.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

347.15 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256I.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

347.16 Subdivision 1. **Individual eligibility requirements.** An individual is eligible for and  
347.17 entitled to a housing support payment to be made on the individual's behalf if the agency  
347.18 has approved the setting where the individual will receive housing support and the individual  
347.19 meets the requirements in paragraph (a), (b), or (c).

347.20 (a) The individual is aged, blind, or is over 18 years of age with a disability as determined  
347.21 under the criteria used by the title II program of the Social Security Act, and meets the  
347.22 resource restrictions and standards of section 256P.02, and the individual's countable income  
347.23 after deducting the (1) exclusions and disregards of the SSI program, (2) the medical  
347.24 assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35, and (3) an amount equal to the  
347.25 income actually made available to a community spouse by an elderly waiver participant  
347.26 under the provisions of sections 256B.0575, paragraph (a), clause (4), and 256B.058,  
347.27 subdivision 2, is less than the monthly rate specified in the agency's agreement with the  
347.28 provider of housing support in which the individual resides.

347.29 (b) The individual meets a category of eligibility under section 256D.05, subdivision 1,  
347.30 paragraph (a), clauses (1), (3), (4) to (8), and (13), and paragraph (b), if applicable, and the  
347.31 individual's resources are less than the standards specified by section 256P.02, and the  
347.32 individual's countable income as determined under section 256P.06, less the medical

348.1 assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35 is less than the monthly rate  
348.2 specified in the agency's agreement with the provider of housing support in which the  
348.3 individual resides.

348.4 (c) ~~The individual receives licensed residential crisis stabilization services under section~~  
348.5 ~~256B.0624, subdivision 7, and is receiving medical assistance. The individual may receive~~  
348.6 ~~concurrent housing support payments if receiving licensed residential crisis stabilization~~  
348.7 ~~services under section 256B.0624, subdivision 7.~~ lacks a fixed, adequate, nighttime residence  
348.8 upon discharge from a residential behavioral health treatment program, as determined by  
348.9 treatment staff from the residential behavioral health treatment program. An individual is  
348.10 eligible under this paragraph for up to three months, including a full or partial month from  
348.11 the individual's move-in date at a setting approved for housing support following discharge  
348.12 from treatment, plus two full months.

348.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2019.

348.14 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256I.04, subdivision 2f, is amended to read:

348.15 Subd. 2f. **Required services.** (a) In licensed and registered settings under subdivision  
348.16 2a, providers shall ensure that participants have at a minimum:

348.17 (1) food preparation and service for three nutritional meals a day on site;

348.18 (2) a bed, clothing storage, linen, bedding, laundering, and laundry supplies or service;

348.19 (3) housekeeping, including cleaning and lavatory supplies or service; and

348.20 (4) maintenance and operation of the building and grounds, including heat, water, garbage  
348.21 removal, electricity, telephone for the site, cooling, supplies, and parts and tools to repair  
348.22 and maintain equipment and facilities.

348.23 (b) In addition, when providers serve participants described in subdivision 1, paragraph  
348.24 (c), the providers are required to assist the participants in applying for continuing housing  
348.25 support payments before the end of the eligibility period.

348.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2019.

348.27 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256I.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

348.28 Subd. 8. **Amount of housing support payment.** (a) The amount of a room and board  
348.29 payment to be made on behalf of an eligible individual is determined by subtracting the  
348.30 individual's countable income under section 256I.04, subdivision 1, for a whole calendar  
348.31 month from the room and board rate for that same month. The housing support payment is



349.1 determined by multiplying the housing support rate times the period of time the individual  
349.2 was a resident or temporarily absent under section 256I.05, subdivision 1c, paragraph (d).

349.3 (b) For an individual with earned income under paragraph (a), prospective budgeting  
349.4 must be used to determine the amount of the individual's payment for the following six-month  
349.5 period. An increase in income shall not affect an individual's eligibility or payment amount  
349.6 until the month following the reporting month. A decrease in income shall be effective the  
349.7 first day of the month after the month in which the decrease is reported.

349.8 (c) For an individual who receives ~~licensed residential crisis stabilization services under~~  
349.9 ~~section 256B.0624, subdivision 7,~~ housing support payments under section 256I.04,  
349.10 subdivision 1, paragraph (c), the amount of the housing support payment is determined by  
349.11 multiplying the housing support rate times the period of time the individual was a resident.

349.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2019.

349.13 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 641.15, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

349.14 Subd. 3a. **Intake procedure; approved mental health screening.** (a) As part of its  
349.15 intake procedure for new ~~prisoners~~ inmates, the sheriff or local corrections shall use a mental  
349.16 health screening tool approved by the commissioner of corrections in consultation with the  
349.17 commissioner of human services and local corrections staff to identify persons who may  
349.18 have mental illness.

349.19 (b) Names of persons who have screened positive or may have a mental illness may be  
349.20 shared with the local county social services agency. The jail may refer an offender to county  
349.21 personnel of the welfare system, as defined in section 13.46, subdivision 1, paragraph (c),  
349.22 in order to arrange for services upon discharge and may share private data on the offender  
349.23 as necessary to:

349.24 (1) provide assistance in filling out an application for medical assistance or  
349.25 MinnesotaCare;

349.26 (2) make a referral for case management as provided under section 245.467, subdivision  
349.27 4;

349.28 (3) provide assistance in obtaining a state photo identification;

349.29 (4) secure a timely appointment with a psychiatrist or other appropriate community  
349.30 mental health provider;

349.31 (5) provide prescriptions for a 30-day supply of all necessary medications; or

349.32 (6) coordinate behavioral health services.

350.1 (c) Notwithstanding section 138.17, if an offender is referred to a government entity  
350.2 within the welfare system pursuant to paragraph (b), and the offender refuses all services  
350.3 from the entity, the entity must, within 15 days of the refusal, destroy all private data on  
350.4 the offender that it created or received because of the referral.

350.5 Sec. 40. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 8, section 71, the effective  
350.6 date, is amended to read:

350.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for services provided on July 1, 2017,  
350.8 ~~through April 30, 2019, and expires May 1, 2019~~ and thereafter.

350.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 30, 2019.

350.10 Sec. 41. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 8, section 72, the effective  
350.11 date, is amended to read:

350.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for services provided on July 1, 2017,  
350.13 ~~through April 30, 2019, and expires May 1, 2019~~ and thereafter.

350.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 30, 2019.

350.15 Sec. 42. **COMMUNITY COMPETENCY RESTORATION TASK FORCE.**

350.16 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The Community Competency Restoration Task  
350.17 Force is established to evaluate and study community competency restoration programs and  
350.18 develop recommendations to address the needs of individuals deemed incompetent to stand  
350.19 trial.

350.20 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The Community Competency Restoration Task Force consists  
350.21 of the following members, appointed as follows:

350.22 (1) a representative appointed by the governor's office;

350.23 (2) the commissioner of human services or designee;

350.24 (3) the commissioner of corrections or designee;

350.25 (4) a representative from direct care and treatment services with experience in competency  
350.26 evaluations, appointed by the commissioner of human services;

350.27 (5) a representative appointed by the designated State Protection and Advocacy system;

350.28 (6) the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities;

350.29 (7) a representative appointed by the Minnesota Hospital Association;

- 351.1 (8) a representative appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties;
- 351.2 (9) three representatives appointed by the Minnesota Association of County Social
- 351.3 Service Administrators: one from the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined under
- 351.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and two from outside the seven-county
- 351.5 metropolitan area;
- 351.6 (10) a representative appointed by the Minnesota Board of Public Defense;
- 351.7 (11) two representatives appointed by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;
- 351.8 (12) a representative appointed by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;
- 351.9 (13) a representative appointed by the Minnesota Psychiatric Society;
- 351.10 (14) a representative appointed by the Minnesota Psychological Association;
- 351.11 (15) a representative appointed by the State Court Administrator;
- 351.12 (16) a representative appointed by the Minnesota Association of Community Mental
- 351.13 Health Programs;
- 351.14 (17) a representative appointed by the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
- 351.15 (18) a representative appointed by the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission;
- 351.16 (19) a jail administrator appointed by the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
- 351.17 (20) a representative from an organization providing reentry services appointed by the
- 351.18 commissioner of corrections;
- 351.19 (21) a representative from a mental health advocacy organization appointed by the
- 351.20 commissioner of human services;
- 351.21 (22) a person with direct experience with competency restoration appointed by the
- 351.22 commissioner of human services;
- 351.23 (23) representatives from organizations representing racial and ethnic groups
- 351.24 overrepresented in the justice system appointed by the commissioner of corrections;
- 351.25 (24) a representative appointed by the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans; and
- 351.26 (25) a crime victim appointed by the commissioner of corrections.
- 351.27 (b) Appointments to the task force must be made no later than July 15, 2019, and members
- 351.28 of the task force may be compensated as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059,
- 351.29 subdivision 3.
- 351.30 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The task force must:

352.1 (1) identify current services and resources available for individuals in the criminal justice  
352.2 system who have been found incompetent to stand trial;

352.3 (2) analyze current trends of competency referrals by county and the impact of any  
352.4 diversion projects or stepping-up initiatives;

352.5 (3) analyze selected case reviews and other data to identify risk levels of those individuals,  
352.6 service usage, housing status, and health insurance status prior to being jailed;

352.7 (4) research how other states address this issue, including funding and structure of  
352.8 community competency restoration programs, and jail-based programs; and

352.9 (5) develop recommendations to address the growing number of individuals deemed  
352.10 incompetent to stand trial including increasing prevention and diversion efforts, providing  
352.11 a timely process for reducing the amount of time individuals remain in the criminal justice  
352.12 system, determining how to provide and fund competency restoration services in the  
352.13 community, and defining the role of the counties and state in providing competency  
352.14 restoration.

352.15 Subd. 4. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The commissioner of human services shall convene  
352.16 the first meeting of the task force no later than August 1, 2019.

352.17 (b) The task force must elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members and may  
352.18 elect other officers as necessary.

352.19 (c) The task force is subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota  
352.20 Statutes, chapter 13D.

352.21 Subd. 5. **Staff.** (a) The commissioner of human services must provide staff assistance  
352.22 to support the task force's work.

352.23 (b) The task force may utilize the expertise of the Council of State Governments Justice  
352.24 Center.

352.25 Subd. 6. **Report required.** (a) By February 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a report  
352.26 on its progress and findings to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
352.27 committees with jurisdiction over mental health and corrections.

352.28 (b) By February 1, 2021, the task force must submit a written report including  
352.29 recommendations to address the growing number of individuals deemed incompetent to  
352.30 stand trial to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
352.31 jurisdiction over mental health and corrections.

353.1 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires upon submission of the report in subdivision  
353.2 6, paragraph (b), or February 1, 2021, whichever is later.

353.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

353.4 Sec. 43. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; IMPROVING SCHOOL-LINKED**  
353.5 **MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM.**

353.6 (a) The commissioner of human services, in collaboration with the commissioner of  
353.7 education, representatives from the education community, mental health providers, and  
353.8 advocates, shall assess the school-linked mental health grant program under Minnesota  
353.9 Statutes, section 245.4901, and develop recommendations for improvements. The assessment  
353.10 must include but is not limited to the following:

353.11 (1) promoting stability among current grantees and school partners;

353.12 (2) assessing the minimum number of full-time equivalents needed per school site to  
353.13 effectively carry out the program;

353.14 (3) developing a funding formula that promotes sustainability and consistency across  
353.15 grant cycles;

353.16 (4) reviewing current data collection and evaluation; and

353.17 (5) analyzing the impact on outcomes when a school has a school-linked mental health  
353.18 program, a multi-tier system of supports, and sufficient school support personnel to meet  
353.19 the needs of students.

353.20 (b) The commissioner shall provide a report of the findings of the assessment and  
353.21 recommendations, including any necessary statutory changes, to the legislative committees  
353.22 with jurisdiction over mental health and education by January 15, 2020.

353.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

353.24 Sec. 44. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; CCBHC RATE METHODOLOGY.**

353.25 (a) The commissioner of human services shall develop recommendations for a rate  
353.26 methodology that reflects each CCBHC's reasonable cost of providing the services described  
353.27 in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.735, subdivision 3, consistent with applicable federal  
353.28 requirements. In developing the rate methodology, the commissioner shall consider guidance  
353.29 issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the Section 223 Demonstration  
353.30 Program for CCBHC and costs associated with the following:

- 354.1 (1) a new CCBHC service that is not incorporated in the baseline prospective payment  
354.2 system rate, or a deletion of a CCBHC service that is incorporated in the baseline rate;
- 354.3 (2) a change in service due to amended regulatory requirements or rules;
- 354.4 (3) a change in types of services due to a change in applicable technology and medical  
354.5 practice utilized by the clinic;
- 354.6 (4) a change in the scope of a project approved by the commissioner; and
- 354.7 (5) a Minnesota-specific quality incentive program for CCBHCs that achieve target  
354.8 performance on select quality measures. The commissioner shall develop the quality incentive  
354.9 program, in consultation with stakeholders, with the following requirements:
- 354.10 (i) the same terms of performance must apply to all CCBHCs;
- 354.11 (ii) quality payments must be in addition to the prospective payment rate and must not  
354.12 exceed an amount equal to five percent of total medical assistance payments for CCBHC  
354.13 services provided during the applicable time period; and
- 354.14 (iii) the quality measures must be consistent with measures used by the commissioner  
354.15 for other health care programs.
- 354.16 (b) By February 15, 2020, the commissioner of human services shall consult with CCBHC  
354.17 providers to develop the rate methodology under paragraph (a). The commissioner shall  
354.18 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
354.19 jurisdiction over mental health services and medical assistance on the recommendations to  
354.20 the CCBHC rate methodology including any necessary statutory updates required for federal  
354.21 approval.
- 354.22 (c) The commissioner shall consult with CCBHCs and other providers receiving a  
354.23 prospective payment system rate to study a rate methodology that eliminates potential  
354.24 duplication of payment for CCBHC providers who also receive a separate prospective  
354.25 payment system rate. By February 15, 2021, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and  
354.26 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over mental health  
354.27 services and medical assistance on findings and recommendations related to the rate  
354.28 methodology study under this paragraph, including any necessary statutory updates to  
354.29 implement recommendations.

355.1 Sec. 45. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; CONTINUUM OF CARE-BASED**  
355.2 **RATE METHODOLOGY.**

355.3 Subdivision 1. **Rate methodology.** (a) The commissioner of human services shall develop  
355.4 a comprehensive rate methodology for the consolidated chemical dependency treatment  
355.5 fund that reimburses substance use disorder treatment providers for the full continuum of  
355.6 care. The continuum of care-based rate methodology must replace the current rates with a  
355.7 uniform statewide methodology that accurately reflects provider expenses for providing  
355.8 required elements of substance use disorder outpatient and residential services.

355.9 (b) The continuum of care-based rate methodology must include:

355.10 (1) payment methodologies for substance use disorder treatment services provided under  
355.11 the consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund: (i) by a state-operated vendor and,  
355.12 if the criteria for patient placement is equivalent, by private vendors; or (ii) for persons who  
355.13 have been civilly committed to the commissioner, present the most complex and difficult  
355.14 care needs, and are a potential threat to the community;

355.15 (2) compensation to providers who provide culturally competent consultation resources;  
355.16 and

355.17 (3) cost-based reimbursement for substance use disorder providers that use sustainable  
355.18 business models that individualize care and retain individuals in ongoing care at the lowest  
355.19 medically appropriate level.

355.20 (c) The commissioner of human services may contract with a health care policy consultant  
355.21 or other entity to:

355.22 (1) provide stakeholder facilitation and provider outreach services to develop the  
355.23 continuum of care-based rate methodology; and

355.24 (2) provide technical services to develop the continuum of care-based rate methodology.

355.25 (d) The commissioner of human services must develop comprehensive substance use  
355.26 disorder billing guidance for the continuum of care-based rate methodology.

355.27 (e) In developing the continuum of care-based rate methodology, the commissioner of  
355.28 human services must consult with the following stakeholders:

355.29 (1) representatives of at least one provider operating residential treatment services, one  
355.30 provider operating out-patient treatment services, one provider operating an opioid treatment  
355.31 program, and one provider operating both residential and out-patient treatment services;

356.1 (2) representatives of providers who operate in the seven-county metropolitan area and  
356.2 providers who operate in greater Minnesota; and

356.3 (3) representatives of both for-profit and nonprofit providers.

356.4 Subd. 2. **Reports.** (a) By November 1, 2020, the commissioner of human services shall  
356.5 report to the legislature on any modifications to the licensure standards necessary to align  
356.6 provider qualifications with the continuum of care-based rate methodology.

356.7 (b) The commissioner of human services shall propose legislation for the 2021 legislative  
356.8 session necessary to fully implement the continuum of care-based rate methodology.

356.9 Sec. 46. **REPEALER.**

356.10 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254B.03, subdivision 4a, is repealed.

356.11

## ARTICLE 7

356.12

### MENTAL HEALTH UNIFORM SERVICE STANDARDS

356.13 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.152, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

356.14 Subd. 3. **Provider discrimination prohibited.** All group policies and group subscriber  
356.15 contracts that provide benefits for mental or nervous disorder treatments in a hospital must  
356.16 provide direct reimbursement for those services if performed by a mental health professional;  
356.17 ~~as defined in sections 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (5); and 245.4871, subdivision~~  
356.18 ~~27, clauses (1) to (5);~~ qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 2, to the extent  
356.19 that the services and treatment are within the scope of mental health professional licensure.

356.20 This subdivision is intended to provide payment of benefits for mental or nervous disorder  
356.21 treatments performed by a licensed mental health professional in a hospital and is not  
356.22 intended to change or add benefits for those services provided in policies or contracts to  
356.23 which this subdivision applies.

356.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.3094, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

356.25 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in  
356.26 paragraphs (b) to (d) have the meanings given.

356.27 (b) "Autism spectrum disorders" means the conditions as determined by criteria set forth  
356.28 in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of  
356.29 the American Psychiatric Association.



357.1 (c) "Medically necessary care" means health care services appropriate, in terms of type,  
357.2 frequency, level, setting, and duration, to the enrollee's condition, and diagnostic testing  
357.3 and preventative services. Medically necessary care must be consistent with generally  
357.4 accepted practice parameters as determined by physicians and licensed psychologists who  
357.5 typically manage patients who have autism spectrum disorders.

357.6 (d) "Mental health professional" means a mental health professional as ~~defined in section~~  
357.7 ~~245.4871, subdivision 27~~ described in section 245I.16, subdivision 2, clause (1), (2), (3),  
357.8 (4), or (6), who has training and expertise in autism spectrum disorder and child development.

357.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148B.5301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

357.10 Subd. 2. **Supervision.** (a) To qualify as a LPCC, an applicant must have completed  
357.11 4,000 hours of post-master's degree supervised professional practice in the delivery of  
357.12 clinical services in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses and disorders in both  
357.13 children and adults. The supervised practice shall be conducted according to the requirements  
357.14 in paragraphs (b) to (e).

357.15 (b) The supervision must have been received under a contract that defines clinical practice  
357.16 and supervision from a mental health professional ~~as defined in section 245.462, subdivision~~  
357.17 ~~18, clauses (1) to (6), or 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (6),~~ qualified according  
357.18 to section 245I.16, subdivision 2, or by a board-approved supervisor, who has at least two  
357.19 years of postlicensure experience in the delivery of clinical services in the diagnosis and  
357.20 treatment of mental illnesses and disorders. All supervisors must meet the supervisor  
357.21 requirements in Minnesota Rules, part 2150.5010.

357.22 (c) The supervision must be obtained at the rate of two hours of supervision per 40 hours  
357.23 of professional practice. The supervision must be evenly distributed over the course of the  
357.24 supervised professional practice. At least 75 percent of the required supervision hours must  
357.25 be received in person. The remaining 25 percent of the required hours may be received by  
357.26 telephone or by audio or audiovisual electronic device. At least 50 percent of the required  
357.27 hours of supervision must be received on an individual basis. The remaining 50 percent  
357.28 may be received in a group setting.

357.29 (d) The supervised practice must include at least 1,800 hours of clinical client contact.

357.30 (e) The supervised practice must be clinical practice. Supervision includes the observation  
357.31 by the supervisor of the successful application of professional counseling knowledge, skills,  
357.32 and values in the differential diagnosis and treatment of psychosocial function, disability,  
357.33 or impairment, including addictions and emotional, mental, and behavioral disorders.

358.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.0555, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

358.2 Subd. 6. **Qualifications during grandfathering for licensure as LICSW.** (a) To be  
358.3 licensed as a licensed independent clinical social worker, an applicant for licensure under  
358.4 this section must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the individual has:

358.5 (1) completed a graduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council  
358.6 on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar  
358.7 accrediting body designated by the board; or

358.8 (2) completed a graduate degree and is a mental health professional according to section  
358.9 ~~245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6)~~ 245I.16, subdivision 2.

358.10 (b) To be licensed as a licensed independent clinical social worker, an applicant for  
358.11 licensure under this section must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the individual  
358.12 has:

358.13 (1) practiced clinical social work as defined in section 148E.010, subdivision 6, including  
358.14 both diagnosis and treatment, and has met the supervised practice requirements specified  
358.15 in sections 148E.100 to 148E.125, excluding the 1,800 hours of direct clinical client contact  
358.16 specified in section 148E.115, subdivision 1, except that supervised practice hours obtained  
358.17 prior to August 1, 2011, must meet the requirements in Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections  
358.18 148D.100 to 148D.125;

358.19 (2) submitted a completed, signed application and the license fee in section 148E.180;

358.20 (3) for applications submitted electronically, provided an attestation as specified by the  
358.21 board;

358.22 (4) submitted the criminal background check fee and a form provided by the board  
358.23 authorizing a criminal background check;

358.24 (5) paid the license fee in section 148E.180; and

358.25 (6) not engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of the standards of practice  
358.26 specified in Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 148D.195 to 148D.240, and sections 148E.195  
358.27 to 148E.240. If the applicant has engaged in conduct that was or would be in violation of  
358.28 the standards of practice, the board may take action according to sections 148E.255 to  
358.29 148E.270.

358.30 (c) An application which is not completed, signed, and accompanied by the correct  
358.31 license fee must be returned to the applicant, along with any fee submitted, and is void.

359.1 (d) By submitting an application for licensure, an applicant authorizes the board to  
359.2 investigate any information provided or requested in the application. The board may request  
359.3 that the applicant provide additional information, verification, or documentation.

359.4 (e) Within one year of the time the board receives an application for licensure, the  
359.5 applicant must meet all the requirements and provide all of the information requested by  
359.6 the board.

359.7 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.120, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

359.8 Subd. 2. **Alternate supervisors.** (a) The board may approve an alternate supervisor as  
359.9 determined in this subdivision. The board shall approve up to 25 percent of the required  
359.10 supervision hours by a licensed mental health professional who is competent and qualified  
359.11 to provide supervision according to the mental health professional's respective licensing  
359.12 board, as established by section ~~245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6), or 245.4871,~~  
359.13 ~~subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (6)~~ 245I.16, subdivision 2.

359.14 (b) The board shall approve up to 100 percent of the required supervision hours by an  
359.15 alternate supervisor if the board determines that:

359.16 (1) there are five or fewer supervisors in the county where the licensee practices social  
359.17 work who meet the applicable licensure requirements in subdivision 1;

359.18 (2) the supervisor is an unlicensed social worker who is employed in, and provides the  
359.19 supervision in, a setting exempt from licensure by section 148E.065, and who has  
359.20 qualifications equivalent to the applicable requirements specified in sections 148E.100 to  
359.21 148E.115;

359.22 (3) the supervisor is a social worker engaged in authorized social work practice in Iowa,  
359.23 Manitoba, North Dakota, Ontario, South Dakota, or Wisconsin, and has the qualifications  
359.24 equivalent to the applicable requirements in sections 148E.100 to 148E.115; or

359.25 (4) the applicant or licensee is engaged in nonclinical authorized social work practice  
359.26 outside of Minnesota and the supervisor meets the qualifications equivalent to the applicable  
359.27 requirements in sections 148E.100 to 148E.115, or the supervisor is an equivalent mental  
359.28 health professional, as determined by the board, who is credentialed by a state, territorial,  
359.29 provincial, or foreign licensing agency; or

359.30 (5) the applicant or licensee is engaged in clinical authorized social work practice outside  
359.31 of Minnesota and the supervisor meets qualifications equivalent to the applicable  
359.32 requirements in section 148E.115, or the supervisor is an equivalent mental health

360.1 professional as determined by the board, who is credentialed by a state, territorial, provincial,  
360.2 or foreign licensing agency.

360.3 (c) In order for the board to consider an alternate supervisor under this section, the  
360.4 licensee must:

360.5 (1) request in the supervision plan and verification submitted according to section  
360.6 148E.125 that an alternate supervisor conduct the supervision; and

360.7 (2) describe the proposed supervision and the name and qualifications of the proposed  
360.8 alternate supervisor. The board may audit the information provided to determine compliance  
360.9 with the requirements of this section.

360.10 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148F.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

360.11 Subdivision 1. **Other professionals.** (a) Nothing in this chapter prevents members of  
360.12 other professions or occupations from performing functions for which they are qualified or  
360.13 licensed. This exception includes, but is not limited to: licensed physicians; registered nurses;  
360.14 licensed practical nurses; licensed psychologists and licensed psychological practitioners;  
360.15 members of the clergy provided such services are provided within the scope of regular  
360.16 ministries; American Indian medicine men and women; licensed attorneys; probation officers;  
360.17 licensed marriage and family therapists; licensed social workers; social workers employed  
360.18 by city, county, or state agencies; licensed professional counselors; licensed professional  
360.19 clinical counselors; licensed school counselors; registered occupational therapists or  
360.20 occupational therapy assistants; Upper Midwest Indian Council on Addictive Disorders  
360.21 (UMICAD) certified counselors when providing services to Native American people; city,  
360.22 county, or state employees when providing assessments or case management under Minnesota  
360.23 Rules, chapter 9530; and individuals defined in section 256B.0623, subdivision 5, clauses  
360.24 (1) ~~and (2)~~ to (4), providing integrated dual diagnosis treatment in adult mental health  
360.25 rehabilitative programs certified by the Department of Human Services under section  
360.26 256B.0622 or 256B.0623.

360.27 (b) Nothing in this chapter prohibits technicians and resident managers in programs  
360.28 licensed by the Department of Human Services from discharging their duties as provided  
360.29 in Minnesota Rules, chapter 9530.

360.30 (c) Any person who is exempt from licensure under this section must not use a title  
360.31 incorporating the words "alcohol and drug counselor" or "licensed alcohol and drug  
360.32 counselor" or otherwise hold himself or herself out to the public by any title or description  
360.33 stating or implying that he or she is engaged in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling,

361.1 or that he or she is licensed to engage in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling, unless  
361.2 that person is also licensed as an alcohol and drug counselor. Persons engaged in the practice  
361.3 of alcohol and drug counseling are not exempt from the board's jurisdiction solely by the  
361.4 use of one of the titles in paragraph (a).

361.5 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.462, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

361.6 Subd. 6. **Community support services program.** "Community support services program"  
361.7 means services, other than inpatient or residential treatment services, provided or coordinated  
361.8 by an identified program and staff under the ~~clinical~~ clinical treatment supervision of a mental health  
361.9 professional designed to help adults with serious and persistent mental illness to function  
361.10 and remain in the community. A community support services program includes:

- 361.11 (1) client outreach,
- 361.12 (2) medication monitoring,
- 361.13 (3) assistance in independent living skills,
- 361.14 (4) development of employability and work-related opportunities,
- 361.15 (5) crisis assistance,
- 361.16 (6) psychosocial rehabilitation,
- 361.17 (7) help in applying for government benefits, and
- 361.18 (8) housing support services.

361.19 The community support services program must be coordinated with the case management  
361.20 services specified in section 245.4711.

361.21 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.462, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

361.22 Subd. 8. **Day treatment services.** "Day treatment," "day treatment services," or "day  
361.23 treatment program" means ~~a structured program of treatment and care provided to an adult  
361.24 in or by: (1) a hospital accredited by the joint commission on accreditation of health  
361.25 organizations and licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.55; (2) a community mental health  
361.26 center under section 245.62; or (3) an entity that is under contract with the county board to  
361.27 operate a program that meets the requirements of section 245.4712, subdivision 2, and  
361.28 Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0170 to 9505.0475. Day treatment consists of group  
361.29 psychotherapy and other intensive therapeutic services that are provided at least two days  
361.30 a week by a multidisciplinary staff under the clinical supervision of a mental health  
361.31 professional. Day treatment may include education and consultation provided to families~~

362.1 ~~and other individuals as part of the treatment process. The services are aimed at stabilizing~~  
362.2 ~~the adult's mental health status, providing mental health services, and developing and~~  
362.3 ~~improving the adult's independent living and socialization skills. The goal of day treatment~~  
362.4 ~~is to reduce or relieve mental illness and to enable the adult to live in the community. Day~~  
362.5 ~~treatment services are not a part of inpatient or residential treatment services. Day treatment~~  
362.6 ~~services are distinguished from day care by their structured therapeutic program of~~  
362.7 ~~psychotherapy services. The commissioner may limit medical assistance reimbursement~~  
362.8 ~~for day treatment to 15 hours per week per person the treatment services described under~~  
362.9 ~~section 256B.0625, subdivision 23.~~

362.10 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.462, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

362.11 Subd. 9. **Diagnostic assessment.** ~~(a) "Diagnostic assessment" has the meaning given in~~  
362.12 ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0370, subpart 11, and is delivered as provided in Minnesota~~  
362.13 ~~Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1, items A, B, C, and E. Diagnostic assessment includes a~~  
362.14 ~~standard, extended, or brief diagnostic assessment, or an adult update means the assessment~~  
362.15 ~~described under section 256B.0671, subdivisions 2 to 4.~~

362.16 ~~(b) A brief diagnostic assessment must include a face-to-face interview with the client~~  
362.17 ~~and a written evaluation of the client by a mental health professional or a clinical trainee,~~  
362.18 ~~as provided in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C. The professional or~~  
362.19 ~~clinical trainee must gather initial components of a standard diagnostic assessment, including~~  
362.20 ~~the client's:~~

362.21 ~~(1) age;~~

362.22 ~~(2) description of symptoms, including reason for referral;~~

362.23 ~~(3) history of mental health treatment;~~

362.24 ~~(4) cultural influences and their impact on the client; and~~

362.25 ~~(5) mental status examination.~~

362.26 ~~(c) On the basis of the initial components, the professional or clinical trainee must draw~~  
362.27 ~~a provisional clinical hypothesis. The clinical hypothesis may be used to address the client's~~  
362.28 ~~immediate needs or presenting problem.~~

362.29 ~~(d) Treatment sessions conducted under authorization of a brief assessment may be used~~  
362.30 ~~to gather additional information necessary to complete a standard diagnostic assessment or~~  
362.31 ~~an extended diagnostic assessment.~~

363.1 ~~(e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 2, item A, subitem (1),~~  
363.2 ~~unit (b), prior to completion of a client's initial diagnostic assessment, a client is eligible~~  
363.3 ~~for psychological testing as part of the diagnostic process.~~

363.4 ~~(f) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 2, item A, subitem (1),~~  
363.5 ~~unit (e), prior to completion of a client's initial diagnostic assessment, but in conjunction~~  
363.6 ~~with the diagnostic assessment process, a client is eligible for up to three individual or family~~  
363.7 ~~psychotherapy sessions or family psychoeducation sessions or a combination of the above~~  
363.8 ~~sessions not to exceed three sessions.~~

363.9 ~~(g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 2, item B, subitem (3),~~  
363.10 ~~unit (a), a brief diagnostic assessment may be used for a client's family who requires a~~  
363.11 ~~language interpreter to participate in the assessment.~~

363.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.462, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

363.13 Subd. 14. **Individual treatment plan.** "Individual treatment plan" means a written plan  
363.14 ~~of intervention, treatment, and services for an adult with mental illness that is developed~~  
363.15 ~~by a service provider under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional on the~~  
363.16 ~~basis of a diagnostic assessment. The plan identifies goals and objectives of treatment,~~  
363.17 ~~treatment strategy, a schedule for accomplishing treatment goals and objectives, and the~~  
363.18 ~~individual responsible for providing treatment to the adult with mental illness~~ the individual  
363.19 treatment plan described under section 256B.0671, subdivisions 5 and 6.

363.20 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.462, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

363.21 Subd. 17. **Mental health practitioner.** (a) "Mental health practitioner" means a person  
363.22 ~~providing services to adults with mental illness or children with emotional disturbance who~~  
363.23 ~~is qualified in at least one of the ways described in paragraphs (b) to (g). A mental health~~  
363.24 ~~practitioner for a child client must have training working with children. A mental health~~  
363.25 ~~practitioner for an adult client must have training working with adults~~ qualified according  
363.26 to section 245I.16, subdivision 4.

363.27 ~~(b) For purposes of this subdivision, a practitioner is qualified through relevant~~  
363.28 ~~coursework if the practitioner completes at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in~~  
363.29 ~~behavioral sciences or related fields and:~~

363.30 ~~(1) has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults~~  
363.31 ~~or children with:~~

363.32 ~~(i) mental illness, substance use disorder, or emotional disturbance; or~~

364.1 ~~(ii) traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities and completes training on mental~~  
364.2 ~~illness, recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, co-occurring~~  
364.3 ~~mental illness and substance abuse, and psychotropic medications and side effects;~~

364.4 ~~(2) is fluent in the non-English language of the ethnic group to which at least 50 percent~~  
364.5 ~~of the practitioner's clients belong, completes 40 hours of training in the delivery of services~~  
364.6 ~~to adults with mental illness or children with emotional disturbance, and receives clinical~~  
364.7 ~~supervision from a mental health professional at least once a week until the requirement of~~  
364.8 ~~2,000 hours of supervised experience is met;~~

364.9 ~~(3) is working in a day treatment program under section 245.4712, subdivision 2; or~~

364.10 ~~(4) has completed a practicum or internship that (i) requires direct interaction with adults~~  
364.11 ~~or children served, and (ii) is focused on behavioral sciences or related fields.~~

364.12 ~~(e) For purposes of this subdivision, a practitioner is qualified through work experience~~  
364.13 ~~if the person:~~

364.14 ~~(1) has at least 4,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults~~  
364.15 ~~or children with:~~

364.16 ~~(i) mental illness, substance use disorder, or emotional disturbance; or~~

364.17 ~~(ii) traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities and completes training on mental~~  
364.18 ~~illness, recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, co-occurring~~  
364.19 ~~mental illness and substance abuse, and psychotropic medications and side effects; or~~

364.20 ~~(2) has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults~~  
364.21 ~~or children with:~~

364.22 ~~(i) mental illness, emotional disturbance, or substance use disorder, and receives clinical~~  
364.23 ~~supervision as required by applicable statutes and rules from a mental health professional~~  
364.24 ~~at least once a week until the requirement of 4,000 hours of supervised experience is met;~~  
364.25 ~~or~~

364.26 ~~(ii) traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities; completes training on mental~~  
364.27 ~~illness, recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, co-occurring~~  
364.28 ~~mental illness and substance abuse, and psychotropic medications and side effects; and~~  
364.29 ~~receives clinical supervision as required by applicable statutes and rules at least once a week~~  
364.30 ~~from a mental health professional until the requirement of 4,000 hours of supervised~~  
364.31 ~~experience is met.~~



365.1 ~~(d) For purposes of this subdivision, a practitioner is qualified through a graduate student~~  
365.2 ~~internship if the practitioner is a graduate student in behavioral sciences or related fields~~  
365.3 ~~and is formally assigned by an accredited college or university to an agency or facility for~~  
365.4 ~~clinical training.~~

365.5 ~~(e) For purposes of this subdivision, a practitioner is qualified by a bachelor's or master's~~  
365.6 ~~degree if the practitioner:~~

365.7 ~~(1) holds a master's or other graduate degree in behavioral sciences or related fields; or~~

365.8 ~~(2) holds a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences or related fields and completes a~~  
365.9 ~~practicum or internship that (i) requires direct interaction with adults or children served,~~  
365.10 ~~and (ii) is focused on behavioral sciences or related fields.~~

365.11 ~~(f) For purposes of this subdivision, a practitioner is qualified as a vendor of medical~~  
365.12 ~~care if the practitioner meets the definition of vendor of medical care in section 256B.02,~~  
365.13 ~~subdivision 7, paragraphs (b) and (c), and is serving a federally recognized tribe.~~

365.14 ~~(g) For purposes of medical assistance coverage of diagnostic assessments, explanations~~  
365.15 ~~of findings, and psychotherapy under section 256B.0625, subdivision 65, a mental health~~  
365.16 ~~practitioner working as a clinical trainee means that the practitioner's clinical supervision~~  
365.17 ~~experience is helping the practitioner gain knowledge and skills necessary to practice~~  
365.18 ~~effectively and independently. This may include supervision of direct practice, treatment~~  
365.19 ~~team collaboration, continued professional learning, and job management. The practitioner~~  
365.20 ~~must also:~~

365.21 ~~(1) comply with requirements for licensure or board certification as a mental health~~  
365.22 ~~professional, according to the qualifications under Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart~~  
365.23 ~~5, item A, including supervised practice in the delivery of mental health services for the~~  
365.24 ~~treatment of mental illness; or~~

365.25 ~~(2) be a student in a bona fide field placement or internship under a program leading to~~  
365.26 ~~completion of the requirements for licensure as a mental health professional according to~~  
365.27 ~~the qualifications under Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A.~~

365.28 ~~(h) For purposes of this subdivision, "behavioral sciences or related fields" has the~~  
365.29 ~~meaning given in section 256B.0623, subdivision 5, paragraph (d).~~

365.30 ~~(i) Notwithstanding the licensing requirements established by a health-related licensing~~  
365.31 ~~board, as defined in section 214.01, subdivision 2, this subdivision supersedes any other~~  
365.32 ~~statute or rule.~~

366.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.462, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

366.2 Subd. 18. **Mental health professional.** "Mental health professional" means a person  
366.3 ~~providing clinical services in the treatment of mental illness who is qualified in at least one~~  
366.4 ~~of the following ways:~~ qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 2.

366.5 ~~(1) in psychiatric nursing: a registered nurse who is licensed under sections 148.171 to~~  
366.6 ~~148.285; and:~~

366.7 ~~(i) who is certified as a clinical specialist or as a nurse practitioner in adult or family~~  
366.8 ~~psychiatric and mental health nursing by a national nurse certification organization; or~~

366.9 ~~(ii) who has a master's degree in nursing or one of the behavioral sciences or related~~  
366.10 ~~fields from an accredited college or university or its equivalent, with at least 4,000 hours~~  
366.11 ~~of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment~~  
366.12 ~~of mental illness;~~

366.13 ~~(2) in clinical social work: a person licensed as an independent clinical social worker~~  
366.14 ~~under chapter 148D, or a person with a master's degree in social work from an accredited~~  
366.15 ~~college or university, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in~~  
366.16 ~~the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;~~

366.17 ~~(3) in psychology: an individual licensed by the Board of Psychology under sections~~  
366.18 ~~148.88 to 148.98 who has stated to the Board of Psychology competencies in the diagnosis~~  
366.19 ~~and treatment of mental illness;~~

366.20 ~~(4) in psychiatry: a physician licensed under chapter 147 and certified by the American~~  
366.21 ~~Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or eligible for board certification in psychiatry, or an~~  
366.22 ~~osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 147 and certified by the American Osteopathic~~  
366.23 ~~Board of Neurology and Psychiatry or eligible for board certification in psychiatry;~~

366.24 ~~(5) in marriage and family therapy: the mental health professional must be a marriage~~  
366.25 ~~and family therapist licensed under sections 148B.29 to 148B.39 with at least two years of~~  
366.26 ~~post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of~~  
366.27 ~~mental illness;~~

366.28 ~~(6) in licensed professional clinical counseling, the mental health professional shall be~~  
366.29 ~~a licensed professional clinical counselor under section 148B.5301 with at least 4,000 hours~~  
366.30 ~~of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment~~  
366.31 ~~of mental illness; or~~

367.1 ~~(7) in allied fields: a person with a master's degree from an accredited college or university~~  
367.2 ~~in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's~~  
367.3 ~~supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness.~~

367.4 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.462, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

367.5 Subd. 21. **Outpatient services.** "Outpatient services" means mental health services,  
367.6 excluding day treatment and community support services programs, provided by or under  
367.7 the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision of a mental health professional to adults with mental  
367.8 illness who live outside a hospital. Outpatient services include clinical activities such as  
367.9 individual, group, and family therapy; individual treatment planning; diagnostic assessments;  
367.10 medication management; and psychological testing.

367.11 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.462, subdivision 23, is amended to read:

367.12 Subd. 23. **Residential treatment.** "Residential treatment" means a 24-hour-a-day program  
367.13 under the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision of a mental health professional, in a community  
367.14 residential setting other than an acute care hospital or regional treatment center inpatient  
367.15 unit, that must be licensed as a residential treatment program for adults with mental illness  
367.16 under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670<sub>2</sub> or other rules adopted by the  
367.17 commissioner.

367.18 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.462, is amended by adding a subdivision  
367.19 to read:

367.20 Subd. 27. **Treatment supervision.** "Treatment supervision" means the treatment  
367.21 supervision described under section 245I.18.

367.22 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.467, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

367.23 Subd. 2. **Diagnostic assessment.** ~~All providers of residential, acute care hospital inpatient,~~  
367.24 ~~and regional treatment centers must complete a diagnostic assessment for each of their~~  
367.25 ~~clients within five days of admission. Providers of day treatment services must complete a~~  
367.26 ~~diagnostic assessment within five days after the adult's second visit or within 30 days after~~  
367.27 ~~intake, whichever occurs first. In cases where a diagnostic assessment is available and has~~  
367.28 ~~been completed within three years preceding admission, only an adult diagnostic assessment~~  
367.29 ~~update is necessary. An "adult diagnostic assessment update" means a written summary by~~  
367.30 ~~a mental health professional of the adult's current mental health status and service needs~~  
367.31 ~~and includes a face-to-face interview with the adult. If the adult's mental health status has~~

368.1 ~~changed markedly since the adult's most recent diagnostic assessment, a new diagnostic~~  
368.2 ~~assessment is required. Compliance with the provisions of this subdivision does not ensure~~  
368.3 ~~eligibility for medical assistance reimbursement under chapter 256B. Providers of services~~  
368.4 ~~governed by this section shall complete a diagnostic assessment according to the standards~~  
368.5 ~~of section 256B.0671, including for services to a person not eligible for medical assistance.~~

368.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.467, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

368.7 Subd. 3. **Individual treatment plans.** ~~All providers of outpatient services, day treatment~~  
368.8 ~~services, residential treatment, acute care hospital inpatient treatment, and all regional~~  
368.9 ~~treatment centers must develop an individual treatment plan for each of their adult clients.~~  
368.10 ~~The individual treatment plan must be based on a diagnostic assessment. To the extent~~  
368.11 ~~possible, the adult client shall be involved in all phases of developing and implementing~~  
368.12 ~~the individual treatment plan. Providers of residential treatment and acute care hospital~~  
368.13 ~~inpatient treatment, and all regional treatment centers must develop the individual treatment~~  
368.14 ~~plan within ten days of client intake and must review the individual treatment plan every~~  
368.15 ~~90 days after intake. Providers of day treatment services must develop the individual~~  
368.16 ~~treatment plan before the completion of five working days in which service is provided or~~  
368.17 ~~within 30 days after the diagnostic assessment is completed or obtained, whichever occurs~~  
368.18 ~~first. Providers of outpatient services must develop the individual treatment plan within 30~~  
368.19 ~~days after the diagnostic assessment is completed or obtained or by the end of the second~~  
368.20 ~~session of an outpatient service, not including the session in which the diagnostic assessment~~  
368.21 ~~was provided, whichever occurs first. Outpatient and day treatment services providers must~~  
368.22 ~~review the individual treatment plan every 90 days after intake. Providers of services~~  
368.23 ~~governed by this section shall complete an individual treatment plan according to the~~  
368.24 ~~standards of section 256B.0671, subdivisions 5 and 6, including for services to a person not~~  
368.25 ~~eligible for medical assistance.~~

368.26 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.469, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

368.27 Subdivision 1. **Availability of emergency services.** ~~By July 1, 1988,~~ County boards  
368.28 must provide or contract for enough emergency services within the county to meet the needs  
368.29 of adults in the county who are experiencing an emotional crisis or mental illness. Clients  
368.30 may be required to pay a fee according to section 245.481. Emergency service providers  
368.31 shall not delay the timely provision of emergency service because of delays in determining  
368.32 this fee or because of the unwillingness or inability of the client to pay the fee. Emergency  
368.33 services must include assessment, crisis intervention, and appropriate case disposition. A

369.1 tribal authority that accepts crisis grant funding has the same responsibilities as county  
369.2 boards within the tribal authority's designated service area. Emergency services must:

369.3 (1) promote the safety and emotional stability of adults with mental illness or emotional  
369.4 crises;

369.5 (2) minimize further deterioration of adults with mental illness or emotional crises;

369.6 (3) help adults with mental illness or emotional crises to obtain ongoing care and  
369.7 treatment; ~~and~~

369.8 (4) prevent placement in settings that are more intensive, costly, or restrictive than  
369.9 necessary and appropriate to meet client needs; and

369.10 (5) provide support, psychoeducation, and referrals to family members, friends, service  
369.11 providers, or other third parties on behalf of a recipient in need of emergency services.

369.12 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.469, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

369.13 Subd. 2. **Specific requirements.** (a) The county board shall require that all service  
369.14 providers of emergency services to adults with mental illness provide immediate direct  
369.15 access to a mental health professional during regular business hours. For evenings, weekends,  
369.16 and holidays, the service may be by direct toll-free telephone access to a mental health  
369.17 professional, a clinical trainee, or a mental health practitioner, ~~or until January 1, 1991, a~~  
369.18 ~~designated person with training in human services who receives clinical supervision from~~  
369.19 ~~a mental health professional.~~

369.20 (b) The commissioner may waive the requirement in paragraph (a) that the evening,  
369.21 weekend, and holiday service be provided by a mental health professional, clinical trainee,  
369.22 ~~or mental health practitioner after January 1, 1991,~~ if the county documents that:

369.23 (1) mental health professionals, clinical trainees, or mental health practitioners are  
369.24 unavailable to provide this service;

369.25 (2) services are provided by a designated person with training in human services who  
369.26 receives ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision from a mental health professional; and

369.27 (3) the service provider is not also the provider of fire and public safety emergency  
369.28 services.

369.29 (c) The commissioner may waive the requirement in paragraph (b), clause (3), that the  
369.30 evening, weekend, and holiday service not be provided by the provider of fire and public  
369.31 safety emergency services if:

370.1 (1) every person who will be providing the first telephone contact has received at least  
370.2 eight hours of training on emergency mental health services reviewed by the state advisory  
370.3 council on mental health and then approved by the commissioner;

370.4 (2) every person who will be providing the first telephone contact will annually receive  
370.5 at least four hours of continued training on emergency mental health services reviewed by  
370.6 the state advisory council on mental health and then approved by the commissioner;

370.7 (3) the local social service agency has provided public education about available  
370.8 emergency mental health services and can assure potential users of emergency services that  
370.9 their calls will be handled appropriately;

370.10 (4) the local social service agency agrees to provide the commissioner with accurate  
370.11 data on the number of emergency mental health service calls received and their responses;

370.12 (5) the local social service agency agrees to monitor the frequency and quality of  
370.13 emergency services; and

370.14 (6) the local social service agency describes how it will comply with paragraph (d).

370.15 (d) Whenever emergency service during nonbusiness hours is provided by anyone other  
370.16 than a mental health professional, a mental health professional must be available on call for  
370.17 an emergency assessment and crisis intervention services, and must be available for at least  
370.18 telephone consultation within 30 minutes.

370.19 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.470, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

370.20 Subdivision 1. **Availability of outpatient services.** (a) County boards must provide or  
370.21 contract for enough outpatient services within the county to meet the needs of adults with  
370.22 mental illness residing in the county. Services may be provided directly by the county  
370.23 through county-operated mental health centers or mental health clinics approved by the  
370.24 commissioner under section 245.69, subdivision 2; by contract with privately operated  
370.25 mental health centers or mental health clinics approved by the commissioner under section  
370.26 245.69, subdivision 2; by contract with hospital mental health outpatient programs certified  
370.27 by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations; or by contract with  
370.28 a licensed mental health professional ~~as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses~~  
370.29 ~~(1) to (6)~~. Clients may be required to pay a fee according to section 245.481. Outpatient  
370.30 services include:

370.31 (1) conducting diagnostic assessments;

370.32 (2) conducting psychological testing;

- 371.1 (3) developing or modifying individual treatment plans;
- 371.2 (4) making referrals and recommending placements as appropriate;
- 371.3 (5) treating an adult's mental health needs through therapy;
- 371.4 (6) prescribing and managing medication and evaluating the effectiveness of prescribed
- 371.5 medication; and
- 371.6 (7) preventing placement in settings that are more intensive, costly, or restrictive than
- 371.7 necessary and appropriate to meet client needs.

371.8 (b) County boards may request a waiver allowing outpatient services to be provided in

371.9 a nearby trade area if it is determined that the client can best be served outside the county.

371.10 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4712, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

371.11 Subd. 2. **Day treatment services provided.** (a) Day treatment services must be developed

371.12 as a part of the community support services available to adults with serious and persistent

371.13 mental illness residing in the county. Adults may be required to pay a fee according to

371.14 section 245.481. Day treatment services must be designed to:

- 371.15 (1) provide a structured environment for treatment;
- 371.16 (2) provide support for residing in the community;
- 371.17 (3) prevent placement in settings that are more intensive, costly, or restrictive than
- 371.18 necessary and appropriate to meet client need;
- 371.19 (4) coordinate with or be offered in conjunction with a local education agency's special
- 371.20 education program; and
- 371.21 (5) operate on a continuous basis throughout the year.

371.22 (b) For purposes of complying with medical assistance requirements, an adult day

371.23 treatment program must comply with the method of ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision specified

371.24 in ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 4~~ section 245I.18. ~~The clinical supervision~~

371.25 ~~must be performed by a qualified supervisor who satisfies the requirements of Minnesota~~

371.26 ~~Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5.~~

371.27 A day treatment program must demonstrate compliance with this ~~clinical~~ treatment

371.28 supervision requirement by the commissioner's review and approval of the program according

371.29 to ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 8~~ section 256B.0625, subdivision 23.

371.30 (c) County boards may request a waiver from including day treatment services if they

371.31 can document that:

372.1 (1) an alternative plan of care exists through the county's community support services  
372.2 for clients who would otherwise need day treatment services;

372.3 (2) day treatment, if included, would be duplicative of other components of the  
372.4 community support services; and

372.5 (3) county demographics and geography make the provision of day treatment services  
372.6 cost ineffective and infeasible.

372.7 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.472, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

372.8 Subd. 2. **Specific requirements.** Providers of residential services must be licensed under  
372.9 applicable rules adopted by the commissioner and must ~~be clinically supervised~~ provide  
372.10 treatment supervision by a mental health professional. ~~Persons employed in facilities licensed~~  
372.11 ~~under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670, in the capacity of program director~~  
372.12 ~~as of July 1, 1987, in accordance with Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670, may~~  
372.13 ~~be allowed to continue providing clinical supervision within a facility, provided they continue~~  
372.14 ~~to be employed as a program director in a facility licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts~~  
372.15 ~~9520.0500 to 9520.0670.~~

372.16 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4863, is amended to read:

372.17 **245.4863 INTEGRATED CO-OCCURRING DISORDER TREATMENT.**

372.18 (a) The commissioner shall require individuals who perform chemical dependency  
372.19 assessments to screen clients for co-occurring mental health disorders, and staff who perform  
372.20 mental health diagnostic assessments to screen for co-occurring substance use disorders.  
372.21 Screening tools must be approved by the commissioner. If a client screens positive for a  
372.22 co-occurring mental health or substance use disorder, the individual performing the screening  
372.23 must document what actions will be taken in response to the results and whether further  
372.24 assessments must be performed.

372.25 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), screening is not required when:

372.26 (1) the presence of co-occurring disorders was documented for the client in the past 12  
372.27 months;

372.28 (2) the client is currently receiving co-occurring disorders treatment;

372.29 (3) the client is being referred for co-occurring disorders treatment; or

372.30 (4) a mental health professional, as ~~defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0370, subpart~~  
372.31 ~~18~~ provided by section 245I.16, subdivision 2, who is competent to perform diagnostic



373.1 assessments of co-occurring disorders is performing a diagnostic assessment that meets the  
373.2 requirements in Minnesota Rules, part 9533.0090, subpart 5, to identify whether the client  
373.3 may have co-occurring mental health and chemical dependency disorders. If an individual  
373.4 is identified to have co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, the assessing  
373.5 mental health professional must document what actions will be taken to address the client's  
373.6 co-occurring disorders.

373.7 (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. The  
373.8 commissioner shall ensure that the rules are effective on July 1, 2013, thereby establishing  
373.9 a certification process for integrated dual disorder treatment providers and a system through  
373.10 which individuals receive integrated dual diagnosis treatment if assessed as having both a  
373.11 substance use disorder and either a serious mental illness or emotional disturbance.

373.12 (d) The commissioner shall apply for any federal waivers necessary to secure, to the  
373.13 extent allowed by law, federal financial participation for the provision of integrated dual  
373.14 diagnosis treatment to persons with co-occurring disorders.

373.15 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 9a, is amended to read:

373.16 Subd. 9a. **Crisis assistance planning.** "Crisis assistance planning" means ~~assistance to~~  
373.17 ~~the child, the child's family, and all providers of services to the child to:~~ recognize factors  
373.18 ~~precipitating a mental health crisis, identify behaviors related to the crisis, and be informed~~  
373.19 ~~of available resources to resolve the crisis. Crisis assistance requires the development of a~~  
373.20 ~~plan which addresses prevention and intervention strategies to be used in a potential crisis.~~  
373.21 ~~Other interventions include: (1) arranging for admission to acute care hospital inpatient~~  
373.22 ~~treatment; (2) crisis placement; (3) community resources for follow-up; and (4) emotional~~  
373.23 ~~support to the family during crisis. Crisis assistance does not include services designed to~~  
373.24 ~~secure the safety of a child who is at risk of abuse or neglect or necessary emergency services.~~  
373.25 the development of a written plan to assist a child's family in preventing and addressing a  
373.26 potential crisis and is distinct from the immediate provision of mental health mobile crisis  
373.27 intervention services as defined in section 256B.0944. The plan must address prevention,  
373.28 de-escalation, and intervention strategies to be used in a crisis. The plan identifies factors  
373.29 that might precipitate a crisis, behaviors or symptoms related to the emergence of a crisis,  
373.30 and the resources available to resolve a crisis. The plan must include planning for the  
373.31 following potential needs: (1) acute care; (2) crisis placement; (3) community resources for  
373.32 follow-up; and (4) emotional support to the family during crisis. Crisis planning excludes  
373.33 services designed to secure the safety of a child who is at risk of abuse or neglect or necessary  
373.34 emergency services.

374.1 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

374.2 Subd. 10. **Day treatment services.** "Day treatment," "day treatment services," or "day  
374.3 treatment program" means a structured program of treatment and care provided to a child  
374.4 in:

374.5 (1) an outpatient hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health  
374.6 Organizations and licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.55;

374.7 (2) a community mental health center under section 245.62;

374.8 (3) an entity that is under contract with the county board to operate a program that meets  
374.9 the requirements of section 245.4884, subdivision 2, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0170  
374.10 to 9505.0475; ~~or~~

374.11 (4) an entity that operates a program that meets the requirements of section 245.4884,  
374.12 subdivision 2, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0170 to 9505.0475, that is under contract  
374.13 with an entity that is under contract with a county board; or

374.14 (5) an entity that operates a program certified under section 256B.0943.

374.15 Day treatment consists of group psychotherapy and other intensive therapeutic services  
374.16 that are provided for a minimum two-hour time block by a multidisciplinary staff under the  
374.17 clinical supervision of a mental health professional. Day treatment may include education  
374.18 and consultation provided to families and other individuals as an extension of the treatment  
374.19 process. The services are aimed at stabilizing the child's mental health status, and developing  
374.20 and improving the child's daily independent living and socialization skills. Day treatment  
374.21 services are distinguished from day care by their structured therapeutic program of  
374.22 psychotherapy services. Day treatment services are not a part of inpatient hospital or  
374.23 residential treatment services.

374.24 A day treatment service must be available to a child up to 15 hours a week throughout  
374.25 the year and must be coordinated with, integrated with, or part of an education program  
374.26 offered by the child's school.

374.27 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 11a, is amended to read:

374.28 Subd. 11a. **Diagnostic assessment.** ~~(a) "Diagnostic assessment" has the meaning given~~  
374.29 ~~in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0370, subpart 11, and is delivered as provided in Minnesota~~  
374.30 ~~Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1, items A, B, C, and E. Diagnostic assessment includes a~~  
374.31 ~~standard, extended, or brief diagnostic assessment, or an adult update. means the assessment~~  
374.32 described under section 256B.0671, subdivisions 2 to 4.

375.1 ~~(b) A brief diagnostic assessment must include a face-to-face interview with the client~~  
375.2 ~~and a written evaluation of the client by a mental health professional or a clinical trainee,~~  
375.3 ~~as provided in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C. The professional or~~  
375.4 ~~clinical trainee must gather initial components of a standard diagnostic assessment, including~~  
375.5 ~~the client's:~~

375.6 ~~(1) age;~~

375.7 ~~(2) description of symptoms, including reason for referral;~~

375.8 ~~(3) history of mental health treatment;~~

375.9 ~~(4) cultural influences and their impact on the client; and~~

375.10 ~~(5) mental status examination.~~

375.11 ~~(c) On the basis of the brief components, the professional or clinical trainee must draw~~  
375.12 ~~a provisional clinical hypothesis. The clinical hypothesis may be used to address the client's~~  
375.13 ~~immediate needs or presenting problem.~~

375.14 ~~(d) Treatment sessions conducted under authorization of a brief assessment may be used~~  
375.15 ~~to gather additional information necessary to complete a standard diagnostic assessment or~~  
375.16 ~~an extended diagnostic assessment.~~

375.17 ~~(e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 2, item A, subitem (1),~~  
375.18 ~~unit (b), prior to completion of a client's initial diagnostic assessment, a client is eligible~~  
375.19 ~~for psychological testing as part of the diagnostic process.~~

375.20 ~~(f) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 2, item A, subitem (1),~~  
375.21 ~~unit (c), prior to completion of a client's initial diagnostic assessment, but in conjunction~~  
375.22 ~~with the diagnostic assessment process, a client is eligible for up to three individual or family~~  
375.23 ~~psychotherapy sessions or family psychoeducation sessions or a combination of the above~~  
375.24 ~~sessions not to exceed three sessions.~~

375.25 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

375.26 Subd. 17. **Family community support services.** "Family community support services"  
375.27 means services provided under the clinical treatment supervision of a mental health  
375.28 professional and designed to help each child with severe emotional disturbance to function  
375.29 and remain with the child's family in the community. Family community support services  
375.30 do not include acute care hospital inpatient treatment, residential treatment services, or  
375.31 regional treatment center services. Family community support services include:

375.32 (1) client outreach to each child with severe emotional disturbance and the child's family;

- 376.1 (2) medication monitoring where necessary;
- 376.2 (3) assistance in developing independent living skills;
- 376.3 (4) assistance in developing parenting skills necessary to address the needs of the child
- 376.4 with severe emotional disturbance;
- 376.5 (5) assistance with leisure and recreational activities;
- 376.6 (6) crisis assistance, including crisis placement and respite care;
- 376.7 (7) professional home-based family treatment;
- 376.8 (8) foster care with therapeutic supports;
- 376.9 (9) day treatment;
- 376.10 (10) assistance in locating respite care and special needs day care; and
- 376.11 (11) assistance in obtaining potential financial resources, including those benefits listed
- 376.12 in section 245.4884, subdivision 5.

376.13 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

376.14 Subd. 21. **Individual treatment plan.** "Individual treatment plan" means ~~a written plan~~

376.15 ~~of intervention, treatment, and services for a child with an emotional disturbance that is~~

376.16 ~~developed by a service provider under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional~~

376.17 ~~on the basis of a diagnostic assessment. An individual treatment plan for a child must be~~

376.18 ~~developed in conjunction with the family unless clinically inappropriate. The plan identifies~~

376.19 ~~goals and objectives of treatment, treatment strategy, a schedule for accomplishing treatment~~

376.20 ~~goals and objectives, and the individuals responsible for providing treatment to the child~~

376.21 ~~with an emotional disturbance~~ the individual treatment plan described under section

376.22 256B.0671, subdivisions 5 and 6.

376.23 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

376.24 Subd. 26. **Mental health practitioner.** "Mental health practitioner" ~~has the meaning~~

376.25 ~~given in~~ means a person qualified according to section 245.462, subdivision 17 245I.16,

376.26 subdivision 4.

376.27 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 27, is amended to read:

376.28 Subd. 27. **Mental health professional.** "Mental health professional" means a person

376.29 ~~providing clinical services in the diagnosis and treatment of children's emotional disorders.~~

376.30 ~~A mental health professional must have training and experience in working with children~~

377.1 consistent with the age group to which the mental health professional is assigned. A mental  
377.2 health professional must be qualified in at least one of the following ways: qualified according  
377.3 to section 245I.16, subdivision 2.

377.4 (1) in psychiatric nursing, the mental health professional must be a registered nurse who  
377.5 is licensed under sections 148.171 to 148.285 and who is certified as a clinical specialist in  
377.6 child and adolescent psychiatric or mental health nursing by a national nurse certification  
377.7 organization or who has a master's degree in nursing or one of the behavioral sciences or  
377.8 related fields from an accredited college or university or its equivalent, with at least 4,000  
377.9 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the  
377.10 treatment of mental illness;

377.11 (2) in clinical social work, the mental health professional must be a person licensed as  
377.12 an independent clinical social worker under chapter 148D, or a person with a master's degree  
377.13 in social work from an accredited college or university, with at least 4,000 hours of  
377.14 post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of  
377.15 mental disorders;

377.16 (3) in psychology, the mental health professional must be an individual licensed by the  
377.17 board of psychology under sections 148.88 to 148.98 who has stated to the board of  
377.18 psychology competencies in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders;

377.19 (4) in psychiatry, the mental health professional must be a physician licensed under  
377.20 chapter 147 and certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or eligible  
377.21 for board certification in psychiatry or an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 147  
377.22 and certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry or eligible  
377.23 for board certification in psychiatry;

377.24 (5) in marriage and family therapy, the mental health professional must be a marriage  
377.25 and family therapist licensed under sections 148B.29 to 148B.39 with at least two years of  
377.26 post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of  
377.27 mental disorders or emotional disturbances;

377.28 (6) in licensed professional clinical counseling, the mental health professional shall be  
377.29 a licensed professional clinical counselor under section 148B.5301 with at least 4,000 hours  
377.30 of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment  
377.31 of mental disorders or emotional disturbances; or

377.32 (7) in allied fields, the mental health professional must be a person with a master's degree  
377.33 from an accredited college or university in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields;

378.1 ~~with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical~~  
378.2 ~~services in the treatment of emotional disturbances.~~

378.3 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 29, is amended to read:

378.4 Subd. 29. **Outpatient services.** "Outpatient services" means mental health services,  
378.5 excluding day treatment and community support services programs, provided by or under  
378.6 the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision of a mental health professional to children with emotional  
378.7 disturbances who live outside a hospital. Outpatient services include clinical activities such  
378.8 as individual, group, and family therapy; individual treatment planning; diagnostic  
378.9 assessments; medication management; and psychological testing.

378.10 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 32, is amended to read:

378.11 Subd. 32. **Residential treatment.** "Residential treatment" means a 24-hour-a-day program  
378.12 under the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision of a mental health professional, in a community  
378.13 residential setting other than an acute care hospital or regional treatment center inpatient  
378.14 unit, that must be licensed as a residential treatment program for children with emotional  
378.15 disturbances under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0580 to 2960.0700, or other rules adopted  
378.16 by the commissioner.

378.17 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4871, subdivision 34, is amended to read:

378.18 Subd. 34. **Therapeutic support of foster care.** "Therapeutic support of foster care"  
378.19 means the mental health training and mental health support services and ~~clinical~~ treatment  
378.20 supervision provided by a mental health professional to foster families caring for children  
378.21 with severe emotional disturbance to provide a therapeutic family environment and support  
378.22 for the child's improved functioning. Therapeutic support of foster care includes services  
378.23 provided under section 256B.0946.

378.24 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4876, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

378.25 Subd. 2. **Diagnostic assessment.** ~~All residential treatment facilities and acute care~~  
378.26 ~~hospital inpatient treatment facilities that provide mental health services for children must~~  
378.27 ~~complete a diagnostic assessment for each of their child clients within five working days~~  
378.28 ~~of admission. Providers of day treatment services for children must complete a diagnostic~~  
378.29 ~~assessment within five days after the child's second visit or 30 days after intake, whichever~~  
378.30 ~~occurs first. In cases where a diagnostic assessment is available and has been completed~~  
378.31 ~~within 180 days preceding admission, only updating is necessary. "Updating" means a~~

379.1 ~~written summary by a mental health professional of the child's current mental health status~~  
379.2 ~~and service needs. If the child's mental health status has changed markedly since the child's~~  
379.3 ~~most recent diagnostic assessment, a new diagnostic assessment is required. Compliance~~  
379.4 ~~with the provisions of this subdivision does not ensure eligibility for medical assistance~~  
379.5 ~~reimbursement under chapter 256B. Providers of services governed by this section shall~~  
379.6 ~~complete a diagnostic assessment according to the standards of section 256B.0671, including~~  
379.7 ~~for services to a person not eligible for medical assistance.~~

379.8 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4876, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

379.9 Subd. 3. **Individual treatment plans.** ~~All providers of outpatient services, day treatment~~  
379.10 ~~services, professional home-based family treatment, residential treatment, and acute care~~  
379.11 ~~hospital inpatient treatment, and all regional treatment centers that provide mental health~~  
379.12 ~~services for children must develop an individual treatment plan for each child client. The~~  
379.13 ~~individual treatment plan must be based on a diagnostic assessment. To the extent appropriate,~~  
379.14 ~~the child and the child's family shall be involved in all phases of developing and~~  
379.15 ~~implementing the individual treatment plan. Providers of residential treatment, professional~~  
379.16 ~~home-based family treatment, and acute care hospital inpatient treatment, and regional~~  
379.17 ~~treatment centers must develop the individual treatment plan within ten working days of~~  
379.18 ~~client intake or admission and must review the individual treatment plan every 90 days after~~  
379.19 ~~intake, except that the administrative review of the treatment plan of a child placed in a~~  
379.20 ~~residential facility shall be as specified in sections 260C.203 and 260C.212, subdivision 9.~~  
379.21 ~~Providers of day treatment services must develop the individual treatment plan before the~~  
379.22 ~~completion of five working days in which service is provided or within 30 days after the~~  
379.23 ~~diagnostic assessment is completed or obtained, whichever occurs first. Providers of~~  
379.24 ~~outpatient services must develop the individual treatment plan within 30 days after the~~  
379.25 ~~diagnostic assessment is completed or obtained or by the end of the second session of an~~  
379.26 ~~outpatient service, not including the session in which the diagnostic assessment was provided,~~  
379.27 ~~whichever occurs first. Providers of outpatient and day treatment services must review the~~  
379.28 ~~individual treatment plan every 90 days after intake. Providers of services governed by this~~  
379.29 ~~section shall complete an individual treatment plan according to the standards of section~~  
379.30 ~~256B.0671, subdivisions 5 and 6, including for services to a person not eligible for medical~~  
379.31 ~~assistance.~~

379.32 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4879, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

379.33 Subdivision 1. **Availability of emergency services.** County boards must provide or  
379.34 contract for enough mental health emergency services within the county to meet the needs

380.1 of children, and children's families when clinically appropriate, in the county who are  
380.2 experiencing an emotional crisis or emotional disturbance. The county board shall ensure  
380.3 that parents, providers, and county residents are informed about when and how to access  
380.4 emergency mental health services for children. A child or the child's parent may be required  
380.5 to pay a fee according to section 245.481. Emergency service providers shall not delay the  
380.6 timely provision of emergency service because of delays in determining this fee or because  
380.7 of the unwillingness or inability of the parent to pay the fee. Emergency services must  
380.8 include assessment, crisis intervention, and appropriate case disposition. A tribal authority  
380.9 that accepts crisis grant funding has the same responsibilities as county boards within the  
380.10 tribal authority's designated service area. Emergency services must:

380.11 (1) promote the safety and emotional stability of children with emotional disturbances  
380.12 or emotional crises;

380.13 (2) minimize further deterioration of the child with emotional disturbance or emotional  
380.14 crisis;

380.15 (3) help each child with an emotional disturbance or emotional crisis to obtain ongoing  
380.16 care and treatment; ~~and~~

380.17 (4) prevent placement in settings that are more intensive, costly, or restrictive than  
380.18 necessary and appropriate to meet the child's needs; and

380.19 (5) provide support, psychoeducation, and referrals to family members, service providers,  
380.20 or other third parties on behalf of a client in need of emergency services.

380.21 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4879, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

380.22 Subd. 2. **Specific requirements.** (a) The county board shall require that all service  
380.23 providers of emergency services to the child with an emotional disturbance provide immediate  
380.24 direct access to a mental health professional during regular business hours. For evenings,  
380.25 weekends, and holidays, the service may be by direct toll-free telephone access to a mental  
380.26 health professional, a clinical trainee, or a mental health practitioner, ~~or until January 1,~~  
380.27 ~~1991, a designated person with training in human services who receives clinical supervision~~  
380.28 ~~from a mental health professional.~~

380.29 (b) The commissioner may waive the requirement in paragraph (a) that the evening,  
380.30 weekend, and holiday service be provided by a mental health professional, clinical trainee,  
380.31 ~~or mental health practitioner after January 1, 1991,~~ if the county documents that:

380.32 (1) mental health professionals, clinical trainees, or mental health practitioners are  
380.33 unavailable to provide this service;



381.1 (2) services are provided by a designated person with training in human services who  
381.2 receives ~~clinical~~ clinical treatment supervision from a mental health professional; and

381.3 (3) the service provider is not also the provider of fire and public safety emergency  
381.4 services.

381.5 (c) The commissioner may waive the requirement in paragraph (b), clause (3), that the  
381.6 evening, weekend, and holiday service not be provided by the provider of fire and public  
381.7 safety emergency services if:

381.8 (1) every person who will be providing the first telephone contact has received at least  
381.9 eight hours of training on emergency mental health services reviewed by the state advisory  
381.10 council on mental health and then approved by the commissioner;

381.11 (2) every person who will be providing the first telephone contact will annually receive  
381.12 at least four hours of continued training on emergency mental health services reviewed by  
381.13 the state advisory council on mental health and then approved by the commissioner;

381.14 (3) the local social service agency has provided public education about available  
381.15 emergency mental health services and can assure potential users of emergency services that  
381.16 their calls will be handled appropriately;

381.17 (4) the local social service agency agrees to provide the commissioner with accurate  
381.18 data on the number of emergency mental health service calls received;

381.19 (5) the local social service agency agrees to monitor the frequency and quality of  
381.20 emergency services; and

381.21 (6) the local social service agency describes how it will comply with paragraph (d).

381.22 (d) When emergency service during nonbusiness hours is provided by anyone other than  
381.23 a mental health professional, a mental health professional must be available on call for an  
381.24 emergency assessment and crisis intervention services, and must be available for at least  
381.25 telephone consultation within 30 minutes.

381.26 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.488, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

381.27 Subdivision 1. **Availability of outpatient services.** (a) County boards must provide or  
381.28 contract for enough outpatient services within the county to meet the needs of each child  
381.29 with emotional disturbance residing in the county and the child's family. Services may be  
381.30 provided directly by the county through county-operated mental health centers or mental  
381.31 health clinics approved by the commissioner under section 245.69, subdivision 2; by contract  
381.32 with privately operated mental health centers or mental health clinics approved by the

382.1 commissioner under section 245.69, subdivision 2; by contract with hospital mental health  
382.2 outpatient programs certified by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital  
382.3 Organizations; or by contract with a licensed mental health professional ~~as defined in section~~  
382.4 ~~245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (6)~~. A child or a child's parent may be required to  
382.5 pay a fee based in accordance with section 245.481. Outpatient services include:

382.6 (1) conducting diagnostic assessments;

382.7 (2) conducting psychological testing;

382.8 (3) developing or modifying individual treatment plans;

382.9 (4) making referrals and recommending placements as appropriate;

382.10 (5) treating the child's mental health needs through therapy; and

382.11 (6) prescribing and managing medication and evaluating the effectiveness of prescribed  
382.12 medication.

382.13 (b) County boards may request a waiver allowing outpatient services to be provided in  
382.14 a nearby trade area if it is determined that the child requires necessary and appropriate  
382.15 services that are only available outside the county.

382.16 (c) Outpatient services offered by the county board to prevent placement must be at the  
382.17 level of treatment appropriate to the child's diagnostic assessment.

382.18 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.696, is amended by adding a subdivision  
382.19 to read:

382.20 **Subd. 3. Certification of mental health peer specialists and mental health family**  
382.21 **peer specialists.** The commissioner shall develop a process to certify mental health peer  
382.22 specialists and mental health family peer specialists according to federal guidelines and  
382.23 section 245I.16, subdivisions 10 to 13, for a provider entity to bill for reimbursable services.  
382.24 The training and certification curriculum must teach individuals specific skills relevant to  
382.25 providing peer support as appropriate for individual or family peers.

382.26 Sec. 40. **[245I.01] PURPOSE AND CITATION.**

382.27 **Subdivision 1. Citation.** This chapter may be cited as the "Mental Health Uniform  
382.28 Service Standards Act."

382.29 **Subd. 2. Purpose.** In accordance with sections 245.461 and 245.487, to create a system  
382.30 of mental health care that is unified, accountable, and comprehensive, and to promote the  
382.31 recovery of Minnesotans from mental illnesses, the state's public policy is to support quality

383.1 outpatient and residential mental health services reimbursable by public and private health  
383.2 insurance programs. Further, the state's public policy is to ensure the safety, rights, and  
383.3 well-being of individuals served in these programs.

383.4 Subd. 3. **Variances.** If the conditions in section 245A.04, subdivision 9, are met, the  
383.5 commissioner may grant variances to the requirements in this chapter that do not affect a  
383.6 client's health or safety.

383.7 Sec. 41. **[245I.02] DEFINITIONS.**

383.8 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of this chapter the terms in this section have the  
383.9 meanings given them.

383.10 Subd. 2. **Approval.** "Approval" means the documented review of, opportunity to request  
383.11 changes to, and agreement with a treatment document by a treatment supervisor or by a  
383.12 client. Approval may be demonstrated by written signature, secure electronic signature, or  
383.13 documented oral approval.

383.14 Subd. 3. **Behavioral sciences or related fields.** "Behavioral sciences or related fields"  
383.15 means an education from an accredited college or university in a field including but not  
383.16 limited to social work, psychology, sociology, community counseling, family social science,  
383.17 child development, child psychology, community mental health, addiction counseling,  
383.18 counseling and guidance, special education, and other similar fields as approved by the  
383.19 commissioner.

383.20 Subd. 4. **Certified rehabilitation specialist.** "Certified rehabilitation specialist" means  
383.21 a staff person qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 8.

383.22 Subd. 5. **Child.** "Child" means a client under 18 years of age, or a client under 21 years  
383.23 of age who is eligible for a service otherwise provided to persons under 18 years of age.

383.24 Subd. 6. **Client.** "Client" means a person who is seeking or receiving services regulated  
383.25 under this chapter. For the purpose of consent to services, this term includes a parent,  
383.26 guardian, or other individual authorized to consent to services by law.

383.27 Subd. 7. **Clinical trainee.** "Clinical trainee" means a staff person qualified according  
383.28 to section 245I.16, subdivision 6.

383.29 Subd. 8. **Clinician.** "Clinician" means a mental health professional or clinical trainee  
383.30 who is performing diagnostic assessment, testing, or psychotherapy.

383.31 Subd. 9. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services  
383.32 or the commissioner's designee.

384.1 Subd. 10. **Diagnostic assessment.** "Diagnostic assessment" means the evaluation and  
384.2 report of a client's potential diagnoses conducted by a clinician. For a client receiving  
384.3 publicly funded services, a diagnostic assessment must meet the standards of section  
384.4 256B.0671, subdivisions 2 to 4.

384.5 Subd. 11. **Diagnostic formulation.** "Diagnostic formulation" means a written analysis  
384.6 and explanation of the information obtained from a clinical assessment to develop a  
384.7 hypothesis about the cause and nature of the presenting problems and identify a framework  
384.8 for developing the most suitable treatment approach.

384.9 Subd. 12. **Individual treatment plan.** "Individual treatment plan" means the formulation  
384.10 of planned services that are responsive to the needs and goals of a client. For a client receiving  
384.11 publicly funded services, an individual treatment plan must meet the standards of section  
384.12 256B.0671, subdivisions 5 and 6.

384.13 Subd. 13. **Mental health behavioral aide.** "Mental health behavioral aide" means a  
384.14 staff person qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 16.

384.15 Subd. 14. **Mental health certified family peer specialist.** "Mental health certified  
384.16 family peer specialist" means a staff person qualified according to section 245I.16,  
384.17 subdivision 12.

384.18 Subd. 15. **Mental health certified peer specialist.** "Mental health certified peer  
384.19 specialist" means a staff person qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 10.

384.20 Subd. 16. **Mental health practitioner.** "Mental health practitioner" means a staff person  
384.21 qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 4.

384.22 Subd. 17. **Mental health professional.** "Mental health professional" means a staff person  
384.23 qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 2.

384.24 Subd. 18. **Mental health rehabilitation worker.** "Mental health rehabilitation worker"  
384.25 means a staff person qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 14.

384.26 Subd. 19. **Personnel file.** "Personnel file" means the set of records under section 245I.13,  
384.27 paragraph (a). Personnel files excludes information related to a person's employment not  
384.28 enumerated in section 245I.13.

384.29 Subd. 20. **Provider entity.** "Provider entity" means the organization, governmental unit,  
384.30 corporation, or other legal body that is enrolled, certified, licensed, or otherwise authorized  
384.31 by the commissioner to provide the services described in this chapter.

385.1 Subd. 21. **Responsivity factors.** "Responsivity factors" means the factors other than the  
385.2 diagnostic formulation that may modify an individual's treatment needs. This includes  
385.3 learning style, ability, cognitive function, cultural background, and personal circumstance.  
385.4 Documentation of responsivity factors includes an analysis of how an individual's strengths  
385.5 may be reflected in the planned delivery of services.

385.6 Subd. 22. **Risk factors.** "Risk factors" means factors that predispose a client to engage  
385.7 in potentially harmful behaviors to themselves or others.

385.8 Subd. 23. **Strengths.** "Strengths" means inner characteristics, virtues, external  
385.9 relationships, activities, and connections to resources that contribute to resilience and core  
385.10 competencies and can be built on to support recovery.

385.11 Subd. 24. **Trauma.** "Trauma" means an event, series of events, or set of circumstances  
385.12 that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening  
385.13 and has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social,  
385.14 emotional, or spiritual well-being. Trauma includes the cumulative emotional or  
385.15 psychological harm of group traumatic experiences, transmitted across generations within  
385.16 a community, often associated with racial and ethnic population groups in the country who  
385.17 have suffered major intergenerational losses.

385.18 Subd. 25. **Treatment supervision.** "Treatment supervision" means the direction and  
385.19 evaluation of individual assessment, treatment planning, and service delivery for each client  
385.20 when services are delivered by an individual who is not a licensed mental health professional  
385.21 or certified rehabilitation specialist as provided by section 245I.18.

385.22 **Sec. 42. [245I.10] TRAINING REQUIRED.**

385.23 Subdivision 1. **Training plan.** A provider entity must develop a plan to ensure that staff  
385.24 persons receive orientation and ongoing training. The plan must include:

385.25 (1) a formal process to evaluate the training needs of each staff person. An annual  
385.26 performance evaluation satisfies this requirement;

385.27 (2) a description of how the provider entity conducts annual training, including whether  
385.28 annual training is based on a staff person's hire date or a specified annual cycle determined  
385.29 by the program; and

385.30 (3) a description of how the provider entity determines when a staff person needs  
385.31 additional training, including the timelines in which the additional training is provided.

386.1 Subd. 2. **Documentation of orientation and training.** (a) The provider entity must  
386.2 provide training in accordance with the training plan and must document that orientation  
386.3 and training was provided. All training programs and materials used by the provider entity  
386.4 must be available for review by regulatory agencies. The documentation must include the  
386.5 following:

386.6 (1) topic covered in the training;

386.7 (2) identification of the trainee;

386.8 (3) name and credentials of the trainer;

386.9 (4) method of evaluating competency upon completion of training;

386.10 (5) date of training; and

386.11 (6) length of training, in hours.

386.12 (b) Documentation of a continuing education credit accepted by the governing  
386.13 health-related licensing board is sufficient for purposes of this subdivision.

386.14 Subd. 3. **Orientation.** (a) Before providing direct contact services, a staff person must  
386.15 receive orientation on:

386.16 (1) patient rights as identified in section 144.651;

386.17 (2) vulnerable adult and minor maltreatment requirements in sections 245A.65,  
386.18 subdivision 3; 626.556, subdivisions 2, 3, and 7; 626.557; and 626.5572;

386.19 (3) the Minnesota Health Records Act, including confidentiality, family engagement  
386.20 according to section 144.294, and client privacy;

386.21 (4) program policies and procedures;

386.22 (5) emergency procedures appropriate to the position, including but not limited to fires,  
386.23 inclement weather, missing persons, and medical emergencies;

386.24 (6) professional boundaries;

386.25 (7) behavior management, crisis intervention, and stabilization techniques;

386.26 (8) specific needs of individuals served by the program, including but not limited to  
386.27 developmental status, cognitive functioning, and physical and mental abilities; and

386.28 (9) training related to the specific activities and job functions for which the staff person  
386.29 is responsible to carry out, including documentation of the delivery of services.

- 387.1 (b) A staff person must receive orientation on the following topics within 90 calendar  
387.2 days of a staff person first providing direct contact services:
- 387.3 (1) trauma-informed care;
- 387.4 (2) family- and person-centered individual treatment plans, seeking partnership with  
387.5 parents and identified supports, and shared decision making and engagement;
- 387.6 (3) treatment for co-occurring substance use problems, including the definitions of  
387.7 co-occurring disorders, prevalence of co-occurring disorders, common signs and symptoms  
387.8 of co-occurring disorders, and the etiology of co-occurring disorders;
- 387.9 (4) psychotropic medications, side effects, and safe medication management;
- 387.10 (5) family systems and promoting culturally appropriate support networks;
- 387.11 (6) culturally responsive treatment practices;
- 387.12 (7) recovery concepts and principles;
- 387.13 (8) building resiliency through a strength-based approach;
- 387.14 (9) person-centered planning and positive support strategies; and
- 387.15 (10) other training relevant to the staff person's role and responsibilities.
- 387.16 (c) A provider entity may deem a staff person to have met an orientation requirement  
387.17 in paragraph (b) if the staff person has received equivalent postsecondary education in the  
387.18 previous four years or training experience in the previous two years. The training plan must  
387.19 describe the process and location for verification and documentation of previous training  
387.20 experience.
- 387.21 (d) A provider entity may deem a mental health professional to have met a requirement  
387.22 of paragraph (a), clauses (6) to (9), and paragraph (b) after an evaluation of the mental health  
387.23 professional's competency, including by interview.
- 387.24 Subd. 4. **Annual training.** (a) A provider entity shall ensure that staff persons who are  
387.25 not licensed mental health professionals receive 15 hours of training each year after the first  
387.26 year of employment.
- 387.27 (b) A licensed mental health professional must follow specific training requirements as  
387.28 determined by the professional's governing health-related licensing board.
- 387.29 (c) All staff persons, including licensed mental health professionals, must receive annual  
387.30 training on the topics in subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (5).

388.1 (d) The selection of additional training topics must be based on program needs and staff  
388.2 persons' competency.

388.3 Subd. 5. **Training for services provided to children.** (a) Training and orientation  
388.4 required under this section for a staff person working with children must be aligned to the  
388.5 developmental characteristics of the children served in the program and address the needs  
388.6 of children in the context of the family, support system, and culture. This includes orientation  
388.7 under subdivision 3 on the following topics: (1) child development; (2) working with children  
388.8 and children's support systems; (3) adverse childhood experiences, cognitive functioning,  
388.9 and physical and mental abilities; and (4) understanding family perspective.

388.10 (b) For a mental health behavioral aide, orientation in the first 90 days of service must  
388.11 include a parent team training utilizing a curriculum approved by the commissioner.

388.12 **Sec. 43. [245I.13] PERSONNEL FILES.**

388.13 (a) For each staff person, a provider entity shall maintain a personnel file that includes:

388.14 (1) verification of the staff person's qualifications including training, education, and  
388.15 licensure;

388.16 (2) documentation related to the staff person's background study;

388.17 (3) the date of hire;

388.18 (4) the effective date of specific duties and responsibilities including the date that the  
388.19 staff person begins direct contact with a client;

388.20 (5) documentation of orientation;

388.21 (6) records of training, license renewal, and educational activities completed during the  
388.22 staff person's employment;

388.23 (7) annual job performance evaluations; and

388.24 (8) records of clinical supervision, if applicable.

388.25 (b) Personnel files must be made accessible to the commissioner upon request. Personnel  
388.26 files must be readily accessible for review but need not be kept in a single location.

388.27 **Sec. 44. [245I.16] PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE.**

388.28 Subdivision 1. **Tribal providers.** For purposes of this section, a tribal entity may  
388.29 credential an individual under section 256B.02, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b) and (c).



389.1 Subd. 2. **Mental health professional qualifications.** The following individuals may  
389.2 provide services as a mental health professional:

389.3 (1) a registered nurse who is licensed under sections 148.171 to 148.285 and is certified  
389.4 as a (i) clinical nurse specialist in child or adolescent, family, or adult psychiatric and mental  
389.5 health nursing by a national certification organization, or (ii) nurse practitioner in adult or  
389.6 family psychiatric and mental health nursing by a national nurse certification organization;

389.7 (2) a licensed independent clinical social worker as defined in section 148E.050,  
389.8 subdivision 5;

389.9 (3) a psychologist licensed by the Board of Psychology under sections 148.88 to 148.98;

389.10 (4) a physician licensed under chapter 147 if the physician is: (i) certified by the American  
389.11 Board of Psychiatry and Neurology; (ii) certified by the American Osteopathic Board of  
389.12 Neurology and Psychiatry; or (iii) eligible for board certification in psychiatry;

389.13 (5) a marriage and family therapist licensed under sections 148B.29 to 148B.39; or

389.14 (6) a licensed professional clinical counselor licensed under section 148B.5301.

389.15 Subd. 3. **Mental health professional scope of practice.** A mental health professional  
389.16 shall maintain a valid license with the mental health professional's governing health-related  
389.17 licensing board and shall only provide services within the scope of practice as determined  
389.18 by the health-related licensing board.

389.19 Subd. 4. **Mental health practitioner qualifications.** (a) An individual who is qualified  
389.20 in at least one of the ways described in paragraphs (b) to (d) may serve as a mental health  
389.21 practitioner.

389.22 (b) An individual is qualified through relevant coursework if the individual completes  
389.23 at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in behavioral sciences or related fields and:

389.24 (1) has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults  
389.25 or children with: (i) mental illness, substance use disorder, or emotional disturbance; or (ii)  
389.26 traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities and completes training on mental illness,  
389.27 recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, co-occurring mental  
389.28 illness and substance use disorder, and psychotropic medications and side effects;

389.29 (2) is fluent in the non-English language of the ethnic group to which at least 50 percent  
389.30 of the individual's clients belong, completes 40 hours of training in the delivery of services  
389.31 to adults with mental illness or children with emotional disturbance, and receives treatment

390.1 supervision from a mental health professional at least once per week until the requirement  
390.2 of 2,000 hours of supervised experience is met;

390.3 (3) is working in a day treatment program under section 245.4712, subdivision 2; or

390.4 (4) has completed a practicum or internship that (i) requires direct interaction with adults  
390.5 or children served, and (ii) is focused on behavioral sciences or related fields.

390.6 (c) An individual is qualified through work experience if the individual:

390.7 (1) has at least 4,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults  
390.8 or children with: (i) mental illness, substance use disorder, or emotional disturbance; or (ii)  
390.9 traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities and completes training on mental illness,  
390.10 recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, co-occurring mental  
390.11 illness and substance use disorder, and psychotropic medications and side effects; or

390.12 (2) has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults  
390.13 or children with: (i) mental illness, emotional disturbance, or substance use disorder, and  
390.14 receives treatment supervision as required by applicable statutes and rules from a mental  
390.15 health professional at least once per week until the requirement of 4,000 hours of supervised  
390.16 experience is met; or (ii) traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities, completes  
390.17 training on mental illness, recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation  
390.18 techniques, co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder, and psychotropic  
390.19 medications and side effects, and receives treatment supervision as required by applicable  
390.20 statutes and rules at least once per week from a mental health professional until the  
390.21 requirement of 4,000 hours of supervised experience is met.

390.22 (d) An individual is qualified by a bachelor's or master's degree if the individual: (1)  
390.23 holds a master's or other graduate degree in behavioral sciences or related fields; or (2)  
390.24 holds a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences or related fields and completes a practicum  
390.25 or internship that (i) requires direct interaction with adults or children served, and (ii) is  
390.26 focused on behavioral sciences or related fields.

390.27 Subd. 5. **Mental health practitioner scope of practice.** (a) A mental health practitioner  
390.28 must perform services under the treatment supervision of a mental health professional.

390.29 (b) A mental health practitioner may perform client education, functional assessments  
390.30 for adult clients, level of care assessments, rehabilitative interventions, and skills building;  
390.31 provide direction to a mental health rehabilitation worker or mental health behavioral aide;  
390.32 and propose individual treatment plans.

391.1 (c) A mental health practitioner who provides services according to section 256B.0624  
391.2 or 256B.0944 may perform crisis assessment and intervention.

391.3 Subd. 6. **Clinical trainee qualifications.** (a) A clinical trainee is a staff person who is  
391.4 enrolled in or has completed an accredited graduate program of study intended to prepare  
391.5 the individual for independent licensure as a mental health professional and who: (1)  
391.6 participates in a practicum or internship supervised by a mental health professional; or (2)  
391.7 is completing postgraduate hours, according to the requirements of a health-related licensing  
391.8 board.

391.9 (b) A clinical trainee is responsible for notifying and applying to a health-related licensing  
391.10 board to ensure the requirements of the health-related licensing board are met. As permitted  
391.11 by a health-related licensing board, treatment supervision under this chapter may be integrated  
391.12 into a plan to meet the supervisory requirements of the health-related licensing board but  
391.13 does not supersede those requirements.

391.14 Subd. 7. **Clinical trainee scope of practice.** (a) A clinical trainee, under treatment  
391.15 supervision of a mental health professional, may perform psychotherapy, diagnostic  
391.16 assessments, and services that a mental health practitioner may deliver. A clinical trainee  
391.17 shall not provide treatment supervision. A clinical trainee may provide direction to a mental  
391.18 health behavioral aide or mental health rehabilitation worker.

391.19 (b) A psychological clinical trainee under the treatment supervision of a psychologist  
391.20 may perform psychological testing.

391.21 (c) A clinical trainee shall not deliver services in violation of the practice act of a  
391.22 health-related licensing board, including failure to obtain licensure, if required.

391.23 Subd. 8. **Certified rehabilitation specialist qualifications.** A certified rehabilitation  
391.24 specialist shall have:

391.25 (1) a master's degree from an accredited college or university in behavioral sciences or  
391.26 related fields as defined in section 245I.02, subdivision 3;

391.27 (2) at least 4,000 hours of postmaster's supervised experience in the delivery of mental  
391.28 health services; and

391.29 (3) a valid national certification as a certified rehabilitation counselor or certified  
391.30 psychosocial rehabilitation practitioner.

391.31 Subd. 9. **Certified rehabilitation specialist scope of practice.** A certified rehabilitation  
391.32 specialist shall provide services based on a client's diagnostic assessment. A certified  
391.33 rehabilitation specialist may provide supervision for mental health certified peer specialists,

392.1 mental health practitioners, and mental health rehabilitation workers, but is prohibited from  
392.2 performing a diagnostic assessment.

392.3 Subd. 10. **Mental health certified peer specialist qualifications.** A mental health  
392.4 certified peer specialist shall:

392.5 (1) be 21 years of age or older;

392.6 (2) have been diagnosed with a mental illness;

392.7 (3) be a current or former mental health services client; and

392.8 (4) have a valid certification as a mental health certified peer specialist according to  
392.9 section 245.696, subdivision 3.

392.10 Subd. 11. **Mental health certified peer specialist scope of practice.** A mental health  
392.11 certified peer specialist shall:

392.12 (1) provide peer support that is individualized to the client;

392.13 (2) promote recovery goals, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, and the development of  
392.14 natural supports; and

392.15 (3) support the maintenance of skills learned in other services.

392.16 Subd. 12. **Mental health certified family peer specialist qualifications.** A mental  
392.17 health certified family peer specialist shall:

392.18 (1) be 21 years of age or older;

392.19 (2) have raised or be currently raising a child with a mental illness;

392.20 (3) have experience navigating the children's mental health system; and

392.21 (4) have a valid certification as a mental health certified family peer specialist according  
392.22 to section 245.696, subdivision 3.

392.23 Subd. 13. **Mental health certified family peer specialist scope of practice.** A mental  
392.24 health certified family peer specialist shall provide services to increase the child's ability to  
392.25 function better within the child's home, school, and community. The mental health certified  
392.26 family peer specialist shall:

392.27 (1) provide family peer support, to build on strengths of families and help families  
392.28 achieve desired outcomes;

392.29 (2) provide nonadversarial advocacy that encourages partnership and promotes positive  
392.30 change and growth;

393.1 (3) support families to advocate for culturally appropriate services for a child in each  
393.2 treatment setting;

393.3 (4) promote resiliency, self-advocacy, and development of natural supports;

393.4 (5) support the maintenance of skills learned in other services;

393.5 (6) establish and lead parent support groups;

393.6 (7) assist parents to develop coping and problem-solving skills; and

393.7 (8) educate parents about mental illnesses and community resources, including resources  
393.8 that connect parents with similar experiences.

393.9 Subd. 14. **Mental health rehabilitation worker qualifications.** (a) A mental health  
393.10 rehabilitation worker shall (1) be 21 years of age or older; (2) have a high school diploma  
393.11 or equivalent; and (3) meet the qualification requirements in paragraph (b).

393.12 (b) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a), a mental health rehabilitation worker  
393.13 shall also:

393.14 (1) be fluent in the non-English language or competent in the culture of the ethnic group  
393.15 to which at least 20 percent of the mental health rehabilitation worker's clients belong;

393.16 (2) have an associate of arts degree;

393.17 (3) have two years of full-time postsecondary education or a total of 15 semester hours  
393.18 or 23 quarter hours in behavioral sciences or related fields;

393.19 (4) be a registered nurse;

393.20 (5) have within the previous ten years three years of personal life experience with mental  
393.21 illness;

393.22 (6) have within the previous ten years three years of life experience as a primary caregiver  
393.23 to an adult with a mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorder, or  
393.24 developmental disability; or

393.25 (7) have within the previous ten years 2,000 hours of supervised work experience in  
393.26 delivering mental health services to adults with a mental illness, traumatic brain injury,  
393.27 substance use disorder, or developmental disability.

393.28 (c) If the mental health rehabilitation worker provides crisis residential services, intensive  
393.29 residential treatment services, partial hospitalization, or day treatment services, the mental  
393.30 health rehabilitation worker shall: (1) satisfy paragraph (b), clause (1); and (2) have 40 hours

394.1 of additional continuing education on mental health topics during the first year of  
394.2 employment.

394.3 Subd. 15. **Mental health rehabilitation worker scope of practice.** (a) A mental health  
394.4 rehabilitation worker under supervision of a mental health practitioner or mental health  
394.5 professional may provide rehabilitative mental health services identified in the client's  
394.6 individual treatment plan and individual behavior plan.

394.7 (b) A mental health rehabilitation worker who solely acts and is scheduled as overnight  
394.8 staff is exempt from the additional qualification requirements in subdivision 14, paragraphs  
394.9 (a), clause (3), and (b).

394.10 Subd. 16. **Mental health behavioral aide qualifications.** (a) A level 1 mental health  
394.11 behavioral aide shall:

394.12 (1) be 18 years of age or older; and

394.13 (2) have a high school diploma or commissioner of education-selected high school  
394.14 equivalency certification; or two years of experience as a primary caregiver to a child with  
394.15 severe emotional disturbance within the previous ten years.

394.16 (b) A level 2 mental health behavioral aide shall:

394.17 (1) be 18 years of age or older; and

394.18 (2) have an associate or bachelor's degree or be certified by a program under section  
394.19 256B.0943, subdivision 8a.

394.20 Subd. 17. **Mental health behavioral aide scope of practice.** The mental health  
394.21 behavioral aide under supervision of a mental health professional may provide rehabilitative  
394.22 mental health services identified in the client's individual treatment plan and individual  
394.23 behavior plan.

394.24 Sec. 45. **[245L.18] TREATMENT SUPERVISION.**

394.25 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) A provider entity shall ensure that a mental health  
394.26 professional provides treatment supervision for each staff person who provides services to  
394.27 a client and who is not a mental health professional or certified rehabilitation specialist.  
394.28 Treatment supervision shall be based on a staff person's written treatment supervision plan.

394.29 (b) Treatment supervision must focus on the client's treatment needs and the ability of  
394.30 the staff person receiving treatment supervision to provide services, including:

394.31 (1) review and evaluation of the interventions delivered;

- 395.1 (2) instruction on alternative strategies if a client is not achieving treatment goals;
- 395.2 (3) review and evaluation of assessments, treatment plans, and progress notes for accuracy
- 395.3 and appropriateness;
- 395.4 (4) approval of diagnostic assessments and individual treatment plans within five business
- 395.5 days of initial completion by the supervisee;
- 395.6 (5) instruction on the cultural norms or values of the clients and communities served by
- 395.7 the provider entity and any impact on treatment;
- 395.8 (6) evaluation of and feedback on the competencies of direct service staff persons; and
- 395.9 (7) coaching, teaching, and practicing skills with staff persons.
- 395.10 (c) A treatment supervisor's responsibility for a supervisee is limited to services provided
- 395.11 by the associated provider entity. If a supervisee is employed by multiple provider entities,
- 395.12 each entity is responsible for furnishing the necessary treatment supervision.
- 395.13 Subd. 2. **Permitted modalities.** (a) Treatment supervision must be conducted face-to-face,
- 395.14 including telemedicine, according to the Minnesota Telemedicine Act, sections 62A.67 to
- 395.15 62A.672.
- 395.16 (b) Treatment supervision may be conducted using individual, small group, or team
- 395.17 modalities. "Individual supervision" means one or more mental health professionals and
- 395.18 one staff person receiving treatment supervision. "Small group supervision" means one or
- 395.19 more mental health professionals and two to six staff persons receiving treatment supervision.
- 395.20 "Team supervision" is defined by the service lines for which it may be used.
- 395.21 Subd. 3. **Treatment supervision planning.** (a) A written treatment supervision plan
- 395.22 shall be developed by a mental health professional who is qualified to provide treatment
- 395.23 supervision and the staff person receiving the treatment supervision. The treatment
- 395.24 supervision plan must be completed and implemented within 30 days of a new staff person's
- 395.25 employment. The treatment supervision plan must be reviewed and updated at least annually.
- 395.26 (b) The treatment supervision plan must include:
- 395.27 (1) the name and qualifications of the staff person receiving treatment supervision;
- 395.28 (2) the name of the provider entity under which the staff person is receiving treatment
- 395.29 supervision;
- 395.30 (3) the name and licensure of a mental health professional providing treatment
- 395.31 supervision;

396.1 (4) the number of hours of individual and group supervision the staff person receiving  
396.2 treatment supervision must complete and the location of the record if the record is kept  
396.3 outside of an individual personnel file;

396.4 (5) procedures that the staff person receiving treatment supervision shall use to respond  
396.5 to client emergencies; and

396.6 (6) the authorized scope of practice for the staff person receiving treatment supervision,  
396.7 including a description of responsibilities with the provider entity, a description of client  
396.8 population, and treatment methods and modalities.

396.9 Subd. 4. **Treatment supervision record.** (a) A provider entity shall ensure treatment  
396.10 supervision is documented in each staff person's treatment supervision record.

396.11 (b) The treatment supervision record must include:

396.12 (1) the date and duration of the supervision;

396.13 (2) identification of the supervision type as individual, small group, or team supervision;

396.14 (3) the name of the mental health professional providing treatment supervision;

396.15 (4) subsequent actions that the staff person receiving treatment supervision shall take;

396.16 and

396.17 (5) the date and signature of the mental health professional providing treatment  
396.18 supervision.

396.19 Subd. 5. **Supervision and direct observation of mental health rehabilitation workers**  
396.20 **and behavioral aides.** (a) A mental health practitioner, clinical trainee, or mental health  
396.21 professional shall directly observe a mental health behavioral aide or a mental health  
396.22 rehabilitation worker while the mental health behavioral aide or mental health rehabilitation  
396.23 worker provides services to clients. The amount of direct observation shall be no less than  
396.24 twice per month for the first six months and once per month thereafter. The staff performing  
396.25 the observation shall approve the progress note for the service observed.

396.26 (b) For a rehabilitation worker qualified under section 245I.16, subdivision 14, paragraph

396.27 (b), clause (1), the treatment supervision in the first 2,000 hours of work shall be no less  
396.28 than:

396.29 (1) monthly individual treatment supervision; and

396.30 (2) twice per month direct observation.



397.1 Sec. 46. [245L.32] CLIENT FILES.

397.2 Subdivision 1. Generally. A provider entity must maintain a file of current and accurate  
397.3 client records on the premises where the service is provided or coordinated. Each entry in  
397.4 the record must be signed and dated by the staff person making the entry.

397.5 Subd. 2. Record retention. A provider entity must retain client records of a discharged  
397.6 client for a minimum of seven years from the date of discharge. A provider entity that ceases  
397.7 to provide treatment service must retain client records for a minimum of seven years from  
397.8 the date the provider entity stopped providing the service and must notify the commissioner  
397.9 of the location of the client records and the name of the individual responsible for maintaining  
397.10 the client records.

397.11 Subd. 3. Contents. Client files must contain the following, as applicable:

397.12 (1) diagnostic assessments;

397.13 (2) functional assessments;

397.14 (3) individual treatment plans;

397.15 (4) individual abuse prevention plans;

397.16 (5) crisis plans;

397.17 (6) documentation of releases of information;

397.18 (7) emergency contacts for the client;

397.19 (8) documentation of the date of service; signature of the person providing the service;  
397.20 nature, extent, and units of service; and place of service delivery;

397.21 (9) record of all medication prescribed or administered by staff;

397.22 (10) documentation of any contact made with the client's other mental health providers,  
397.23 case manager, family members, primary caregiver, or legal representative or the reason the  
397.24 provider did not contact the client's family members or primary caregiver;

397.25 (11) documentation of any contact made with other persons interested in the client,  
397.26 including representatives of the courts, corrections systems, or schools;

397.27 (12) written information by the client that the client requests be included in the file;

397.28 (13) health care directive; and

397.29 (14) the date and reason the provider entity's services are discontinued.

398.1 Sec. 47. **[245L.33] DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS.**

398.2 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** As a condition of payment, a provider entity must ensure that  
398.3 documentation complies with this section and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2175 and  
398.4 9505.2197. The department must recover medical assistance payments for a service not  
398.5 documented in a client file according to this section.

398.6 Subd. 2. **Documentation standards.** A provider entity must ensure that all documentation  
398.7 required under this chapter:

398.8 (1) is typed or legible, if handwritten;

398.9 (2) identifies the client or staff person on each page, as applicable;

398.10 (3) is signed and dated by the staff person who completes the documentation, including  
398.11 the staff person's credentials; and

398.12 (4) is cosigned and dated by the staff person providing treatment supervision as required  
398.13 under this chapter, including the staff person's credentials.

398.14 Subd. 3. **Progress notes.** A provider entity shall use a progress note to promptly document  
398.15 each occurrence of a mental health service provided to a client. A progress note must include  
398.16 the following:

398.17 (1) the type of service;

398.18 (2) the date of service, including the start and stop time;

398.19 (3) the location of service;

398.20 (4) the scope of service, including: (i) the goal and objective targeted; (ii) the intervention  
398.21 delivered and the methods used; (iii) the client's response or reaction to intervention; (iv)  
398.22 the plan for the next session; and (v) the service modality;

398.23 (5) the signature and the printed name and credentials of the staff person who provided  
398.24 the service;

398.25 (6) the mental health provider travel documentation requirements under section  
398.26 256B.0625, if applicable; and

398.27 (7) other significant observations, including (i) current risk factors the client may be  
398.28 experiencing; (ii) emergency interventions; (iii) consultations with or referrals to other  
398.29 professionals, family, or significant others; (iv) a summary of the effectiveness of treatment,  
398.30 prognosis, or discharge planning; (v) test results and medications; or (vi) changes in mental  
398.31 or physical symptoms.

399.1 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 254B.05, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

399.2 Subd. 5. **Rate requirements.** (a) The commissioner shall establish rates for substance  
399.3 use disorder services and service enhancements funded under this chapter.

399.4 (b) Eligible substance use disorder treatment services include:

399.5 (1) outpatient treatment services that are licensed according to sections 245G.01 to  
399.6 245G.17, or applicable tribal license;

399.7 (2) on July 1, 2018, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, comprehensive  
399.8 assessments provided according to sections 245.4863, paragraph (a), and 245G.05, ~~and~~  
399.9 ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9530.6422;~~

399.10 (3) on July 1, 2018, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, care coordination  
399.11 services provided according to section 245G.07, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (6);

399.12 (4) on July 1, 2018, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, peer recovery support  
399.13 services provided according to section 245G.07, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5);

399.14 (5) on July 1, 2019, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, withdrawal management  
399.15 services provided according to chapter 245F;

399.16 (6) medication-assisted therapy services that are licensed according to sections 245G.01  
399.17 to 245G.17 and 245G.22, or applicable tribal license;

399.18 (7) medication-assisted therapy plus enhanced treatment services that meet the  
399.19 requirements of clause (6) and provide nine hours of clinical services each week;

399.20 (8) high, medium, and low intensity residential treatment services that are licensed  
399.21 according to sections 245G.01 to 245G.17 and 245G.21 or applicable tribal license which  
399.22 provide, respectively, 30, 15, and five hours of clinical services each week;

399.23 (9) hospital-based treatment services that are licensed according to sections 245G.01 to  
399.24 245G.17 or applicable tribal license and licensed as a hospital under sections 144.50 to  
399.25 144.56;

399.26 (10) adolescent treatment programs that are licensed as outpatient treatment programs  
399.27 according to sections 245G.01 to 245G.18 or as residential treatment programs according  
399.28 to Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0010 to 2960.0220, and 2960.0430 to 2960.0490, or  
399.29 applicable tribal license;

399.30 (11) high-intensity residential treatment services that are licensed according to sections  
399.31 245G.01 to 245G.17 and 245G.21 or applicable tribal license, which provide 30 hours of  
399.32 clinical services each week provided by a state-operated vendor or to clients who have been

400.1 civilly committed to the commissioner, present the most complex and difficult care needs,  
400.2 and are a potential threat to the community; and

400.3 (12) room and board facilities that meet the requirements of subdivision 1a.

400.4 (c) The commissioner shall establish higher rates for programs that meet the requirements  
400.5 of paragraph (b) and one of the following additional requirements:

400.6 (1) programs that serve parents with their children if the program:

400.7 (i) provides on-site child care during the hours of treatment activity that:

400.8 (A) is licensed under chapter 245A as a child care center under Minnesota Rules, chapter  
400.9 9503; or

400.10 (B) meets the licensure exclusion criteria of section 245A.03, subdivision 2, paragraph  
400.11 (a), clause (6), and meets the requirements under section 245G.19, subdivision 4; or

400.12 (ii) arranges for off-site child care during hours of treatment activity at a facility that is  
400.13 licensed under chapter 245A as:

400.14 (A) a child care center under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9503; or

400.15 (B) a family child care home under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502;

400.16 (2) culturally specific programs as defined in section 254B.01, subdivision 4a, or  
400.17 programs or subprograms serving special populations, if the program or subprogram meets  
400.18 the following requirements:

400.19 (i) is designed to address the unique needs of individuals who share a common language,  
400.20 racial, ethnic, or social background;

400.21 (ii) is governed with significant input from individuals of that specific background; and

400.22 (iii) employs individuals to provide individual or group therapy, at least 50 percent of  
400.23 whom are of that specific background, except when the common social background of the  
400.24 individuals served is a traumatic brain injury or cognitive disability and the program employs  
400.25 treatment staff who have the necessary professional training, as approved by the  
400.26 commissioner, to serve clients with the specific disabilities that the program is designed to  
400.27 serve;

400.28 (3) programs that offer medical services delivered by appropriately credentialed health  
400.29 care staff in an amount equal to two hours per client per week if the medical needs of the  
400.30 client and the nature and provision of any medical services provided are documented in the  
400.31 client file; and

401.1 (4) programs that offer services to individuals with co-occurring mental health and  
401.2 chemical dependency problems if:

401.3 (i) the program meets the co-occurring requirements in section 245G.20;

401.4 (ii) 25 percent of the counseling staff are licensed mental health professionals, ~~as defined~~  
401.5 ~~in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6),~~ qualified according to section 245I.16,  
401.6 subdivision 2, or are students or licensing candidates under the supervision of a licensed  
401.7 alcohol and drug counselor supervisor and licensed mental health professional, except that  
401.8 no more than 50 percent of the mental health staff may be students or licensing candidates  
401.9 with time documented to be directly related to provisions of co-occurring services;

401.10 (iii) clients scoring positive on a standardized mental health screen receive a mental  
401.11 health diagnostic assessment within ten days of admission;

401.12 (iv) the program has standards for multidisciplinary case review that include a monthly  
401.13 review for each client that, at a minimum, includes a licensed mental health professional  
401.14 and licensed alcohol and drug counselor, and their involvement in the review is documented;

401.15 (v) family education is offered that addresses mental health and substance abuse disorders  
401.16 and the interaction between the two; and

401.17 (vi) co-occurring counseling staff shall receive eight hours of co-occurring disorder  
401.18 training annually.

401.19 (d) In order to be eligible for a higher rate under paragraph (c), clause (1), a program  
401.20 that provides arrangements for off-site child care must maintain current documentation at  
401.21 the chemical dependency facility of the child care provider's current licensure to provide  
401.22 child care services. Programs that provide child care according to paragraph (c), clause (1),  
401.23 must be deemed in compliance with the licensing requirements in section 245G.19.

401.24 (e) Adolescent residential programs that meet the requirements of Minnesota Rules,  
401.25 parts 2960.0430 to 2960.0490 and 2960.0580 to 2960.0690, are exempt from the requirements  
401.26 in paragraph (c), clause (4), items (i) to (iv).

401.27 (f) Subject to federal approval, chemical dependency services that are otherwise covered  
401.28 as direct face-to-face services may be provided via two-way interactive video. The use of  
401.29 two-way interactive video must be medically appropriate to the condition and needs of the  
401.30 person being served. Reimbursement shall be at the same rates and under the same conditions  
401.31 that would otherwise apply to direct face-to-face services. The interactive video equipment  
401.32 and connection must comply with Medicare standards in effect at the time the service is  
401.33 provided.

402.1 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0615, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

402.2 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** Medical assistance covers mental health certified peer specialist  
402.3 services, ~~as established in subdivision 2, subject to federal approval, if provided to recipients~~  
402.4 ~~who are eligible for services under sections 256B.0622, 256B.0623, and 256B.0624 and~~  
402.5 ~~are provided by a certified peer specialist who has completed the training under subdivision~~  
402.6 ~~5 is qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 10.~~

402.7 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0616, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

402.8 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** Medical assistance covers mental health certified family peer  
402.9 specialists services, ~~as established in subdivision 2, subject to federal approval, if provided~~  
402.10 ~~to recipients who have an emotional disturbance or severe emotional disturbance under~~  
402.11 ~~chapter 245, and are provided by a certified family peer specialist who has completed the~~  
402.12 ~~training under subdivision 5 is qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 12.~~ A  
402.13 family peer specialist cannot provide services to the peer specialist's family.

402.14 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0616, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

402.15 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** Family peer support services may be ~~located in~~ provided to recipients  
402.16 of inpatient hospitalization, partial hospitalization, residential treatment, intensive treatment  
402.17 in foster care, day treatment, children's therapeutic services and supports, or crisis services.

402.18 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0622, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

402.19 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** ~~Subject to federal approval,~~ Medical assistance covers medically  
402.20 necessary, assertive community treatment for clients as defined in subdivision 2a and  
402.21 intensive residential treatment services for clients as defined in subdivision 3, when the  
402.22 services are provided by an entity meeting the standards in this section.

402.23 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0622, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

402.24 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
402.25 meanings given them.

402.26 (b) "ACT team" means the group of interdisciplinary mental health staff who work as  
402.27 a team to provide assertive community treatment.

402.28 (c) "Assertive community treatment" means intensive nonresidential treatment and  
402.29 rehabilitative mental health services provided according to the assertive community treatment  
402.30 model. Assertive community treatment provides a single, fixed point of responsibility for

403.1 treatment, rehabilitation, and support needs for clients. Services are offered 24 hours per  
403.2 day, seven days per week, in a community-based setting.

403.3 ~~(d) "Individual treatment plan" means the document that results from a person-centered~~  
403.4 ~~planning process of determining real-life outcomes with clients and developing strategies~~  
403.5 ~~to achieve those outcomes.~~

403.6 ~~(e) "Assertive engagement" means the use of collaborative strategies to engage clients~~  
403.7 ~~to receive services.~~

403.8 ~~(f) "Benefits and finance support" means assisting clients in capably managing financial~~  
403.9 ~~affairs. Services include, but are not limited to, assisting clients in applying for benefits;~~  
403.10 ~~assisting with redetermination of benefits; providing financial crisis management; teaching~~  
403.11 ~~and supporting budgeting skills and asset development; and coordinating with a client's~~  
403.12 ~~representative payee, if applicable.~~

403.13 (d) "Clinical trainee" means a staff person qualified according to section 245I.16,  
403.14 subdivision 6.

403.15 ~~(g)~~ (e) "Co-occurring disorder treatment" means the treatment of co-occurring mental  
403.16 illness and substance use disorders and is characterized by assertive outreach, stage-wise  
403.17 comprehensive treatment, treatment goal setting, and flexibility to work within each stage  
403.18 of treatment. Services include, but are not limited to, assessing and tracking clients' stages  
403.19 of change readiness and treatment; applying the appropriate treatment based on stages of  
403.20 change, such as outreach and motivational interviewing techniques to work with clients in  
403.21 earlier stages of change readiness and cognitive behavioral approaches and relapse prevention  
403.22 to work with clients in later stages of change; and facilitating access to community supports.

403.23 ~~(h)~~ (f) "Crisis assessment and intervention" means mental health crisis response services  
403.24 as defined in section 256B.0624, subdivision 2, paragraphs (c) to (e).

403.25 ~~(i) "Employment services" means assisting clients to work at jobs of their choosing.~~  
403.26 ~~Services must follow the principles of the individual placement and support (IPS)~~  
403.27 ~~employment model, including focusing on competitive employment; emphasizing individual~~  
403.28 ~~client preferences and strengths; ensuring employment services are integrated with mental~~  
403.29 ~~health services; conducting rapid job searches and systematic job development according~~  
403.30 ~~to client preferences and choices; providing benefits counseling; and offering all services~~  
403.31 ~~in an individualized and time-unlimited manner. Services shall also include educating clients~~  
403.32 ~~about opportunities and benefits of work and school and assisting the client in learning job~~  
403.33 ~~skills, navigating the work place, and managing work relationships.~~

404.1 ~~(j) "Family psychoeducation and support" means services provided to the client's family~~  
404.2 ~~and other natural supports to restore and strengthen the client's unique social and family~~  
404.3 ~~relationships. Services include, but are not limited to, individualized psychoeducation about~~  
404.4 ~~the client's illness and the role of the family and other significant people in the therapeutic~~  
404.5 ~~process; family intervention to restore contact, resolve conflict, and maintain relationships~~  
404.6 ~~with family and other significant people in the client's life; ongoing communication and~~  
404.7 ~~collaboration between the ACT team and the family; introduction and referral to family~~  
404.8 ~~self-help programs and advocacy organizations that promote recovery and family~~  
404.9 ~~engagement, individual supportive counseling, parenting training, and service coordination~~  
404.10 ~~to help clients fulfill parenting responsibilities; coordinating services for the child and~~  
404.11 ~~restoring relationships with children who are not in the client's custody; and coordinating~~  
404.12 ~~with child welfare and family agencies, if applicable. These services must be provided with~~  
404.13 ~~the client's agreement and consent.~~

404.14 ~~(k) "Housing access support" means assisting clients to find, obtain, retain, and move~~  
404.15 ~~to safe and adequate housing of their choice. Housing access support includes, but is not~~  
404.16 ~~limited to, locating housing options with a focus on integrated independent settings; applying~~  
404.17 ~~for housing subsidies, programs, or resources; assisting the client in developing relationships~~  
404.18 ~~with local landlords; providing tenancy support and advocacy for the individual's tenancy~~  
404.19 ~~rights at the client's home; and assisting with relocation.~~

404.20 (g) "Individual treatment plan" means a plan described under section 256B.0671,  
404.21 subdivisions 5 and 6.

404.22 ~~(h)~~ (h) "Individual treatment team" means a minimum of three members of the ACT  
404.23 team who are responsible for consistently carrying out most of a client's assertive community  
404.24 treatment services.

404.25 ~~(m)~~ (i) "Intensive residential treatment services treatment team" means all staff who  
404.26 provide intensive residential treatment services under this section to clients. ~~At a minimum,~~  
404.27 ~~this includes the clinical supervisor; mental health professionals as defined in section 245.462,~~  
404.28 ~~subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6); mental health practitioners as defined in section 245.462,~~  
404.29 ~~subdivision 17; mental health rehabilitation workers under section 256B.0623, subdivision~~  
404.30 ~~5, paragraph (a), clause (4); and mental health certified peer specialists under section~~  
404.31 ~~256B.0615.~~

404.32 ~~(n)~~ (j) "Intensive residential treatment services" means short-term, time-limited services  
404.33 provided in a residential setting to clients who are in need of more restrictive settings and  
404.34 are at risk of significant functional deterioration if they do not receive these services. Services



405.1 are designed to develop and enhance psychiatric stability, personal and emotional adjustment,  
405.2 self-sufficiency, and skills to live in a more independent setting. Services must be directed  
405.3 toward a targeted discharge date with specified client outcomes.

405.4 ~~(o) "Medication assistance and support" means assisting clients in accessing medication,~~  
405.5 ~~developing the ability to take medications with greater independence, and providing~~  
405.6 ~~medication setup. This includes the prescription, administration, and order of medication~~  
405.7 ~~by appropriate medical staff.~~

405.8 ~~(p) "Medication education" means educating clients on the role and effects of medications~~  
405.9 ~~in treating symptoms of mental illness and the side effects of medications.~~

405.10 (k) "Mental health certified peer specialist" means a staff person qualified according to  
405.11 section 245I.16, subdivision 10.

405.12 (l) "Mental health practitioner" means a staff person qualified according to section  
405.13 245I.16, subdivision 4.

405.14 (m) "Mental health professional" means a staff person qualified according to section  
405.15 245I.16, subdivision 2.

405.16 (n) "Mental health rehabilitation worker" means a staff person qualified according to  
405.17 section 245I.16, subdivision 14.

405.18 ~~(q)~~ (o) "Overnight staff" means a member of the intensive residential treatment services  
405.19 team who is responsible during hours when clients are typically asleep.

405.20 ~~(r) "Mental health certified peer specialist services" has the meaning given in section~~  
405.21 ~~256B.0615.~~

405.22 ~~(s)~~ (p) "Physical health services" means any service or treatment to meet the physical  
405.23 health needs of the client to support the client's mental health recovery. Services include,  
405.24 but are not limited to, education on primary health issues, including wellness education;  
405.25 medication administration and monitoring; providing and coordinating medical screening  
405.26 and follow-up; scheduling routine and acute medical and dental care visits; tobacco cessation  
405.27 strategies; assisting clients in attending appointments; communicating with other providers;  
405.28 and integrating all physical and mental health treatment.

405.29 ~~(t)~~ (q) "Primary team member" means the person who leads and coordinates the activities  
405.30 of the individual treatment team and is the individual treatment team member who has  
405.31 primary responsibility for establishing and maintaining a therapeutic relationship with the  
405.32 client on a continuing basis.

406.1 ~~(u)~~ (r) "Rehabilitative mental health services" means mental health services that are  
 406.2 rehabilitative and enable the client to develop and enhance psychiatric stability, social  
 406.3 competencies, personal and emotional adjustment, independent living, parenting skills, and  
 406.4 community skills, when these abilities are impaired by the symptoms of mental illness.

406.5 ~~(v)~~ (s) "Symptom management" means supporting clients in identifying and targeting  
 406.6 the symptoms and occurrence patterns of their mental illness and developing strategies to  
 406.7 reduce the impact of those symptoms.

406.8 ~~(w)~~ (t) "Therapeutic interventions" means empirically supported techniques to address  
 406.9 specific symptoms and behaviors such as anxiety, psychotic symptoms, emotional  
 406.10 dysregulation, and trauma symptoms. Interventions include empirically supported  
 406.11 psychotherapies including, but not limited to, cognitive behavioral therapy, exposure therapy,  
 406.12 acceptance and commitment therapy, interpersonal therapy, and motivational interviewing.

406.13 ~~(x)~~ (u) "Wellness self-management and prevention" means a combination of approaches  
 406.14 to working with the client to build and apply skills related to recovery, and to support the  
 406.15 client in participating in leisure and recreational activities, civic participation, and meaningful  
 406.16 structure.

406.17 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0622, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

406.18 Subd. 3a. **Provider certification and contract requirements for assertive community**  
 406.19 **treatment.** (a) The assertive community treatment provider must:

406.20 (1) have a contract with the host county to provide assertive community treatment  
 406.21 services; and

406.22 (2) have each ACT team be certified by the state following the certification process and  
 406.23 procedures developed by the commissioner. The certification process determines whether  
 406.24 the ACT team meets the standards for assertive community treatment under this section as  
 406.25 ~~well as, chapter 245I,~~ and minimum program fidelity standards as measured by a nationally  
 406.26 recognized fidelity tool approved by the commissioner. Recertification must occur at least  
 406.27 every three years.

406.28 (b) An ACT team certified under this subdivision must meet the following standards:

406.29 (1) have capacity to recruit, hire, manage, and train required ACT team members;

406.30 (2) have adequate administrative ability to ensure availability of services;

406.31 ~~(3) ensure adequate preservice and ongoing training for staff;~~

407.1 ~~(4) ensure that staff is capable of implementing culturally specific services that are~~  
 407.2 ~~culturally responsive and appropriate as determined by the client's culture, beliefs, values,~~  
 407.3 ~~and language as identified in the individual treatment plan;~~

407.4 ~~(5)~~ (3) ensure flexibility in service delivery to respond to the changing and intermittent  
 407.5 care needs of a client as identified by the client and the individual treatment plan;

407.6 ~~(6) develop and maintain client files, individual treatment plans, and contact charting;~~

407.7 ~~(7) develop and maintain staff training and personnel files;~~

407.8 ~~(8)~~ (4) submit information as required by the state;

407.9 ~~(9)~~ (5) keep all necessary records required by law;

407.10 ~~(10) comply with all applicable laws;~~

407.11 ~~(11)~~ (6) be an enrolled Medicaid provider;

407.12 ~~(12)~~ (7) establish and maintain a quality assurance plan to determine specific service  
 407.13 outcomes and the client's satisfaction with services; and

407.14 ~~(13)~~ (8) develop and maintain written policies and procedures regarding service provision  
 407.15 and administration of the provider entity.

407.16 (c) The commissioner may intervene at any time and decertify an ACT team with cause.  
 407.17 The commissioner shall establish a process for decertification of an ACT team and shall  
 407.18 require corrective action, medical assistance repayment, or decertification of an ACT team  
 407.19 that no longer meets the requirements in this section or that fails to meet the clinical quality  
 407.20 standards or administrative standards provided by the commissioner in the application and  
 407.21 certification process. The decertification is subject to appeal to the state.

407.22 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0622, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

407.23 Subd. 4. **Provider entity licensure and contract requirements for intensive residential**  
 407.24 **treatment services.** (a) The intensive residential treatment services provider entity must:

407.25 (1) be licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670;

407.26 (2) not exceed 16 beds per site; and

407.27 (3) comply with the additional standards in this section and chapter 245I.

407.28 (b) The commissioner shall develop procedures for counties and providers to submit  
 407.29 other documentation as needed to allow the commissioner to determine whether the standards  
 407.30 in this section are met.

408.1 (c) A provider entity must specify in the provider entity's application what geographic  
408.2 area and populations will be served by the proposed program. A provider entity must  
408.3 document that the capacity or program specialties of existing programs are not sufficient  
408.4 to meet the service needs of the target population. A provider entity must submit evidence  
408.5 of ongoing relationships with other providers and levels of care to facilitate referrals to and  
408.6 from the proposed program.

408.7 (d) A provider entity must submit documentation that the provider entity requested a  
408.8 statement of need from each county board and tribal authority that serves as a local mental  
408.9 health authority in the proposed service area. The statement of need must specify if the local  
408.10 mental health authority supports or does not support the need for the proposed program and  
408.11 the basis for this determination. If a local mental health authority does not respond within  
408.12 60 days of the receipt of the request, the commissioner shall determine the need for the  
408.13 program based on the documentation submitted by the provider entity.

408.14 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0622, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

408.15 Subd. 5a. **Standards for intensive residential rehabilitative mental health services.** (a)  
408.16 The standards in this subdivision apply to intensive residential mental health services.

408.17 (b) The provider of intensive residential treatment services must have sufficient staff to  
408.18 provide 24-hour-per-day coverage to deliver the rehabilitative services described in the  
408.19 treatment plan and to safely supervise and direct the activities of clients, given the client's  
408.20 level of behavioral and psychiatric stability, cultural needs, and vulnerability. The provider  
408.21 must have the capacity within the facility to provide integrated services for chemical  
408.22 dependency, illness management services, and family education, when appropriate.

408.23 (c) At a minimum:

408.24 (1) staff must provide direction and supervision whenever clients are present in the  
408.25 facility;

408.26 (2) staff must remain awake during all work hours;

408.27 (3) there must be a staffing ratio of at least one to nine clients for each day and evening  
408.28 shift. If more than nine clients are present at the residential site, there must be a minimum  
408.29 of two staff during day and evening shifts, one of whom must be a mental health practitioner  
408.30 or mental health professional;

408.31 (4) if services are provided to clients who need the services of a medical professional,  
408.32 the provider shall ensure that these services are provided either by the provider's own medical  
408.33 staff or through referral to a medical professional; and

409.1 (5) the provider must ensure the timely availability of a licensed registered nurse, either  
409.2 directly employed or under contract, who is responsible for ensuring the effectiveness and  
409.3 safety of medication administration in the facility and assessing clients for medication side  
409.4 effects and drug interactions.

409.5 (d) Services must be provided by qualified staff as defined in section 256B.0623,  
409.6 subdivision 5, ~~who are trained and supervised according to section 256B.0623, subdivision~~  
409.7 ~~6, except that mental health rehabilitation workers acting as overnight staff are not required~~  
409.8 ~~to comply with section 256B.0623, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (4), item (iv).~~

409.9 (e) The ~~clinical~~ treatment supervisor must be an active member of the intensive residential  
409.10 services treatment team. The team must meet with the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervisor at least  
409.11 weekly to discuss clients' progress and make rapid adjustments to meet clients' needs. The  
409.12 team meeting shall include client-specific case reviews and general treatment discussions  
409.13 among team members. Client-specific case reviews and planning must be documented in  
409.14 the client's treatment record.

409.15 (f) Treatment staff must have prompt access in person or by telephone to a mental health  
409.16 practitioner or mental health professional. The provider must have the capacity to promptly  
409.17 and appropriately respond to emergent needs and make any necessary staffing adjustments  
409.18 to ensure the health and safety of clients.

409.19 (g) The initial functional assessment must be completed within ten days of intake and  
409.20 updated at least every 30 days, or prior to discharge from the service, whichever comes  
409.21 first.

409.22 (h) The initial individual treatment plan must be completed within 24 hours of admission.  
409.23 Within ten days of admission, the initial treatment plan must be refined and further developed,  
409.24 except for providers certified according to Minnesota Rules, parts 9533.0010 to 9533.0180.  
409.25 The individual treatment plan must be reviewed with the client and updated at least monthly.

409.26 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0622, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

409.27 Subd. 7. **Assertive community treatment service standards.** (a) ACT teams must  
409.28 offer and have the capacity to directly provide the following services:

409.29 (1) assertive engagement using collaborative strategies to encourage clients to receive  
409.30 services;

409.31 (2) benefits and finance support; that assists clients to capably manage financial affairs.  
409.32 Services include but are not limited to assisting clients in applying for benefits, assisting  
409.33 with redetermination of benefits, providing financial crisis management, teaching and

- 410.1 supporting budgeting skills and asset development, and coordinating with a client's  
410.2 representative payee, if applicable;
- 410.3 (3) co-occurring disorder treatment;
- 410.4 (4) crisis assessment and intervention;
- 410.5 (5) employment services; that assists clients to work at jobs of their choosing. Services  
410.6 must follow the principles of the individual placement and support employment model,  
410.7 including focusing on competitive employment, emphasizing individual client preferences  
410.8 and strengths, ensuring employment services are integrated with mental health services,  
410.9 conducting rapid job searches and systematic job development according to client preferences  
410.10 and choices, providing benefits counseling, and offering all services in an individualized  
410.11 and time-unlimited manner. Services must also include educating clients about opportunities  
410.12 and benefits of work and school and assisting the client in learning job skills, navigating  
410.13 the workplace, workplace accommodations, and managing work relationships;
- 410.14 (6) family psychoeducation and support; provided to the client's family and other natural  
410.15 supports to restore and strengthen the client's unique social and family relationships. Services  
410.16 include but are not limited to individualized psychoeducation about the client's illness and  
410.17 the role of the family and other significant people in the therapeutic process; family  
410.18 intervention to restore contact, resolve conflict, and maintain relationships with family and  
410.19 other significant people in the client's life; ongoing communication and collaboration between  
410.20 the ACT team and the family; introduction and referral to family self-help programs and  
410.21 advocacy organizations that promote recovery and family engagement, individual supportive  
410.22 counseling, parenting training, and service coordination to help clients fulfill parenting  
410.23 responsibilities; coordinating services for the child and restoring relationships with children  
410.24 who are not in the client's custody; and coordinating with child welfare and family agencies,  
410.25 if applicable. These services must be provided with the client's agreement and consent;
- 410.26 (7) housing access support; that assists clients to find, obtain, retain, and move to safe  
410.27 and adequate housing of their choice. Housing access support includes but is not limited to  
410.28 locating housing options with a focus on integrated independent settings; applying for  
410.29 housing subsidies, programs, or resources; assisting the client in developing relationships  
410.30 with local landlords; providing tenancy support and advocacy for the individual's tenancy  
410.31 rights at the client's home; and assisting with relocation;
- 410.32 (8) medication assistance and support; that assists clients in accessing medication,  
410.33 developing the ability to take medications with greater independence, and providing

411.1 medication setup. Medication assistance and support includes assisting the client with the  
 411.2 prescription, administration, and ordering of medication by appropriate medical staff;

411.3 (9) medication education; that educates clients on the role and effects of medications in  
 411.4 treating symptoms of mental illness and the side effects of medications;

411.5 (10) mental health certified peer specialists services;

411.6 (11) physical health services;

411.7 (12) rehabilitative mental health services;

411.8 (13) symptom management;

411.9 (14) therapeutic interventions;

411.10 (15) wellness self-management and prevention; and

411.11 (16) other services based on client needs as identified in a client's assertive community  
 411.12 treatment individual treatment plan.

411.13 (b) ACT teams must ensure the provision of all services necessary to meet a client's  
 411.14 needs as identified in the client's individual treatment plan.

411.15 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0622, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

411.16 Subd. 7a. **Assertive community treatment team staff requirements and roles.** (a)

411.17 The required treatment staff qualifications and roles for an ACT team are:

411.18 (1) the team leader:

411.19 (i) shall be a ~~licensed~~ mental health professional ~~who is qualified under Minnesota Rules,~~  
 411.20 ~~part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A.~~ Individuals who are not licensed but who are eligible

411.21 for licensure and are otherwise qualified may also fulfill this role but must obtain full

411.22 licensure within 24 months of assuming the role of team leader;

411.23 (ii) must be an active member of the ACT team and provide some direct services to  
 411.24 clients;

411.25 (iii) must be a single full-time staff member, dedicated to the ACT team, who is  
 411.26 responsible for overseeing the administrative operations of the team, providing ~~clinical~~  
 411.27 ~~oversight~~ treatment supervision of services in conjunction with the psychiatrist or psychiatric  
 411.28 care provider, and supervising team members to ensure delivery of best and ethical practices;  
 411.29 and

412.1 (iv) must be available to provide overall ~~clinical oversight~~ treatment supervision to the  
412.2 ACT team after regular business hours and on weekends and holidays. The team leader may  
412.3 delegate this duty to another qualified member of the ACT team;

412.4 (2) the psychiatric care provider:

412.5 (i) must be a ~~licensed psychiatrist certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and~~  
412.6 ~~Neurology or eligible for board certification or certified by the American Osteopathic Board~~  
412.7 ~~of Neurology and Psychiatry or eligible for board certification, or a psychiatric nurse who~~  
412.8 ~~is qualified under Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A~~ mental health  
412.9 professional permitted to prescribe psychiatric medications as part of the professional's  
412.10 scope of practice. The psychiatric care provider must have demonstrated clinical experience  
412.11 working with individuals with serious and persistent mental illness;

412.12 (ii) shall collaborate with the team leader in sharing overall clinical responsibility for  
412.13 screening and admitting clients; monitoring clients' treatment and team member service  
412.14 delivery; educating staff on psychiatric and nonpsychiatric medications, their side effects,  
412.15 and health-related conditions; actively collaborating with nurses; and helping provide ~~clinical~~  
412.16 treatment supervision to the team;

412.17 (iii) shall fulfill the following functions for assertive community treatment clients:  
412.18 provide assessment and treatment of clients' symptoms and response to medications, including  
412.19 side effects; provide brief therapy to clients; provide diagnostic and medication education  
412.20 to clients, with medication decisions based on shared decision making; monitor clients'  
412.21 nonpsychiatric medical conditions and nonpsychiatric medications; and conduct home and  
412.22 community visits;

412.23 (iv) shall serve as the point of contact for psychiatric treatment if a client is hospitalized  
412.24 for mental health treatment and shall communicate directly with the client's inpatient  
412.25 psychiatric care providers to ensure continuity of care;

412.26 (v) shall have a minimum full-time equivalency that is prorated at a rate of 16 hours per  
412.27 50 clients. Part-time psychiatric care providers shall have designated hours to work on the  
412.28 team, with sufficient blocks of time on consistent days to carry out the provider's clinical,  
412.29 supervisory, and administrative responsibilities. No more than two psychiatric care providers  
412.30 may share this role;

412.31 (vi) may not provide specific roles and responsibilities by telemedicine unless approved  
412.32 by the commissioner; and



413.1 (vii) shall provide psychiatric backup to the program after regular business hours and  
413.2 on weekends and holidays. The psychiatric care provider may delegate this duty to another  
413.3 qualified psychiatric provider;

413.4 (3) the nursing staff:

413.5 (i) shall consist of one to three registered nurses or advanced practice registered nurses,  
413.6 of whom at least one has a minimum of one-year experience working with adults with  
413.7 serious mental illness and a working knowledge of psychiatric medications. No more than  
413.8 two individuals can share a full-time equivalent position;

413.9 (ii) are responsible for managing medication, administering and documenting medication  
413.10 treatment, and managing a secure medication room; and

413.11 (iii) shall develop strategies, in collaboration with clients, to maximize taking medications  
413.12 as prescribed; screen and monitor clients' mental and physical health conditions and  
413.13 medication side effects; engage in health promotion, prevention, and education activities;  
413.14 communicate and coordinate services with other medical providers; facilitate the development  
413.15 of the individual treatment plan for clients assigned; and educate the ACT team in monitoring  
413.16 psychiatric and physical health symptoms and medication side effects;

413.17 (4) the co-occurring disorder specialist:

413.18 (i) shall be a full-time equivalent co-occurring disorder specialist who has received  
413.19 specific training on co-occurring disorders that is consistent with national evidence-based  
413.20 practices. The training must include practical knowledge of common substances and how  
413.21 they affect mental illnesses, the ability to assess substance use disorders and the client's  
413.22 stage of treatment, motivational interviewing, and skills necessary to provide counseling to  
413.23 clients at all different stages of change and treatment. The co-occurring disorder specialist  
413.24 may also be an individual who is a licensed alcohol and drug counselor as described in  
413.25 section 148F.01, subdivision 5, or a counselor who otherwise meets the training, experience,  
413.26 and other requirements in section 245G.11, subdivision 5. No more than two co-occurring  
413.27 disorder specialists may occupy this role; and

413.28 (ii) shall provide or facilitate the provision of co-occurring disorder treatment to clients.  
413.29 The co-occurring disorder specialist shall serve as a consultant and educator to fellow ACT  
413.30 team members on co-occurring disorders;

413.31 (5) the vocational specialist:

413.32 (i) shall be a full-time vocational specialist who has at least one-year experience providing  
413.33 employment services or advanced education that involved field training in vocational services

414.1 to individuals with mental illness. An individual who does not meet these qualifications  
414.2 may also serve as the vocational specialist upon completing a training plan approved by the  
414.3 commissioner;

414.4 (ii) shall provide or facilitate the provision of vocational services to clients. The vocational  
414.5 specialist serves as a consultant and educator to fellow ACT team members on these services;  
414.6 and

414.7 (iii) ~~should~~ shall not refer individuals to receive any type of vocational services or linkage  
414.8 by providers outside of the ACT team;

414.9 (6) the mental health certified peer specialist:

414.10 (i) shall be a full-time equivalent ~~mental health certified peer specialist as defined in~~  
414.11 ~~section 256B.0615~~. No more than two individuals can share this position. The mental health  
414.12 certified peer specialist is a fully integrated team member who provides highly individualized  
414.13 services in the community and promotes the self-determination and shared decision-making  
414.14 abilities of clients. This requirement may be waived due to workforce shortages upon  
414.15 approval of the commissioner;

414.16 (ii) must provide coaching, mentoring, and consultation to the clients to promote recovery,  
414.17 self-advocacy, and self-direction, promote wellness management strategies, and assist clients  
414.18 in developing advance directives; and

414.19 (iii) must model recovery values, attitudes, beliefs, and personal action to encourage  
414.20 wellness and resilience, provide consultation to team members, promote a culture where  
414.21 the clients' points of view and preferences are recognized, understood, respected, and  
414.22 integrated into treatment, and serve in a manner equivalent to other team members;

414.23 (7) the program administrative assistant shall be a full-time office-based program  
414.24 administrative assistant position assigned to solely work with the ACT team, providing a  
414.25 range of supports to the team, clients, and families; and

414.26 (8) additional staff:

414.27 (i) shall be based on team size. Additional treatment team staff may include ~~licensed~~  
414.28 ~~mental health professionals as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item~~  
414.29 ~~A~~; ~~mental health practitioners as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 17; a mental health~~  
414.30 ~~practitioner working as a~~ clinical trainee according to Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371,  
414.31 subpart 5, item C trainees; or ~~mental health rehabilitation workers as defined in section~~  
414.32 ~~256B.0623, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (4)~~. These individuals shall have the

415.1 knowledge, skills, and abilities required by the population served to carry out rehabilitation  
415.2 and support functions; and

415.3 (ii) shall be selected based on specific program needs or the population served.

415.4 (b) Each ACT team must clearly document schedules for all ACT team members.

415.5 (c) Each ACT team member must serve as a primary team member for clients assigned  
415.6 by the team leader and are responsible for facilitating the individual treatment plan process  
415.7 for those clients. The primary team member for a client is the responsible team member  
415.8 knowledgeable about the client's life and circumstances and writes the individual treatment  
415.9 plan. The primary team member provides individual supportive therapy or counseling, and  
415.10 provides primary support and education to the client's family and support system.

415.11 (d) Members of the ACT team must have strong clinical skills, professional qualifications,  
415.12 experience, and competency to provide a full breadth of rehabilitation services. Each staff  
415.13 member shall be proficient in their respective discipline and be able to work collaboratively  
415.14 as a member of a multidisciplinary team to deliver the majority of the treatment,  
415.15 rehabilitation, and support services clients require to fully benefit from receiving assertive  
415.16 community treatment.

415.17 (e) Each ACT team member must fulfill training requirements established by the  
415.18 commissioner.

415.19 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0622, subdivision 7b, is amended to read:

415.20 Subd. 7b. **Assertive community treatment program size and opportunities.** (a) Each  
415.21 ACT team shall maintain an annual average caseload that does not exceed 100 clients.  
415.22 Staff-to-client ratios shall be based on team size as follows:

415.23 (1) a small ACT team must:

415.24 (i) employ at least six but no more than seven full-time treatment team staff, excluding  
415.25 the program assistant and the psychiatric care provider;

415.26 (ii) serve an annual average maximum of no more than 50 clients;

415.27 (iii) ensure at least one full-time equivalent position for every eight clients served;

415.28 (iv) schedule ACT team staff for at least eight-hour shift coverage on weekdays and  
415.29 on-call duty to provide crisis services and deliver services after hours when staff are not  
415.30 working;

416.1 (v) provide crisis services during business hours if the small ACT team does not have  
416.2 sufficient staff numbers to operate an after-hours on-call system. During all other hours,  
416.3 the ACT team may arrange for coverage for crisis assessment and intervention services  
416.4 through a reliable crisis-intervention provider as long as there is a mechanism by which the  
416.5 ACT team communicates routinely with the crisis-intervention provider and the on-call  
416.6 ACT team staff are available to see clients face-to-face when necessary or if requested by  
416.7 the crisis-intervention services provider;

416.8 (vi) adjust schedules and provide staff to carry out the needed service activities in the  
416.9 evenings or on weekend days or holidays, when necessary;

416.10 (vii) arrange for and provide psychiatric backup during all hours the psychiatric care  
416.11 provider is not regularly scheduled to work. If availability of the ACT team's psychiatric  
416.12 care provider during all hours is not feasible, alternative psychiatric prescriber backup must  
416.13 be arranged and a mechanism of timely communication and coordination established in  
416.14 writing; and

416.15 (viii) be composed of, at minimum, one full-time team leader, at least 16 hours each  
416.16 week per 50 clients of psychiatric provider time, or equivalent if fewer clients, one full-time  
416.17 equivalent nursing, one full-time substance abuse specialist, one full-time equivalent mental  
416.18 health certified peer specialist, one full-time vocational specialist, one full-time program  
416.19 assistant, and at least one additional full-time ACT team member who has mental health  
416.20 professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner status; and

416.21 (2) a midsize ACT team shall:

416.22 (i) be composed of, at minimum, one full-time team leader, at least 16 hours of psychiatry  
416.23 time for 51 clients, with an additional two hours for every six clients added to the team, 1.5  
416.24 to two full-time equivalent nursing staff, one full-time substance abuse specialist, one  
416.25 full-time equivalent mental health certified peer specialist, one full-time vocational specialist,  
416.26 one full-time program assistant, and at least 1.5 to two additional full-time equivalent ACT  
416.27 members, with at least one dedicated full-time staff member with mental health professional  
416.28 status. Remaining team members may have mental health professional, clinical trainee, or  
416.29 mental health practitioner status;

416.30 (ii) employ seven or more treatment team full-time equivalents, excluding the program  
416.31 assistant and the psychiatric care provider;

416.32 (iii) serve an annual average maximum caseload of 51 to 74 clients;

416.33 (iv) ensure at least one full-time equivalent position for every nine clients served;

417.1 (v) schedule ACT team staff for a minimum of ten-hour shift coverage on weekdays  
417.2 and six- to eight-hour shift coverage on weekends and holidays. In addition to these minimum  
417.3 specifications, staff are regularly scheduled to provide the necessary services on a  
417.4 client-by-client basis in the evenings and on weekends and holidays;

417.5 (vi) schedule ACT team staff on-call duty to provide crisis services and deliver services  
417.6 when staff are not working;

417.7 (vii) have the authority to arrange for coverage for crisis assessment and intervention  
417.8 services through a reliable crisis-intervention provider as long as there is a mechanism by  
417.9 which the ACT team communicates routinely with the crisis-intervention provider and the  
417.10 on-call ACT team staff are available to see clients face-to-face when necessary or if requested  
417.11 by the crisis-intervention services provider; and

417.12 (viii) arrange for and provide psychiatric backup during all hours the psychiatric care  
417.13 provider is not regularly scheduled to work. If availability of the psychiatric care provider  
417.14 during all hours is not feasible, alternative psychiatric prescriber backup must be arranged  
417.15 and a mechanism of timely communication and coordination established in writing;

417.16 (3) a large ACT team must:

417.17 (i) be composed of, at minimum, one full-time team leader, at least 32 hours each week  
417.18 per 100 clients, or equivalent of psychiatry time, three full-time equivalent nursing staff,  
417.19 one full-time substance abuse specialist, one full-time equivalent mental health certified  
417.20 peer specialist, one full-time vocational specialist, one full-time program assistant, and at  
417.21 least two additional full-time equivalent ACT team members, with at least one dedicated  
417.22 full-time staff member with mental health professional status. Remaining team members  
417.23 may have mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner status;

417.24 (ii) employ nine or more treatment team full-time equivalents, excluding the program  
417.25 assistant and psychiatric care provider;

417.26 (iii) serve an annual average maximum caseload of 75 to 100 clients;

417.27 (iv) ensure at least one full-time equivalent position for every nine individuals served;

417.28 (v) schedule staff to work two eight-hour shifts, with a minimum of two staff on the  
417.29 second shift providing services at least 12 hours per day weekdays. For weekends and  
417.30 holidays, the team must operate and schedule ACT team staff to work one eight-hour shift,  
417.31 with a minimum of two staff each weekend day and every holiday;

417.32 (vi) schedule ACT team staff on-call duty to provide crisis services and deliver services  
417.33 when staff are not working; and

418.1 (vii) arrange for and provide psychiatric backup during all hours the psychiatric care  
418.2 provider is not regularly scheduled to work. If availability of the ACT team psychiatric care  
418.3 provider during all hours is not feasible, alternative psychiatric backup must be arranged  
418.4 and a mechanism of timely communication and coordination established in writing.

418.5 (b) An ACT team of any size may have a staff-to-client ratio that is lower than the  
418.6 requirements described in paragraph (a) upon approval by the commissioner, but may not  
418.7 exceed a one-to-ten staff-to-client ratio.

418.8 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0622, subdivision 7d, is amended to read:

418.9 Subd. 7d. **Assertive community treatment assessment and individual treatment**  
418.10 **plan.** (a) An initial assessment, including a diagnostic assessment that meets the requirements  
418.11 of ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1,~~ section 256B.0671, subdivisions 2 and 3,  
418.12 and a 30-day treatment plan shall be completed the day of the client's admission to assertive  
418.13 community treatment by the ACT team leader or the psychiatric care provider, with  
418.14 participation by designated ACT team members and the client. The team leader, psychiatric  
418.15 care provider, or other mental health professional designated by the team leader or psychiatric  
418.16 care provider, must update the client's diagnostic assessment at least annually.

418.17 (b) An initial functional assessment must be completed within ten days of intake and  
418.18 updated every six months for assertive community treatment, or prior to discharge from the  
418.19 service, whichever comes first.

418.20 (c) Within 30 days of the client's assertive community treatment admission, the ACT  
418.21 team shall complete an in-depth assessment of the domains listed under section 245.462,  
418.22 subdivision 11a.

418.23 (d) Each part of the in-depth assessment areas shall be completed by each respective  
418.24 team specialist or an ACT team member with skill and knowledge in the area being assessed.  
418.25 The assessments are based upon all available information, including that from client interview  
418.26 family and identified natural supports, and written summaries from other agencies, including  
418.27 police, courts, county social service agencies, outpatient facilities, and inpatient facilities,  
418.28 where applicable.

418.29 (e) Between 30 and 45 days after the client's admission to assertive community treatment,  
418.30 the entire ACT team must hold a comprehensive case conference, where all team members,  
418.31 including the psychiatric provider, present information discovered from the completed  
418.32 in-depth assessments and provide treatment recommendations. The conference must serve

419.1 as the basis for the first six-month treatment plan, which must be written by the primary  
419.2 team member.

419.3 (f) The client's psychiatric care provider, primary team member, and individual treatment  
419.4 team members shall assume responsibility for preparing the written narrative of the results  
419.5 from the psychiatric and social functioning history timeline and the comprehensive  
419.6 assessment.

419.7 (g) The primary team member and individual treatment team members shall be assigned  
419.8 by the team leader in collaboration with the psychiatric care provider by the time of the first  
419.9 treatment planning meeting or 30 days after admission, whichever occurs first.

419.10 (h) Individual treatment plans must be developed through the following treatment  
419.11 planning process:

419.12 (1) The individual treatment plan shall be developed in collaboration with the client and  
419.13 the client's preferred natural supports, and guardian, if applicable and appropriate. The ACT  
419.14 team shall evaluate, together with each client, the client's needs, strengths, and preferences  
419.15 and develop the individual treatment plan collaboratively. The ACT team shall make every  
419.16 effort to ensure that the client and the client's family and natural supports, with the client's  
419.17 consent, are in attendance at the treatment planning meeting, are involved in ongoing  
419.18 meetings related to treatment, and have the necessary supports to fully participate. The  
419.19 client's participation in the development of the individual treatment plan shall be documented.

419.20 (2) The client and the ACT team shall work together to formulate and prioritize the  
419.21 issues, set goals, research approaches and interventions, and establish the plan. The plan is  
419.22 individually tailored so that the treatment, rehabilitation, and support approaches and  
419.23 interventions achieve optimum symptom reduction, help fulfill the personal needs and  
419.24 aspirations of the client, take into account the cultural beliefs and realities of the individual,  
419.25 and improve all the aspects of psychosocial functioning that are important to the client. The  
419.26 process supports strengths, rehabilitation, and recovery.

419.27 (3) Each client's individual treatment plan shall identify service needs, strengths and  
419.28 capacities, and barriers, and set specific and measurable short- and long-term goals for each  
419.29 service need. The individual treatment plan must clearly specify the approaches and  
419.30 interventions necessary for the client to achieve the individual goals, when the interventions  
419.31 shall happen, and identify which ACT team member shall carry out the approaches and  
419.32 interventions.

419.33 (4) The primary team member and the individual treatment team, together with the client  
419.34 and the client's family and natural supports with the client's consent, are responsible for

420.1 reviewing and rewriting the treatment goals and individual treatment plan whenever there  
420.2 is a major decision point in the client's course of treatment or at least every six months.

420.3 (5) The primary team member shall prepare a summary that thoroughly describes in  
420.4 writing the client's and the individual treatment team's evaluation of the client's progress  
420.5 and goal attainment, the effectiveness of the interventions, and the satisfaction with services  
420.6 since the last individual treatment plan. The client's most recent diagnostic assessment must  
420.7 be included with the treatment plan summary.

420.8 (6) The individual treatment plan and review must be ~~signed~~ approved or acknowledged  
420.9 by the client, the primary team member, the team leader, the psychiatric care provider, and  
420.10 all individual treatment team members. A copy of the ~~signed~~ individual treatment plan is  
420.11 made available to the client.

420.12 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

420.13 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** Medical assistance covers adult rehabilitative mental health  
420.14 services as defined in subdivision 2, ~~subject to federal approval~~, if provided to recipients  
420.15 as defined in subdivision 3 and provided by a qualified provider entity meeting the standards  
420.16 in this section and by a qualified individual provider working within the provider's scope  
420.17 of practice and identified in the recipient's individual treatment plan ~~as defined~~ described  
420.18 in section ~~245.462, subdivision 14~~ 256B.0671, subdivisions 5 and 6, and if determined to  
420.19 be medically necessary according to section 62Q.53.

420.20 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

420.21 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings  
420.22 given them.

420.23 (a) "Adult rehabilitative mental health services" means mental health services which are  
420.24 rehabilitative and enable the recipient to develop and enhance psychiatric stability, social  
420.25 competencies, personal and emotional adjustment, independent living, parenting skills, and  
420.26 community skills, when these abilities are impaired by the symptoms of mental illness.  
420.27 ~~Adult rehabilitative mental health services are also appropriate when provided to enable a~~  
420.28 ~~recipient to retain stability and functioning, if the recipient would be at risk of significant~~  
420.29 ~~functional decompensation or more restrictive service settings without these services.~~

420.30 ~~(1) Adult rehabilitative mental health services instruct, assist, and support the recipient~~  
420.31 ~~in areas such as: interpersonal communication skills, community resource utilization and~~  
420.32 ~~integration skills, crisis assistance, relapse prevention skills, health care directives, budgeting~~



421.1 ~~and shopping skills, healthy lifestyle skills and practices, cooking and nutrition skills,~~  
421.2 ~~transportation skills, medication education and monitoring, mental illness symptom~~  
421.3 ~~management skills, household management skills, employment-related skills, parenting~~  
421.4 ~~skills, and transition to community living services.~~

421.5 ~~(2) These services shall be provided to the recipient on a one-to-one basis in the recipient's~~  
421.6 ~~home or another community setting or in groups.~~

421.7 (b) "Medication education services" means services provided individually or in groups  
421.8 which focus on educating the recipient about mental illness and symptoms; the role and  
421.9 effects of medications in treating symptoms of mental illness; and the side effects of  
421.10 medications. Medication education is coordinated with medication management services  
421.11 and does not duplicate it. Medication education services are provided by physicians,  
421.12 pharmacists, physician assistants, or registered nurses.

421.13 (c) "Transition to community living services" means services which maintain continuity  
421.14 of contact between the rehabilitation services provider and the recipient and which facilitate  
421.15 discharge from a hospital, residential treatment program under Minnesota Rules, chapter  
421.16 9505, board and lodging facility, or nursing home. Transition to community living services  
421.17 are not intended to provide other areas of adult rehabilitative mental health services.

421.18 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

421.19 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** An eligible recipient is an individual who:

421.20 (1) is age 18 or older;

421.21 (2) is diagnosed with a medical condition, such as mental illness or traumatic brain  
421.22 injury, for which adult rehabilitative mental health services are needed;

421.23 (3) has substantial disability and functional impairment in three or more of the areas  
421.24 listed in section 245.462, subdivision 11a, so that self-sufficiency is markedly reduced; and

421.25 (4) has had a recent diagnostic assessment ~~or an adult diagnostic assessment update~~ by  
421.26 a qualified professional that documents adult rehabilitative mental health services are  
421.27 medically necessary to address identified disability and functional impairments and individual  
421.28 recipient goals.

421.29 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

421.30 Subd. 4. **Provider entity standards.** (a) The provider entity must be certified by the  
421.31 state following the certification process and procedures developed by the commissioner.

422.1 (b) The certification process is a determination as to whether the entity meets the standards  
422.2 in this subdivision and chapter 245I. The certification must specify which adult rehabilitative  
422.3 mental health services the entity is qualified to provide.

422.4 (c) A noncounty provider entity must obtain additional certification from each county  
422.5 in which it will provide services. The additional certification must be based on the adequacy  
422.6 of the entity's knowledge of that county's local health and human service system, and the  
422.7 ability of the entity to coordinate its services with the other services available in that county.  
422.8 A county-operated entity must obtain this additional certification from any other county in  
422.9 which it will provide services.

422.10 (d) State-level recertification must occur at least every three years.

422.11 (e) The commissioner may intervene at any time and decertify providers with cause.  
422.12 The decertification is subject to appeal to the state. A county board may recommend that  
422.13 the state decertify a provider for cause.

422.14 (f) The adult rehabilitative mental health services provider entity must meet the following  
422.15 standards:

422.16 (1) have capacity to recruit, hire, manage, and train ~~mental health professionals, mental~~  
422.17 ~~health practitioners, and mental health rehabilitation workers~~ qualified staff;

422.18 (2) have adequate administrative ability to ensure availability of services;

422.19 ~~(3) ensure adequate preservice and inservice and ongoing training for staff;~~

422.20 ~~(4)~~ (3) ensure that ~~mental health professionals, mental health practitioners, and mental~~  
422.21 ~~health rehabilitation workers~~ staff are skilled in the delivery of the specific adult rehabilitative  
422.22 mental health services provided to the individual eligible recipient;

422.23 ~~(5) ensure that staff is capable of implementing culturally specific services that are~~  
422.24 ~~culturally competent and appropriate as determined by the recipient's culture, beliefs, values,~~  
422.25 ~~and language as identified in the individual treatment plan;~~

422.26 ~~(6)~~ (4) ensure enough flexibility in service delivery to respond to the changing and  
422.27 intermittent care needs of a recipient as identified by the recipient and the individual treatment  
422.28 plan;

422.29 ~~(7) ensure that the mental health professional or mental health practitioner, who is under~~  
422.30 ~~the clinical supervision of a mental health professional, involved in a recipient's services~~  
422.31 ~~participates in the development of the individual treatment plan;~~

423.1 ~~(8)~~ (5) assist the recipient in arranging needed crisis assessment, intervention, and  
423.2 stabilization services;

423.3 ~~(9)~~ (6) ensure that services are coordinated with other recipient mental health services  
423.4 providers and the county mental health authority and the federally recognized American  
423.5 Indian authority and necessary others after obtaining the consent of the recipient. Services  
423.6 must also be coordinated with the recipient's case manager or care coordinator if the recipient  
423.7 is receiving case management or care coordination services;

423.8 ~~(10) develop and maintain recipient files, individual treatment plans, and contact charting;~~

423.9 ~~(11) develop and maintain staff training and personnel files;~~

423.10 ~~(12)~~ (7) submit information as required by the state;

423.11 ~~(13) establish and maintain a quality assurance plan to evaluate the outcome of services~~  
423.12 ~~provided;~~

423.13 ~~(14)~~ (8) keep all necessary records required by law;

423.14 ~~(15)~~ (9) deliver services as required by section 245.461;

423.15 ~~(16) comply with all applicable laws;~~

423.16 ~~(17)~~ (10) be an enrolled Medicaid provider;

423.17 ~~(18)~~ (11) maintain a quality assurance plan to determine specific service outcomes and  
423.18 the recipient's satisfaction with services; and

423.19 ~~(19)~~ (12) develop and maintain written policies and procedures regarding service  
423.20 provision and administration of the provider entity.

423.21 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

423.22 Subd. 5. **Qualifications of provider staff.** ~~(a)~~ Adult rehabilitative mental health services  
423.23 must be provided by qualified individual provider staff of a certified provider entity.

423.24 Individual provider staff must be qualified ~~under~~ as one of the following ~~criteria~~ providers:

423.25 (1) a mental health professional ~~as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses~~  
423.26 ~~(1) to (6). If the recipient has a current diagnostic assessment by a licensed mental health~~  
423.27 ~~professional as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6), recommending~~  
423.28 ~~receipt of adult mental health rehabilitative services, the definition of mental health~~  
423.29 ~~professional for purposes of this section includes a person who is qualified under section~~  
423.30 ~~245.462, subdivision 18, clause (7), and who holds a current and valid national certification~~

424.1 ~~as a certified rehabilitation counselor or certified psychosocial rehabilitation practitioner~~  
424.2 ~~qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 2;~~

424.3 ~~(2) a certified rehabilitation specialist qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision~~  
424.4 ~~8;~~

424.5 ~~(3) a clinical trainee qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 6;~~

424.6 ~~(2) (4) a mental health practitioner as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 17. The~~  
424.7 ~~mental health practitioner must work under the clinical supervision of a mental health~~  
424.8 ~~professional qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 4;~~

424.9 ~~(3) (5) a mental health certified peer specialist under section 256B.0615. The certified~~  
424.10 ~~peer specialist must work under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional~~  
424.11 ~~qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 10; or~~

424.12 ~~(4) (6) a mental health rehabilitation worker qualified according to section 245I.16,~~  
424.13 ~~subdivision 14. A mental health rehabilitation worker means a staff person working under~~  
424.14 ~~the direction of a mental health practitioner or mental health professional and under the~~  
424.15 ~~clinical supervision of a mental health professional in the implementation of rehabilitative~~  
424.16 ~~mental health services as identified in the recipient's individual treatment plan who:~~

424.17 ~~(i) is at least 21 years of age;~~

424.18 ~~(ii) has a high school diploma or equivalent;~~

424.19 ~~(iii) has successfully completed 30 hours of training during the two years immediately~~  
424.20 ~~prior to the date of hire, or before provision of direct services, in all of the following areas:~~  
424.21 ~~recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, recipient rights,~~  
424.22 ~~recipient-centered individual treatment planning, behavioral terminology, mental illness,~~  
424.23 ~~co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse, psychotropic medications and side effects,~~  
424.24 ~~functional assessment, local community resources, adult vulnerability, recipient~~  
424.25 ~~confidentiality; and~~

424.26 ~~(iv) meets the qualifications in paragraph (b).~~

424.27 ~~(b) In addition to the requirements in paragraph (a), a mental health rehabilitation worker~~  
424.28 ~~must also meet the qualifications in clause (1), (2), or (3):~~

424.29 ~~(1) has an associates of arts degree, two years of full-time postsecondary education, or~~  
424.30 ~~a total of 15 semester hours or 23 quarter hours in behavioral sciences or related fields; is~~  
424.31 ~~a registered nurse; or within the previous ten years has:~~

424.32 ~~(i) three years of personal life experience with serious mental illness;~~

425.1 ~~(ii) three years of life experience as a primary caregiver to an adult with a serious mental~~  
425.2 ~~illness, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorder, or developmental disability; or~~

425.3 ~~(iii) 2,000 hours of supervised work experience in the delivery of mental health services~~  
425.4 ~~to adults with a serious mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorder, or~~  
425.5 ~~developmental disability;~~

425.6 ~~(2)(i) is fluent in the non-English language or competent in the culture of the ethnic~~  
425.7 ~~group to which at least 20 percent of the mental health rehabilitation worker's clients belong;~~

425.8 ~~(ii) receives during the first 2,000 hours of work, monthly documented individual clinical~~  
425.9 ~~supervision by a mental health professional;~~

425.10 ~~(iii) has 18 hours of documented field supervision by a mental health professional or~~  
425.11 ~~mental health practitioner during the first 160 hours of contact work with recipients, and at~~  
425.12 ~~least six hours of field supervision quarterly during the following year;~~

425.13 ~~(iv) has review and co-signature of charting of recipient contacts during field supervision~~  
425.14 ~~by a mental health professional or mental health practitioner; and~~

425.15 ~~(v) has 15 hours of additional continuing education on mental health topics during the~~  
425.16 ~~first year of employment and 15 hours during every additional year of employment; or~~

425.17 ~~(3) for providers of crisis residential services, intensive residential treatment services,~~  
425.18 ~~partial hospitalization, and day treatment services:~~

425.19 ~~(i) satisfies clause (2), items (ii) to (iv); and~~

425.20 ~~(ii) has 40 hours of additional continuing education on mental health topics during the~~  
425.21 ~~first year of employment.~~

425.22 ~~(c) A mental health rehabilitation worker who solely acts and is scheduled as overnight~~  
425.23 ~~staff is not required to comply with paragraph (a), clause (4), item (iv).~~

425.24 ~~(d) For purposes of this subdivision, "behavioral sciences or related fields" means an~~  
425.25 ~~education from an accredited college or university and includes but is not limited to social~~  
425.26 ~~work, psychology, sociology, community counseling, family social science, child~~  
425.27 ~~development, child psychology, community mental health, addiction counseling, counseling~~  
425.28 ~~and guidance, special education, and other fields as approved by the commissioner.~~

425.29 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

425.30 **Subd. 6. Required training and supervision.** (a) ~~Mental health rehabilitation workers~~  
425.31 ~~must receive ongoing continuing education training of at least 30 hours every two years in~~

426.1 ~~areas of mental illness and mental health services and other areas specific to the population~~  
426.2 ~~being served. Mental health rehabilitation workers must also be subject to the ongoing~~  
426.3 ~~direction and clinical supervision standards in paragraphs (c) and (d) Staff must receive~~  
426.4 ~~training in accordance with section 245I.10.~~

426.5 ~~(b) Mental health practitioners must receive ongoing continuing education training as~~  
426.6 ~~required by their professional license; or if the practitioner is not licensed, the practitioner~~  
426.7 ~~must receive ongoing continuing education training of at least 30 hours every two years in~~  
426.8 ~~areas of mental illness and mental health services. Mental health practitioners must meet~~  
426.9 ~~the ongoing clinical supervision standards in paragraph (c).~~

426.10 ~~(e) Clinical supervision may be provided by a full- or part-time qualified professional~~  
426.11 ~~employed by or under contract with the provider entity. Clinical supervision may be provided~~  
426.12 ~~by interactive videoconferencing according to procedures developed by the commissioner.~~

426.13 ~~(b) Treatment supervision must be provided according to section 245I.18. A mental health~~  
426.14 ~~professional providing clinical treatment supervision of staff delivering adult rehabilitative~~  
426.15 ~~mental health services must provide the following guidance:~~

426.16 ~~(1) review the information in the recipient's file;~~

426.17 ~~(2) review and approve initial and updates of individual treatment plans;~~

426.18 ~~(3) (1) meet with mental health rehabilitation workers and practitioners, individually or~~  
426.19 ~~in small groups, staff receiving direction at least monthly to discuss treatment topics of~~  
426.20 ~~interest to the workers and practitioners;~~

426.21 ~~(4) meet with mental health rehabilitation workers and practitioners, individually or in~~  
426.22 ~~small groups, at least monthly to (2) discuss treatment plans of recipients, and approve by~~  
426.23 ~~signature and document in the recipient's file any resulting plan updates;~~

426.24 ~~(5) meet at least monthly with the directing mental health practitioner, if there is one,~~  
426.25 ~~to (3) review needs of the adult rehabilitative mental health services program, review staff~~  
426.26 ~~on-site observations and evaluate mental health rehabilitation workers, plan staff training,~~  
426.27 ~~and review program evaluation and development, and consult with the directing practitioner;~~  
426.28 ~~and;~~

426.29 ~~(6) be available for urgent consultation as the individual recipient needs or the situation~~  
426.30 ~~necessitates.~~

426.31 ~~(d) An adult rehabilitative mental health services provider entity must have a treatment~~  
426.32 ~~director who is a mental health practitioner or mental health professional. The treatment~~  
426.33 ~~director must ensure the following:~~

427.1 ~~(1) while delivering direct services to recipients, a newly hired mental health rehabilitation~~  
427.2 ~~worker must be directly observed delivering services to recipients by a mental health~~  
427.3 ~~practitioner or mental health professional for at least six hours per 40 hours worked during~~  
427.4 ~~the first 160 hours that the mental health rehabilitation worker works;~~

427.5 ~~(2) the mental health rehabilitation worker must receive ongoing on-site direct service~~  
427.6 ~~observation by a mental health professional or mental health practitioner for at least six~~  
427.7 ~~hours for every six months of employment;~~

427.8 ~~(3) (4) review progress notes are reviewed from on-site service observation prepared by~~  
427.9 ~~the mental health rehabilitation worker and mental health practitioner for accuracy and~~  
427.10 ~~consistency with actual recipient contact and the individual treatment plan and goals;~~

427.11 ~~(4) (5) ensure immediate availability by phone or in person for consultation by a mental~~  
427.12 ~~health professional or a mental health practitioner to the mental health rehabilitation services~~  
427.13 ~~worker during service provision; and~~

427.14 ~~(5) oversee the identification of changes in individual recipient treatment strategies,~~  
427.15 ~~revise the plan, and communicate treatment instructions and methodologies as appropriate~~  
427.16 ~~to ensure that treatment is implemented correctly;~~

427.17 ~~(6) model service practices which: respect the recipient, include the recipient in planning~~  
427.18 ~~and implementation of the individual treatment plan, recognize the recipient's strengths,~~  
427.19 ~~collaborate and coordinate with other involved parties and providers;~~

427.20 ~~(7) (6) ensure that mental health practitioners and mental health rehabilitation workers~~  
427.21 ~~are able to effectively communicate with the recipients, significant others, and providers;~~  
427.22 ~~and.~~

427.23 ~~(8) oversee the record of the results of on-site observation and charting evaluation and~~  
427.24 ~~corrective actions taken to modify the work of the mental health practitioners and mental~~  
427.25 ~~health rehabilitation workers.~~

427.26 ~~(e) A mental health practitioner who is providing treatment direction for a provider entity~~  
427.27 ~~must receive supervision at least monthly from a mental health professional to:~~

427.28 ~~(1) identify and plan for general needs of the recipient population served;~~

427.29 ~~(2) identify and plan to address provider entity program needs and effectiveness;~~

427.30 ~~(3) identify and plan provider entity staff training and personnel needs and issues; and~~

427.31 ~~(4) plan, implement, and evaluate provider entity quality improvement programs.~~

428.1 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

428.2 Subd. 7. **Personnel file.** The adult rehabilitative mental health services provider entity  
428.3 must maintain a personnel file on each staff in accordance with section 245I.13. ~~Each file~~  
428.4 ~~must contain:~~

428.5 ~~(1) an annual performance review;~~

428.6 ~~(2) a summary of on-site service observations and charting review;~~

428.7 ~~(3) a criminal background check of all direct service staff;~~

428.8 ~~(4) evidence of academic degree and qualifications;~~

428.9 ~~(5) a copy of professional license;~~

428.10 ~~(6) any job performance recognition and disciplinary actions;~~

428.11 ~~(7) any individual staff written input into own personnel file;~~

428.12 ~~(8) all clinical supervision provided; and~~

428.13 ~~(9) documentation of compliance with continuing education requirements.~~

428.14 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

428.15 Subd. 8. **Diagnostic assessment.** Providers of adult rehabilitative mental health services  
428.16 must obtain or complete a diagnostic assessment as defined in according to section 245.462,  
428.17 ~~subdivision 9, within five days after the recipient's second visit or within 30 days after~~  
428.18 ~~intake, whichever occurs first. In cases where a diagnostic assessment is available that~~  
428.19 ~~reflects the recipient's current status, and has been completed within three years preceding~~  
428.20 ~~admission, an adult diagnostic assessment update must be completed. An update shall include~~  
428.21 ~~a face-to-face interview with the recipient and a written summary by a mental health~~  
428.22 ~~professional of the recipient's current mental health status and service needs. If the recipient's~~  
428.23 ~~mental health status has changed significantly since the adult's most recent diagnostic~~  
428.24 ~~assessment, a new diagnostic assessment is required 256B.0671, subdivisions 2 and 3.~~

428.25 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

428.26 Subd. 10. **Individual treatment plan.** All providers of adult rehabilitative mental health  
428.27 services must develop and implement an individual treatment plan for each recipient. ~~The~~  
428.28 ~~provisions in clauses (1) and (2) apply; according to section 256B.0671, subdivisions 5 and~~  
428.29 6.



429.1 ~~(1) Individual treatment plan means a plan of intervention, treatment, and services for~~  
429.2 ~~an individual recipient written by a mental health professional or by a mental health~~  
429.3 ~~practitioner under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional. The individual~~  
429.4 ~~treatment plan must be based on diagnostic and functional assessments. To the extent~~  
429.5 ~~possible, the development and implementation of a treatment plan must be a collaborative~~  
429.6 ~~process involving the recipient, and with the permission of the recipient, the recipient's~~  
429.7 ~~family and others in the recipient's support system. Providers of adult rehabilitative mental~~  
429.8 ~~health services must develop the individual treatment plan within 30 calendar days of intake.~~  
429.9 The treatment plan must be updated at least every six months thereafter, or more often when  
429.10 there is significant change in the recipient's situation or functioning, or in services or service  
429.11 methods to be used, or at the request of the recipient or the recipient's legal guardian.

429.12 ~~(2) The individual treatment plan must include:~~

429.13 ~~(i) a list of problems identified in the assessment;~~

429.14 ~~(ii) the recipient's strengths and resources;~~

429.15 ~~(iii) concrete, measurable goals to be achieved, including time frames for achievement;~~

429.16 ~~(iv) specific objectives directed toward the achievement of each one of the goals;~~

429.17 ~~(v) documentation of participants in the treatment planning. The recipient, if possible,~~  
429.18 ~~must be a participant. The recipient or the recipient's legal guardian must sign the treatment~~  
429.19 ~~plan, or documentation must be provided why this was not possible. A copy of the plan~~  
429.20 ~~must be given to the recipient or legal guardian. Referral to formal services must be arranged,~~  
429.21 ~~including specific providers where applicable;~~

429.22 ~~(vi) cultural considerations, resources, and needs of the recipient must be included;~~

429.23 ~~(vii) planned frequency and type of services must be initiated; and~~

429.24 ~~(viii) clear progress notes on outcome of goals.~~

429.25 ~~(3) The individual community support plan defined in section 245.462, subdivision 12,~~  
429.26 ~~may serve as the individual treatment plan if there is involvement of a mental health case~~  
429.27 ~~manager, and with the approval of the recipient. The individual community support plan~~  
429.28 ~~must include the criteria in clause (2).~~

429.29 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

429.30 Subd. 11. **Recipient file.** Providers of adult rehabilitative mental health services must  
429.31 maintain a file for each recipient ~~that contains the following information:~~ according to  
429.32 section 245I.32.

- 430.1 ~~(1) diagnostic assessment or verification of its location that is current and that was~~  
430.2 ~~reviewed by a mental health professional who is employed by or under contract with the~~  
430.3 ~~provider entity;~~
- 430.4 ~~(2) functional assessments;~~
- 430.5 ~~(3) individual treatment plans signed by the recipient and the mental health professional,~~  
430.6 ~~or if the recipient refused to sign the plan, the date and reason stated by the recipient as to~~  
430.7 ~~why the recipient would not sign the plan;~~
- 430.8 ~~(4) recipient history;~~
- 430.9 ~~(5) signed release forms;~~
- 430.10 ~~(6) recipient health information and current medications;~~
- 430.11 ~~(7) emergency contacts for the recipient;~~
- 430.12 ~~(8) case records which document the date of service, the place of service delivery,~~  
430.13 ~~signature of the person providing the service, nature, extent and units of service, and place~~  
430.14 ~~of service delivery;~~
- 430.15 ~~(9) contacts, direct or by telephone, with recipient's family or others, other providers,~~  
430.16 ~~or other resources for service coordination;~~
- 430.17 ~~(10) summary of recipient case reviews by staff; and~~
- 430.18 ~~(11) written information by the recipient that the recipient requests be included in the~~  
430.19 ~~file.~~

430.20 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0623, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

430.21 Subd. 12. **Additional requirements.** (a) Providers of adult rehabilitative mental health  
430.22 services must comply with the requirements relating to referrals for case management in  
430.23 section 245.467, subdivision 4.

430.24 (b) Adult rehabilitative mental health services are provided for most recipients in the  
430.25 recipient's home and community. Services may also be provided at the home of a relative  
430.26 or significant other, job site, psychosocial clubhouse, drop-in center, social setting, classroom,  
430.27 or other places in the community. Except for "transition to community services," the place  
430.28 of service does not include a regional treatment center, nursing home, residential treatment  
430.29 facility licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670 (Rule 36), or an  
430.30 acute care hospital.

431.1 (c) Adult rehabilitative mental health services may be provided in group settings if  
431.2 appropriate to each participating recipient's needs and treatment plan. A group is defined  
431.3 as two to ten clients, at least one of whom is a recipient, who is concurrently receiving a  
431.4 service which is identified in this section. The service and group must be specified in the  
431.5 recipient's treatment plan. No more than two qualified staff may bill Medicaid for services  
431.6 provided to the same group of recipients. If two adult rehabilitative mental health workers  
431.7 bill for recipients in the same group session, they must each bill for different recipients.

431.8 (d) Adult rehabilitative mental health services are appropriate if provided to enable a  
431.9 recipient to retain stability and functioning, when the recipient is at risk of significant  
431.10 functional decompensation or requiring more restrictive service settings without these  
431.11 services.

431.12 (e) Adult rehabilitative mental health services instruct, assist, and support the recipient  
431.13 in areas including: interpersonal communication skills, community resource utilization and  
431.14 integration skills, crisis planning, relapse prevention skills, health care directives, budgeting  
431.15 and shopping skills, healthy lifestyle skills and practices, cooking and nutrition skills,  
431.16 transportation skills, medication education and monitoring, mental illness symptom  
431.17 management skills, household management skills, employment-related skills, parenting  
431.18 skills, and transition to community living services.

431.19 (f) Community intervention, including consultation with relatives, guardians, friends,  
431.20 employers, treatment providers, and other significant individuals, is appropriate when  
431.21 directed exclusively to the treatment of the client.

431.22 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0624, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

431.23 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings  
431.24 given them.

431.25 (a) "Mental health crisis" is an adult behavioral, emotional, or psychiatric situation  
431.26 which, but for the provision of crisis response services, would likely result in significantly  
431.27 reduced levels of functioning in primary activities of daily living, or in an emergency  
431.28 situation, or in the placement of the recipient in a more restrictive setting, including, but  
431.29 not limited to, inpatient hospitalization.

431.30 (b) "Mental health emergency" is an adult behavioral, emotional, or psychiatric situation  
431.31 which causes an immediate need for mental health services and is consistent with section  
431.32 62Q.55.

432.1 A mental health crisis or emergency is determined for medical assistance service  
432.2 reimbursement by a physician, a mental health professional, or ~~crisis-mental health~~  
432.3 ~~practitioner~~ qualified member of a crisis team with input from the recipient whenever  
432.4 possible.

432.5 (c) "Mental health crisis assessment" means an immediate face-to-face assessment by  
432.6 a physician, a mental health professional, or ~~mental health practitioner under the clinical~~  
432.7 ~~supervision of a mental health professional~~, qualified member of a crisis team following a  
432.8 screening that suggests that the adult may be experiencing a mental health crisis or mental  
432.9 health emergency situation. It includes, when feasible, assessing whether the person might  
432.10 be willing to voluntarily accept treatment, determining whether the person has an advance  
432.11 directive, and obtaining information and history from involved family members or caretakers.

432.12 (d) "Mental health mobile crisis intervention services" means face-to-face, short-term  
432.13 intensive mental health services initiated during a mental health crisis or mental health  
432.14 emergency to help the recipient cope with immediate stressors, identify and utilize available  
432.15 resources and strengths, engage in voluntary treatment, and begin to return to the recipient's  
432.16 baseline level of functioning. The services, including screening and treatment plan  
432.17 recommendations, must be culturally and linguistically appropriate.

432.18 (1) This service is provided on site by a mobile crisis intervention team outside of an  
432.19 inpatient hospital setting. Mental health mobile crisis intervention services must be available  
432.20 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

432.21 (2) The initial screening must consider other available services to determine which  
432.22 service intervention would best address the recipient's needs and circumstances.

432.23 (3) The mobile crisis intervention team must be available to meet promptly face-to-face  
432.24 with a person in mental health crisis or emergency in a community setting or hospital  
432.25 emergency room.

432.26 (4) The intervention must consist of a mental health crisis assessment and a crisis  
432.27 treatment plan.

432.28 (5) The team must be available to individuals who are experiencing a co-occurring  
432.29 substance use disorder, who do not need the level of care provided in a detoxification facility.

432.30 (6) The treatment plan must include recommendations for any needed crisis stabilization  
432.31 services for the recipient, including engagement in treatment planning and family  
432.32 psychoeducation.

433.1 (e) "Mental health crisis stabilization services" means individualized mental health  
433.2 services provided to a recipient following crisis intervention services which are designed  
433.3 to restore the recipient to the recipient's prior functional level. Mental health crisis  
433.4 stabilization services may be provided in the recipient's home, the home of a family member  
433.5 or friend of the recipient, another community setting, or a short-term supervised, licensed  
433.6 residential program. Mental health crisis stabilization does not include partial hospitalization  
433.7 or day treatment. Mental health crisis stabilization services includes family psychoeducation.

433.8 (f) "Clinical trainee" means a person qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision  
433.9 6.

433.10 (g) "Mental health certified family peer specialist" means a person qualified according  
433.11 to section 245I.16, subdivision 12.

433.12 (h) "Mental health certified peer specialist" means a person qualified according to section  
433.13 245I.16, subdivision 10.

433.14 (i) "Mental health practitioner" means a person qualified according to section 245I.16,  
433.15 subdivision 4.

433.16 (j) "Mental health professional" means a person qualified according to section 245I.16,  
433.17 subdivision 2.

433.18 (k) "Mental health rehabilitation worker" means a person qualified according to section  
433.19 245I.16, subdivision 14.

433.20 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0624, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

433.21 Subd. 4. **Provider entity standards.** (a) A provider entity is an entity that meets the  
433.22 standards listed in paragraph (c) and:

433.23 (1) is a county board operated entity; ~~or~~

433.24 (2) is an Indian health service facility or facility owned and operated by a tribe or a tribal  
433.25 organization operating under United States Code, title 25, section 450f; or

433.26 (3) is a provider entity that is under contract with the county board in the county where  
433.27 the potential crisis or emergency is occurring. To provide services under this section, the  
433.28 provider entity must directly provide the services; or if services are subcontracted, the  
433.29 provider entity must maintain responsibility for services and billing.

433.30 (b) A provider entity that provides crisis stabilization services in a residential setting  
433.31 under subdivision 7 is not required to meet the requirements of paragraph (a), clauses (1)  
433.32 ~~and (2)~~ to (3), and paragraph (c), clauses (9), (20), and (21), but must meet all other

434.1 requirements of this subdivision. Upon approval by the commissioner, a residential crisis  
434.2 services provider meeting relevant standards for supervision and assessment may allow a  
434.3 practitioner to perform a crisis assessment to establish eligibility for admission to the  
434.4 program. A provider performing an assessment under this paragraph shall not bill separately  
434.5 beyond the daily rate for the residential stabilization program.

434.6 (c) The adult mental health crisis response services provider entity must have the capacity  
434.7 to meet and carry out the requirements in chapter 245I and the following standards:

434.8 (1) has the capacity to recruit, hire, and manage and train ~~mental health professionals,~~  
434.9 ~~practitioners, and rehabilitation workers~~ qualified staff;

434.10 (2) has adequate administrative ability to ensure availability of services;

434.11 (3) is able to ensure adequate preservice and in-service training;

434.12 (4) is able to ensure that staff providing these services are skilled in the delivery of  
434.13 mental health crisis response services to recipients;

434.14 (5) is able to ensure that staff are capable of implementing culturally specific treatment  
434.15 identified in the individual treatment plan that is meaningful and appropriate as determined  
434.16 by the recipient's culture, beliefs, values, and language;

434.17 (6) is able to ensure enough flexibility to respond to the changing intervention and care  
434.18 needs of a recipient as identified by the recipient during the service partnership between  
434.19 the recipient and providers;

434.20 (7) is able to ensure that ~~mental health professionals and mental health practitioners~~ staff  
434.21 have the communication tools and procedures to communicate and consult promptly about  
434.22 crisis assessment and interventions as services occur;

434.23 (8) is able to coordinate these services with county emergency services, community  
434.24 hospitals, ambulance, transportation services, social services, law enforcement, and mental  
434.25 health crisis services through regularly scheduled interagency meetings;

434.26 (9) is able to ensure that mental health crisis assessment and mobile crisis intervention  
434.27 services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week;

434.28 (10) is able to ensure that services are coordinated with other mental health service  
434.29 providers, county mental health authorities, or federally recognized American Indian  
434.30 authorities and others as necessary, with the consent of the ~~adult~~ recipient. Services must  
434.31 also be coordinated with the recipient's case manager if the adult is receiving case  
434.32 management services;

435.1 (11) is able to coordinate services with detoxification according to Minnesota Rules,  
435.2 parts 9530.6605 to 9530.6655, or withdrawal management according to chapter 245F to  
435.3 ensure a recipient receives care that is responsive to the recipient's chemical and mental  
435.4 health needs;

435.5 (12) is able to ensure that crisis intervention services are provided in a manner consistent  
435.6 with sections 245.461 to 245.486;

435.7 ~~(12)~~ (13) is able to submit information as required by the state;

435.8 ~~(13)~~ (14) maintains staff training and personnel files, including documentation of staff  
435.9 completion of required training modules;

435.10 ~~(14)~~ (15) is able to establish and maintain a quality assurance and evaluation plan to  
435.11 evaluate the outcomes of services and recipient satisfaction, including notifying recipients  
435.12 of the process by which the provider, county, or tribe accepts and responds to concerns;

435.13 ~~(15)~~ (16) is able to keep records as required by applicable laws;

435.14 ~~(16)~~ (17) is able to comply with all applicable laws and statutes;

435.15 ~~(17)~~ (18) is an enrolled medical assistance provider; ~~and~~

435.16 ~~(18)~~ (19) develops and maintains written policies and procedures regarding service  
435.17 provision and administration of the provider entity, including safety of staff and recipients  
435.18 in high-risk situations;

435.19 (20) is able to respond to a call for crisis services in a designated service area or according  
435.20 to a written agreement with the local mental health authority for an adjacent area; and

435.21 (21) documents protocol used when delivering services by telemedicine, according to  
435.22 sections 62A.67 to 62A.672, including responsibilities of the originating site, means to  
435.23 promote recipient safety, timeliness for connection and response, and steps to take in the  
435.24 event of a lost connection.

435.25 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0624, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

435.26 Subd. 5. **Mobile crisis intervention staff qualifications.** ~~For provision of adult mental~~  
435.27 ~~health mobile crisis intervention services, a mobile crisis intervention team is comprised of~~  
435.28 ~~at least two mental health professionals as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses~~  
435.29 ~~(1) to (6), or a combination of at least one mental health professional and one mental health~~  
435.30 ~~practitioner as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 17, with the required mental health~~  
435.31 ~~crisis training and under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional on the team.~~

436.1 (a) Mobile crisis intervention team staff must be qualified to provide services as mental  
436.2 health professionals, mental health practitioners, clinical trainees, mental health certified  
436.3 family peer specialists, or mental health certified peer specialists.

436.4 (b) A mobile crisis intervention team is comprised of at least two members, one of whom  
436.5 must be qualified as a mental health professional. A second member must be qualified as  
436.6 a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner. A provider entity  
436.7 must consider the needs of the area served when adding staff.

436.8 (c) Mental health crisis assessment and intervention services must be led by a mental  
436.9 health professional, or under the supervision of a mental health professional according to  
436.10 subdivision 9, by a clinical trainee or mental health practitioner.

436.11 (d) The team must have ~~at least two people with~~ at least one member providing on-site  
436.12 crisis intervention services when needed. Team members must be experienced in mental  
436.13 health assessment, crisis intervention techniques, treatment engagement strategies, working  
436.14 with families, and clinical decision-making under emergency conditions and have knowledge  
436.15 of local services and resources. The team must recommend and coordinate the team's services  
436.16 with appropriate local resources such as the county social services agency, mental health  
436.17 services, and local law enforcement when necessary.

436.18 Sec. 75. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0624, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

436.19 **Subd. 6. Crisis assessment and mobile intervention treatment planning.** (a) Prior to  
436.20 initiating mobile crisis intervention services, a screening of the potential crisis situation  
436.21 must be conducted. The screening may use the resources of crisis assistance and emergency  
436.22 services as defined in sections 245.462, subdivision 6, and 245.469, subdivisions 1 and 2.  
436.23 The screening must gather information, determine whether a crisis situation exists, identify  
436.24 parties involved, and determine an appropriate response. Nothing in this section precludes  
436.25 crisis staff from answering a call from a third party.

436.26 (b) In conducting the screening, a provider shall:

436.27 (1) employ evidence-based practices as identified by the commissioner in collaboration  
436.28 with the commissioner of health to reduce the risk of the recipient's suicide and self-injurious  
436.29 behavior;

436.30 (2) work with the recipient to establish a plan and time frame for responding to the crisis,  
436.31 including immediate needs for support by telephone or text message until a face-to-face  
436.32 response arrives;



437.1 (3) document significant factors related to the determination of a crisis, including prior  
437.2 calls to the crisis team, recent presentation at an emergency department, known calls to 911  
437.3 or law enforcement, or third parties with knowledge of a potential recipient's history or  
437.4 current needs;

437.5 (4) screen for the needs of a third-party caller, including a recipient who primarily  
437.6 identifies as a family member or a caregiver but also presents signs of a crisis; and

437.7 (5) provide psychoeducation, including education on the available means for reducing  
437.8 self-harm, to relevant third parties, including family members or other persons living in the  
437.9 home.

437.10 (c) A provider entity shall consider the following to indicate a positive screening unless  
437.11 the provider entity documents specific evidence to show why crisis response was clinically  
437.12 inappropriate:

437.13 (1) the recipient presented in an emergency department or urgent care setting, and the  
437.14 health care team at that location requested crisis services; or

437.15 (2) a peace officer requested crisis services for a recipient who may be subject to  
437.16 transportation under section 253B.05 for a mental health crisis.

437.17 ~~(b)~~ (d) If a crisis exists, a crisis assessment must be completed. A crisis assessment  
437.18 evaluates any immediate needs for which emergency services are needed and, as time  
437.19 permits, the recipient's current life situation, health information including current medications,  
437.20 sources of stress, mental health problems and symptoms, strengths, cultural considerations,  
437.21 support network, vulnerabilities, current functioning, and the recipient's preferences as  
437.22 communicated directly by the recipient, or as communicated in a health care directive as  
437.23 described in chapters 145C and 253B, the treatment plan described under paragraph (d), a  
437.24 crisis prevention plan, or a wellness recovery action plan.

437.25 ~~(e)~~ (e) If the crisis assessment determines mobile crisis intervention services are needed,  
437.26 the intervention services must be provided promptly. As opportunity presents during the  
437.27 intervention, at least two members of the mobile crisis intervention team must confer directly  
437.28 or by telephone about the assessment, treatment plan, and actions taken and needed. At least  
437.29 one of the team members must be on site providing crisis intervention services. If providing  
437.30 on-site crisis intervention services, a mental health practitioner must seek ~~clinical~~ treatment  
437.31 supervision as required in subdivision 9.

437.32 (f) Direct contact with the recipient is not required before initiating a crisis assessment  
437.33 or intervention service. A crisis team may gather relevant information from a third party at

438.1 the scene to establish the need for services and potential safety factors. A crisis assessment  
438.2 is provided face-to-face by a mobile crisis intervention team outside of an inpatient hospital  
438.3 setting. A service must be provided promptly and respond to the recipient's location whenever  
438.4 possible, including community or clinical settings. As clinically appropriate, a mobile crisis  
438.5 intervention team must coordinate a response with other health care providers if a recipient  
438.6 requires detoxification, withdrawal management, or medical stabilization services in addition  
438.7 to crisis services.

438.8 ~~(d)~~ (g) The mobile crisis intervention team must develop an initial, brief crisis treatment  
438.9 plan as soon as appropriate but no later than 24 hours after the initial face-to-face intervention.  
438.10 The plan must address the needs and problems noted in the crisis assessment and include  
438.11 measurable short-term goals, cultural considerations, and frequency and type of services to  
438.12 be provided to achieve the goals and reduce or eliminate the crisis. The treatment plan must  
438.13 be updated as needed to reflect current goals and services.

438.14 ~~(e)~~ (h) The team must document which short-term goals have been met and when no  
438.15 further crisis intervention services are required. If after an assessment a crisis provider entity  
438.16 refers a recipient to an intensive setting, including an emergency department, in-patient  
438.17 hospitalization, or crisis residential treatment, one of the crisis team members who performed  
438.18 or conferred on the assessment must immediately contact the provider entity and consult  
438.19 with the triage nurse or other staff responsible for intake. The crisis team member must  
438.20 convey key findings or concerns that led to the referral. The consultation shall occur with  
438.21 the recipient's consent, the recipient's legal guardian's consent, or as allowed by section  
438.22 144.293, subdivision 5. Any available written documentation, including a crisis treatment  
438.23 plan, must be sent no later than the next business day.

438.24 ~~(f)~~ (i) If the recipient's crisis is stabilized, but the recipient needs a referral to other  
438.25 services, the team must provide referrals to these services. If the recipient has a case manager,  
438.26 planning for other services must be coordinated with the case manager. If the recipient is  
438.27 unable to follow up on the referral, the team must link the recipient to the service and follow  
438.28 up to ensure the recipient is receiving the service.

438.29 ~~(g)~~ (j) If the recipient's crisis is stabilized and the recipient does not have an advance  
438.30 directive, the case manager or crisis team shall offer to work with the recipient to develop  
438.31 one.

438.32 (k) If an intervention service is provided without the recipient present, the provider shall  
438.33 document the reasons why the service is more effective without the recipient present.

439.1 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0624, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

439.2 Subd. 7. **Crisis stabilization services.** (a) Crisis stabilization services must be provided  
439.3 by qualified staff of a crisis stabilization services provider entity and must meet the following  
439.4 standards:

439.5 (1) a crisis stabilization treatment plan must be developed which meets the criteria in  
439.6 subdivision 11;

439.7 (2) staff must be qualified as defined in subdivision 8; ~~and~~

439.8 (3) services must be delivered according to the treatment plan and include face-to-face  
439.9 contact with the recipient by qualified staff for further assessment, help with referrals,  
439.10 updating of the crisis stabilization treatment plan, supportive counseling, skills training,  
439.11 and collaboration with other service providers in the community; and

439.12 (4) if a stabilization service is provided without the recipient present, the provider shall  
439.13 document the reasons why the service is more effective without the recipient present.

439.14 (b) If crisis stabilization services are provided in a supervised, licensed residential setting,  
439.15 the recipient must be contacted face-to-face daily by a qualified mental health practitioner  
439.16 or mental health professional. The program must have 24-hour-a-day residential staffing  
439.17 which may include staff who do not meet the qualifications in subdivision 8. The residential  
439.18 staff must have 24-hour-a-day immediate direct or telephone access to a qualified mental  
439.19 health professional or practitioner.

439.20 (c) If crisis stabilization services are provided in a supervised, licensed residential setting  
439.21 that serves no more than four adult residents, and one or more individuals are present at the  
439.22 setting to receive residential crisis stabilization services, the residential staff must include,  
439.23 for at least eight hours per day, at least one individual who meets the qualifications in  
439.24 subdivision 8, paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2).

439.25 (d) If crisis stabilization services are provided in a supervised, licensed residential setting  
439.26 that serves more than four adult residents, and one or more are recipients of crisis stabilization  
439.27 services, the residential staff must include, for 24 hours a day, at least one individual who  
439.28 meets the qualifications in subdivision 8. When more than four residents are present at the  
439.29 setting during the first 48 hours that a recipient is in the residential program, the residential  
439.30 program must have at least two staff working 24 hours a day. Staffing levels may be adjusted  
439.31 thereafter according to the needs of the recipient as specified in the crisis stabilization  
439.32 treatment plan.

440.1 Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0624, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

440.2 Subd. 8. **Adult crisis stabilization staff qualifications.** ~~(a)~~ Adult mental health crisis  
440.3 stabilization services must be provided by qualified individual staff of a qualified provider  
440.4 entity. Individual provider staff must ~~have the following qualifications~~ be:

440.5 (1) ~~be a mental health professional as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses~~  
440.6 ~~(1) to (6);~~

440.7 (2) ~~be a mental health practitioner as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 17. The~~  
440.8 ~~mental health practitioner must work under the clinical supervision of a mental health~~  
440.9 ~~professional;~~

440.10 (3) ~~be a mental health certified peer specialist under section 256B.0615. The certified~~  
440.11 ~~peer specialist must work under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional; or~~

440.12 (4) ~~be a mental health rehabilitation worker who meets the criteria in section 256B.0623,~~  
440.13 ~~subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (4); works under the direction of a mental health~~  
440.14 ~~practitioner as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 17, or under direction of a mental~~  
440.15 ~~health professional; and works under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional.~~

440.16 ~~(b) Mental health practitioners and mental health rehabilitation workers must have~~  
440.17 ~~completed at least 30 hours of training in crisis intervention and stabilization during the~~  
440.18 ~~past two years.~~

440.19 Sec. 78. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0624, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

440.20 Subd. 9. **Supervision.** Mental health practitioners or clinical trainees may provide crisis  
440.21 assessment and mobile crisis intervention services if the following ~~clinical~~ treatment  
440.22 supervision requirements are met:

440.23 (1) the mental health provider entity must accept full responsibility for the services  
440.24 provided;

440.25 (2) the mental health professional of the provider entity, who is an employee or under  
440.26 contract with the provider entity, must be immediately available by phone or in person for  
440.27 clinical supervision;

440.28 (3) the mental health professional is consulted, in person or by phone, during the first  
440.29 three hours when a mental health practitioner or clinical trainee provides on-site service;

440.30 (4) the mental health professional must:

440.31 (i) review and approve of the tentative crisis assessment and crisis treatment plan;

- 441.1 (ii) document the consultation; and
- 441.2 (iii) sign the crisis assessment and treatment plan within the next business day; and
- 441.3 ~~(5) if the mobile crisis intervention services continue into a second calendar day, a mental~~
- 441.4 ~~health professional must contact the recipient face-to-face on the second day to provide~~
- 441.5 ~~services and update the crisis treatment plan; and~~
- 441.6 ~~(6)~~ (5) the on-site observation must be documented in the recipient's record and signed
- 441.7 by the mental health professional.

441.8 Sec. 79. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0624, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

441.9 Subd. 11. **Treatment plan.** The individual crisis stabilization treatment plan must include,

441.10 at a minimum:

- 441.11 (1) a list of problems identified in the assessment;
- 441.12 (2) a list of the recipient's strengths and resources;
- 441.13 (3) concrete, measurable short-term goals and tasks to be achieved, including time frames
- 441.14 for achievement;
- 441.15 (4) specific objectives directed toward the achievement of each one of the goals;
- 441.16 (5) documentation of the participants involved in the service planning. The recipient, if
- 441.17 possible, must be a participant. The recipient or the recipient's legal guardian must sign the
- 441.18 service plan or documentation must be provided why this was not possible. A copy of the
- 441.19 plan must be given to the recipient and the recipient's legal guardian. The plan should include
- 441.20 services arranged, including specific providers where applicable;
- 441.21 (6) planned frequency and type of services initiated;
- 441.22 (7) a crisis response action plan if a crisis should occur;
- 441.23 (8) clear progress notes on outcome of goals;
- 441.24 (9) a written plan must be completed within 24 hours of beginning services with the
- 441.25 recipient; and
- 441.26 (10) a treatment plan must be developed by a mental health professional, clinical trainee,
- 441.27 ~~or mental health practitioner under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional.~~
- 441.28 The mental health professional must approve and sign all treatment plans.

- 442.1 Sec. 80. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:
- 442.2 Subd. 3b. **Telemedicine services.** (a) Medical assistance covers medically necessary  
442.3 services and consultations delivered by a licensed health care provider via telemedicine in  
442.4 the same manner as if the service or consultation was delivered in person. Coverage is  
442.5 limited to three telemedicine services per enrollee per calendar week. Telemedicine services  
442.6 shall be paid at the full allowable rate.
- 442.7 (b) The commissioner shall establish criteria that a health care provider must attest to  
442.8 in order to demonstrate the safety or efficacy of delivering a particular service via  
442.9 telemedicine. The attestation may include that the health care provider:
- 442.10 (1) has identified the categories or types of services the health care provider will provide  
442.11 via telemedicine;
- 442.12 (2) has written policies and procedures specific to telemedicine services that are regularly  
442.13 reviewed and updated;
- 442.14 (3) has policies and procedures that adequately address patient safety before, during,  
442.15 and after the telemedicine service is rendered;
- 442.16 (4) has established protocols addressing how and when to discontinue telemedicine  
442.17 services; and
- 442.18 (5) has an established quality assurance process related to telemedicine services.
- 442.19 (c) As a condition of payment, a licensed health care provider must document each  
442.20 occurrence of a health service provided by telemedicine to a medical assistance enrollee.  
442.21 Health care service records for services provided by telemedicine must meet the requirements  
442.22 set forth in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.2175, subparts 1 and 2, and must document:
- 442.23 (1) the type of service provided by telemedicine;
- 442.24 (2) the time the service began and the time the service ended, including an a.m. and p.m.  
442.25 designation;
- 442.26 (3) the licensed health care provider's basis for determining that telemedicine is an  
442.27 appropriate and effective means for delivering the service to the enrollee;
- 442.28 (4) the mode of transmission of the telemedicine service and records evidencing that a  
442.29 particular mode of transmission was utilized;
- 442.30 (5) the location of the originating site and the distant site;

443.1 (6) if the claim for payment is based on a physician's telemedicine consultation with  
443.2 another physician, the written opinion from the consulting physician providing the  
443.3 telemedicine consultation; and

443.4 (7) compliance with the criteria attested to by the health care provider in accordance  
443.5 with paragraph (b).

443.6 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, unless otherwise covered under this chapter,  
443.7 "telemedicine" is defined as the delivery of health care services or consultations while the  
443.8 patient is at an originating site and the licensed health care provider is at a distant site. A  
443.9 communication between licensed health care providers, or a licensed health care provider  
443.10 and a patient that consists solely of a telephone conversation, e-mail, or facsimile transmission  
443.11 does not constitute telemedicine consultations or services. Telemedicine may be provided  
443.12 by means of real-time two-way, interactive audio and visual communications, including the  
443.13 application of secure video conferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or  
443.14 support health care delivery, which facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation,  
443.15 treatment, education, and care management of a patient's health care.

443.16 (e) For purposes of this section, "licensed health care provider" means a licensed health  
443.17 care provider under section 62A.671, subdivision 6, a clinical trainee, and a mental health  
443.18 practitioner defined under section 245.462, subdivision 17, ~~or 245.4871, subdivision 26~~,  
443.19 working under the general supervision of a mental health professional; "health care provider"  
443.20 is defined under section 62A.671, subdivision 3; and "originating site" is defined under  
443.21 section 62A.671, subdivision 7.

443.22 Sec. 81. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

443.23 **Subd. 5. Community mental health center services.** Medical assistance covers  
443.24 community mental health center services provided by a community mental health center  
443.25 that meets the requirements in paragraphs (a) to (j).

443.26 (a) The provider is licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0750 to 9520.0870, and  
443.27 in compliance with requirements under chapter 245I and section 256B.0671.

443.28 (b) The provider provides mental health services under the clinical treatment supervision  
443.29 of a mental health professional who is licensed for independent practice at the doctoral level  
443.30 or by a board-certified psychiatrist or a psychiatrist who is eligible for board certification.  
443.31 ~~Clinical supervision has the meaning given in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0370, subpart 6.~~  
443.32 Treatment supervision means the treatment supervision described under section 245I.18.

444.1 (c) The provider must be a private nonprofit corporation or a governmental agency and  
444.2 have a community board of directors as specified by section 245.66.

444.3 (d) The provider must have a sliding fee scale that meets the requirements in section  
444.4 245.481, and agree to serve within the limits of its capacity all individuals residing in its  
444.5 service delivery area.

444.6 (e) At a minimum, the provider must provide the following outpatient mental health  
444.7 services: diagnostic assessment; explanation of findings; and family, group, and individual  
444.8 psychotherapy, including crisis intervention psychotherapy services, ~~multiple family group~~  
444.9 ~~psychotherapy~~, psychological testing, and medication management. In addition, the provider  
444.10 must provide or be capable of providing upon request of the local mental health authority  
444.11 day treatment services, multiple family group psychotherapy, and professional home-based  
444.12 mental health services. The provider must have the capacity to provide such services to  
444.13 specialized populations such as the elderly, families with children, persons who are seriously  
444.14 and persistently mentally ill, and children who are seriously emotionally disturbed.

444.15 (f) The provider must be capable of providing the services specified in paragraph (e) to  
444.16 individuals who are dually diagnosed with ~~both a~~ mental illness or emotional disturbance;  
444.17 and ~~chemical dependency~~ substance use disorder, and to individuals who are dually diagnosed  
444.18 with a mental illness or emotional disturbance and developmental disability.

444.19 (g) The provider must provide 24-hour emergency care services or demonstrate the  
444.20 capacity to assist recipients in need of such services to access such services on a 24-hour  
444.21 basis.

444.22 (h) The provider must have a contract with the local mental health authority to provide  
444.23 one or more of the services specified in paragraph (e).

444.24 (i) The provider must agree, upon request of the local mental health authority, to enter  
444.25 into a contract with the county to provide mental health services not reimbursable under  
444.26 the medical assistance program.

444.27 (j) The provider may not be enrolled with the medical assistance program as both a  
444.28 hospital and a community mental health center. The community mental health center's  
444.29 administrative, organizational, and financial structure must be separate and distinct from  
444.30 that of the hospital.



445.1 Sec. 82. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 51, is amended to read:

445.2 Subd. 51. **Intensive mental health outpatient treatment.** (a) Medical assistance covers  
445.3 intensive mental health outpatient treatment for dialectical behavioral therapy for adults.

445.4 The commissioner shall establish:

445.5 (1) certification procedures to ensure that providers of these services are qualified and  
445.6 meet the standards in chapter 245I; and

445.7 (2) treatment protocols including required service components and criteria for admission,  
445.8 continued treatment, and discharge.

445.9 (b) "Dialectical behavior therapy" means an evidence-based treatment approach provided  
445.10 in an intensive outpatient treatment program using a combination of individualized  
445.11 rehabilitative and psychotherapeutic interventions. A dialectical behavior therapy program  
445.12 involves the following service components: individual dialectical behavior therapy, group  
445.13 skills training, telephone coaching, and team consultation meetings.

445.14 (c) To be eligible for dialectical behavior therapy a client must:

445.15 (1) be 18 years of age or older;

445.16 (2) have mental health needs that cannot be met with other available community-based  
445.17 services or that must be provided concurrently with other community-based services;

445.18 (3) meet one of the following criteria:

445.19 (i) have a diagnosis of borderline personality disorder; or

445.20 (ii) have multiple mental health diagnoses, exhibit behaviors characterized by impulsivity  
445.21 or intentional self-harm, and be at significant risk of death, morbidity, disability, or severe  
445.22 dysfunction across multiple life areas;

445.23 (4) understand and be cognitively capable of participating in dialectical behavior therapy  
445.24 as an intensive therapy program and be able and willing to follow program policies and  
445.25 rules ensuring safety of self and others; and

445.26 (5) be at significant risk of one or more of the following if dialectical behavior therapy  
445.27 is not provided:

445.28 (i) having a mental health crisis;

445.29 (ii) requiring a more restrictive setting including hospitalization;

445.30 (iii) decompensation; or

445.31 (iv) engaging in intentional self-harm behavior.

446.1 (d) Individual dialectical behavior therapy combines individualized rehabilitative and  
446.2 psychotherapeutic interventions to treat suicidal and other dysfunctional behaviors and  
446.3 reinforce the use of adaptive skillful behaviors. Individual dialectical behavior therapy must  
446.4 be provided by a mental health professional or a clinical trainee. The mental health  
446.5 professional or clinical trainee must:

446.6 (1) identify, prioritize, and sequence behavioral targets;

446.7 (2) treat behavioral targets;

446.8 (3) generalize dialectical behavior therapy skills to the client's natural environment  
446.9 through telephone coaching outside of the treatment session;

446.10 (4) measure the client's progress toward dialectical behavior therapy targets;

446.11 (5) help the client manage mental health crises and life-threatening behaviors; and

446.12 (6) help the client learn and apply effective behaviors when working with other treatment  
446.13 providers.

446.14 (e) Group skills training combines individualized psychotherapeutic and psychiatric  
446.15 rehabilitative interventions conducted in a group setting to reduce the client's suicidal and  
446.16 other dysfunctional coping behaviors and restore function. Group skills training must teach  
446.17 the client adaptive skills in the following areas:

446.18 (1) mindfulness;

446.19 (2) interpersonal effectiveness;

446.20 (3) emotional regulation; and

446.21 (4) distress tolerance.

446.22 (f) Group skills training must be provided by two mental health professionals, or by a  
446.23 mental health professional co-facilitating with a clinical trainee or a mental health practitioner  
446.24 as specified in section 245I.16, subdivision 4. Individual skills training must be provided  
446.25 by a mental health professional, a clinical trainee, or a mental health practitioner as specified  
446.26 in section 245I.16, subdivision 4.

446.27 (g) A program must be certified by the commissioner as a dialectical behavior therapy  
446.28 provider. To qualify for certification, a provider must:

446.29 (1) submit to the commissioner's inspection;

446.30 (2) provide evidence that the dialectical behavior therapy program's policies, procedures,  
446.31 and practices continuously meet the requirements of this subdivision;

- 447.1 (3) be enrolled as a MHCP provider;  
447.2 (4) collect and report client outcomes as specified by the commissioner; and  
447.3 (5) have a manual that outlines the dialectical behavior therapy program's policies,  
447.4 procedures, and practices that meet the requirements of this subdivision.

447.5 Sec. 83. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 19c, is amended to  
447.6 read:

447.7 Subd. 19c. **Personal care.** Medical assistance covers personal care assistance services  
447.8 provided by an individual who is qualified to provide the services according to subdivision  
447.9 19a and sections 256B.0651 to 256B.0654, provided in accordance with a plan, and  
447.10 supervised by a qualified professional.

447.11 "Qualified professional" means a mental health professional ~~as defined in section 245.462,~~  
447.12 ~~subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6), or 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (6);~~ a registered  
447.13 nurse as defined in sections 148.171 to 148.285, a licensed social worker as defined in  
447.14 sections 148E.010 and 148E.055, or a qualified designated coordinator under section  
447.15 245D.081, subdivision 2. The qualified professional shall perform the duties required in  
447.16 section 256B.0659.

447.17 Sec. 84. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 23, is amended to read:

447.18 Subd. 23. **Adult day treatment services.** (a) Medical assistance covers adult day  
447.19 treatment services as specified in sections 245.462, subdivision 8, and 245.4871, subdivision  
447.20 10, that are provided under contract with the county board. The commissioner may set  
447.21 authorization thresholds for day treatment for adults according to subdivision 25. Medical  
447.22 assistance covers day treatment services for children as specified under section 256B.0943.  
447.23 Adult day treatment payment is limited to the conditions in paragraphs (b) to (e).

447.24 (b) Adult day treatment is an intensive psychotherapeutic treatment to reduce or relieve  
447.25 the effects of mental illness to enable the client to benefit from a lower level of care and to  
447.26 live and function more independently in the community. Adult day treatment services must  
447.27 stabilize the client's mental health status and develop and improve the client's independent  
447.28 living and socialization skills. Adult day treatment must consist of at least one hour of group  
447.29 psychotherapy and must include group time focused on rehabilitative interventions or other  
447.30 therapeutic services that are provided by a multidisciplinary staff person. Adult day treatment  
447.31 services are not a part of inpatient or residential treatment services.

447.32 (c) To be eligible for medical assistance payment, an adult day treatment service must:

- 448.1 (1) be reviewed by and approved by the commissioner;
- 448.2 (2) be provided to a group of clients by a multidisciplinary staff person under the  
448.3 treatment supervision of a mental health professional as described under section 245I.18;
- 448.4 (3) be available to the client at least two days a week for at least three consecutive hours  
448.5 per day. The adult day treatment may be longer than three hours per day, but medical  
448.6 assistance must not reimburse a provider for more than 15 hours per week;
- 448.7 (4) include group psychotherapy by a mental health professional or clinical trainee and  
448.8 daily rehabilitative interventions by a mental health professional qualified according to  
448.9 section 245I.16, subdivision 2, clinical trainee qualified according to section 245I.16,  
448.10 subdivision 6, or mental health practitioner qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision  
448.11 4;
- 448.12 (5) be included in the client's individual treatment plan as described under section  
448.13 256B.0671, subdivisions 5 and 6, as appropriate. The individual treatment plan must include  
448.14 attainable, measurable goals related to services and must be completed before the first adult  
448.15 day treatment session. The vendor must review the client's progress and update the treatment  
448.16 plan at least every 30 days until the client is discharged and include an available discharge  
448.17 plan for the client in the treatment plan; and
- 448.18 (6) document the daily interventions provided and the client's response according to  
448.19 section 245I.33.
- 448.20 (d) To be eligible for adult day treatment, a client must:
- 448.21 (1) be 18 years of age or older;
- 448.22 (2) not be residing in a nursing facility, hospital, institute of mental disease, or regional  
448.23 treatment center unless the client has an active discharge plan that indicates a move to an  
448.24 independent living arrangement within 180 days;
- 448.25 (3) have a diagnosis of mental illness as determined by a diagnostic assessment;
- 448.26 (4) have the capacity to engage in the rehabilitative nature, the structured setting, and  
448.27 the therapeutic parts of psychotherapy and skills activities of an adult day treatment program  
448.28 and demonstrate measurable improvements in the client's functioning related to the client's  
448.29 mental illness that would result from participating in the adult day treatment program;
- 448.30 (5) have at least three areas of functional impairment as determined by a functional  
448.31 assessment with the domains prescribed by section 245.462, subdivision 11a;

449.1 (6) have a level of care determination that supports the need for the level of intensity  
449.2 and duration of an adult day treatment program; and

449.3 (7) be determined to need adult day treatment services by a mental health professional  
449.4 who must deem the adult day treatment services medically necessary.

449.5 (e) The following services are not covered by medical assistance as an adult day treatment  
449.6 service:

449.7 (1) a service that is primarily recreation-oriented or that is provided in a setting that is  
449.8 not medically supervised. This includes sports activities, exercise groups, craft hours, leisure  
449.9 time, social hours, meal or snack time, trips to community activities, and tours;

449.10 (2) a social or educational service that does not have or cannot reasonably be expected  
449.11 to have a therapeutic outcome related to the client's mental illness;

449.12 (3) consultation with other providers or service agency staff persons about the care or  
449.13 progress of a client;

449.14 (4) prevention or education programs provided to the community;

449.15 (5) day treatment for clients with primary diagnoses of alcohol or other drug abuse;

449.16 (6) day treatment provided in the client's home;

449.17 (7) psychotherapy for more than two hours per day; and

449.18 (8) participation in meal preparation and eating that is not part of a clinical treatment  
449.19 plan to address the client's eating disorder.

449.20 Sec. 85. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 42, is amended to read:

449.21 Subd. 42. **Mental health professional.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part  
449.22 9505.0175, subpart 28, the definition of a mental health professional shall include a person  
449.23 who is qualified as specified in section ~~245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6); or~~  
449.24 ~~245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (6);~~ 245I.16, subdivision 2, for the purpose of this  
449.25 section and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0170 to 9505.0475.

449.26 Sec. 86. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 48, is amended to read:

449.27 Subd. 48. **Psychiatric consultation to primary care practitioners.** Medical assistance  
449.28 covers consultation provided by a ~~psychiatrist, a psychologist, an advanced practice registered~~  
449.29 ~~nurse certified in psychiatric mental health, a licensed independent clinical social worker,~~  
449.30 ~~as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clause (2), or a licensed marriage and family~~

450.1 ~~therapist, as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clause (5),~~ mental health professional  
 450.2 except one licensed under section 148B.5301 via telephone, e-mail, facsimile, or other  
 450.3 means of communication to primary care practitioners, including pediatricians. The need  
 450.4 for consultation and the receipt of the consultation must be documented in the patient record  
 450.5 maintained by the primary care practitioner. If the patient consents, and subject to federal  
 450.6 limitations and data privacy provisions, the consultation may be provided without the patient  
 450.7 present.

450.8 Sec. 87. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 49, is amended to read:

450.9 Subd. 49. **Community health worker.** (a) Medical assistance covers the care  
 450.10 coordination and patient education services provided by a community health worker if the  
 450.11 community health worker has: ~~(1) received a certificate from the Minnesota State Colleges~~  
 450.12 ~~and Universities System approved community health worker curriculum; or~~

450.13 ~~(2) at least five years of supervised experience with an enrolled physician, registered~~  
 450.14 ~~nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, mental health professional as defined in section~~  
 450.15 ~~245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6), and section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses~~  
 450.16 ~~(1) to (5), or dentist, or at least five years of supervised experience by a certified public~~  
 450.17 ~~health nurse operating under the direct authority of an enrolled unit of government.~~

450.18 ~~Community health workers eligible for payment under clause (2) must complete the~~  
 450.19 ~~certification program by January 1, 2010, to continue to be eligible for payment.~~

450.20 (b) Community health workers must work under the supervision of a medical assistance  
 450.21 enrolled physician, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, mental health  
 450.22 professional ~~as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6), and section~~  
 450.23 ~~245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (5),~~ or dentist, or work under the supervision of a  
 450.24 certified public health nurse operating under the direct authority of an enrolled unit of  
 450.25 government.

450.26 (c) Care coordination and patient education services covered under this subdivision  
 450.27 include, but are not limited to, services relating to oral health and dental care.

450.28 Sec. 88. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 56a, is amended to  
 450.29 read:

450.30 Subd. 56a. **Post-arrest Officer-involved community-based service care**  
 450.31 **coordination.** (a) Medical assistance covers ~~post-arrest~~ officer-involved community-based  
 450.32 service care coordination for an individual who:

451.1 (1) has ~~been identified as having~~ screened positive for benefiting from treatment for a  
451.2 mental illness or substance use disorder using a screening tool approved by the commissioner;

451.3 (2) does not require the security of a public detention facility and is not considered an  
451.4 inmate of a public institution as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section  
451.5 435.1010;

451.6 (3) meets the eligibility requirements in section 256B.056; and

451.7 (4) has agreed to participate in ~~post-arrest officer-involved~~ community-based service  
451.8 care coordination through a diversion contract in lieu of incarceration.

451.9 (b) ~~Post-arrest Officer-involved~~ community-based service care coordination means  
451.10 navigating services to address a client's mental health, chemical health, social, economic,  
451.11 and housing needs, or any other activity targeted at reducing the incidence of jail utilization  
451.12 and connecting individuals with existing covered services available to them, including, but  
451.13 not limited to, targeted case management, waiver case management, or care coordination.

451.14 (c) ~~Post-arrest Officer-involved~~ community-based service care coordination must be  
451.15 provided by an individual who is an employee of ~~a county~~ or is under contract with a county,  
451.16 or is an employee of or under contract with an Indian health service facility or facility owned  
451.17 and operated by a tribe or a tribal organization operating under Public Law 93-638 as a 638  
451.18 facility to provide post-arrest officer-involved community-based care coordination and is  
451.19 qualified under one of the following criteria:

451.20 (1) a licensed mental health professional ~~as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18,~~  
451.21 ~~clauses (1) to (6);~~

451.22 (2) a mental health practitioner as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 17, working  
451.23 under the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision of a mental health professional; ~~or~~

451.24 (3) a certified peer specialist under section 256B.0615, working under the ~~clinical~~  
451.25 treatment supervision of a mental health professional;

451.26 (4) a clinical trainee;

451.27 (5) an individual qualified as an alcohol and drug counselor under section 245G.11,  
451.28 subdivision 5; or

451.29 (6) a recovery peer qualified under section 245G.11, subdivision 8, working under the  
451.30 supervision of an individual qualified as an alcohol and drug counselor under section  
451.31 245G.11, subdivision 5.

452.1 (d) Reimbursement is allowed for up to 60 days following the initial determination of  
452.2 eligibility.

452.3 (e) Providers of ~~post-arrest~~ officer-involved community-based service care coordination  
452.4 shall annually report to the commissioner on the number of individuals served, and number  
452.5 of the community-based services that were accessed by recipients. The commissioner shall  
452.6 ensure that services and payments provided under ~~post-arrest~~ officer-involved  
452.7 community-based service care coordination do not duplicate services or payments provided  
452.8 under section 256B.0625, subdivision 20, 256B.0753, 256B.0755, or 256B.0757.

452.9 (f) Notwithstanding section 256B.19, subdivision 1, the nonfederal share of cost for  
452.10 post-arrest community-based service coordination services shall be provided by the county  
452.11 providing the services, from sources other than federal funds or funds used to match other  
452.12 federal funds.

452.13 Sec. 89. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 61, is amended to read:

452.14 Subd. 61. **Family psychoeducation services.** ~~Effective July 1, 2013, or upon federal~~  
452.15 ~~approval, whichever is later,~~ Medical assistance covers family psychoeducation services  
452.16 provided to a child up to age 21 with a diagnosed mental health condition when identified  
452.17 in the child's individual treatment plan and provided by a licensed mental health professional,  
452.18 ~~as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A,~~ or a clinical trainee, ~~as~~  
452.19 ~~defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C,~~ who has determined it  
452.20 medically necessary to involve family members in the child's care. For the purposes of this  
452.21 subdivision, "family psychoeducation services" means information or demonstration provided  
452.22 to an individual or family as part of an individual, family, multifamily group, or peer group  
452.23 session to explain, educate, and support the child and family in understanding a child's  
452.24 symptoms of mental illness, the impact on the child's development, and needed components  
452.25 of treatment and skill development so that the individual, family, or group can help the child  
452.26 to prevent relapse, prevent the acquisition of comorbid disorders, and achieve optimal mental  
452.27 health and long-term resilience.

452.28 Sec. 90. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 62, is amended to read:

452.29 Subd. 62. **Mental health clinical care consultation.** ~~Effective July 1, 2013, or upon~~  
452.30 ~~federal approval, whichever is later,~~ Medical assistance covers clinical care consultation  
452.31 for a person up to age 21 who is diagnosed with a complex mental health condition or a  
452.32 mental health condition that co-occurs with other complex and chronic conditions, when  
452.33 described in the person's individual treatment plan and provided by a licensed mental health



453.1 professional, ~~as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A,~~ or a clinical  
453.2 trainee, ~~as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C.~~ For the purposes  
453.3 of this subdivision, "clinical care consultation" means communication from a treating mental  
453.4 health professional to other providers or educators not under the clinical supervision of the  
453.5 treating mental health professional who are working with the same client to inform, inquire,  
453.6 and instruct regarding the client's symptoms; strategies for effective engagement, care, and  
453.7 intervention needs; and treatment expectations across service settings; and to direct and  
453.8 coordinate clinical service components provided to the client and family.

453.9 Sec. 91. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 65, is amended to read:

453.10 Subd. 65. **Outpatient mental health services.** For the purposes of this section, "clinical  
453.11 trainee" has the meaning given in section 245I.16, subdivision 6. Medical assistance covers  
453.12 diagnostic assessment, explanation of findings, and psychotherapy according to Minnesota  
453.13 Rules, part 9505.0372, subdivision 69 and section 256B.0671 when the mental health  
453.14 services are performed by a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee according  
453.15 to section 245.462, subdivision 17, paragraph (g).

453.16 Sec. 92. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
453.17 to read:

453.18 Subd. 66. **Neuropsychological assessment.** (a) "Neuropsychological assessment" means  
453.19 a specialized clinical assessment of the client's underlying cognitive abilities related to  
453.20 thinking, reasoning, and judgment that is conducted by a qualified neuropsychologist. A  
453.21 neuropsychological assessment must include a face-to-face interview with the client,  
453.22 interpretation of the test results, and preparation and completion of a report.

453.23 (b) A client is eligible for a neuropsychological assessment if at least one of the following  
453.24 criteria is met:

453.25 (1) there is a known or strongly suspected brain disorder based on medical history or  
453.26 neurological evaluation, including a history of significant head trauma, brain tumor, stroke,  
453.27 seizure disorder, multiple sclerosis, neurodegenerative disorder, significant exposure to  
453.28 neurotoxins, central nervous system infection, metabolic or toxic encephalopathy, fetal  
453.29 alcohol syndrome, or congenital malformation of the brain; or

453.30 (2) there are cognitive or behavioral symptoms that suggest that the client has an organic  
453.31 condition that cannot be readily attributed to functional psychopathology or suspected  
453.32 neuropsychological impairment in addition to functional psychopathology. This includes:

- 454.1 (i) poor memory or impaired problem solving;
- 454.2 (ii) change in mental status evidenced by lethargy, confusion, or disorientation;
- 454.3 (iii) deterioration in level of functioning;
- 454.4 (iv) marked behavioral or personality change;
- 454.5 (v) in children or adolescents, significant delays in academic skill acquisition or poor
- 454.6 attention relative to peers;
- 454.7 (vi) in children or adolescents, significant plateau in expected development of cognitive,
- 454.8 social, emotional, or physical function relative to peers; and
- 454.9 (vii) in children or adolescents, significant inability to develop expected knowledge,
- 454.10 skills, or abilities as required to adapt to new or changing cognitive, social, emotional, or
- 454.11 physical demands.
- 454.12 (c) The neuropsychological assessment must be conducted by a neuropsychologist
- 454.13 competent in the area of neuropsychological assessment who:
- 454.14 (1) was awarded a diploma by the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology, the
- 454.15 American Board of Professional Neuropsychology, or the American Board of Pediatric
- 454.16 Neuropsychology;
- 454.17 (2) earned a doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited university training program
- 454.18 and:
- 454.19 (i) completed an internship or its equivalent in a clinically relevant area of professional
- 454.20 psychology;
- 454.21 (ii) completed the equivalent of two full-time years of experience and specialized training,
- 454.22 at least one of which is at the postdoctoral level, supervised by a clinical neuropsychologist
- 454.23 in the study and practice of clinical neuropsychology and related neurosciences; and
- 454.24 (iii) holds a current license to practice psychology independently according to sections
- 454.25 144.88 to 144.98;
- 454.26 (3) is licensed or credentialed by another state's board of psychology examiners in the
- 454.27 specialty of neuropsychology using requirements equivalent to requirements specified by
- 454.28 one of the boards named in clause (1); or
- 454.29 (4) was approved by the commissioner as an eligible provider of neuropsychological
- 454.30 assessment prior to December 31, 2010.

455.1 Sec. 93. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
455.2 to read:

455.3 Subd. 67. Neuropsychological testing. (a) "Neuropsychological testing" means  
455.4 administering standardized tests and measures designed to evaluate the client's ability to  
455.5 attend to, process, interpret, comprehend, communicate, learn, and recall information and  
455.6 use problem solving and judgment.

455.7 (b) Medical assistance covers neuropsychological testing when the client:

455.8 (1) has a significant mental status change that is not a result of a metabolic disorder and  
455.9 that has failed to respond to treatment;

455.10 (2) is a child or adolescent with a significant plateau in expected development of  
455.11 cognitive, social, emotional, or physical function relative to peers;

455.12 (3) is a child or adolescent with a significant inability to develop expected knowledge,  
455.13 skills, or abilities as required to adapt to new or changing cognitive, social, physical, or  
455.14 emotional demands; or

455.15 (4) has a significant behavioral change, memory loss, or suspected neuropsychological  
455.16 impairment in addition to functional psychopathology, or other organic brain injury or one  
455.17 of the following:

455.18 (i) traumatic brain injury;

455.19 (ii) stroke;

455.20 (iii) brain tumor;

455.21 (iv) substance use disorder;

455.22 (v) cerebral anoxic or hypoxic episode;

455.23 (vi) central nervous system infection or other infectious disease;

455.24 (vii) neoplasms or vascular injury of the central nervous system;

455.25 (viii) neurodegenerative disorders;

455.26 (ix) demyelinating disease;

455.27 (x) extrapyramidal disease;

455.28 (xi) exposure to systemic or intrathecal agents or cranial radiation known to be associated  
455.29 with cerebral dysfunction;

456.1 (xii) systemic medical conditions known to be associated with cerebral dysfunction,  
456.2 including renal disease, hepatic encephalopathy, cardiac anomaly, sickle cell disease, and  
456.3 related hematologic anomalies, and autoimmune disorders, including lupus, erythematosis,  
456.4 or celiac disease;

456.5 (xiii) congenital genetic or metabolic disorders known to be associated with cerebral  
456.6 dysfunction, including phenylketonuria, craniofacial syndromes, or congenital hydrocephalus;

456.7 (xiv) severe or prolonged nutrition or malabsorption syndromes; or

456.8 (xv) a condition presenting in a manner difficult for a clinician to distinguish between  
456.9 the neurocognitive effects of a neurogenic syndrome, including dementia or encephalopathy;  
456.10 and a major depressive disorder when adequate treatment for major depressive disorder has  
456.11 not resulted in improvement in neurocognitive function; or another disorder, including  
456.12 autism, selective mutism, anxiety disorder, or reactive attachment disorder.

456.13 (c) Neuropsychological testing must be administered or clinically supervised by a  
456.14 neuropsychologist qualified as defined in subdivision 66, paragraph (c).

456.15 (d) Neuropsychological testing is not covered when performed: (1) primarily for  
456.16 educational purposes; (2) primarily for vocational counseling or training; (3) for personnel  
456.17 or employment testing; (4) as a routine battery of psychological tests given at inpatient  
456.18 admission or during a continued stay; or (5) for legal or forensic purposes.

456.19 Sec. 94. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
456.20 to read:

456.21 Subd. 68. **Psychological testing.** (a) "Psychological testing" means the use of tests or  
456.22 other psychometric instruments to determine the status of the client's mental, intellectual,  
456.23 and emotional functioning.

456.24 (b) The psychological testing must:

456.25 (1) be administered or clinically supervised by a licensed psychologist qualified according  
456.26 to section 245I.16, subdivision 2, clause (3), competent in the area of psychological testing;  
456.27 and

456.28 (2) be validated in a face-to-face interview between the client and a licensed psychologist  
456.29 or a clinical psychology trainee qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 6, under  
456.30 the treatment supervision of a licensed psychologist according to section 245I.18.

456.31 (c) The administration, scoring, and interpretation of the psychological tests must be  
456.32 done under the treatment supervision of a licensed psychologist when performed by a clinical

457.1 psychology trainee, technician, psychometrist, or psychological assistant or as part of a  
457.2 computer-assisted psychological testing program. The report resulting from the psychological  
457.3 testing must be signed by the psychologist conducting the face-to-face interview, placed in  
457.4 the client's record, and released to each person authorized by the client.

457.5 Sec. 95. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
457.6 to read:

457.7 Subd. 69. **Psychotherapy.** (a) "Psychotherapy" means treatment of a client with mental  
457.8 illness that applies to the most appropriate psychological, psychiatric, psychosocial, or  
457.9 interpersonal method that conforms to prevailing community standards of professional  
457.10 practice to meet the mental health needs of the client. Medical assistance covers  
457.11 psychotherapy if conducted by a mental health professional qualified according to section  
457.12 245I.16, subdivision 2, or a clinical trainee qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision  
457.13 6.

457.14 (b) Individual psychotherapy is psychotherapy designed for one client.

457.15 (c) Family psychotherapy is designed for the client and one or more family members or  
457.16 the client's primary caregiver whose participation is necessary to accomplish the client's  
457.17 treatment goals. Family members or primary caregivers participating in a therapy session  
457.18 do not need to be eligible for medical assistance. For purposes of this paragraph, "primary  
457.19 caregiver whose participation is necessary to accomplish the client's treatment goals" excludes  
457.20 shift or facility staff persons at the client's residence. Medical assistance payment for family  
457.21 psychotherapy is limited to face-to-face sessions at which the client is present throughout  
457.22 the family psychotherapy session unless the mental health professional believes the client's  
457.23 absence from the family psychotherapy session is necessary to carry out the client's individual  
457.24 treatment plan. If the client is excluded, the mental health professional must document the  
457.25 reason for and the length of time of the exclusion. The mental health professional must also  
457.26 document any reason a member of the client's family is excluded.

457.27 (d) Group psychotherapy is appropriate for a client who, because of the nature of the  
457.28 client's emotional, behavioral, or social dysfunctions, can derive mutual benefit from  
457.29 treatment in a group setting. For a group of three to eight persons, one mental health  
457.30 professional or clinical trainee is required to conduct the group. For a group of nine to 12  
457.31 persons, a team of at least two mental health professionals or two clinical trainees or one  
457.32 mental health professional and one clinical trainee is required to co-conduct the group.  
457.33 Medical assistance payment is limited to a group of no more than 12 persons.

458.1 (e) A multiple-family group psychotherapy session is eligible for medical assistance  
458.2 payment if the psychotherapy session is designed for at least two but not more than five  
458.3 families. Multiple-family group psychotherapy is clearly directed toward meeting the  
458.4 identified treatment needs of each client as indicated in each client's treatment plan. If the  
458.5 client is excluded, the mental health professional or clinical trainee must document the  
458.6 reason for and the length of time of the exclusion. The mental health professional or clinical  
458.7 trainee must document any reason a member of the client's family is excluded.

458.8 Sec. 96. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
458.9 to read:

458.10 Subd. 70. **Partial hospitalization.** "Partial hospitalization" means a provider's  
458.11 time-limited, structured program of psychotherapy and other therapeutic services, as defined  
458.12 in United States Code, title 42, chapter 7, subchapter XVIII, part E, section 1395x(ff), that  
458.13 is provided in an outpatient hospital facility or community mental health center that meets  
458.14 Medicare requirements to provide partial hospitalization services. Partial hospitalization is  
458.15 a covered service when it is an appropriate alternative to inpatient hospitalization for a client  
458.16 who is experiencing an acute episode of mental illness that meets the criteria for an inpatient  
458.17 hospital admission under Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0520, subpart 1, and who has the  
458.18 family and community resources necessary and appropriate to support the client's residence  
458.19 in the community. Partial hospitalization consists of multiple intensive short-term therapeutic  
458.20 services provided by a multidisciplinary staff person to treat the client's mental illness.

458.21 Sec. 97. **[256B.0671] CLIENT ELIGIBILITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

458.22 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the definitions in section  
458.23 245I.02 apply.

458.24 Subd. 1a. **Generally.** (a) The provider must use a diagnostic assessment or crisis  
458.25 assessment to determine a client's eligibility for mental health services, except as provided  
458.26 in this section.

458.27 (b) Prior to completion of a client's initial diagnostic assessment, a client is eligible for:

458.28 (1) one explanation of findings;

458.29 (2) one psychological testing;

458.30 (3) any combination of individual psychotherapy sessions, family psychotherapy sessions,  
458.31 group psychotherapy sessions, and individual or family psychoeducation sessions not to  
458.32 exceed three sessions; and

459.1 (4) crisis assessment and intervention services provided according to section 256B.0624  
459.2 or 256B.0944.

459.3 (c) Based on the needs identified in a crisis assessment as specified in section 256B.0624  
459.4 or 256B.0944, a client may receive: (1) crisis stabilization services; and (2) any combination  
459.5 of individual psychotherapy sessions, family psychotherapy sessions, or family  
459.6 psychoeducation sessions not to exceed ten sessions within a 12-month period without prior  
459.7 authorization.

459.8 (d) Based on the needs identified in a brief diagnostic assessment, a client may receive  
459.9 a combination of individual psychotherapy sessions, family psychotherapy sessions, or  
459.10 family psychoeducation sessions not to exceed ten sessions within a 12-month period without  
459.11 prior authorization for any new client or for an existing client who is projected to need fewer  
459.12 than ten sessions in the next 12 months.

459.13 (e) If the amount of services or intensity required by the client exceeds the coverage  
459.14 limits in this section, a provider shall complete a standard diagnostic assessment.

459.15 (f) A new standard diagnostic assessment must be completed:

459.16 (1) when the client requires services of a greater number or intensity than those permitted  
459.17 by paragraphs (b) to (d);

459.18 (2) at least annually following the initial diagnostic assessment if additional services are  
459.19 needed and the client does not meet the criteria for brief assessment.

459.20 (3) when the client's mental health condition has changed markedly since the client's  
459.21 most recent diagnostic assessment; or

459.22 (4) when the client's current mental health condition does not meet the criteria of the  
459.23 client's current diagnosis.

459.24 (g) For an existing client, a new standard diagnostic assessment shall include a written  
459.25 update of the parts where significant new or changed information exists, and documentation  
459.26 where there has not been significant change, including discussion with the client about  
459.27 changes in the client's life situation, functioning, presenting problems, and progress on  
459.28 treatment goals since the last diagnostic assessment was completed.

459.29 Subd. 1b. **Continuity of services.** (a) For any client served with a diagnostic assessment  
459.30 completed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0370 to 9505.0372, before the effective date,  
459.31 the diagnostic assessment is valid for purposes of authorizing treatment and billing for one  
459.32 calendar year after completion.

460.1 (b) For any client served with an individual treatment plan completed under section  
460.2 256B.0622, 256B.0623, 256B.0943, 256B.0946, or 256B.0947 or Minnesota Rules, parts  
460.3 9505.0370 to 9505.0372, the individual treatment plan is valid for purposes of authorizing  
460.4 treatment and billing until its expiration date.

460.5 (c) This subdivision expires July 1, 2021.

460.6 Subd. 2. **Diagnostic assessment.** To be eligible for medical assistance payment, a  
460.7 diagnostic assessment must (1) identify at least one mental health diagnosis and recommend  
460.8 mental health services to develop the client's mental health services and treatment plan, or  
460.9 (2) include a finding that the client does not meet the criteria for a mental health disorder.

460.10 Subd. 3. **Standard diagnostic assessment requirements.** (a) A standard diagnostic  
460.11 assessment must include a face-to-face interview with the client and contain a written  
460.12 evaluation of a client by a mental health professional or clinical trainee. The standard  
460.13 diagnostic assessment must be completed within the cultural context of the client.

460.14 (b) The clinician shall gather and document information related to the client's current  
460.15 life situation and the client's:

460.16 (1) age;

460.17 (2) current living situation, including household membership and housing status;

460.18 (3) basic needs status;

460.19 (4) education level and employment status;

460.20 (5) family and other significant personal relationships, including the client's evaluation  
460.21 of relationship quality;

460.22 (6) strengths and resources, including the extent and quality of social networks;

460.23 (7) belief systems;

460.24 (8) current medications; and

460.25 (9) immediate risks to health and safety.

460.26 (c) The clinician shall gather and document information related to the elements of the  
460.27 assessment, including the client's:

460.28 (1) perceptions of the client's condition;

460.29 (2) description of symptoms, including reason for referral;

460.30 (3) history of mental health treatment; and



461.1 (4) cultural influences and the impact on the client.

461.2 (d) A clinician completing a diagnostic assessment shall use professional judgment in  
461.3 making inquiries under this paragraph. If information cannot be obtained without  
461.4 retraumatizing the client or harming the client's willingness to engage in treatment, the  
461.5 clinician shall document which topics require further attention in the course of treatment.  
461.6 A clinician must, as clinically appropriate, include the following information related to a  
461.7 client in a diagnostic assessment:

461.8 (1) important developmental incidents;

461.9 (2) maltreatment, trauma, potential brain injuries, or abuse issues;

461.10 (3) history of alcohol and drug usage and treatment; and

461.11 (4) health history and family health history, including physical, chemical, and mental  
461.12 health history.

461.13 (e) The clinician must perform and document the following components of the  
461.14 assessment:

461.15 (1) the client's mental status examination;

461.16 (2) information gathered concerning the client's baseline measurements; symptoms;  
461.17 behavior; skills; abilities; resources; vulnerabilities; safety needs, including client data  
461.18 adequate to support findings based on the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical  
461.19 Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association; and any  
461.20 differential diagnosis;

461.21 (3) for a child younger than 6 years of age, a clinician may use the current edition of the  
461.22 DC: 0-5 Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Development Disorders of Infancy  
461.23 and Early Childhood instead of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;

461.24 (4) the screenings used to determine the client's substance use, abuse, or dependency  
461.25 and other standardized screening instruments determined by the commissioner;

461.26 (5) use of standardized outcome measurements by the provider as determined and  
461.27 periodically updated by the commissioner; and

461.28 (6) a case conceptualization that explains: (i) the diagnostic formulation made based on  
461.29 the information gathered through the interview, assessment, available psychological testing,  
461.30 and collateral information; (ii) the needs of the client; (iii) risk factors; (iv) strengths; and  
461.31 (v) responsivity factors.

462.1 (f) The diagnostic assessment must include recommendations, client and family  
462.2 participation in assessment and service preferences, and referrals to services required by  
462.3 law.

462.4 Subd. 4. **Brief diagnostic assessment requirements.** (a) A brief diagnostic assessment  
462.5 must include a face-to-face interview with the client and a written evaluation of the client  
462.6 by a mental health professional or a clinical trainee. The mental health professional or  
462.7 clinical trainee must gather initial components of a standard diagnostic assessment, including  
462.8 the client's:

462.9 (1) age;

462.10 (2) description of symptoms, including reason for referral;

462.11 (3) history of mental health treatment;

462.12 (4) cultural influences and their impact on the client; and

462.13 (5) mental status examination.

462.14 (b) On the basis of the initial components, the mental health professional or clinical  
462.15 trainee must draw a provisional diagnostic formulation. The diagnostic formulation may be  
462.16 used to address the client's immediate needs or presenting problem.

462.17 (c) Treatment sessions conducted under authorization of a brief diagnostic assessment  
462.18 may be used to gather additional information necessary to complete a standard diagnostic  
462.19 assessment if coverage limits in subdivision 1 will be exceeded.

462.20 Subd. 5. **Individual treatment plan.** Medical assistance payment is available only for  
462.21 mental health services provided in accordance with the client's written individual treatment  
462.22 plan, with the following exceptions: (1) services that do not require a standard diagnostic  
462.23 assessment prior to service delivery; (2) service plan development; and (3) re-engagement  
462.24 of a client as described in subdivision 6, clause (6).

462.25 Subd. 6. **Individual treatment plan; required elements.** An individual treatment plan  
462.26 must:

462.27 (1) be based on the information in the client's diagnostic assessment and baselines;

462.28 (2) identify goals and objectives of treatment, the treatment strategy, the schedule for  
462.29 accomplishing treatment goals and measurable objectives, and the individuals responsible  
462.30 for providing treatment services and supports;

462.31 (3) be developed after completion of the client's diagnostic assessment, within three  
462.32 visits unless otherwise specified by a service line;

463.1 (4) for a child client, be developed through a child-centered, family-driven, culturally  
463.2 appropriate planning process, including allowing parents and guardians to observe or  
463.3 participate in individual and family treatment services, assessment, and treatment planning.  
463.4 For an adult client, the individual treatment plan must be developed through a  
463.5 person-centered, culturally appropriate planning process, including allowing identified  
463.6 supports to observe or participate in treatment services, assessment, and treatment planning;

463.7 (5) be reviewed at least every 90 days unless otherwise specified by the requirements  
463.8 of a service line and revised to document treatment progress on each treatment objective  
463.9 and next goals or, if progress is not documented, to document changes in treatment; and

463.10 (6) be approved by the client, the client's parent, another person authorized by law to  
463.11 consent to mental health services for the client, or a treatment plan ordered by the court  
463.12 under chapter 253B. If approval cannot be obtained, a mental health professional shall make  
463.13 efforts to obtain approval from an authorized person for a period of 30 days following the  
463.14 date the previous individual treatment plan expired. A client shall not be denied service in  
463.15 this time period solely on the basis of an unapproved individual treatment plan. A provider  
463.16 entity may continue to bill for otherwise eligible services during a period of re-engagement.

463.17 Sec. 98. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0757, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

463.18 Subd. 2. **Eligible individual.** An individual is eligible for health home services under  
463.19 this section if the individual is eligible for medical assistance under this chapter and has at  
463.20 least:

463.21 (1) two chronic conditions;

463.22 (2) one chronic condition and is at risk of having a second chronic condition;

463.23 (3) one serious and persistent mental health condition; or

463.24 (4) a condition that meets the definition in section 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph  
463.25 (a), or 245.4871, subdivision 15, clause (2); and has a current diagnostic assessment as  
463.26 ~~defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1, item B or C~~ that meets the  
463.27 requirements of section 256B.0671, subdivisions 2 and 3, as performed or reviewed by a  
463.28 mental health professional employed by or under contract with the behavioral health home.  
463.29 The commissioner shall establish criteria for determining continued eligibility.

463.30 Sec. 99. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0941, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

463.31 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) An individual who is eligible for mental health treatment  
463.32 services in a psychiatric residential treatment facility must meet all of the following criteria:

464.1 (1) before admission, services are determined to be medically necessary by the state's  
464.2 medical review agent according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 441.152;

464.3 (2) is younger than 21 years of age at the time of admission. Services may continue until  
464.4 the individual meets criteria for discharge or reaches 22 years of age, whichever occurs  
464.5 first;

464.6 (3) has a mental health diagnosis as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic  
464.7 and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders, as well as clinical evidence of severe aggression,  
464.8 or a finding that the individual is a risk to self or others;

464.9 (4) has functional impairment and a history of difficulty in functioning safely and  
464.10 successfully in the community, school, home, or job; an inability to adequately care for  
464.11 one's physical needs; or caregivers, guardians, or family members are unable to safely fulfill  
464.12 the individual's needs;

464.13 (5) requires psychiatric residential treatment under the direction of a physician to improve  
464.14 the individual's condition or prevent further regression so that services will no longer be  
464.15 needed;

464.16 (6) utilized and exhausted other community-based mental health services, or clinical  
464.17 evidence indicates that such services cannot provide the level of care needed; and

464.18 (7) was referred for treatment in a psychiatric residential treatment facility by a qualified  
464.19 mental health professional ~~licensed as defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses~~  
464.20 ~~(1) to (6)~~ qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 2.

464.21 (b) A mental health professional making a referral shall submit documentation to the  
464.22 state's medical review agent containing all information necessary to determine medical  
464.23 necessity, including a standard diagnostic assessment completed within 180 days of the  
464.24 individual's admission. Documentation shall include evidence of family participation in the  
464.25 individual's treatment planning and signed consent for services.

464.26 Sec. 100. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

464.27 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
464.28 meanings given them.

464.29 (a) "Children's therapeutic services and supports" means the flexible package of mental  
464.30 health services for children who require varying therapeutic and rehabilitative levels of  
464.31 intervention to treat a diagnosed emotional disturbance, ~~as defined in section 245.4871,~~  
464.32 ~~subdivision 15,~~ or a diagnosed mental illness, ~~as defined in section 245.462, subdivision~~

465.1 ~~20.~~ The services are time-limited interventions that are delivered using various treatment  
465.2 modalities and combinations of services designed to reach treatment outcomes identified  
465.3 in the individual treatment plan.

465.4 ~~(b) "Clinical supervision" means the overall responsibility of the mental health~~  
465.5 ~~professional for the control and direction of individualized treatment planning, service~~  
465.6 ~~delivery, and treatment review for each client. A mental health professional who is an~~  
465.7 ~~enrolled Minnesota health care program provider accepts full professional responsibility~~  
465.8 ~~for a supervisee's actions and decisions, instructs the supervisee in the supervisee's work,~~  
465.9 ~~and oversees or directs the supervisee's work.~~

465.10 ~~(e)(b) "Clinical trainee" means a mental health practitioner who meets the qualifications~~  
465.11 ~~specified in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C~~ means a staff person  
465.12 qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 6.

465.13 ~~(d) "Crisis assistance" has the meaning given in section 245.4871, subdivision 9a. Crisis~~  
465.14 ~~assistance entails the development of a written plan to assist a child's family to contend with~~  
465.15 ~~a potential crisis and is distinct from the immediate provision of crisis intervention services.~~

465.16 (c) "Crisis planning" means the support and planning activities described under section  
465.17 245.4871, subdivision 9a.

465.18 ~~(e)(d) "Culturally competent provider" means a provider who understands and can~~  
465.19 ~~utilize to a client's benefit the client's culture when providing services to the client. A provider~~  
465.20 ~~may be culturally competent because the provider is of the same cultural or ethnic group~~  
465.21 ~~as the client or the provider has developed the knowledge and skills through training and~~  
465.22 ~~experience to provide services to culturally diverse clients.~~

465.23 ~~(f)(e) "Day treatment program" for children means a site-based structured mental health~~  
465.24 ~~program consisting of psychotherapy for three or more individuals and individual or group~~  
465.25 ~~skills training provided by a multidisciplinary treatment team, under the clinical treatment~~  
465.26 ~~supervision of a mental health professional.~~

465.27 ~~(g)(f) "Diagnostic assessment" has the meaning given in Minnesota Rules, part~~  
465.28 ~~9505.0372, subpart 1~~ means the assessment described under section 256B.0671, subdivisions  
465.29 2 and 3.

465.30 ~~(h)(g) "Direct service time" means the time that a mental health professional, clinical~~  
465.31 ~~trainee, mental health practitioner, or mental health behavioral aide spends face-to-face with~~  
465.32 ~~a client and the client's family or providing covered telemedicine services. Direct service~~  
465.33 ~~time includes time in which the provider obtains a client's history, develops a client's~~

466.1 treatment plan, records individual treatment outcomes, or provides service components of  
466.2 children's therapeutic services and supports. Direct service time does not include time doing  
466.3 work before and after providing direct services, including scheduling or maintaining clinical  
466.4 records.

466.5 ~~(h)~~ (h) "Direction of mental health behavioral aide" means the activities of a mental  
466.6 health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner in guiding the mental  
466.7 health behavioral aide in providing services to a client. The direction of a mental health  
466.8 behavioral aide must be based on the client's individualized treatment plan and meet the  
466.9 requirements in subdivision 6, paragraph (b), clause (5).

466.10 ~~(i)~~ (i) "Emotional disturbance" has the meaning given in section 245.4871, subdivision  
466.11 15.

466.12 ~~(j)~~ (j) "Individual behavioral plan" means a plan of intervention, treatment, and services  
466.13 for a child written by a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health  
466.14 practitioner, under the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision of a mental health professional, to  
466.15 guide the work of the mental health behavioral aide. The individual behavioral plan may  
466.16 be incorporated into the child's individual treatment plan so long as the behavioral plan is  
466.17 separately communicable to the mental health behavioral aide.

466.18 ~~(k)~~ (k) "Individual treatment plan" ~~has the meaning given in Minnesota Rules, part~~  
466.19 ~~9505.0371, subpart 7~~ means the plan described under section 256B.0671, subdivisions 5  
466.20 and 6.

466.21 ~~(m)~~ (l) "Mental health behavioral aide services" means medically necessary ~~one-on-one~~  
466.22 activities performed by a trained paraprofessional ~~qualified as provided in subdivision 7,~~  
466.23 ~~paragraph (b), clause (3),~~ to assist a child retain or generalize psychosocial skills as previously  
466.24 trained by a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner and  
466.25 as described in the child's individual treatment plan and individual behavior plan. Activities  
466.26 involve working directly with the child or child's family as provided in subdivision 9,  
466.27 paragraph (b), clause (4).

466.28 (m) "Mental health certified family peer specialist" means a staff person qualified  
466.29 according to section 245I.16, subdivision 12.

466.30 ~~(n)~~ (n) "Mental health practitioner" ~~has the meaning given in~~ means a staff person qualified  
466.31 according to section 245.462, subdivision 17, except that a practitioner working in a day  
466.32 treatment setting may qualify as a mental health practitioner if the practitioner holds a  
466.33 bachelor's degree in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields from an accredited  
466.34 college or university, and: (1) has at least 2,000 hours of clinically supervised experience

467.1 ~~in the delivery of mental health services to clients with mental illness; (2) is fluent in the~~  
467.2 ~~language, other than English, of the cultural group that makes up at least 50 percent of the~~  
467.3 ~~practitioner's clients, completes 40 hours of training on the delivery of services to clients~~  
467.4 ~~with mental illness, and receives clinical supervision from a mental health professional at~~  
467.5 ~~least once per week until meeting the required 2,000 hours of supervised experience; or (3)~~  
467.6 ~~receives 40 hours of training on the delivery of services to clients with mental illness within~~  
467.7 ~~six months of employment, and clinical supervision from a mental health professional at~~  
467.8 ~~least once per week until meeting the required 2,000 hours of supervised experience~~ 245I.16,  
467.9 subdivision 4.

467.10 (o) "Mental health professional" means ~~an individual as defined in Minnesota Rules,~~  
467.11 ~~part 9505.0370, subpart 18~~ a staff person qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision  
467.12 2.

467.13 (p) "Mental health service plan development" includes:

467.14 (1) the development, review, and revision of a child's individual treatment plan, as  
467.15 ~~provided in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 7~~ according to section 256B.0671,  
467.16 subdivisions 5 and 6, including involvement of the client or client's parents, primary  
467.17 caregiver, or other person authorized to consent to mental health services for the client, and  
467.18 including arrangement of treatment and support activities specified in the individual treatment  
467.19 plan; and

467.20 (2) administering standardized outcome measurement instruments, determined and  
467.21 updated by the commissioner, as periodically needed to evaluate the effectiveness of  
467.22 treatment for children receiving clinical services and reporting outcome measures, as required  
467.23 by the commissioner.

467.24 (q) "Mental illness," for persons at least age 18 but under age 21, has the meaning given  
467.25 in section 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (a).

467.26 (r) "Psychotherapy" means the treatment of mental or emotional disorders or  
467.27 maladjustment by psychological means. Psychotherapy may be provided in many modalities  
467.28 ~~in accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 6,~~ including patient and/or  
467.29 family psychotherapy; family psychotherapy; psychotherapy for crisis; group psychotherapy;  
467.30 or multiple-family psychotherapy. ~~Beginning with the American Medical Association's~~  
467.31 ~~Current Procedural Terminology, standard edition, 2014, the procedure "individual~~  
467.32 ~~psychotherapy" is replaced with "patient and/or family psychotherapy," a substantive change~~  
467.33 ~~that permits the therapist to work with the client's family without the client present to obtain~~  
467.34 ~~information about the client or to explain the client's treatment plan to the family.~~

468.1 Psychotherapy for crisis is appropriate ~~for crisis response~~ when a child has become  
468.2 dysregulated or experienced new trauma since the diagnostic assessment was completed  
468.3 and needs psychotherapy to address issues not currently included in the child's individual  
468.4 treatment plan.

468.5 (s) "Rehabilitative services" or "psychiatric rehabilitation services" means ~~a series of~~  
468.6 ~~multidisciplinary combination of psychiatric and psychosocial~~ interventions to: (1) restore  
468.7 a child or adolescent to an age-appropriate developmental trajectory that had been disrupted  
468.8 by a psychiatric illness; or (2) enable the child to self-monitor, compensate for, cope with,  
468.9 counteract, or replace psychosocial skills deficits or maladaptive skills acquired over the  
468.10 course of a psychiatric illness. Psychiatric rehabilitation services for children combine  
468.11 coordinated psychotherapy to address internal psychological, emotional, and intellectual  
468.12 processing deficits, and skills training to restore personal and social functioning. Psychiatric  
468.13 rehabilitation services establish a progressive series of goals with each achievement building  
468.14 upon a prior achievement. ~~Continuing progress toward goals is expected, and rehabilitative~~  
468.15 ~~potential ceases when successive improvement is not observable over a period of time.~~

468.16 (t) "Skills training" means individual, family, or group training, delivered by or under  
468.17 the supervision of a mental health professional, designed to facilitate the acquisition of  
468.18 psychosocial skills that are medically necessary to rehabilitate the child to an age-appropriate  
468.19 developmental trajectory heretofore disrupted by a psychiatric illness or to enable the child  
468.20 to self-monitor, compensate for, cope with, counteract, or replace skills deficits or  
468.21 maladaptive skills acquired over the course of a psychiatric illness. Skills training is subject  
468.22 to the service delivery requirements under subdivision 9, paragraph (b), clause (2).

468.23 (u) "Treatment supervision" means the supervision described under section 245I.18.

468.24 Sec. 101. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

468.25 Subd. 2. **Covered service components of children's therapeutic services and**  
468.26 **supports.** (a) ~~Subject to federal approval,~~ Medical assistance covers medically necessary  
468.27 children's therapeutic services and supports as defined in this section that an eligible provider  
468.28 entity certified under subdivision 4 provides to a client eligible under subdivision 3.

468.29 (b) The service components of children's therapeutic services and supports are:

468.30 (1) patient and/or family psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, psychotherapy for crisis,  
468.31 and group psychotherapy;

468.32 (2) individual, family, or group skills training provided by a mental health professional  
468.33 or mental health practitioner;



- 469.1 (3) crisis ~~assistanc~~ planning;
- 469.2 (4) mental health behavioral aide services;
- 469.3 (5) direction of a mental health behavioral aide;
- 469.4 (6) mental health service plan development; and
- 469.5 (7) children's day treatment.

469.6 Sec. 102. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

469.7 Subd. 3. **Determination of client eligibility.** A client's eligibility to receive children's  
469.8 therapeutic services and supports under this section shall be determined based on a diagnostic  
469.9 assessment by a mental health professional or a ~~mental health practitioner who meets the~~  
469.10 ~~requirements of a clinical trainee as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart~~  
469.11 ~~5, item C,~~ that is performed within one year before the initial start of service. The diagnostic  
469.12 assessment must meet the requirements for a standard ~~or extended~~ diagnostic assessment  
469.13 ~~as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1, items B and C,~~ and:

469.14 (1) ~~include current diagnoses, including any differential diagnosis, in accordance with~~  
469.15 ~~all criteria for a complete diagnosis and diagnostic profile as specified in the current edition~~  
469.16 ~~of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association, or, for~~  
469.17 ~~children under age five, as six, follow the requirements~~ specified in the current edition of  
469.18 the Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood;

469.19 (2) determine whether a child under age 18 has a diagnosis of emotional disturbance or,  
469.20 if the person is between the ages of 18 and 21, whether the person has a mental illness;

469.21 (3) document children's therapeutic services and supports as medically necessary to  
469.22 address an identified disability, functional impairment, and the individual client's needs and  
469.23 goals; and

469.24 (4) be used in the development of the individualized treatment plan; and

469.25 (5) ~~be completed annually until age 18. For individuals between age 18 and 21, unless~~  
469.26 ~~a client's mental health condition has changed markedly since the client's most recent~~  
469.27 ~~diagnostic assessment, annual updating is necessary. For the purpose of this section,~~  
469.28 ~~"updating" means an adult diagnostic update as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371,~~  
469.29 ~~subpart 2, item E.~~

470.1 Sec. 103. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

470.2 Subd. 4. **Provider entity certification.** (a) The commissioner shall establish an initial  
470.3 provider entity application and certification process and recertification process to determine  
470.4 whether a provider entity has an administrative and clinical infrastructure that meets the  
470.5 requirements in subdivisions 5 and 6. A provider entity must be certified for the three core  
470.6 rehabilitation services of psychotherapy, skills training, and crisis ~~assistance~~ planning. The  
470.7 commissioner shall recertify a provider entity at least every three years. The commissioner  
470.8 shall establish a process for decertification of a provider entity and shall require corrective  
470.9 action, medical assistance repayment, or decertification of a provider entity that no longer  
470.10 meets the requirements in this section or that fails to meet the clinical quality standards or  
470.11 administrative standards provided by the commissioner in the application and certification  
470.12 process.

470.13 (b) For purposes of this section, a provider entity must meet all requirements in chapter  
470.14 245I and be:

470.15 (1) an Indian health services facility or a facility owned and operated by a tribe or tribal  
470.16 organization operating as a 638 facility under Public Law 93-638 certified by the state;

470.17 (2) a county-operated entity certified by the state; or

470.18 (3) a noncounty entity certified by the state.

470.19 Sec. 104. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

470.20 Subd. 5. **Provider entity administrative infrastructure requirements.** (a) To be an  
470.21 eligible provider entity under this section, a provider entity must have an administrative  
470.22 infrastructure that establishes authority and accountability for decision making and oversight  
470.23 of functions, including finance, personnel, system management, clinical practice, and  
470.24 individual treatment outcomes measurement. An eligible provider entity shall demonstrate  
470.25 the availability, by means of employment or contract, of at least one backup mental health  
470.26 professional in the event of the primary mental health professional's absence. The provider  
470.27 must have written policies and procedures that it reviews and updates every three years and  
470.28 distributes to staff initially and upon each subsequent update.

470.29 (b) The administrative infrastructure written policies and procedures must be in  
470.30 accordance with sections 245I.10 and 245I.13 and must include:

470.31 (1) personnel procedures, including a process for: (i) recruiting, hiring, training, and  
470.32 retention of culturally and linguistically competent providers; (ii) conducting a criminal  
470.33 background check on all direct service providers and volunteers; (iii) investigating, reporting,

471.1 and acting on violations of ethical conduct standards; (iv) investigating, reporting, and acting  
471.2 on violations of data privacy policies that are compliant with federal and state laws; (v)  
471.3 utilizing volunteers, including screening applicants, training and supervising volunteers,  
471.4 and providing liability coverage for volunteers; and (vi) documenting that each ~~mental~~  
471.5 ~~health professional, mental health practitioner, or mental health behavioral aide meets the~~  
471.6 ~~applicable provider qualification criteria~~ staff person meets the applicable qualifications  
471.7 under section 245I.16, training criteria under ~~subdivision 8~~ section 245I.10, and ~~clinical~~  
471.8 ~~treatment supervision or direction of a mental health behavioral aide~~ requirements under  
471.9 ~~subdivision 6~~ section 245I.18;

471.10 (2) fiscal procedures, including internal fiscal control practices and a process for collecting  
471.11 revenue that is compliant with federal and state laws;

471.12 (3) a client-specific treatment outcomes measurement system, including baseline  
471.13 measures, to measure a client's progress toward achieving mental health rehabilitation goals.  
471.14 ~~Effective July 1, 2017~~, To be eligible for medical assistance payment, a provider entity must  
471.15 report individual client outcomes to the commissioner, using instruments and protocols  
471.16 approved by the commissioner; and

471.17 (4) a process to establish and maintain individual client records in accordance with  
471.18 section 245I.32. ~~The client's records must include:~~

471.19 ~~(i) the client's personal information;~~

471.20 ~~(ii) forms applicable to data privacy;~~

471.21 ~~(iii) the client's diagnostic assessment, updates, results of tests, individual treatment~~  
471.22 ~~plan, and individual behavior plan, if necessary;~~

471.23 ~~(iv) documentation of service delivery as specified under subdivision 6;~~

471.24 ~~(v) telephone contacts;~~

471.25 ~~(vi) discharge plan; and~~

471.26 ~~(vii) if applicable, insurance information.~~

471.27 (c) A provider entity that uses a restrictive procedure with a client must meet the  
471.28 requirements of section 245.8261.

471.29 Sec. 105. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

471.30 Subd. 6. **Provider entity clinical infrastructure requirements.** (a) To be an eligible  
471.31 provider entity under this section, a provider entity must have a clinical infrastructure that

472.1 utilizes diagnostic assessment, individualized treatment plans, service delivery, and individual  
472.2 treatment plan review that are culturally competent, child-centered, and family-driven to  
472.3 achieve maximum benefit for the client. The provider entity must review, and update as  
472.4 necessary, the clinical policies and procedures every three years, must distribute the policies  
472.5 and procedures to staff initially and upon each subsequent update, and must train staff  
472.6 accordingly.

472.7 (b) The clinical infrastructure written policies and procedures must include policies and  
472.8 procedures for:

472.9 (1) providing or obtaining a client's diagnostic assessment, including a diagnostic  
472.10 assessment performed by an outside or independent clinician, that identifies acute and  
472.11 chronic clinical disorders, co-occurring medical conditions, and sources of psychological  
472.12 and environmental problems, including baselines, and a functional assessment. The functional  
472.13 assessment component must clearly summarize the client's individual strengths and needs.  
472.14 When required components of the diagnostic assessment, such as baseline measures, are  
472.15 not provided in an outside or independent assessment or when baseline measures cannot be  
472.16 attained in a ~~one-session~~ standard diagnostic assessment, the provider entity must determine  
472.17 the missing information within 30 days and amend the child's diagnostic assessment or  
472.18 incorporate the baselines into the child's individual treatment plan;

472.19 (2) developing an individual treatment plan ~~that~~: according to section 256B.0671,  
472.20 subdivisions 5 and 6;

472.21 ~~(i) is based on the information in the client's diagnostic assessment and baselines;~~

472.22 ~~(ii) identified goals and objectives of treatment, treatment strategy, schedule for~~  
472.23 ~~accomplishing treatment goals and objectives, and the individuals responsible for providing~~  
472.24 ~~treatment services and supports;~~

472.25 ~~(iii) is developed after completion of the client's diagnostic assessment by a mental health~~  
472.26 ~~professional or clinical trainee and before the provision of children's therapeutic services~~  
472.27 ~~and supports;~~

472.28 ~~(iv) is developed through a child-centered, family-driven, culturally appropriate planning~~  
472.29 ~~process, including allowing parents and guardians to observe or participate in individual~~  
472.30 ~~and family treatment services, assessment, and treatment planning;~~

472.31 ~~(v) is reviewed at least once every 90 days and revised to document treatment progress~~  
472.32 ~~on each treatment objective and next goals or, if progress is not documented, to document~~  
472.33 ~~changes in treatment; and~~

473.1 ~~(vi) is signed by the clinical supervisor and by the client or by the client's parent or other~~  
473.2 ~~person authorized by statute to consent to mental health services for the client. A client's~~  
473.3 ~~parent may approve the client's individual treatment plan by secure electronic signature or~~  
473.4 ~~by documented oral approval that is later verified by written signature;~~

473.5 (3) developing an individual behavior plan that documents ~~treatment strategies~~ and  
473.6 describes interventions to be provided by the mental health behavioral aide. The individual  
473.7 behavior plan must include:

473.8 (i) detailed instructions on the ~~treatment strategies to be provided~~ psychosocial skills to  
473.9 be practiced;

473.10 (ii) time allocated to each ~~treatment strategy~~ intervention;

473.11 (iii) methods of documenting the child's behavior;

473.12 (iv) methods of monitoring the child's progress in reaching objectives; and

473.13 (v) goals to increase or decrease targeted behavior as identified in the individual treatment  
473.14 plan;

473.15 (4) providing clinical treatment supervision plans ~~for mental health practitioners and~~  
473.16 ~~mental health behavioral aides~~ according to section 245I.18. ~~A mental health professional~~  
473.17 ~~must document the clinical supervision the professional provides by cosigning individual~~  
473.18 ~~treatment plans and making entries in the client's record on supervisory activities. The~~  
473.19 ~~clinical supervisor also shall document supervisee-specific supervision in the supervisee's~~  
473.20 ~~personnel file. Clinical Treatment~~ supervision does not include the authority to make or  
473.21 terminate court-ordered placements of the child. ~~A clinical supervisor must be available for~~  
473.22 ~~urgent consultation as required by the individual client's needs or the situation. Clinical~~  
473.23 ~~supervision may occur individually or in a small group to discuss treatment and review~~  
473.24 ~~progress toward goals. The focus of clinical supervision must be the client's treatment needs~~  
473.25 ~~and progress and the mental health practitioner's or behavioral aide's ability to provide~~  
473.26 ~~services;~~

473.27 (4a) meeting day treatment program conditions in items (i) to (iii):

473.28 (i) the clinical treatment supervisor must be present and available on the premises more  
473.29 than 50 percent of the time in a provider's standard working week during which the supervisee  
473.30 is providing a mental health service;

473.31 (ii) the treatment supervisor must review and approve the client's diagnosis and the  
473.32 client's individual treatment plan or a change in the diagnosis or individual treatment plan  
473.33 ~~must be made by or reviewed, approved, and signed by the clinical supervisor;~~ and

474.1 (iii) every 30 days, the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervisor must review and sign the record  
474.2 indicating the supervisor has reviewed the client's care for all activities in the preceding  
474.3 30-day period;

474.4 (4b) meeting the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision standards in items (i) ~~to (iv)~~ and (ii) for  
474.5 all other services provided under CTSS:

474.6 ~~(i) medical assistance shall reimburse for services provided by a mental health practitioner~~  
474.7 ~~who is delivering services that fall within the scope of the practitioner's practice and who~~  
474.8 ~~is supervised by a mental health professional who accepts full professional responsibility;~~

474.9 ~~(ii) medical assistance shall reimburse for services provided by a mental health behavioral~~  
474.10 ~~aide who is delivering services that fall within the scope of the aide's practice and who is~~  
474.11 ~~supervised by a mental health professional who accepts full professional responsibility and~~  
474.12 ~~has an approved plan for clinical supervision of the behavioral aide. Plans must be developed~~  
474.13 ~~in accordance with supervision standards defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371,~~  
474.14 ~~subpart 4, items A to D;~~

474.15 ~~(iii)~~ (i) the mental health professional is required to be present at the site of service  
474.16 delivery for observation as clinically appropriate when the mental health practitioner or  
474.17 mental health behavioral aide is providing CTSS services; and

474.18 ~~(iv)~~ (ii) when conducted, the on-site presence of the mental health professional must be  
474.19 documented in the child's record and signed by the mental health professional who accepts  
474.20 full professional responsibility;

474.21 (5) providing direction to a mental health behavioral aide. For entities that employ mental  
474.22 health behavioral aides, the ~~clinical~~ treatment supervisor must be employed by the provider  
474.23 entity or other provider certified to provide mental health behavioral aide services to ensure  
474.24 necessary and appropriate oversight for the client's treatment and continuity of care. The  
474.25 ~~mental health professional or mental health practitioner~~ staff giving direction must begin  
474.26 with the goals on the individualized treatment plan, and instruct the mental health behavioral  
474.27 aide on how to implement therapeutic activities and interventions that will lead to goal  
474.28 attainment. The ~~professional or practitioner~~ staff giving direction must also instruct the  
474.29 mental health behavioral aide about the client's diagnosis, functional status, and other  
474.30 characteristics that are likely to affect service delivery. Direction must also include  
474.31 determining that the mental health behavioral aide has the skills to interact with the client  
474.32 and the client's family in ways that convey personal and cultural respect and that the aide  
474.33 actively solicits information relevant to treatment from the family. The aide must be able  
474.34 to clearly explain or demonstrate the activities the aide is doing with the client and the

475.1 activities' relationship to treatment goals. Direction is more didactic than is supervision and  
475.2 requires the ~~professional or practitioner~~ staff providing it to continuously evaluate the mental  
475.3 health behavioral aide's ability to carry out the activities of the individualized treatment  
475.4 plan and the individualized behavior plan. When providing direction, the ~~professional or~~  
475.5 ~~practitioner~~ staff must:

475.6 (i) review progress notes prepared by the mental health behavioral aide for accuracy and  
475.7 consistency with diagnostic assessment, treatment plan, and behavior goals and the  
475.8 professional or practitioner must approve and sign the progress notes;

475.9 (ii) identify changes in treatment strategies, revise the individual behavior plan, and  
475.10 communicate treatment instructions and methodologies as appropriate to ensure that treatment  
475.11 is implemented correctly;

475.12 (iii) demonstrate family-friendly behaviors that support healthy collaboration among  
475.13 the child, the child's family, and providers as treatment is planned and implemented;

475.14 (iv) ensure that the mental health behavioral aide is able to effectively communicate  
475.15 with the child, the child's family, and the provider; and

475.16 (v) record the results of any evaluation and corrective actions taken to modify the work  
475.17 of the mental health behavioral aide;

475.18 (6) providing service delivery that implements the individual treatment plan and meets  
475.19 the requirements under subdivision 9; and

475.20 (7) individual treatment plan review. The review must determine the extent to which  
475.21 the services have met each of the goals and objectives in the treatment plan. The review  
475.22 must assess the client's progress and ensure that services and treatment goals continue to  
475.23 be necessary and appropriate to the client and the client's family or foster family. ~~Revision~~  
475.24 ~~of the individual treatment plan does not require a new diagnostic assessment unless the~~  
475.25 ~~client's mental health status has changed markedly. The updated treatment plan must be~~  
475.26 ~~signed by the clinical supervisor and by the client, if appropriate, and by the client's parent~~  
475.27 ~~or other person authorized by statute to give consent to the mental health services for the~~  
475.28 ~~child.~~

475.29 Sec. 106. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

475.30 Subd. 7. **Qualifications of individual and team providers.** (a) An individual or team  
475.31 provider working within the scope of the provider's practice or qualifications may provide  
475.32 service components of children's therapeutic services and supports that are identified as  
475.33 medically necessary in a client's individual treatment plan.

- 476.1 (b) An individual provider must be qualified as:
- 476.2 (1) a mental health professional ~~as defined in subdivision 1, paragraph (e); or~~
- 476.3 (2) a mental health practitioner or clinical trainee. ~~The mental health practitioner or~~
- 476.4 ~~clinical trainee must work under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional; or~~
- 476.5 (3) a mental health behavioral aide ~~working under the clinical supervision of a mental~~
- 476.6 ~~health professional to implement the rehabilitative mental health services previously~~
- 476.7 ~~introduced by a mental health professional or practitioner and identified in the client's~~
- 476.8 ~~individual treatment plan and individual behavior plan; or~~
- 476.9 (4) a mental health certified family peer specialist.
- 476.10 ~~(A) A level I mental health behavioral aide must:~~
- 476.11 ~~(i) be at least 18 years old;~~
- 476.12 ~~(ii) have a high school diploma or commissioner of education-selected high school~~
- 476.13 ~~equivalency certification or two years of experience as a primary caregiver to a child with~~
- 476.14 ~~severe emotional disturbance within the previous ten years; and~~
- 476.15 ~~(iii) meet preservice and continuing education requirements under subdivision 8.~~
- 476.16 ~~(B) A level II mental health behavioral aide must:~~
- 476.17 ~~(i) be at least 18 years old;~~
- 476.18 ~~(ii) have an associate or bachelor's degree or 4,000 hours of experience in delivering~~
- 476.19 ~~clinical services in the treatment of mental illness concerning children or adolescents or~~
- 476.20 ~~complete a certificate program established under subdivision 8a; and~~
- 476.21 ~~(iii) meet preservice and continuing education requirements in subdivision 8.~~
- 476.22 ~~(c) A day treatment multidisciplinary team must include at least one mental health~~
- 476.23 ~~professional or clinical trainee and one mental health practitioner.~~

476.24 Sec. 107. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

476.25 Subd. 8. **Required preservice and continuing education.** ~~(a)~~ A provider entity shall

476.26 establish a plan to provide preservice and continuing education for staff according to section

476.27 245I.10. ~~The plan must clearly describe the type of training necessary to maintain current~~

476.28 ~~skills and obtain new skills and that relates to the provider entity's goals and objectives for~~

476.29 ~~services offered.~~



~~477.1 (b) A provider that employs a mental health behavioral aide under this section must~~  
~~477.2 require the mental health behavioral aide to complete 30 hours of preservice training. The~~  
~~477.3 preservice training must include parent team training. The preservice training must include~~  
~~477.4 15 hours of in-person training of a mental health behavioral aide in mental health services~~  
~~477.5 delivery and eight hours of parent team training. Curricula for parent team training must be~~  
~~477.6 approved in advance by the commissioner. Components of parent team training include:~~

~~477.7 (1) partnering with parents;~~

~~477.8 (2) fundamentals of family support;~~

~~477.9 (3) fundamentals of policy and decision making;~~

~~477.10 (4) defining equal partnership;~~

~~477.11 (5) complexities of the parent and service provider partnership in multiple service delivery~~  
~~477.12 systems due to system strengths and weaknesses;~~

~~477.13 (6) sibling impacts;~~

~~477.14 (7) support networks; and~~

~~477.15 (8) community resources.~~

~~477.16 (c) A provider entity that employs a mental health practitioner and a mental health~~  
~~477.17 behavioral aide to provide children's therapeutic services and supports under this section~~  
~~477.18 must require the mental health practitioner and mental health behavioral aide to complete~~  
~~477.19 20 hours of continuing education every two calendar years. The continuing education must~~  
~~477.20 be related to serving the needs of a child with emotional disturbance in the child's home~~  
~~477.21 environment and the child's family.~~

~~477.22 (d) The provider entity must document the mental health practitioner's or mental health~~  
~~477.23 behavioral aide's annual completion of the required continuing education. The documentation~~  
~~477.24 must include the date, subject, and number of hours of the continuing education, and~~  
~~477.25 attendance records, as verified by the staff member's signature, job title, and the instructor's~~  
~~477.26 name. The provider entity must keep documentation for each employee, including records~~  
~~477.27 of attendance at professional workshops and conferences, at a central location and in the~~  
~~477.28 employee's personnel file.~~

~~477.29 Sec. 108. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 9, is amended to read:~~

~~477.30 Subd. 9. **Service delivery criteria.** (a) In delivering services under this section, a certified~~  
~~477.31 provider entity must ensure that:~~

478.1 (1) ~~each individual provider's caseload size permits the provider to deliver services to~~  
478.2 ~~both clients with severe, complex needs and clients with less intensive needs.~~ the provider's  
478.3 caseload size ~~should~~ reasonably ~~enable~~ enables the provider to play an active role in service  
478.4 planning, monitoring, and delivering services to meet the client's and client's family's needs,  
478.5 as specified in each client's individual treatment plan;

478.6 (2) site-based programs, including day treatment programs, provide staffing and facilities  
478.7 to ensure the client's health, safety, and protection of rights, and that the programs are able  
478.8 to implement each client's individual treatment plan; and

478.9 (3) a day treatment program is provided to a group of clients by a ~~multidisciplinary~~  
478.10 ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision of a mental health professional. The day treatment  
478.11 program must be provided in and by: (i) an outpatient hospital accredited by the Joint  
478.12 Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations and licensed under sections 144.50  
478.13 to 144.55; (ii) a community mental health center under section 245.62; or (iii) an entity that  
478.14 is certified under subdivision 4 to operate a program that meets the requirements of section  
478.15 245.4884, subdivision 2, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0170 to 9505.0475. The day  
478.16 treatment program must stabilize the client's mental health status while developing and  
478.17 improving the client's independent living and socialization skills. The goal of the day  
478.18 treatment program must be to reduce or relieve the effects of mental illness and provide  
478.19 training to enable the client to live in the community. The program must be available  
478.20 year-round at least three to five days per week, two or three hours per day, unless the normal  
478.21 five-day school week is shortened by a holiday, weather-related cancellation, or other  
478.22 districtwide reduction in a school week. A child transitioning into or out of day treatment  
478.23 must receive a minimum treatment of one day a week for a two-hour time block. The  
478.24 two-hour time block must include at least one hour of patient and/or family or group  
478.25 psychotherapy. The remainder of the structured treatment program may include patient  
478.26 and/or family or group psychotherapy, and individual or group skills training, if included  
478.27 in the client's individual treatment plan. Day treatment programs are not part of inpatient  
478.28 or residential treatment services. When a day treatment group that meets the minimum group  
478.29 size requirement temporarily falls below the minimum group size because of a member's  
478.30 temporary absence, medical assistance covers a group session conducted for the group  
478.31 members in attendance. A day treatment program may provide fewer than the minimally  
478.32 required hours for a particular child during a billing period in which the child is transitioning  
478.33 into, or out of, the program.

479.1 (b) To be eligible for medical assistance payment, a provider entity must deliver the  
479.2 service components of children's therapeutic services and supports in compliance with the  
479.3 following requirements:

479.4 (1) patient and/or family, family, and group psychotherapy must be delivered as specified  
479.5 in ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 6~~ section 256B.0625, subdivision 69.

479.6 Psychotherapy to address the child's underlying mental health disorder must be documented  
479.7 as part of the child's ongoing treatment. A provider must deliver, or arrange for, medically  
479.8 necessary psychotherapy, unless the child's parent or caregiver chooses not to receive it.

479.9 When a provider delivering other services to a child under this section deems it not medically  
479.10 necessary to provide psychotherapy to the child for a period of 90 days or longer, the provider  
479.11 entity must document the medical reasons why psychotherapy is not necessary. When a  
479.12 provider determines that a child needs psychotherapy but psychotherapy cannot be delivered  
479.13 due to a shortage of licensed mental health professionals in the child's community, the  
479.14 provider must document the lack of access in the child's medical record;

479.15 (2) individual, family, or group skills training ~~must be provided by a mental health~~  
479.16 ~~professional or a mental health practitioner who is delivering services that fall within the~~  
479.17 ~~scope of the provider's practice and is supervised by a mental health professional who~~  
479.18 ~~accepts full professional responsibility for the training.~~ Skills training is subject to the  
479.19 following requirements:

479.20 (i) a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner shall provide  
479.21 skills training;

479.22 (ii) skills training delivered to a child or the child's family must be targeted to the specific  
479.23 deficits or maladaptations of the child's mental health disorder and must be prescribed in  
479.24 the child's individual treatment plan;

479.25 (iii) the mental health professional delivering or supervising the delivery of skills training  
479.26 must document any underlying psychiatric condition and must document how skills training  
479.27 is being used in conjunction with psychotherapy to address the underlying condition;

479.28 (iv) skills training delivered to the child's family must teach skills needed by parents or  
479.29 primary caregivers to enhance the child's skill development, to help the child utilize daily  
479.30 life skills taught by a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner,  
479.31 and to develop or maintain a home environment that supports the child's progressive use of  
479.32 skills;

480.1 (v) group skills training may be provided to multiple recipients who, because of the  
480.2 nature of their emotional, behavioral, or social dysfunction, can derive mutual benefit from  
480.3 interaction in a group setting, which must be staffed as follows:

480.4 (A) one mental health professional or one clinical trainee or mental health practitioner  
480.5 ~~under supervision of a licensed mental health professional~~ must work with a group of three  
480.6 to eight clients; or

480.7 (B) any combination of two mental health professionals, two clinical trainees, or mental  
480.8 health practitioners ~~under supervision of a licensed mental health professional, or one mental~~  
480.9 ~~health professional or clinical trainee and one mental health practitioner~~ must work with a  
480.10 group of nine to 12 clients;

480.11 (vi) a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner must have  
480.12 taught the psychosocial skill before a mental health behavioral aide may practice that skill  
480.13 with the client; and

480.14 (vii) for group skills training, when a skills group that meets the minimum group size  
480.15 requirement temporarily falls below the minimum group size because of a group member's  
480.16 temporary absence, the provider may conduct the session for the group members in  
480.17 attendance;

480.18 (3) ~~crisis assistance~~ crisis planning to a child and family must include development of a written  
480.19 plan that anticipates the particular factors specific to the child that may precipitate a  
480.20 psychiatric crisis for the child in the near future. The written plan must document actions  
480.21 that the family should be prepared to take to resolve or stabilize a crisis, such as advance  
480.22 arrangements for direct intervention and support services to the child and the child's family.  
480.23 ~~Crisis assistance~~ crisis planning must include preparing resources designed to address abrupt or  
480.24 substantial changes in the functioning of the child or the child's family when sudden change  
480.25 in behavior or a loss of usual coping mechanisms is observed, or the child begins to present  
480.26 a danger to self or others;

480.27 (4) mental health behavioral aide services must be medically necessary treatment services,  
480.28 identified in the child's individual treatment plan and individual behavior plan, ~~which are~~  
480.29 ~~performed minimally by a paraprofessional qualified according to subdivision 7, paragraph~~  
480.30 ~~(b), clause (3), and~~ which are designed to improve the functioning of the child in the  
480.31 progressive use of developmentally appropriate psychosocial skills. Activities involve  
480.32 working directly with the child, child-peer groupings, or child-family groupings to practice,  
480.33 repeat, reintroduce, and master the skills defined in subdivision 1, paragraph (t), as previously  
480.34 taught by a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner including:

- 481.1 (i) providing cues or prompts in skill-building peer-to-peer or parent-child interactions  
481.2 so that the child progressively recognizes and responds to the cues independently;
- 481.3 (ii) performing as a practice partner or role-play partner;
- 481.4 (iii) reinforcing the child's accomplishments;
- 481.5 (iv) generalizing skill-building activities in the child's multiple natural settings;
- 481.6 (v) assigning further practice activities; and
- 481.7 (vi) intervening as necessary to redirect the child's target behavior and to de-escalate  
481.8 behavior that puts the child or other person at risk of injury.

481.9 To be eligible for medical assistance payment, mental health behavioral aide services must  
481.10 be delivered to a child who has been diagnosed with an emotional disturbance or a mental  
481.11 illness, as provided in subdivision 1, paragraph (a). The mental health behavioral aide must  
481.12 implement treatment strategies in the individual treatment plan and the individual behavior  
481.13 plan as developed by the mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health  
481.14 practitioner providing direction for the mental health behavioral aide. The mental health  
481.15 behavioral aide must document the delivery of services in written progress notes. Progress  
481.16 notes must reflect implementation of the treatment strategies, as performed by the mental  
481.17 health behavioral aide and the child's responses to the treatment strategies;

481.18 (5) direction of a mental health behavioral aide must include ~~the following:~~

481.19 ~~(i) ongoing face-to-face observation of the mental health behavioral aide delivering~~  
481.20 ~~services to a child by a mental health professional or mental health practitioner for at least~~  
481.21 ~~a total of one hour during every 40 hours of service provided to a child; and~~

481.22 ~~(ii) immediate accessibility of the mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental~~  
481.23 ~~health practitioner to the mental health behavioral aide during service provision; and~~

481.24 (6) mental health service plan development must be performed in consultation with the  
481.25 child's family and, when appropriate, with other key participants in the child's life by the  
481.26 child's treating mental health professional or clinical trainee or by a mental health practitioner  
481.27 and approved by the treating mental health professional. Treatment plan drafting consists  
481.28 of development, review, and revision by face-to-face or electronic communication. The  
481.29 provider must document events, including the time spent with the family and other key  
481.30 participants in the child's life to review, revise, and sign approve the individual treatment  
481.31 plan. ~~Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 7, medical assistance~~  
481.32 ~~covers service plan development before completion of the child's individual treatment plan.~~  
481.33 Service plan development is covered only if a treatment plan is completed for the child. If

482.1 upon review it is determined that a treatment plan was not completed for the child, the  
482.2 commissioner shall recover the payment for the service plan development; and,

482.3 ~~(7) to be eligible for payment, a diagnostic assessment must be complete with regard to~~  
482.4 ~~all required components, including multiple assessment appointments required for an~~  
482.5 ~~extended diagnostic assessment and the written report. Dates of the multiple assessment~~  
482.6 ~~appointments must be noted in the client's clinical record.~~

482.7 Sec. 109. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0943, subdivision 11, is amended to  
482.8 read:

482.9 Subd. 11. **Documentation and billing.** (a) A provider entity must document the services  
482.10 it provides under this section according to section 245I.33. ~~The provider entity must ensure~~  
482.11 ~~that documentation complies with Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2175 and 9505.2197. Services~~  
482.12 ~~billed under this section that are not documented according to this subdivision shall be~~  
482.13 ~~subject to monetary recovery by the commissioner. Billing for covered service components~~  
482.14 ~~under subdivision 2, paragraph (b), must not include anything other than direct service time.~~

482.15 ~~(b) An individual mental health provider must promptly document the following in a~~  
482.16 ~~client's record after providing services to the client:~~

482.17 ~~(1) each occurrence of the client's mental health service, including the date, type, start~~  
482.18 ~~and stop times, scope of the service as described in the child's individual treatment plan,~~  
482.19 ~~and outcome of the service compared to baselines and objectives;~~

482.20 ~~(2) the name, dated signature, and credentials of the person who delivered the service;~~

482.21 ~~(3) contact made with other persons interested in the client, including representatives~~  
482.22 ~~of the courts, corrections systems, or schools. The provider must document the name and~~  
482.23 ~~date of each contact;~~

482.24 ~~(4) any contact made with the client's other mental health providers, case manager,~~  
482.25 ~~family members, primary caregiver, legal representative, or the reason the provider did not~~  
482.26 ~~contact the client's family members, primary caregiver, or legal representative, if applicable;~~

482.27 ~~(5) required clinical supervision directly related to the identified client's services and~~  
482.28 ~~needs, as appropriate, with co-signatures of the supervisor and supervisee; and~~

482.29 ~~(6) the date when services are discontinued and reasons for discontinuation of services.~~

483.1 Sec. 110. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0944, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

483.2 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
483.3 meanings given them.

483.4 (a) "Mental health crisis" means a child's behavioral, emotional, or psychiatric situation  
483.5 that, but for the provision of crisis response services to the child, would likely result in  
483.6 significantly reduced levels of functioning in primary activities of daily living, an emergency  
483.7 situation, or the child's placement in a more restrictive setting, including, but not limited  
483.8 to, inpatient hospitalization.

483.9 (b) "Mental health emergency" means a child's behavioral, emotional, or psychiatric  
483.10 situation that causes an immediate need for mental health services and is consistent with  
483.11 section 62Q.55. A physician, mental health professional, or ~~crisis mental health practitioner~~  
483.12 qualified member of a crisis team determines a mental health crisis or emergency for medical  
483.13 assistance reimbursement with input from the client and the client's family, if possible.

483.14 (c) "Mental health crisis assessment" means an immediate face-to-face assessment by  
483.15 a physician, mental health professional, or ~~mental health practitioner under the clinical~~  
483.16 ~~supervision of a mental health professional~~ qualified member of a crisis team, following a  
483.17 screening that suggests the child may be experiencing a mental health crisis or mental health  
483.18 emergency situation.

483.19 (d) "Mental health mobile crisis intervention services" means face-to-face, short-term  
483.20 intensive mental health services initiated during a mental health crisis or mental health  
483.21 emergency. Mental health mobile crisis services must help the recipient cope with immediate  
483.22 stressors, identify and utilize available resources and strengths, and begin to return to the  
483.23 recipient's baseline level of functioning. Mental health mobile services ~~must be provided~~  
483.24 ~~on site by a mobile crisis intervention team outside of an emergency room, urgent care, or~~  
483.25 ~~an inpatient hospital setting.~~ including screening and treatment plan recommendations,  
483.26 must be culturally and linguistically appropriate.

483.27 (e) "Mental health crisis stabilization services" means individualized mental health  
483.28 services provided to a recipient following crisis intervention services that are designed to  
483.29 restore the recipient to the recipient's prior functional level. The individual treatment plan  
483.30 recommending mental health crisis stabilization must be completed by the intervention team  
483.31 or by staff after an inpatient or urgent care visit. Mental health crisis stabilization services  
483.32 may be provided in the recipient's home, the home of a family member or friend of the  
483.33 recipient, schools, another community setting, or a short-term supervised, licensed residential  
483.34 program if the service is not included in the facility's cost pool or per diem. Mental health

484.1 crisis stabilization is not reimbursable when provided as part of a partial hospitalization or  
484.2 day treatment program.

484.3 (f) "Clinical trainee" means a person qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision  
484.4 6.

484.5 (g) "Mental health certified family peer specialist" means a person qualified according  
484.6 to section 245I.16, subdivision 12.

484.7 (h) "Mental health practitioner" means a person qualified according to section 245I.16,  
484.8 subdivision 4.

484.9 (i) "Mental health professional" means a person qualified according to section 245I.16,  
484.10 subdivision 2.

484.11 Sec. 111. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0944, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

484.12 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** An eligible recipient is an individual who:

484.13 (1) is eligible for medical assistance;

484.14 (2) is under age 18 or between the ages of 18 and 21;

484.15 (3) is screened as possibly experiencing a mental health crisis or mental health emergency  
484.16 where a mental health crisis assessment is needed; and

484.17 (4) is assessed as experiencing a mental health crisis or mental health emergency, and  
484.18 mental health mobile crisis intervention or mental health crisis stabilization services are  
484.19 determined to be medically necessary; and

484.20 ~~(5) meets the criteria for emotional disturbance or mental illness.~~

484.21 Sec. 112. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0944, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

484.22 Subd. 4. **Provider entity standards.** ~~(a)~~ A crisis intervention and crisis stabilization  
484.23 provider entity must meet the administrative and clinical standards specified in ~~section~~  
484.24 ~~256B.0943, subdivisions 5 and 6, meet the standards listed in paragraph (b), and be:~~ section  
484.25 256B.0624, subdivision 4, and ensure services are developmentally appropriate and  
484.26 responsive to the needs of the families.

484.27 ~~(1) an Indian health service facility or facility owned and operated by a tribe or a tribal~~  
484.28 ~~organization operating under Public Law 93-638 as a 638 facility;~~

484.29 ~~(2) a county board-operated entity; or~~



485.1 ~~(3) a provider entity that is under contract with the county board in the county where~~  
485.2 ~~the potential crisis or emergency is occurring.~~

485.3 ~~(b) The children's mental health crisis response services provider entity must:~~

485.4 ~~(1) ensure that mental health crisis assessment and mobile crisis intervention services~~  
485.5 ~~are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week;~~

485.6 ~~(2) directly provide the services or, if services are subcontracted, the provider entity~~  
485.7 ~~must maintain clinical responsibility for services and billing;~~

485.8 ~~(3) ensure that crisis intervention services are provided in a manner consistent with~~  
485.9 ~~sections 245.487 to 245.4889; and~~

485.10 ~~(4) develop and maintain written policies and procedures regarding service provision~~  
485.11 ~~that include safety of staff and recipients in high-risk situations.~~

485.12 Sec. 113. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0944, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

485.13 Subd. 5. **Mobile crisis intervention staff qualifications.** ~~(a) To provide children's~~  
485.14 ~~mental health mobile crisis intervention services, a mobile crisis intervention team must~~  
485.15 ~~include:~~

485.16 ~~(1) at least two mental health professionals as defined in section 256B.0943, subdivision~~  
485.17 ~~1, paragraph (o); or~~

485.18 ~~(2) a combination of at least one mental health professional and one mental health~~  
485.19 ~~practitioner as defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 26, with the required mental health~~  
485.20 ~~crisis training and under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional on the team.~~

485.21 (a) Mobile crisis intervention team staff must be qualified to provide services as mental  
485.22 health professionals, mental health practitioners, clinical trainees, or mental health certified  
485.23 family peer specialists.

485.24 (b) A mobile crisis intervention team is comprised of at least two members, one of whom  
485.25 must be qualified as a mental health professional. A second member must be qualified as  
485.26 a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner. Additional staff  
485.27 must be added to reflect the needs of the area served.

485.28 (c) Mental health crisis assessment and intervention services must be led by a mental  
485.29 health professional, or under the supervision of a mental health professional according to  
485.30 subdivision 9, by a clinical trainee or mental health practitioner.

485.31 ~~(b) (d)~~ The team must have at least two people with at least one member providing  
485.32 on-site crisis intervention services when needed. Team members must be experienced in

486.1 mental health assessment, crisis intervention techniques, and clinical decision making under  
486.2 emergency conditions and have knowledge of local services and resources. The team must  
486.3 recommend and coordinate the team's services with appropriate local resources, including  
486.4 the county social services agency, mental health service providers, and local law enforcement,  
486.5 if necessary.

486.6 Sec. 114. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0944, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

486.7 Subd. 6. **Initial screening and crisis assessment planning.** (a) Before initiating mobile  
486.8 crisis intervention services, a screening of the potential crisis situation must be conducted.  
486.9 The screening may use the resources of crisis assistance and emergency services as defined  
486.10 in sections 245.4871, subdivision 14, and 245.4879, subdivisions 1 and 2. The screening  
486.11 must gather information, determine whether a crisis situation exists, identify the parties  
486.12 involved, and determine an appropriate response.

486.13 (b) In conducting the screening, a provider shall:

486.14 (1) employ evidence-based practices as identified by the commissioner in collaboration  
486.15 with the commissioner of health to reduce the risk of the recipient's suicide and self-injurious  
486.16 behavior;

486.17 (2) work with the recipient to establish a plan and time frame for responding to the crisis,  
486.18 including immediate needs for support by telephone or text message until a face-to-face  
486.19 response arrives;

486.20 (3) document significant factors related to the determination of a crisis, including prior  
486.21 calls to the crisis team, recent presentation at an emergency department, known calls to 911  
486.22 or law enforcement, or the presence of third parties with knowledge of a potential recipient's  
486.23 history or current needs;

486.24 (4) screen for the needs of a third-party caller, including a recipient who primarily  
486.25 identifies as a family member or a caregiver but also presents signs of a crisis; and

486.26 (5) provide psychoeducation, including education on the available means for reducing  
486.27 self-harm, to relevant third parties, including family members or other persons living in the  
486.28 home.

486.29 (c) A provider entity shall consider the following to indicate a positive screening unless  
486.30 the provider entity documents specific evidence to show why crisis response was clinically  
486.31 inappropriate:

487.1 (1) the recipient presented in an emergency department or urgent care setting, and the  
487.2 health care team at that location requested crisis services;

487.3 (2) a peace officer requested crisis services for a recipient who may be subject to  
487.4 transportation under section 253B.05 for a mental health crisis.

487.5 ~~(b)~~ (d) If a crisis exists, a crisis assessment must be completed. A crisis assessment must  
487.6 evaluate any immediate needs for which emergency services are needed and, as time permits,  
487.7 the recipient's current life situation, health information including current medications, sources  
487.8 of stress, mental health problems and symptoms, strengths, cultural considerations, support  
487.9 network, vulnerabilities, and current functioning.

487.10 ~~(e)~~ (e) If the crisis assessment determines mobile crisis intervention services are needed,  
487.11 the intervention services must be provided promptly. As the opportunity presents itself  
487.12 during the intervention, at least two members of the mobile crisis intervention team must  
487.13 confer directly or by telephone about the assessment, treatment plan, and actions taken and  
487.14 needed. At least one of the team members must be on site providing crisis intervention  
487.15 services. If providing on-site crisis intervention services, a mental health practitioner must  
487.16 seek ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision as required under subdivision 9.

487.17 (f) Direct contact with the recipient is not required before initiating a crisis assessment  
487.18 or intervention service. A crisis team may gather relevant information from a third party at  
487.19 the scene to establish the need for services and potential safety factors. A crisis assessment  
487.20 is provided face-to-face by a mobile crisis intervention team outside of an inpatient hospital  
487.21 setting. A service must be provided promptly and respond to the recipient's location whenever  
487.22 possible, including community or clinical settings. As clinically appropriate, a mobile crisis  
487.23 intervention team must coordinate a response with other health care providers if a recipient  
487.24 requires detoxification, withdrawal management, or medical stabilization services in addition  
487.25 to crisis services.

487.26 ~~(d)~~ (g) The mobile crisis intervention team must develop an initial, brief crisis treatment  
487.27 plan as soon as appropriate but no later than 24 hours after the initial face-to-face intervention.  
487.28 The plan must address the needs and problems noted in the crisis assessment and include  
487.29 measurable short-term goals, cultural considerations, and frequency and type of services to  
487.30 be provided to achieve the goals and reduce or eliminate the crisis. The crisis treatment plan  
487.31 must be updated as needed to reflect current goals and services. The team must involve the  
487.32 client and the client's family in developing and implementing the plan.

487.33 ~~(e)~~ (h) The team must document in progress notes which short-term goals have been  
487.34 met and when no further crisis intervention services are required. If after an assessment a

488.1 crisis provider entity refers a recipient to an intensive setting, including an emergency  
488.2 department, in-patient hospitalization, or residential treatment, one of the crisis team members  
488.3 who performed or conferred on the assessment must immediately contact the provider entity  
488.4 and consult with the triage nurse or other staff responsible for intake. The crisis team member  
488.5 must convey key findings or concerns that led to the referral. The consultation must occur  
488.6 with the recipient's consent, the recipient's legal guardian's consent, or as allowed by section  
488.7 144.293, subdivision 5. Any available written documentation, including a crisis treatment  
488.8 plan, must be sent no later than the next business day.

488.9 ~~(i)~~ (i) If the client's crisis is stabilized, but the client needs a referral for mental health  
488.10 crisis stabilization services or to other services, the team must provide a referral to these  
488.11 services. If the recipient has a case manager, planning for other services must be coordinated  
488.12 with the case manager.

488.13 (j) If an intervention service is provided without the recipient present, the provider shall  
488.14 document the reasons why the service is more effective without the recipient present.

488.15 Sec. 115. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0944, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

488.16 Subd. 7. **Crisis stabilization services.** Crisis stabilization services ~~must be provided by~~  
488.17 ~~a mental health professional or a mental health practitioner, as defined in section 245.462,~~  
488.18 ~~subdivision 17, who works under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional~~  
488.19 ~~and for a crisis stabilization services provider entity and must meet the following standards:~~

488.20 (1) a crisis stabilization treatment plan must be developed which meets the criteria in  
488.21 subdivision 8;

488.22 (2) services must be delivered according to the treatment plan and include face-to-face  
488.23 contact with the recipient by qualified staff for further assessment, help with referrals,  
488.24 updating the crisis stabilization treatment plan, supportive counseling, skills training, and  
488.25 collaboration with other service providers in the community; and

488.26 ~~(3) mental health practitioners must have completed at least 30 hours of training in crisis~~  
488.27 ~~intervention and stabilization during the past two years.~~

488.28 (3) if an intervention is provided without the recipient present, the provider shall  
488.29 document the reasons why the intervention is more effective without the recipient present.

488.30 Sec. 116. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0944, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

488.31 Subd. 8. **Treatment plan.** (a) The individual crisis stabilization treatment plan must  
488.32 include, at a minimum:

- 489.1 (1) a list of problems identified in the assessment;
- 489.2 (2) a list of the recipient's strengths and resources;
- 489.3 (3) concrete, measurable short-term goals and tasks to be achieved, including time frames
- 489.4 for achievement of the goals;
- 489.5 (4) specific objectives directed toward the achievement of each goal;
- 489.6 (5) documentation of the participants involved in the service planning;
- 489.7 (6) planned frequency and type of services initiated;
- 489.8 (7) a crisis response action plan if a crisis should occur; and
- 489.9 (8) clear progress notes on the outcome of goals.
- 489.10 (b) The client, if clinically appropriate, must be a participant in the development of the
- 489.11 crisis stabilization treatment plan. The client or the client's legal guardian must sign the
- 489.12 service plan or documentation must be provided why this was not possible. A copy of the
- 489.13 plan must be given to the client and the client's legal guardian. The plan should include
- 489.14 services arranged, including specific providers where applicable.
- 489.15 (c) A treatment plan must be developed by a mental health professional, clinical trainee,
- 489.16 or mental health practitioner ~~under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional.~~
- 489.17 A written plan must be completed within 24 hours of beginning services with the client.
- 489.18 Sec. 117. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0944, subdivision 9, is amended to read:
- 489.19 Subd. 9. **Supervision.** ~~(a)~~ A mental health practitioner or clinical trainee may provide
- 489.20 crisis assessment and mobile crisis intervention services if the following ~~clinical~~ treatment
- 489.21 supervision requirements are met:
- 489.22 (1) the mental health provider entity must accept full responsibility for the services
- 489.23 provided;
- 489.24 (2) the mental health professional of the provider entity, who is an employee or under
- 489.25 contract with the provider entity, must be immediately available by telephone or in person
- 489.26 for ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision;
- 489.27 (3) the mental health professional is consulted, in person or by telephone, during the
- 489.28 first three hours when a mental health practitioner provides on-site service; and
- 489.29 (4) the mental health professional must review and approve the tentative crisis assessment
- 489.30 and crisis treatment plan, document the consultation, and sign the crisis assessment and
- 489.31 treatment plan within the next business day.

490.1 ~~(b) If the mobile crisis intervention services continue into a second calendar day, a mental~~  
490.2 ~~health professional must contact the client face-to-face on the second day to provide services~~  
490.3 ~~and update the crisis treatment plan. The on-site observation must be documented in the~~  
490.4 ~~client's record and signed by the mental health professional.~~

490.5 Sec. 118. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0946, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

490.6 Subdivision 1. **Required covered service components.** ~~(a) Effective May 23, 2013,~~  
490.7 ~~and subject to federal approval,~~ Medical assistance covers medically necessary intensive  
490.8 treatment services described under paragraph (b) that are provided by a provider entity  
490.9 eligible under subdivision 3 to a client eligible under subdivision 2 who is placed in a foster  
490.10 home licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.3000 to 2960.3340, or placed in a foster  
490.11 home licensed under the regulations established by a federally recognized Minnesota tribe.

490.12 (b) Intensive treatment services to children with mental illness residing in foster family  
490.13 settings that comprise specific required service components provided in clauses (1) to (5)  
490.14 are reimbursed by medical assistance when they meet the following standards:

490.15 (1) psychotherapy provided by a mental health professional ~~as defined in Minnesota~~  
490.16 ~~Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A,~~ or a clinical trainee, ~~as defined in Minnesota~~  
490.17 ~~Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C;~~

490.18 (2) crisis ~~assistance~~ planning provided according to standards for children's therapeutic  
490.19 services and supports in section 256B.0943;

490.20 (3) individual, family, and group psychoeducation services, defined in subdivision 1a,  
490.21 paragraph ~~(q)~~ (o), provided by a mental health professional or a clinical trainee;

490.22 (4) clinical care consultation, as defined in subdivision 1a, and provided by a mental  
490.23 health professional or a clinical trainee; and

490.24 (5) service delivery payment requirements as provided under subdivision 4.

490.25 Sec. 119. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0946, subdivision 1a, is amended to  
490.26 read:

490.27 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
490.28 meanings given them.

490.29 (a) "Clinical care consultation" means communication from a treating clinician to other  
490.30 providers working with the same client to inform, inquire, and instruct regarding the client's  
490.31 symptoms, strategies for effective engagement, care and intervention needs, and treatment

491.1 expectations across service settings, including but not limited to the client's school, social  
491.2 services, day care, probation, home, primary care, medication prescribers, disabilities  
491.3 services, and other mental health providers and to direct and coordinate clinical service  
491.4 components provided to the client and family.

491.5 ~~(b) "Clinical supervision" means the documented time a clinical supervisor and supervisee~~  
491.6 ~~spend together to discuss the supervisee's work, to review individual client cases, and for~~  
491.7 ~~the supervisee's professional development. It includes the documented oversight and~~  
491.8 ~~supervision responsibility for planning, implementation, and evaluation of services for a~~  
491.9 ~~client's mental health treatment.~~

491.10 ~~(e) "Clinical supervisor" means the mental health professional who is responsible for~~  
491.11 ~~clinical supervision.~~

491.12 ~~(d) (b) "Clinical trainee" has the meaning given in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371,~~  
491.13 ~~subpart 5, item C means a staff person qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision~~  
491.14 ~~6;~~

491.15 ~~(e) (c) "Crisis assistance planning" has the meaning given in section 245.4871, subdivision~~  
491.16 ~~9a, including the development of a plan that addresses prevention and intervention strategies~~  
491.17 ~~to be used in a potential crisis, but does not include actual crisis intervention.~~

491.18 ~~(f) (d) "Culturally appropriate" means providing mental health services in a manner that~~  
491.19 ~~incorporates the child's cultural influences, as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0370,~~  
491.20 ~~subpart 9, into interventions as a way to maximize resiliency factors and utilize cultural~~  
491.21 ~~strengths and resources to promote overall wellness.~~

491.22 ~~(g) (e) "Culture" means the distinct ways of living and understanding the world that are~~  
491.23 ~~used by a group of people and are transmitted from one generation to another or adopted~~  
491.24 ~~by an individual.~~

491.25 ~~(h) (f) "Diagnostic assessment" has the meaning given in Minnesota Rules, part~~  
491.26 ~~9505.0370, subpart 11 means an assessment described under section 256B.0671, subdivisions~~  
491.27 ~~2 and 3.~~

491.28 ~~(i) (g) "Family" means a person who is identified by the client or the client's parent or~~  
491.29 ~~guardian as being important to the client's mental health treatment. Family may include,~~  
491.30 ~~but is not limited to, parents, foster parents, children, spouse, committed partners, former~~  
491.31 ~~spouses, persons related by blood or adoption, persons who are a part of the client's~~  
491.32 ~~permanency plan, or persons who are presently residing together as a family unit.~~

491.33 ~~(j) (h) "Foster care" has the meaning given in section 260C.007, subdivision 18.~~

492.1 ~~(k)~~ (i) "Foster family setting" means the foster home in which the license holder resides.

492.2 ~~(h)~~ (j) "Individual treatment plan" ~~has the meaning given in Minnesota Rules, part~~  
492.3 ~~9505.0370, subpart 15~~ means the plan described under section 256B.0671, subdivisions 5  
492.4 and 6.

492.5 ~~(m)~~ "Mental health practitioner" ~~has the meaning given in section 245.462, subdivision~~  
492.6 ~~17, and a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee according to Minnesota~~  
492.7 ~~Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C.~~

492.8 (k) "Mental health certified family peer specialist" means a staff person qualified  
492.9 according to section 245I.16, subdivision 12.

492.10 ~~(n)~~ (1) "Mental health professional" ~~has the meaning given in Minnesota Rules, part~~  
492.11 ~~9505.0370, subpart 18~~ means a staff person qualified according to section 245I.16,  
492.12 subdivision 2.

492.13 ~~(o)~~ (m) "Mental illness" has the meaning given in ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0370,~~  
492.14 ~~subpart 20~~ section 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (a), and includes emotional disturbance  
492.15 as defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 15.

492.16 ~~(p)~~ (n) "Parent" has the meaning given in section 260C.007, subdivision 25.

492.17 ~~(q)~~ (o) "Psychoeducation services" means information or demonstration provided to an  
492.18 individual, family, or group to explain, educate, and support the individual, family, or group  
492.19 in understanding a child's symptoms of mental illness, the impact on the child's development,  
492.20 and needed components of treatment and skill development so that the individual, family,  
492.21 or group can help the child to prevent relapse, prevent the acquisition of comorbid disorders,  
492.22 and achieve optimal mental health and long-term resilience.

492.23 ~~(r)~~ (p) "Psychotherapy" has the meaning given in ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0370,~~  
492.24 ~~subpart 27~~ section 256B.0625, subdivision 69.

492.25 ~~(s)~~ (q) "Team consultation and treatment planning" means the coordination of treatment  
492.26 plans and consultation among providers in a group concerning the treatment needs of the  
492.27 child, including disseminating the child's treatment service schedule to all members of the  
492.28 service team. Team members must include all mental health professionals working with the  
492.29 child, a parent, the child unless the team lead or parent deem it clinically inappropriate, and  
492.30 at least two of the following: an individualized education program case manager; probation  
492.31 agent; children's mental health case manager; child welfare worker, including adoption or  
492.32 guardianship worker; primary care provider; foster parent; and any other member of the  
492.33 child's service team.



493.1 (r) "Trauma" has the meaning given in section 245I.02, subdivision 24.

493.2 (s) "Treatment supervision" means the supervision described under section 245I.18.

493.3 (t) "Treatment supervisor" means the mental health professional who is responsible for  
493.4 treatment supervision.

493.5 Sec. 120. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0946, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

493.6 Subd. 2. **Determination of client eligibility.** (a) An eligible recipient is an individual,  
493.7 from birth through age 20, who is currently placed in a foster home licensed under Minnesota  
493.8 Rules, parts 2960.3000 to 2960.3340, and has received a diagnostic assessment and an  
493.9 evaluation of level of care needed, as defined in paragraphs ~~(a)~~ (b) and ~~(b)~~ (c).

493.10 ~~(a)~~ (b) The diagnostic assessment must:

493.11 ~~(1) meet criteria described in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1, and be~~  
493.12 ~~conducted by a mental health professional or a clinical trainee;~~

493.13 ~~(2) determine whether or not a child meets the criteria for mental illness, as defined in~~  
493.14 ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0370, subpart 20;~~

493.15 ~~(3)~~ (1) document that intensive treatment services are medically necessary within a foster  
493.16 family setting to ameliorate identified symptoms and functional impairments; and

493.17 ~~(4)~~ (2) be performed within 180 days before the start of service; and.

493.18 ~~(5) be completed as either a standard or extended diagnostic assessment annually to~~  
493.19 ~~determine continued eligibility for the service.~~

493.20 ~~(b)~~ (c) The evaluation of level of care must be conducted by the placing county, tribe,  
493.21 or case manager in conjunction with the diagnostic assessment ~~as described by Minnesota~~  
493.22 ~~Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1, item B,~~ using a validated tool approved by the  
493.23 commissioner of human services and not subject to the rulemaking process, consistent with  
493.24 section 245.4885, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), the result of which evaluation demonstrates  
493.25 that the child requires intensive intervention without 24-hour medical monitoring. The  
493.26 commissioner shall update the list of approved level of care tools annually and publish on  
493.27 the department's website.

493.28 Sec. 121. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0946, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

493.29 Subd. 3. **Eligible mental health services providers.** (a) Eligible providers for intensive  
493.30 children's mental health services in a foster family setting must be certified by the state and  
493.31 have a service provision contract with a county board or a reservation tribal council and

494.1 must be able to demonstrate the ability to provide all of the services required in this section  
494.2 and meet the requirements under chapter 245I.

494.3 (b) For purposes of this section, a provider agency must be:

494.4 (1) a county-operated entity certified by the state;

494.5 (2) an Indian Health Services facility operated by a tribe or tribal organization under  
494.6 funding authorized by United States Code, title 25, sections 450f to 450n, or title 3 of the  
494.7 Indian Self-Determination Act, Public Law 93-638, section 638 (facilities or providers); or

494.8 (3) a noncounty entity.

494.9 (c) Certified providers that do not meet the service delivery standards required in this  
494.10 section shall be subject to a decertification process.

494.11 (d) For the purposes of this section, all services delivered to a client must be provided  
494.12 by a mental health professional ~~or~~ a clinical trainee, or a mental health certified family peer  
494.13 specialist.

494.14 Sec. 122. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0946, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

494.15 Subd. 4. **Service delivery payment requirements.** (a) To be eligible for payment under  
494.16 this section, a provider must develop and practice written policies and procedures for  
494.17 intensive treatment in foster care, consistent with subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and comply  
494.18 with the following requirements in paragraphs (b) to ~~(n)~~ (m).

494.19 ~~(b) A qualified clinical supervisor, as defined in and performing in compliance with~~  
494.20 ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item D, must supervise the treatment and~~  
494.21 ~~provision of services described in this section.~~

494.22 ~~(c) Each client receiving treatment services must receive an extended diagnostic~~  
494.23 ~~assessment, as described in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1, item C, within 30~~  
494.24 ~~days of enrollment in this service unless the client has a previous extended diagnostic~~  
494.25 ~~assessment that the client, parent, and mental health professional agree still accurately~~  
494.26 ~~describes the client's current mental health functioning.~~

494.27 (b) For children under age six, each client must receive a diagnostic assessment according  
494.28 to the requirements in the current edition of the Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health  
494.29 Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood.

494.30 ~~(d)~~ (c) Each previous and current mental health, school, and physical health treatment  
494.31 provider must be contacted to request documentation of treatment and assessments that the

495.1 eligible client has received. This information must be reviewed and incorporated into the  
495.2 diagnostic assessment and team consultation and treatment planning review process.

495.3 ~~(e)~~ (d) Each client receiving treatment must be assessed for a trauma history, and the  
495.4 client's treatment plan must document how the results of the assessment will be incorporated  
495.5 into treatment.

495.6 ~~(f)~~ (e) Each client receiving treatment services must have an individual treatment plan  
495.7 that is reviewed, evaluated, and ~~signed~~ approved every 90 days using the team consultation  
495.8 and treatment planning process, as defined in subdivision 1a, paragraph ~~(s)~~ (p).

495.9 ~~(g)~~ (f) Clinical care consultation, as defined in subdivision 1a, paragraph (a), must be  
495.10 provided in accordance with the client's individual treatment plan.

495.11 ~~(h)~~ (g) Each client must have a crisis ~~assistance~~ plan within ten days of initiating services  
495.12 and must have access to clinical phone support 24 hours per day, seven days per week,  
495.13 during the course of treatment. The crisis plan must demonstrate coordination with the local  
495.14 or regional mobile crisis intervention team.

495.15 ~~(i)~~ (h) Services must be delivered and documented at least three days per week, equaling  
495.16 at least six hours of treatment per week, unless reduced units of service are specified on the  
495.17 treatment plan as part of transition or on a discharge plan to another service or level of care.  
495.18 ~~Documentation must comply with Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2175 and 9505.2197.~~

495.19 ~~(j)~~ (i) Location of service delivery must be in the client's home, day care setting, school,  
495.20 or other community-based setting that is specified on the client's individualized treatment  
495.21 plan.

495.22 ~~(k)~~ (j) Treatment must be developmentally and culturally appropriate for the client.

495.23 ~~(l)~~ (k) Services must be delivered in continual collaboration and consultation with the  
495.24 client's medical providers and, in particular, with prescribers of psychotropic medications,  
495.25 including those prescribed on an off-label basis. Members of the service team must be aware  
495.26 of the medication regimen and potential side effects.

495.27 ~~(m)~~ (l) Parents, siblings, foster parents, and members of the child's permanency plan  
495.28 must be involved in treatment and service delivery unless otherwise noted in the treatment  
495.29 plan.

495.30 ~~(n)~~ (m) Transition planning for the child must be conducted starting with the first  
495.31 treatment plan and must be addressed throughout treatment to support the child's permanency  
495.32 plan and postdischarge mental health service needs.

496.1 Sec. 123. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0946, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

496.2 Subd. 6. **Excluded services.** (a) Services in clauses (1) to (7) are not covered under this  
496.3 section and are not eligible for medical assistance payment as components of intensive  
496.4 treatment in foster care services, but may be billed separately:

496.5 (1) inpatient psychiatric hospital treatment;

496.6 (2) mental health targeted case management;

496.7 (3) partial hospitalization;

496.8 (4) medication management;

496.9 (5) children's mental health day treatment services;

496.10 (6) crisis response services under section 256B.0944; and

496.11 (7) transportation.

496.12 (b) Children receiving intensive treatment in foster care services are not eligible for  
496.13 medical assistance reimbursement for the following services while receiving intensive  
496.14 treatment in foster care:

496.15 (1) psychotherapy and skills training components of children's therapeutic services and  
496.16 supports under section 256B.0625, subdivision 35b;

496.17 (2) mental health behavioral aide services as defined in section 256B.0943, subdivision  
496.18 1, paragraph ~~(m)~~ (l);

496.19 (3) home and community-based waiver services;

496.20 (4) mental health residential treatment; and

496.21 (5) room and board costs as defined in section 256I.03, subdivision 6.

496.22 Sec. 124. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0947, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

496.23 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** ~~Effective November 1, 2011, and subject to federal approval,~~

496.24 Medical assistance covers medically necessary, intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental  
496.25 health services as defined in subdivision 2, for recipients as defined in subdivision 3, when  
496.26 the services are provided by an entity meeting the standards in this section.

496.27 Sec. 125. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0947, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

496.28 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings  
496.29 given them.

497.1 (a) "Intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services" means child  
497.2 rehabilitative mental health services as defined in section 256B.0943, except that these  
497.3 services are provided by a multidisciplinary staff using ~~a total team~~ an approach consistent  
497.4 with assertive community treatment, as adapted for youth, and are directed to recipients  
497.5 ~~ages 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20 with a serious mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and~~  
497.6 ~~substance abuse addiction~~ who require intensive services to prevent admission to an inpatient  
497.7 psychiatric hospital or placement in a residential treatment facility or who require intensive  
497.8 services to step down from inpatient or residential care to community-based care.

497.9 (b) "Co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse addiction" means a dual diagnosis  
497.10 of at least one form of mental illness and at least one substance use disorder. Substance use  
497.11 disorders include alcohol or drug abuse or dependence, excluding nicotine use.

497.12 (c) "Diagnostic assessment" ~~has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Rules, part~~  
497.13 ~~9505.0370, subpart 11. A diagnostic assessment must be provided according to Minnesota~~  
497.14 ~~Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1,~~ means the assessment described under section 256B.0671,  
497.15 subdivisions 2 and 3, and for this section must incorporate a determination of the youth's  
497.16 necessary level of care using a standardized functional assessment instrument approved and  
497.17 periodically updated by the commissioner.

497.18 (d) "Education specialist" means an individual with knowledge and experience working  
497.19 with youth regarding special education requirements and goals, special education plans,  
497.20 and coordination of educational activities with health care activities.

497.21 (e) "Housing access support" means an ancillary activity to help an individual find,  
497.22 obtain, retain, and move to safe and adequate housing. Housing access support does not  
497.23 provide monetary assistance for rent, damage deposits, or application fees.

497.24 (f) "Integrated dual disorders treatment" means the integrated treatment of co-occurring  
497.25 mental illness and substance use disorders by a team of cross-trained clinicians within the  
497.26 same program, and is characterized by assertive outreach, stage-wise comprehensive  
497.27 treatment, treatment goal setting, and flexibility to work within each stage of treatment.

497.28 (g) "Medication education services" means services provided individually or in groups,  
497.29 which focus on:

497.30 (1) educating the client and client's family or significant nonfamilial supporters about  
497.31 mental illness and symptoms;

497.32 (2) the role and effects of medications in treating symptoms of mental illness; and

497.33 (3) the side effects of medications.

498.1 Medication education is coordinated with medication management services and does not  
498.2 duplicate it. Medication education services are provided by physicians, pharmacists, or  
498.3 registered nurses with certification in psychiatric and mental health care.

498.4 (h) "Peer specialist" means an employed team member who is a mental health certified  
498.5 peer specialist according to section 256B.0615 and also a former children's mental health  
498.6 consumer who:

498.7 ~~(1) provides direct services to clients including social, emotional, and instrumental~~  
498.8 ~~support and outreach;~~

498.9 ~~(2) assists younger peers to identify and achieve specific life goals;~~

498.10 ~~(3) works directly with clients to promote the client's self-determination, personal~~  
498.11 ~~responsibility, and empowerment;~~

498.12 ~~(4) assists youth with mental illness to regain control over their lives and their~~  
498.13 ~~developmental process in order to move effectively into adulthood;~~

498.14 ~~(5) provides training and education to other team members, consumer advocacy~~  
498.15 ~~organizations, and clients on resiliency and peer support; and~~

498.16 ~~(6) meets the following criteria:~~

498.17 ~~(i) is at least 22 years of age;~~

498.18 ~~(ii) has had a diagnosis of mental illness, as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0370,~~  
498.19 ~~subpart 20, or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse addiction;~~

498.20 ~~(iii) is a former consumer of child and adolescent mental health services, or a former or~~  
498.21 ~~current consumer of adult mental health services for a period of at least two years;~~

498.22 ~~(iv) has at least a high school diploma or equivalent;~~

498.23 ~~(v) has successfully completed training requirements determined and periodically updated~~  
498.24 ~~by the commissioner;~~

498.25 ~~(vi) is willing to disclose the individual's own mental health history to team members~~  
498.26 ~~and clients; and~~

498.27 ~~(vii) must be free of substance use problems for at least one year.~~

498.28 ~~(i) "Provider agency" means a for-profit or nonprofit organization established to~~  
498.29 ~~administer an assertive community treatment for youth team.~~

498.30 ~~(j) (i) "Substance use disorders" means one or more of the disorders defined in the~~  
498.31 ~~Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, current edition.~~

499.1 ~~(k)~~ (j) "Transition services" means:

499.2 (1) activities, materials, consultation, and coordination that ensures continuity of the  
499.3 client's care in advance of and in preparation for the client's move from one stage of care  
499.4 or life to another by maintaining contact with the client and assisting the client to establish  
499.5 provider relationships;

499.6 (2) providing the client with knowledge and skills needed posttransition;

499.7 (3) establishing communication between sending and receiving entities;

499.8 (4) supporting a client's request for service authorization and enrollment; and

499.9 (5) establishing and enforcing procedures and schedules.

499.10 A youth's transition from the children's mental health system and services to the adult  
499.11 mental health system and services and return to the client's home and entry or re-entry into  
499.12 community-based mental health services following discharge from an out-of-home placement  
499.13 or inpatient hospital stay.

499.14 ~~(k)~~ (k) "Treatment team" means all staff who provide services to recipients under this  
499.15 section.

499.16 Sec. 126. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0947, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

499.17 Subd. 3. **Client eligibility.** An eligible recipient is an individual who:

499.18 (1) is age 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20; and

499.19 (2) is diagnosed with a serious mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance  
499.20 abuse addiction, for which intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services are  
499.21 needed;

499.22 (3) has received a level-of-care determination, using an instrument approved by the  
499.23 commissioner, that indicates a need for intensive integrated intervention without 24-hour  
499.24 medical monitoring and a need for extensive collaboration among multiple providers;

499.25 (4) has a functional impairment and a history of difficulty in functioning safely and  
499.26 successfully in the community, school, home, or job; or who is likely to need services from  
499.27 the adult mental health system within the next two years; and

499.28 (5) has had a recent diagnostic assessment, ~~as provided in Minnesota Rules, part~~  
499.29 ~~9505.0372, subpart 1, by a mental health professional who is qualified under Minnesota~~  
499.30 ~~Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A,~~ that documents that intensive nonresidential

500.1 rehabilitative mental health services are medically necessary to ameliorate identified  
500.2 symptoms and functional impairments and to achieve individual transition goals.

500.3 Sec. 127. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0947, subdivision 3a, is amended to  
500.4 read:

500.5 Subd. 3a. **Required service components.** ~~(a) Subject to federal approval, medical~~  
500.6 ~~assistance covers all medically necessary intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental~~  
500.7 ~~health services and supports, as defined in this section, under a single daily rate per client.~~  
500.8 ~~Services and supports must be delivered by an eligible provider under subdivision 5 to an~~  
500.9 ~~eligible client under subdivision 3.~~

500.10 ~~(b)~~ (a) Intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services, supports, and  
500.11 ancillary activities covered by the single daily rate per client must include the following,  
500.12 as needed by the individual client:

500.13 (1) individual, family, and group psychotherapy;

500.14 (2) individual, family, and group skills training, as defined in section 256B.0943,  
500.15 subdivision 1, paragraph (t);

500.16 (3) crisis assistance planning as defined in section ~~245.4871, subdivision 9a, which~~  
500.17 ~~includes recognition of factors precipitating a mental health crisis, identification of behaviors~~  
500.18 ~~related to the crisis, and the development of a plan to address prevention, intervention, and~~  
500.19 ~~follow-up strategies to be used in the lead-up to or onset of, and conclusion of, a mental~~  
500.20 ~~health crisis; crisis assistance does not mean crisis response services or crisis intervention~~  
500.21 ~~services provided in section 256B.0944~~ 256B.0943, subdivision 1, paragraph (c);

500.22 (4) medication management provided by a physician or an advanced practice registered  
500.23 nurse with certification in psychiatric and mental health care;

500.24 (5) mental health case management as provided in section 256B.0625, subdivision 20;

500.25 (6) medication education services ~~as defined in this section;~~

500.26 (7) care coordination by a client-specific lead worker assigned by and responsible to the  
500.27 treatment team;

500.28 (8) psychoeducation of and consultation and coordination with the client's biological,  
500.29 adoptive, or foster family and, in the case of a youth living independently, the client's  
500.30 immediate nonfamilial support network;



501.1 (9) clinical consultation to a client's employer or school or to other service agencies or  
501.2 to the courts to assist in managing the mental illness or co-occurring disorder and to develop  
501.3 client support systems;

501.4 (10) coordination with, or performance of, crisis intervention and stabilization services  
501.5 as defined in section 256B.0944;

501.6 (11) assessment of a client's treatment progress and effectiveness of services using  
501.7 standardized outcome measures published by the commissioner;

501.8 (12) transition services as defined in this section;

501.9 (13) integrated dual disorders treatment as defined in this section; and

501.10 (14) housing access support.

501.11 ~~(e)~~ (b) The provider shall ensure and document the following by means of performing  
501.12 the required function or by contracting with a qualified person or entity:

501.13 (1) client access to crisis intervention services, as defined in section 256B.0944, and  
501.14 available 24 hours per day and seven days per week; and

501.15 ~~(2) completion of an extended diagnostic assessment, as defined in Minnesota Rules,~~  
501.16 ~~part 9505.0372, subpart 1, item C; and~~

501.17 ~~(3)~~ (2) determination of the client's needed level of care using an instrument approved  
501.18 and periodically updated by the commissioner.

501.19 Sec. 128. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0947, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

501.20 Subd. 5. **Standards for intensive nonresidential rehabilitative providers.** (a) Services  
501.21 must be provided by a provider entity as provided in subdivision 4.

501.22 (b) The treatment team for intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services  
501.23 comprises both permanently employed core team members and client-specific team members  
501.24 as follows:

501.25 ~~(1) The core treatment team is an entity that operates under the direction of an~~  
501.26 ~~independently licensed mental health professional, who is qualified under Minnesota Rules,~~  
501.27 ~~part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A, and that assumes comprehensive clinical responsibility~~  
501.28 ~~for clients. Based on professional qualifications and client needs, clinically qualified core~~  
501.29 ~~team members are assigned on a rotating basis as the client's lead worker to coordinate a~~  
501.30 ~~client's care. The core team must comprise at least four full-time equivalent direct care staff~~  
501.31 ~~and must include, but is not limited to~~ at a minimum:

502.1 (i) ~~an independently licensed~~ a mental health professional, ~~qualified under Minnesota~~  
502.2 ~~Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A,~~ who serves as team leader to provide administrative  
502.3 direction and ~~clinical~~ treatment supervision to the team;

502.4 (ii) an advanced-practice registered nurse with certification in psychiatric or mental  
502.5 health care or a board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist, either of which must be  
502.6 credentialed to prescribe medications;

502.7 (iii) a licensed alcohol and drug counselor who is also trained in mental health  
502.8 interventions; and

502.9 (iv) a peer specialist ~~as defined in subdivision 2, paragraph (h).~~

502.10 (2) The core team may also include any of the following:

502.11 (i) additional mental health professionals;

502.12 (ii) a vocational specialist;

502.13 (iii) an educational specialist;

502.14 (iv) a child and adolescent psychiatrist who may be retained on a consultant basis;

502.15 (v) a mental health practitioner, ~~as defined in~~ qualified according to section 245.4871,  
502.16 ~~subdivision 26~~ 245I.16, subdivision 4;

502.17 (vi) a mental health manager, as defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 4; ~~and~~

502.18 (vii) a housing access specialist; and

502.19 (viii) a clinical trainee qualified according to section 245I.16, subdivision 6.

502.20 (3) A treatment team may include, in addition to those in ~~elause~~ clauses (1) ~~or~~ and (2),  
502.21 ad hoc members not employed by the team who consult on a specific client and who must  
502.22 accept overall clinical direction from the treatment team for the duration of the client's  
502.23 placement with the treatment team and must be paid by the provider ~~agency at the rate for~~  
502.24 ~~a typical session by that provider with that client or at a rate negotiated with the client-specific~~  
502.25 ~~member~~ entity. Client-specific treatment team members may include:

502.26 (i) the mental health professional treating the client prior to placement with the treatment  
502.27 team;

502.28 (ii) the client's current substance abuse counselor, if applicable;

502.29 (iii) a lead member of the client's individualized education program team or school-based  
502.30 mental health provider, if applicable;

503.1 (iv) a representative from the client's health care home or primary care clinic, as needed  
503.2 to ensure integration of medical and behavioral health care;

503.3 (v) the client's probation officer or other juvenile justice representative, if applicable;  
503.4 and

503.5 (vi) the client's current vocational or employment counselor, if applicable.

503.6 (c) The ~~clinical~~ clinical treatment supervisor shall be an active member of the treatment team  
503.7 and shall function as a practicing clinician at least on a part-time basis. The treatment team  
503.8 shall meet with the ~~clinical~~ clinical treatment supervisor at least weekly to discuss recipients' progress  
503.9 and make rapid adjustments to meet recipients' needs. The team meeting must include  
503.10 client-specific case reviews and general treatment discussions among team members.  
503.11 Client-specific case reviews and planning must be documented in the individual client's  
503.12 treatment record.

503.13 (d) The staffing ratio must not exceed ten clients to one full-time equivalent treatment  
503.14 team position.

503.15 (e) The treatment team shall serve no more than 80 clients at any one time. Should local  
503.16 demand exceed the team's capacity, an additional team must be established rather than  
503.17 exceed this limit.

503.18 (f) Nonclinical staff shall have prompt access in person or by telephone to a mental  
503.19 health practitioner or mental health professional. The provider shall have the capacity to  
503.20 promptly and appropriately respond to emergent needs and make any necessary staffing  
503.21 adjustments to assure the health and safety of clients.

503.22 (g) The intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services provider shall  
503.23 participate in evaluation of the assertive community treatment for youth (Youth ACT) model  
503.24 as conducted by the commissioner, including the collection and reporting of data and the  
503.25 reporting of performance measures as specified by contract with the commissioner.

503.26 (h) A regional treatment team may serve multiple counties.

503.27 Sec. 129. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0947, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

503.28 Subd. 6. **Service standards.** The standards in this subdivision apply to intensive  
503.29 nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services.

503.30 (a) The treatment team shall use team treatment, not an individual treatment model.

503.31 (b) Services must be available at times that meet client needs.

504.1 (c) The initial functional assessment must be completed within ten days of intake and  
504.2 updated at least every three months or prior to discharge from the service, whichever comes  
504.3 first.

504.4 (d) An individual treatment plan must be completed for each client, according to criteria  
504.5 specified in section ~~256B.0943, subdivision 6, paragraph (b), clause (2)~~ 256B.0671,  
504.6 subdivisions 5 and 6, and, additionally, must:

504.7 (1) be completed in consultation with the client's current therapist and key providers and  
504.8 provide for ongoing consultation with the client's current therapist to ensure therapeutic  
504.9 continuity and to facilitate the client's return to the community;

504.10 (2) if a need for substance use disorder treatment is indicated by validated assessment;

504.11 ~~(i)~~ identify goals, objectives, and strategies of substance use disorder treatment; develop  
504.12 a schedule for accomplishing treatment goals and objectives; and identify the individuals  
504.13 responsible for providing treatment services and supports; and

504.14 ~~(ii) be reviewed at least once every 90 days and revised, if necessary;~~

504.15 ~~(3) be signed by the clinical supervisor and by the client and, if the client is a minor, by~~  
504.16 ~~the client's parent or other person authorized by statute to consent to mental health treatment~~  
504.17 ~~and substance use disorder treatment for the client; and~~

504.18 ~~(4)~~ (3) provide for the client's transition out of intensive nonresidential rehabilitative  
504.19 mental health services by defining the team's actions to assist the client and subsequent  
504.20 providers in the transition to less intensive or "stepped down" services.

504.21 (e) The treatment team shall actively and assertively engage the client's family members  
504.22 and significant others by establishing communication and collaboration with the family and  
504.23 significant others and educating the family and significant others about the client's mental  
504.24 illness, symptom management, and the family's role in treatment, unless the team knows or  
504.25 has reason to suspect that the client has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical  
504.26 or mental injury, abuse, or neglect from a family member or significant other.

504.27 (f) For a client age 18 or older, the treatment team may disclose to a family member,  
504.28 other relative, or a close personal friend of the client, or other person identified by the client,  
504.29 the protected health information directly relevant to such person's involvement with the  
504.30 client's care, as provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, part 164.502(b). If the  
504.31 client is present, the treatment team shall obtain the client's agreement, provide the client  
504.32 with an opportunity to object, or reasonably infer from the circumstances, based on the  
504.33 exercise of professional judgment, that the client does not object. If the client is not present

505.1 or is unable, by incapacity or emergency circumstances, to agree or object, the treatment  
505.2 team may, in the exercise of professional judgment, determine whether the disclosure is in  
505.3 the best interests of the client and, if so, disclose only the protected health information that  
505.4 is directly relevant to the family member's, relative's, friend's, or client-identified person's  
505.5 involvement with the client's health care. The client may orally agree or object to the  
505.6 disclosure and may prohibit or restrict disclosure to specific individuals.

505.7 (g) The treatment team shall provide interventions to promote positive interpersonal  
505.8 relationships.

505.9 Sec. 130. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0947, subdivision 7a, is amended to  
505.10 read:

505.11 Subd. 7a. **Noncovered services.** (a) The rate for intensive rehabilitative mental health  
505.12 services does not include medical assistance payment for services in clauses (1) to (7).

505.13 Services not covered under this paragraph may be billed separately:

505.14 (1) inpatient psychiatric hospital treatment;

505.15 (2) partial hospitalization;

505.16 (3) children's mental health day treatment services;

505.17 (4) physician services outside of care provided by a psychiatrist serving as a member of  
505.18 the treatment team;

505.19 (5) room and board costs, as defined in section 256I.03, subdivision 6;

505.20 (6) home and community-based waiver services; and

505.21 (7) other mental health services identified in the child's individualized education program.

505.22 (b) The following services are not covered under this section and are not eligible for  
505.23 medical assistance payment while youth are receiving intensive rehabilitative mental health  
505.24 services:

505.25 (1) mental health residential treatment; and

505.26 (2) mental health behavioral aide services, as defined in section 256B.0943, subdivision  
505.27 1, paragraph ~~(m)~~ (l).

505.28 Sec. 131. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0949, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

505.29 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given in this  
505.30 subdivision.

506.1 (b) "Agency" means the legal entity that is enrolled with Minnesota health care programs  
506.2 as a medical assistance provider according to Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0195, to provide  
506.3 EIDBI services and that has the legal responsibility to ensure that its employees or contractors  
506.4 carry out the responsibilities defined in this section. Agency includes a licensed individual  
506.5 professional who practices independently and acts as an agency.

506.6 (c) "Autism spectrum disorder or a related condition" or "ASD or a related condition"  
506.7 means either autism spectrum disorder (ASD) as defined in the current version of the  
506.8 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) or a condition that is found  
506.9 to be closely related to ASD, as identified under the current version of the DSM, and meets  
506.10 all of the following criteria:

506.11 (1) is severe and chronic;

506.12 (2) results in impairment of adaptive behavior and function similar to that of a person  
506.13 with ASD;

506.14 (3) requires treatment or services similar to those required for a person with ASD; and

506.15 (4) results in substantial functional limitations in three core developmental deficits of  
506.16 ASD: social interaction; nonverbal or social communication; and restrictive, repetitive  
506.17 behaviors or hyperreactivity or hyporeactivity to sensory input; and may include deficits or  
506.18 a high level of support in one or more of the following domains:

506.19 (i) self-regulation;

506.20 (ii) self-care;

506.21 (iii) behavioral challenges;

506.22 (iv) expressive communication;

506.23 (v) receptive communication;

506.24 (vi) cognitive functioning; or

506.25 (vii) safety.

506.26 (d) "Person" means a person under 21 years of age.

506.27 (e) "Clinical supervision" means the overall responsibility for the control and direction  
506.28 of EIDBI service delivery, including individual treatment planning, staff supervision,  
506.29 individual treatment plan progress monitoring, and treatment review for each person. Clinical  
506.30 supervision is provided by a qualified supervising professional (QSP) who takes full  
506.31 professional responsibility for the service provided by each supervisee.

507.1 (f) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services, unless otherwise  
507.2 specified.

507.3 (g) "Comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation" or "CMDE" means a comprehensive  
507.4 evaluation of a person to determine medical necessity for EIDBI services based on the  
507.5 requirements in subdivision 5.

507.6 (h) "Department" means the Department of Human Services, unless otherwise specified.

507.7 (i) "Early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention benefit" or "EIDBI  
507.8 benefit" means a variety of individualized, intensive treatment modalities approved by the  
507.9 commissioner that are based in behavioral and developmental science consistent with best  
507.10 practices on effectiveness.

507.11 (j) "Generalizable goals" means results or gains that are observed during a variety of  
507.12 activities over time with different people, such as providers, family members, other adults,  
507.13 and people, and in different environments including, but not limited to, clinics, homes,  
507.14 schools, and the community.

507.15 (k) "Incident" means when any of the following occur:

507.16 (1) an illness, accident, or injury that requires first aid treatment;

507.17 (2) a bump or blow to the head; or

507.18 (3) an unusual or unexpected event that jeopardizes the safety of a person or staff,  
507.19 including a person leaving the agency unattended.

507.20 (l) "Individual treatment plan" or "ITP" means the person-centered, individualized written  
507.21 plan of care that integrates and coordinates person and family information from the CMDE  
507.22 for a person who meets medical necessity for the EIDBI benefit. An individual treatment  
507.23 plan must meet the standards in subdivision 6.

507.24 (m) "Legal representative" means the parent of a child who is under 18 years of age, a  
507.25 court-appointed guardian, or other representative with legal authority to make decisions  
507.26 about service for a person. For the purpose of this subdivision, "other representative with  
507.27 legal authority to make decisions" includes a health care agent or an attorney-in-fact  
507.28 authorized through a health care directive or power of attorney.

507.29 (n) "Mental health professional" has the meaning given in section 245.4871, subdivision  
507.30 ~~27, clauses (1) to (6).~~

507.31 (o) "Person-centered" means a service that both responds to the identified needs, interests,  
507.32 values, preferences, and desired outcomes of the person or the person's legal representative

508.1 and respects the person's history, dignity, and cultural background and allows inclusion and  
508.2 participation in the person's community.

508.3 (p) "Qualified EIDBI provider" means a person who is a QSP or a level I, level II, or  
508.4 level III treatment provider.

508.5 Sec. 132. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0949, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

508.6 Subd. 4. **Diagnosis.** (a) A diagnosis of ASD or a related condition must:

508.7 (1) be based upon current DSM criteria including direct observations of the person and  
508.8 information from the person's legal representative or primary caregivers;

508.9 (2) be completed by either (i) a licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse  
508.10 or (ii) a mental health professional; and

508.11 (3) meet the requirements of ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0372, subpart 1, items B and~~  
508.12 ~~€~~ section 256B.071, subdivisions 2 and 3.

508.13 (b) Additional assessment information may be considered to complete a diagnostic  
508.14 assessment including specialized tests administered through special education evaluations  
508.15 and licensed school personnel, and from professionals licensed in the fields of medicine,  
508.16 speech and language, psychology, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. A diagnostic  
508.17 assessment may include treatment recommendations.

508.18 Sec. 133. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0949, subdivision 5a, is amended to  
508.19 read:

508.20 Subd. 5a. **Comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation provider qualification.** A  
508.21 CMDE provider must:

508.22 (1) be a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, a mental health  
508.23 professional, or a ~~mental health practitioner who meets the requirements of a clinical trainee~~  
508.24 ~~as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item €~~ described under section  
508.25 245I.16, subdivision 6;

508.26 (2) have at least 2,000 hours of clinical experience in the evaluation and treatment of  
508.27 people with ASD or a related condition or equivalent documented coursework at the graduate  
508.28 level by an accredited university in the following content areas: ASD or a related condition  
508.29 diagnosis, ASD or a related condition treatment strategies, and child development; and

508.30 (3) be able to diagnose, evaluate, or provide treatment within the provider's scope of  
508.31 practice and professional license.



509.1 Sec. 134. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; SINGLE COMPREHENSIVE**  
509.2 **LICENSE STRUCTURE.**

509.3 The commissioner of human services, in consultation with stakeholders including but  
509.4 not limited to counties, tribes, managed care organizations, provider organizations, advocacy  
509.5 groups, and individuals and families served, shall develop recommendations to provide a  
509.6 single comprehensive license structure for mental health service programs, including  
509.7 community mental health centers according to Minnesota Rules, part 9520.0750, intensive  
509.8 residential treatment services, assertive community treatment, adult rehabilitative mental  
509.9 health services, children's therapeutic services and supports, intensive rehabilitative mental  
509.10 health services, intensive treatment in foster care, and children's residential treatment  
509.11 programs currently approved under Minnesota Rules, chapter 2960. The recommendations  
509.12 must prioritize program integrity, the welfare of individuals and families served, improved  
509.13 integration of mental health and substance use disorder services, and the reduction of  
509.14 administrative burden on providers.

509.15 Sec. 135. **REPEALER.**

509.16 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 245.462, subdivision 4a; 256B.0615, subdivisions  
509.17 2, 4, and 5; 256B.0616, subdivisions 2, 4, and 5; 256B.0624, subdivision 10; 256B.0943,  
509.18 subdivision 10; 256B.0944, subdivision 10; 256B.0946, subdivision 5; and 256B.0947,  
509.19 subdivision 9, are repealed.

509.20 (b) Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0370; 9505.0371; 9505.0372; 9520.0010; 9520.0020;  
509.21 9520.0030; 9520.0040; 9520.0050; 9520.0060; 9520.0070; 9520.0080; 9520.0090;  
509.22 9520.0100; 9520.0110; 9520.0120; 9520.0130; 9520.0140; 9520.0150; 9520.0160;  
509.23 9520.0170; 9520.0180; 9520.0190; 9520.0200; 9520.0210; and 9520.0230, are repealed.

509.24 **ARTICLE 8**

509.25 **HEALTH CARE**

509.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13.69, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

509.27 Subdivision 1. **Classifications.** (a) The following government data of the Department  
509.28 of Public Safety are private data:

509.29 (1) medical data on driving instructors, licensed drivers, and applicants for parking  
509.30 certificates and special license plates issued to physically disabled persons;

509.31 (2) other data on holders of a disability certificate under section 169.345, except that (i)  
509.32 data that are not medical data may be released to law enforcement agencies, and (ii) data

510.1 necessary for enforcement of sections 169.345 and 169.346 may be released to parking  
510.2 enforcement employees or parking enforcement agents of statutory or home rule charter  
510.3 cities and towns;

510.4 (3) Social Security numbers in driver's license and motor vehicle registration records,  
510.5 except that Social Security numbers must be provided to the Department of Revenue for  
510.6 purposes of tax administration, the Department of Labor and Industry for purposes of  
510.7 workers' compensation administration and enforcement, the judicial branch for purposes of  
510.8 debt collection, and the Department of Natural Resources for purposes of license application  
510.9 administration, and except that the last four digits of the Social Security number must be  
510.10 provided to the Department of Human Services for purposes of recovery of Minnesota health  
510.11 care program benefits paid; and

510.12 (4) data on persons listed as standby or temporary custodians under section 171.07,  
510.13 subdivision 11, except that the data must be released to:

510.14 (i) law enforcement agencies for the purpose of verifying that an individual is a designated  
510.15 caregiver; or

510.16 (ii) law enforcement agencies who state that the license holder is unable to communicate  
510.17 at that time and that the information is necessary for notifying the designated caregiver of  
510.18 the need to care for a child of the license holder.

510.19 The department may release the Social Security number only as provided in clause (3)  
510.20 and must not sell or otherwise provide individual Social Security numbers or lists of Social  
510.21 Security numbers for any other purpose.

510.22 (b) The following government data of the Department of Public Safety are confidential  
510.23 data: data concerning an individual's driving ability when that data is received from a member  
510.24 of the individual's family.

510.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

510.26 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.724, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

510.27 Subd. 2. **Transfers.** (a) Notwithstanding section 295.581, to the extent available resources  
510.28 in the health care access fund exceed expenditures in that fund, effective for the biennium  
510.29 beginning July 1, 2007, the commissioner of management and budget shall transfer the  
510.30 excess funds from the health care access fund to the general fund on June 30 of each year,  
510.31 provided that the amount transferred in fiscal year 2016 shall not exceed \$48,000,000, the  
510.32 amount in fiscal year 2017 shall not exceed \$122,000,000, and the amount in any fiscal  
510.33 biennium thereafter shall not exceed \$244,000,000. The purpose of this transfer is to meet

511.1 the rate increase required under ~~Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 14, article 13C,~~  
511.2 ~~section 2, subdivision 6~~ section 256B.0625, subdivision 67.

511.3 (b) For fiscal years 2006 to 2011, MinnesotaCare shall be a forecasted program, and, if  
511.4 necessary, the commissioner shall reduce these transfers from the health care access fund  
511.5 to the general fund to meet annual MinnesotaCare expenditures or, if necessary, transfer  
511.6 sufficient funds from the general fund to the health care access fund to meet annual  
511.7 MinnesotaCare expenditures.

511.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.671, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

511.9 Subd. 6. **Licensed health care provider.** "Licensed health care provider" means a health  
511.10 care provider who is:

511.11 (1) licensed under chapter 147, 147A, 148, 148B, 148E, 148F, 150A, or 153; a mental  
511.12 health professional as defined under section 245.462, subdivision 18, or 245.4871,  
511.13 subdivision 27; a community health worker meeting the criteria specified in section  
511.14 256B.0625, subdivision 49, paragraph (a); or vendor of medical care defined in section  
511.15 256B.02, subdivision 7; and

511.16 (2) authorized within their respective scope of practice to provide the particular service  
511.17 with no supervision or under general supervision.

511.18 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62Q.184, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

511.19 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this  
511.20 subdivision have the meanings given them.

511.21 (b) "Clinical practice guideline" means a systematically developed statement to assist  
511.22 health care providers and enrollees in making decisions about appropriate health care services  
511.23 for specific clinical circumstances and conditions developed independently of a health plan  
511.24 company, pharmaceutical manufacturer, or any entity with a conflict of interest. A clinical  
511.25 practice guideline also includes a preferred drug list developed in accordance with section  
511.26 256B.0625.

511.27 (c) "Clinical review criteria" means the written screening procedures, decision abstracts,  
511.28 clinical protocols, and clinical practice guidelines used by a health plan company to determine  
511.29 the medical necessity and appropriateness of health care services.

511.30 (d) "Health plan company" has the meaning given in section 62Q.01, subdivision 4, but  
511.31 ~~does not include a managed care organization or~~ also includes a county-based purchasing

512.1 plan participating in a public program under chapter 256B or 256L, ~~or~~ and an integrated  
512.2 health partnership under section 256B.0755.

512.3 (e) "Step therapy protocol" means a protocol or program that establishes the specific  
512.4 sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical condition, including  
512.5 self-administered and physician-administered drugs, are medically appropriate for a particular  
512.6 enrollee and are covered under a health plan.

512.7 (f) "Step therapy override" means that the step therapy protocol is overridden in favor  
512.8 of coverage of the selected prescription drug of the prescribing health care provider because  
512.9 at least one of the conditions of subdivision 3, paragraph (a), exists.

512.10 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62Q.184, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

512.11 Subd. 3. **Step therapy override process; transparency.** (a) When coverage of a  
512.12 prescription drug for the treatment of a medical condition is restricted for use by a health  
512.13 plan company through the use of a step therapy protocol, enrollees and prescribing health  
512.14 care providers shall have access to a clear, readily accessible, and convenient process to  
512.15 request a step therapy override. The process shall be made easily accessible on the health  
512.16 plan company's website. A health plan company may use its existing medical exceptions  
512.17 process to satisfy this requirement. A health plan company shall grant an override to the  
512.18 step therapy protocol if at least one of the following conditions exist:

512.19 (1) the prescription drug required under the step therapy protocol is contraindicated  
512.20 pursuant to the pharmaceutical manufacturer's prescribing information for the drug or, due  
512.21 to a documented adverse event with a previous use or a documented medical condition,  
512.22 including a comorbid condition, is likely to do any of the following:

512.23 (i) cause an adverse reaction to the enrollee;

512.24 (ii) decrease the ability of the enrollee to achieve or maintain reasonable functional  
512.25 ability in performing daily activities; or

512.26 (iii) cause physical or mental harm to the enrollee;

512.27 (2) the enrollee has had a trial of the required prescription drug covered by their current  
512.28 or previous health plan, or another prescription drug in the same pharmacologic class or  
512.29 with the same mechanism of action, and was adherent during such trial for a period of time  
512.30 sufficient to allow for a positive treatment outcome, and the prescription drug was  
512.31 discontinued by the enrollee's health care provider due to lack of effectiveness, or an adverse  
512.32 event. This clause does not prohibit a health plan company from requiring an enrollee to  
512.33 try another drug in the same pharmacologic class or with the same mechanism of action if

513.1 that therapy sequence is supported by the evidence-based and peer-reviewed clinical practice  
513.2 guideline, Food and Drug Administration label, or pharmaceutical manufacturer's prescribing  
513.3 information; or

513.4 (3) the enrollee is currently receiving a positive therapeutic outcome on a prescription  
513.5 drug for the medical condition under consideration if, while on their current health plan or  
513.6 the immediately preceding health plan, the enrollee received coverage for the prescription  
513.7 drug and the enrollee's prescribing health care provider gives documentation to the health  
513.8 plan company that the change in prescription drug required by the step therapy protocol is  
513.9 expected to be ineffective or cause harm to the enrollee based on the known characteristics  
513.10 of the specific enrollee and the known characteristics of the required prescription drug.

513.11 (b) Upon granting a step therapy override, a health plan company shall authorize coverage  
513.12 for the prescription drug if the prescription drug is a covered prescription drug under the  
513.13 enrollee's health plan.

513.14 (c) The enrollee, or the prescribing health care provider if designated by the enrollee,  
513.15 may appeal the denial of a step therapy override by a health plan company using the  
513.16 complaint procedure under sections 62Q.68 to 62Q.73 or 256.045.

513.17 (d) In a denial of an override request and any subsequent appeal, a health plan company's  
513.18 decision must specifically state why the step therapy override request did not meet the  
513.19 condition under paragraph (a) cited by the prescribing health care provider in requesting  
513.20 the step therapy override and information regarding the procedure to request external review  
513.21 of the denial pursuant to section 62Q.73. A denial of a request for a step therapy override  
513.22 that is upheld on appeal is a final adverse determination for purposes of section 62Q.73 and  
513.23 is eligible for a request for external review by an enrollee pursuant to section 62Q.73.

513.24 (e) A health plan company shall respond to a step therapy override request or an appeal  
513.25 within five days of receipt of a complete request. In cases where exigent circumstances  
513.26 exist, a health plan company shall respond within 72 hours of receipt of a complete request.  
513.27 If a health plan company does not send a response to the enrollee or prescribing health care  
513.28 provider if designated by the enrollee within the time allotted, the override request or appeal  
513.29 is granted and binding on the health plan company.

513.30 (f) Step therapy override requests must be accessible to and submitted by health care  
513.31 providers, and accepted by group purchasers electronically through secure electronic  
513.32 transmission, as described under section 62J.497, subdivision 5.

513.33 (g) Nothing in this section prohibits a health plan company from:

514.1 (1) requesting relevant documentation from an enrollee's medical record in support of  
514.2 a step therapy override request; or

514.3 (2) requiring an enrollee to try a generic equivalent drug pursuant to section 151.21, or  
514.4 a biosimilar, as defined under United States Code, chapter 42, section 262(i)(2), prior to  
514.5 providing coverage for the equivalent branded prescription drug.

514.6 (h) This section shall not be construed to allow the use of a pharmaceutical sample for  
514.7 the primary purpose of meeting the requirements for a step therapy override.

514.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245A.02, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

514.9 Subd. 5a. **Controlling individual.** (a) "Controlling individual" means an owner of a  
514.10 program or service provider licensed under this chapter and the following individuals, if  
514.11 applicable:

514.12 (1) each officer of the organization, including the chief executive officer and chief  
514.13 financial officer;

514.14 (2) the individual designated as the authorized agent under section 245A.04, subdivision  
514.15 1, paragraph (b);

514.16 (3) the individual designated as the compliance officer under section 256B.04, subdivision  
514.17 21, paragraph ~~(b)~~ (g); and

514.18 (4) each managerial official whose responsibilities include the direction of the  
514.19 management or policies of a program.

514.20 (b) Controlling individual does not include:

514.21 (1) a bank, savings bank, trust company, savings association, credit union, industrial  
514.22 loan and thrift company, investment banking firm, or insurance company unless the entity  
514.23 operates a program directly or through a subsidiary;

514.24 (2) an individual who is a state or federal official, or state or federal employee, or a  
514.25 member or employee of the governing body of a political subdivision of the state or federal  
514.26 government that operates one or more programs, unless the individual is also an officer,  
514.27 owner, or managerial official of the program, receives remuneration from the program, or  
514.28 owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision;

514.29 (3) an individual who owns less than five percent of the outstanding common shares of  
514.30 a corporation:

514.31 (i) whose securities are exempt under section 80A.45, clause (6); or

515.1 (ii) whose transactions are exempt under section 80A.46, clause (2);

515.2 (4) an individual who is a member of an organization exempt from taxation under section  
515.3 290.05, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the program  
515.4 or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision. This clause does  
515.5 not exclude from the definition of controlling individual an organization that is exempt from  
515.6 taxation; or

515.7 (5) an employee stock ownership plan trust, or a participant or board member of an  
515.8 employee stock ownership plan, unless the participant or board member is a controlling  
515.9 individual according to paragraph (a).

515.10 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "managerial official" means an individual who has  
515.11 the decision-making authority related to the operation of the program, and the responsibility  
515.12 for the ongoing management of or direction of the policies, services, or employees of the  
515.13 program. A site director who has no ownership interest in the program is not considered to  
515.14 be a managerial official for purposes of this definition.

515.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

515.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245D.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

515.17 Subd. 3. **Program management and oversight.** (a) The license holder must designate  
515.18 a managerial staff person or persons to provide program management and oversight of the  
515.19 services provided by the license holder. The designated manager is responsible for the  
515.20 following:

515.21 (1) maintaining a current understanding of the licensing requirements sufficient to ensure  
515.22 compliance throughout the program as identified in section 245A.04, subdivision 1, paragraph  
515.23 (e), and when applicable, as identified in section 256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph ~~(b)~~  
515.24 (g);

515.25 (2) ensuring the duties of the designated coordinator are fulfilled according to the  
515.26 requirements in subdivision 2;

515.27 (3) ensuring the program implements corrective action identified as necessary by the  
515.28 program following review of incident and emergency reports according to the requirements  
515.29 in section 245D.11, subdivision 2, clause (7). An internal review of incident reports of  
515.30 alleged or suspected maltreatment must be conducted according to the requirements in  
515.31 section 245A.65, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

516.1 (4) evaluation of satisfaction of persons served by the program, the person's legal  
516.2 representative, if any, and the case manager, with the service delivery and progress ~~towards~~  
516.3 toward accomplishing outcomes identified in sections 245D.07 and 245D.071, and ensuring  
516.4 and protecting each person's rights as identified in section 245D.04;

516.5 (5) ensuring staff competency requirements are met according to the requirements in  
516.6 section 245D.09, subdivision 3, and ensuring staff orientation and training is provided  
516.7 according to the requirements in section 245D.09, subdivisions 4, 4a, and 5;

516.8 (6) ensuring corrective action is taken when ordered by the commissioner and that the  
516.9 terms and conditions of the license and any variances are met; and

516.10 (7) evaluating the information identified in clauses (1) to (6) to develop, document, and  
516.11 implement ongoing program improvements.

516.12 (b) The designated manager must be competent to perform the duties as required and  
516.13 must minimally meet the education and training requirements identified in subdivision 2,  
516.14 paragraph (b), and have a minimum of three years of supervisory level experience in a  
516.15 program providing direct support services to persons with disabilities or persons age 65 and  
516.16 older.

516.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

516.18 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.962, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

516.19 Subd. 5. **Incentive program.** Beginning January 1, 2008, the commissioner shall establish  
516.20 an incentive program for organizations and licensed insurance producers under chapter 60K  
516.21 that directly identify and assist potential enrollees in filling out and submitting an application.  
516.22 For each applicant who is successfully enrolled in MinnesotaCare or medical assistance,  
516.23 the commissioner, within the available appropriation, shall pay the organization or licensed  
516.24 insurance producer a ~~\$25~~ \$70 application assistance bonus. The organization or licensed  
516.25 insurance producer may provide an applicant a gift certificate or other incentive upon  
516.26 enrollment.

516.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

516.28 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.969, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

516.29 Subd. 2b. **Hospital payment rates.** (a) For discharges occurring on or after November  
516.30 1, 2014, hospital inpatient services for hospitals located in Minnesota shall be paid according  
516.31 to the following:



517.1 (1) critical access hospitals as defined by Medicare shall be paid using a cost-based  
517.2 methodology;

517.3 (2) long-term hospitals as defined by Medicare shall be paid on a per diem methodology  
517.4 under subdivision 25;

517.5 (3) rehabilitation hospitals or units of hospitals that are recognized as rehabilitation  
517.6 distinct parts as defined by Medicare shall be paid according to the methodology under  
517.7 subdivision 12; and

517.8 (4) all other hospitals shall be paid on a diagnosis-related group (DRG) methodology.

517.9 (b) For the period beginning January 1, 2011, through October 31, 2014, rates shall not  
517.10 be rebased, except that a Minnesota long-term hospital shall be rebased effective January  
517.11 1, 2011, based on its most recent Medicare cost report ending on or before September 1,  
517.12 2008, with the provisions under subdivisions 9 and 23, based on the rates in effect on  
517.13 December 31, 2010. For rate setting periods after November 1, 2014, in which the base  
517.14 years are updated, a Minnesota long-term hospital's base year shall remain within the same  
517.15 period as other hospitals.

517.16 (c) Effective for discharges occurring on and after November 1, 2014, payment rates  
517.17 for hospital inpatient services provided by hospitals located in Minnesota or the local trade  
517.18 area, except for the hospitals paid under the methodologies described in paragraph (a),  
517.19 clauses (2) and (3), shall be rebased, incorporating cost and payment methodologies in a  
517.20 manner similar to Medicare. The base year for the rates effective November 1, 2014, shall  
517.21 be calendar year 2012. The rebasing under this paragraph shall be budget neutral, ensuring  
517.22 that the total aggregate payments under the rebased system are equal to the total aggregate  
517.23 payments that were made for the same number and types of services in the base year. Separate  
517.24 budget neutrality calculations shall be determined for payments made to critical access  
517.25 hospitals and payments made to hospitals paid under the DRG system. Only the rate increases  
517.26 or decreases under subdivision 3a or 3c that applied to the hospitals being rebased during  
517.27 the entire base period shall be incorporated into the budget neutrality calculation.

517.28 (d) For discharges occurring on or after November 1, 2014, through the next rebasing  
517.29 that occurs, the rebased rates under paragraph (c) that apply to hospitals under paragraph  
517.30 (a), clause (4), shall include adjustments to the projected rates that result in no greater than  
517.31 a five percent increase or decrease from the base year payments for any hospital. Any  
517.32 adjustments to the rates made by the commissioner under this paragraph and paragraph (e)  
517.33 shall maintain budget neutrality as described in paragraph (c).

518.1 (e) For discharges occurring on or after November 1, 2014, ~~through the next two rebasing~~  
518.2 ~~periods~~ the commissioner may make additional adjustments to the rebased rates, and when  
518.3 evaluating whether additional adjustments should be made, the commissioner shall consider  
518.4 the impact of the rates on the following:

518.5 (1) pediatric services;

518.6 (2) behavioral health services;

518.7 (3) trauma services as defined by the National Uniform Billing Committee;

518.8 (4) transplant services;

518.9 (5) obstetric services, newborn services, and behavioral health services provided by  
518.10 hospitals outside the seven-county metropolitan area;

518.11 (6) outlier admissions;

518.12 (7) low-volume providers; and

518.13 (8) services provided by small rural hospitals that are not critical access hospitals.

518.14 (f) Hospital payment rates established under paragraph (c) must incorporate the following:

518.15 (1) for hospitals paid under the DRG methodology, the base year payment rate per  
518.16 admission is standardized by the applicable Medicare wage index and adjusted by the  
518.17 hospital's disproportionate population adjustment;

518.18 (2) for critical access hospitals, payment rates for discharges between November 1, 2014,  
518.19 and June 30, 2015, shall be set to the same rate of payment that applied for discharges on  
518.20 October 31, 2014;

518.21 (3) the cost and charge data used to establish hospital payment rates must only reflect  
518.22 inpatient services covered by medical assistance; and

518.23 (4) in determining hospital payment rates for discharges occurring on or after the rate  
518.24 year beginning January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2012, the hospital payment rate per  
518.25 discharge shall be based on the cost-finding methods and allowable costs of the Medicare  
518.26 program in effect during the base year or years. In determining hospital payment rates for  
518.27 discharges in subsequent base years, the per discharge rates shall be based on the cost-finding  
518.28 methods and allowable costs of the Medicare program in effect during the base year or  
518.29 years.

518.30 (g) The commissioner shall validate the rates effective November 1, 2014, by applying  
518.31 the rates established under paragraph (c), and any adjustments made to the rates under

519.1 paragraph (d) or (e), to hospital claims paid in calendar year 2013 to determine whether the  
519.2 total aggregate payments for the same number and types of services under the rebased rates  
519.3 are equal to the total aggregate payments made during calendar year 2013.

519.4 (h) Effective for discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2017, and every two years  
519.5 thereafter, payment rates under this section shall be rebased to reflect only those changes  
519.6 in hospital costs between the existing base year and the next base year. Changes in costs  
519.7 between base years shall be measured using the lower of the hospital cost index defined in  
519.8 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), or the percentage change in the case mix adjusted cost per  
519.9 claim. The commissioner shall establish the base year for each rebasing period considering  
519.10 the most recent year for which filed Medicare cost reports are available. The estimated  
519.11 change in the average payment per hospital discharge resulting from a scheduled rebasing  
519.12 must be calculated and made available to the legislature by January 15 of each year in which  
519.13 rebasing is scheduled to occur, and must include by hospital the differential in payment  
519.14 rates compared to the individual hospital's costs.

519.15 (i) Effective for discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2015, inpatient payment rates  
519.16 for critical access hospitals located in Minnesota or the local trade area shall be determined  
519.17 using a new cost-based methodology. The commissioner shall establish within the  
519.18 methodology tiers of payment designed to promote efficiency and cost-effectiveness.  
519.19 Payment rates for hospitals under this paragraph shall be set at a level that does not exceed  
519.20 the total cost for critical access hospitals as reflected in base year cost reports. Until the  
519.21 next rebasing that occurs, the new methodology shall result in no greater than a five percent  
519.22 decrease from the base year payments for any hospital, except a hospital that had payments  
519.23 that were greater than 100 percent of the hospital's costs in the base year shall have their  
519.24 rate set equal to 100 percent of costs in the base year. The rates paid for discharges on and  
519.25 after July 1, 2016, covered under this paragraph shall be increased by the inflation factor  
519.26 in subdivision 1, paragraph (a). The new cost-based rate shall be the final rate and shall not  
519.27 be settled to actual incurred costs. Hospitals shall be assigned a payment tier based on the  
519.28 following criteria:

519.29 (1) hospitals that had payments at or below 80 percent of their costs in the base year  
519.30 shall have a rate set that equals 85 percent of their base year costs;

519.31 (2) hospitals that had payments that were above 80 percent, up to and including 90  
519.32 percent of their costs in the base year shall have a rate set that equals 95 percent of their  
519.33 base year costs; and

520.1 (3) hospitals that had payments that were above 90 percent of their costs in the base year  
520.2 shall have a rate set that equals 100 percent of their base year costs.

520.3 (j) The commissioner may refine the payment tiers and criteria for critical access hospitals  
520.4 to coincide with the next rebasing under paragraph (h). The factors used to develop the new  
520.5 methodology may include, but are not limited to:

520.6 (1) the ratio between the hospital's costs for treating medical assistance patients and the  
520.7 hospital's charges to the medical assistance program;

520.8 (2) the ratio between the hospital's costs for treating medical assistance patients and the  
520.9 hospital's payments received from the medical assistance program for the care of medical  
520.10 assistance patients;

520.11 (3) the ratio between the hospital's charges to the medical assistance program and the  
520.12 hospital's payments received from the medical assistance program for the care of medical  
520.13 assistance patients;

520.14 (4) the statewide average increases in the ratios identified in clauses (1), (2), and (3);

520.15 (5) the proportion of that hospital's costs that are administrative and trends in  
520.16 administrative costs; and

520.17 (6) geographic location.

520.18 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.969, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

520.19 Subd. 3a. **Payments.** (a) Acute care hospital billings under the medical assistance program  
520.20 must not be submitted until the recipient is discharged. However, the commissioner shall  
520.21 establish monthly interim payments for inpatient hospitals that have individual patient  
520.22 lengths of stay over 30 days regardless of diagnostic category. Except as provided in section  
520.23 256.9693, medical assistance reimbursement for treatment of mental illness shall be  
520.24 reimbursed based on diagnostic classifications. Individual hospital payments established  
520.25 under this section and sections 256.9685, 256.9686, and 256.9695, in addition to third-party  
520.26 and recipient liability, for discharges occurring during the rate year shall not exceed, ~~in~~  
520.27 ~~aggregate~~ on a per claim basis, the charges for the medical assistance covered inpatient  
520.28 services paid for the same period of time to the hospital. Services that have rates established  
520.29 under subdivision 12, must be limited separately from other services. After consulting with  
520.30 the affected hospitals, the commissioner may consider related hospitals one entity and may  
520.31 merge the payment rates while maintaining separate provider numbers. The operating and  
520.32 property base rates per admission or per day shall be derived from the best Medicare and  
520.33 claims data available when rates are established. The commissioner shall determine the best

521.1 Medicare and claims data, taking into consideration variables of recency of the data, audit  
521.2 disposition, settlement status, and the ability to set rates in a timely manner. The  
521.3 commissioner shall notify hospitals of payment rates 30 days prior to implementation. The  
521.4 rate setting data must reflect the admissions data used to establish relative values. The  
521.5 commissioner may adjust base year cost, relative value, and case mix index data to exclude  
521.6 the costs of services that have been discontinued by October 1 of the year preceding the  
521.7 rate year or that are paid separately from inpatient services. Inpatient stays that encompass  
521.8 portions of two or more rate years shall have payments established based on payment rates  
521.9 in effect at the time of admission unless the date of admission preceded the rate year in  
521.10 effect by six months or more. In this case, operating payment rates for services rendered  
521.11 during the rate year in effect and established based on the date of admission shall be adjusted  
521.12 to the rate year in effect by the hospital cost index.

521.13 (b) For fee-for-service admissions occurring on or after July 1, 2002, the total payment,  
521.14 before third-party liability and spenddown, made to hospitals for inpatient services is reduced  
521.15 by .5 percent from the current statutory rates.

521.16 (c) In addition to the reduction in paragraph (b), the total payment for fee-for-service  
521.17 admissions occurring on or after July 1, 2003, made to hospitals for inpatient services before  
521.18 third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced five percent from the current statutory rates.  
521.19 Mental health services within diagnosis related groups 424 to 432 or corresponding  
521.20 APR-DRGs, and facilities defined under subdivision 16 are excluded from this paragraph.

521.21 (d) In addition to the reduction in paragraphs (b) and (c), the total payment for  
521.22 fee-for-service admissions occurring on or after August 1, 2005, made to hospitals for  
521.23 inpatient services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced 6.0 percent from  
521.24 the current statutory rates. Mental health services within diagnosis related groups 424 to  
521.25 432 or corresponding APR-DRGs, and facilities defined under subdivision 16 are excluded  
521.26 from this paragraph. Payments made to managed care plans shall be reduced for services  
521.27 provided on or after January 1, 2006, to reflect this reduction.

521.28 (e) In addition to the reductions in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), the total payment for  
521.29 fee-for-service admissions occurring on or after July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, made  
521.30 to hospitals for inpatient services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced  
521.31 3.46 percent from the current statutory rates. Mental health services with diagnosis related  
521.32 groups 424 to 432 or corresponding APR-DRGs, and facilities defined under subdivision  
521.33 16 are excluded from this paragraph. Payments made to managed care plans shall be reduced  
521.34 for services provided on or after January 1, 2009, through June 30, 2009, to reflect this  
521.35 reduction.

522.1 (f) In addition to the reductions in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), the total payment for  
522.2 fee-for-service admissions occurring on or after July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, made  
522.3 to hospitals for inpatient services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced 1.9  
522.4 percent from the current statutory rates. Mental health services with diagnosis related groups  
522.5 424 to 432 or corresponding APR-DRGs, and facilities defined under subdivision 16 are  
522.6 excluded from this paragraph. Payments made to managed care plans shall be reduced for  
522.7 services provided on or after July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, to reflect this reduction.

522.8 (g) In addition to the reductions in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), the total payment for  
522.9 fee-for-service admissions occurring on or after July 1, 2011, made to hospitals for inpatient  
522.10 services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced 1.79 percent from the current  
522.11 statutory rates. Mental health services with diagnosis related groups 424 to 432 or  
522.12 corresponding APR-DRGs, and facilities defined under subdivision 16 are excluded from  
522.13 this paragraph. Payments made to managed care plans shall be reduced for services provided  
522.14 on or after July 1, 2011, to reflect this reduction.

522.15 (h) In addition to the reductions in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (f), and (g), the total payment  
522.16 for fee-for-service admissions occurring on or after July 1, 2009, made to hospitals for  
522.17 inpatient services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced one percent from  
522.18 the current statutory rates. Facilities defined under subdivision 16 are excluded from this  
522.19 paragraph. Payments made to managed care plans shall be reduced for services provided  
522.20 on or after October 1, 2009, to reflect this reduction.

522.21 (i) In addition to the reductions in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (g), and (h), the total payment  
522.22 for fee-for-service admissions occurring on or after July 1, 2011, made to hospitals for  
522.23 inpatient services before third-party liability and spenddown, is reduced 1.96 percent from  
522.24 the current statutory rates. Facilities defined under subdivision 16 are excluded from this  
522.25 paragraph. Payments made to managed care plans shall be reduced for services provided  
522.26 on or after January 1, 2011, to reflect this reduction.

522.27 (j) Effective for discharges on and after November 1, 2014, from hospitals paid under  
522.28 subdivision 2b, paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (4), the rate adjustments in this subdivision  
522.29 must be incorporated into the rebased rates established under subdivision 2b, paragraph (c),  
522.30 and must not be applied to each claim.

522.31 (k) Effective for discharges on and after July 1, 2015, from hospitals paid under  
522.32 subdivision 2b, paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3), the rate adjustments in this subdivision  
522.33 must be incorporated into the rates and must not be applied to each claim.

523.1 (l) Effective for discharges on and after July 1, 2017, from hospitals paid under  
523.2 subdivision 2b, paragraph (a), clause (2), the rate adjustments in this subdivision must be  
523.3 incorporated into the rates and must not be applied to each claim.

523.4 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.969, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

523.5 Subd. 9. **Disproportionate numbers of low-income patients served.** (a) For admissions  
523.6 occurring on or after July 1, 1993, the medical assistance disproportionate population  
523.7 adjustment shall comply with federal law and shall be paid to a hospital, excluding regional  
523.8 treatment centers and facilities of the federal Indian Health Service, with a medical assistance  
523.9 inpatient utilization rate in excess of the arithmetic mean. The adjustment must be determined  
523.10 as follows:

523.11 (1) for a hospital with a medical assistance inpatient utilization rate above the arithmetic  
523.12 mean for all hospitals excluding regional treatment centers and facilities of the federal Indian  
523.13 Health Service but less than or equal to one standard deviation above the mean, the  
523.14 adjustment must be determined by multiplying the total of the operating and property  
523.15 payment rates by the difference between the hospital's actual medical assistance inpatient  
523.16 utilization rate and the arithmetic mean for all hospitals excluding regional treatment centers  
523.17 and facilities of the federal Indian Health Service; and

523.18 (2) for a hospital with a medical assistance inpatient utilization rate above one standard  
523.19 deviation above the mean, the adjustment must be determined by multiplying the adjustment  
523.20 that would be determined under clause (1) for that hospital by 1.1. The commissioner shall  
523.21 report annually on the number of hospitals likely to receive the adjustment authorized by  
523.22 this paragraph. The commissioner shall specifically report on the adjustments received by  
523.23 public hospitals and public hospital corporations located in cities of the first class.

523.24 (b) Certified public expenditures made by Hennepin County Medical Center shall be  
523.25 considered Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments. Hennepin County and  
523.26 Hennepin County Medical Center shall report by June 15, 2007, on payments made beginning  
523.27 July 1, 2005, or another date specified by the commissioner, that may qualify for  
523.28 reimbursement under federal law. Based on these reports, the commissioner shall apply for  
523.29 federal matching funds.

523.30 (c) Upon federal approval of the related state plan amendment, paragraph (b) is effective  
523.31 retroactively from July 1, 2005, or the earliest effective date approved by the Centers for  
523.32 Medicare and Medicaid Services.

524.1 (d) Effective July 1, 2015, disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments shall be paid  
524.2 in accordance with a new methodology using 2012 as the base year. Annual payments made  
524.3 under this paragraph shall equal the total amount of payments made for 2012. A licensed  
524.4 children's hospital shall receive only a single DSH factor for children's hospitals. Other  
524.5 DSH factors may be combined to arrive at a single factor for each hospital that is eligible  
524.6 for DSH payments. The new methodology shall make payments only to hospitals located  
524.7 in Minnesota and include the following factors:

524.8 (1) a licensed children's hospital with at least 1,000 fee-for-service discharges in the  
524.9 base year shall receive a factor of 0.868. A licensed children's hospital with less than 1,000  
524.10 fee-for-service discharges in the base year shall receive a factor of 0.7880;

524.11 (2) a hospital that has in effect for the initial rate year a contract with the commissioner  
524.12 to provide extended psychiatric inpatient services under section 256.9693 shall receive a  
524.13 factor of 0.0160;

524.14 (3) a hospital that has received payment from the fee-for-service program for at least 20  
524.15 transplant services in the base year shall receive a factor of 0.0435;

524.16 (4) a hospital that has a medical assistance utilization rate in the base year between 20  
524.17 percent up to one standard deviation above the statewide mean utilization rate shall receive  
524.18 a factor of 0.0468;

524.19 (5) a hospital that has a medical assistance utilization rate in the base year that is at least  
524.20 one standard deviation above the statewide mean utilization rate but is less than three standard  
524.21 deviations above the mean shall receive a factor of 0.2300; and

524.22 (6) a hospital that has a medical assistance utilization rate in the base year that is at least  
524.23 ~~three~~ two and one-half standard deviations above the statewide mean utilization rate shall  
524.24 receive a factor of 0.3711.

524.25 (e) Any payments or portion of payments made to a hospital under this subdivision that  
524.26 are subsequently returned to the commissioner because the payments are found to exceed  
524.27 the hospital-specific DSH limit for that hospital shall be redistributed, proportionate to the  
524.28 number of fee-for-service discharges, to other DSH-eligible non-children's hospitals that  
524.29 have a medical assistance utilization rate that is at least one standard deviation above the  
524.30 mean.

524.31 (f) An additional payment adjustment shall be established by the commissioner under  
524.32 this subdivision for a hospital that provides high levels of administering high-cost drugs to  
524.33 enrollees in fee-for-service medical assistance. The commissioner shall consider factors



525.1 including fee-for-service medical assistance utilization rates and payments made for drugs  
525.2 purchased through the 340B drug purchasing program and administered to fee-for-service  
525.3 enrollees. If any part of this adjustment exceeds a hospital's hospital-specific disproportionate  
525.4 share hospital limit, the commissioner shall make a payment to the hospital that equals the  
525.5 nonfederal share of the amount that exceeds the limit. The total nonfederal share of the  
525.6 amount of the payment adjustment under this paragraph shall not exceed \$1,500,000.

525.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, except paragraph (f) is  
525.8 effective for discharges on or after April 1, 2019.

525.9 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.969, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

525.10 Subd. 17. **Out-of-state hospitals in local trade areas.** Out-of-state hospitals that are  
525.11 located within a Minnesota local trade area and that have ~~more than 20~~ admissions in the  
525.12 base year or years shall have rates established using the same procedures and methods that  
525.13 apply to Minnesota hospitals. For this subdivision and subdivision 18, local trade area means  
525.14 a county contiguous to Minnesota and located in a metropolitan statistical area as determined  
525.15 by Medicare for October 1 prior to the most current rebased rate year. Hospitals that are  
525.16 not required by law to file information in a format necessary to establish rates shall have  
525.17 rates established based on the commissioner's estimates of the information. Relative values  
525.18 of the diagnostic categories shall not be redetermined under this subdivision until required  
525.19 by statute. Hospitals affected by this subdivision shall then be included in determining  
525.20 relative values. However, hospitals that have rates established based upon the commissioner's  
525.21 estimates of information shall not be included in determining relative values. This subdivision  
525.22 is effective for hospital fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1988. A hospital shall  
525.23 provide the information necessary to establish rates under this subdivision at least 90 days  
525.24 before the start of the hospital's fiscal year.

525.25 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256.969, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

525.26 Subd. 19. **Metabolic disorder testing of medical assistance recipients.** Medical  
525.27 assistance inpatient payment rates must include the cost incurred by hospitals to pay the  
525.28 Department of Health for metabolic disorder testing of newborns who are medical assistance  
525.29 recipients, if the cost is not recognized by another payment source. This payment increase  
525.30 remains in effect until the increase is fully recognized in the base year cost under subdivision  
525.31 2b.

526.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.04, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

526.2 Subd. 14. **Competitive bidding.** (a) When determined to be effective, economical, and  
526.3 feasible, the commissioner may utilize volume purchase through competitive bidding and  
526.4 negotiation under the provisions of chapter 16C, to provide items under the medical assistance  
526.5 program including but not limited to the following:

526.6 (1) eyeglasses;

526.7 (2) oxygen. The commissioner shall provide for oxygen needed in an emergency situation  
526.8 on a short-term basis, until the vendor can obtain the necessary supply from the contract  
526.9 dealer;

526.10 (3) hearing aids and supplies; ~~and~~

526.11 (4) durable medical equipment, including but not limited to:

526.12 (i) hospital beds;

526.13 (ii) commodes;

526.14 (iii) glide-about chairs;

526.15 (iv) patient lift apparatus;

526.16 (v) wheelchairs and accessories;

526.17 (vi) oxygen administration equipment;

526.18 (vii) respiratory therapy equipment;

526.19 (viii) electronic diagnostic, therapeutic and life-support systems; and

526.20 (ix) allergen-reducing products as described in section 256B.0625, subdivision 66,  
526.21 paragraph (c);

526.22 (5) nonemergency medical transportation level of need determinations, disbursement of  
526.23 public transportation passes and tokens, and volunteer and recipient mileage and parking  
526.24 reimbursements; and

526.25 (6) drugs.

526.26 (b) Rate changes and recipient cost-sharing under this chapter and chapter 256L do not  
526.27 affect contract payments under this subdivision unless specifically identified.

526.28 (c) The commissioner may not utilize volume purchase through competitive bidding  
526.29 and negotiation for special transportation services under the provisions of chapter 16C.

527.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.04, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

527.2 Subd. 21. **Provider enrollment.** (a) The commissioner shall enroll providers and conduct  
527.3 screening activities as required by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455, subpart  
527.4 E. A provider providing services from multiple locations must enroll each location separately.  
527.5 The commissioner may deny a provider's incomplete application if a provider fails to respond  
527.6 to the commissioner's request for additional information within 60 days of the request. The  
527.7 commissioner must conduct a background study under chapter 245C, including a review  
527.8 of databases in section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5), for a provider  
527.9 described in this paragraph. The background study requirement may be satisfied if the  
527.10 commissioner conducted a fingerprint-based background study on the provider that includes  
527.11 a review of databases in section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5).

527.12 (b) The commissioner shall revalidate each: (1) provider under this subdivision at least  
527.13 once every five years; and (2) personal care assistance agency under this subdivision once  
527.14 every three years.

527.15 (c) The commissioner shall conduct revalidation as follows:

527.16 (1) provide 30-day notice of the revalidation due date including instructions for  
527.17 revalidation and a list of materials the provider must submit;

527.18 (2) if a provider fails to submit all required materials by the due date, notify the provider  
527.19 of the deficiency within 30 days after the due date and allow the provider an additional 30  
527.20 days from the notification date to comply; and

527.21 (3) if a provider fails to remedy a deficiency within the 30-day time period, give 60-day  
527.22 notice of termination and immediately suspend the provider's ability to bill. The provider  
527.23 does not have the right to appeal suspension of ability to bill.

527.24 (d) If a provider fails to comply with any individual provider requirement or condition  
527.25 of participation, the commissioner may suspend the provider's ability to bill until the provider  
527.26 comes into compliance. The commissioner's decision to suspend the provider is not subject  
527.27 to an administrative appeal.

527.28 (e) All correspondence and notifications, including notifications of termination and other  
527.29 actions, must be delivered electronically to a provider's MN-ITS mailbox. For a provider  
527.30 that does not have a MN-ITS account and mailbox, notice must be sent by first-class mail.  
527.31 This paragraph does not apply to correspondences and notifications related to background  
527.32 studies.

528.1 (f) If the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services determines  
528.2 that a provider is designated "high-risk," the commissioner may withhold payment from  
528.3 providers within that category upon initial enrollment for a 90-day period. The withholding  
528.4 for each provider must begin on the date of the first submission of a claim.

528.5 ~~(b)~~ (g) An enrolled provider that is also licensed by the commissioner under chapter  
528.6 245A, or is licensed as a home care provider by the Department of Health under chapter  
528.7 144A and has a home and community-based services designation on the home care license  
528.8 under section 144A.484, must designate an individual as the entity's compliance officer.  
528.9 The compliance officer must:

528.10 (1) develop policies and procedures to assure adherence to medical assistance laws and  
528.11 regulations and to prevent inappropriate claims submissions;

528.12 (2) train the employees of the provider entity, and any agents or subcontractors of the  
528.13 provider entity including billers, on the policies and procedures under clause (1);

528.14 (3) respond to allegations of improper conduct related to the provision or billing of  
528.15 medical assistance services, and implement action to remediate any resulting problems;

528.16 (4) use evaluation techniques to monitor compliance with medical assistance laws and  
528.17 regulations;

528.18 (5) promptly report to the commissioner any identified violations of medical assistance  
528.19 laws or regulations; and

528.20 (6) within 60 days of discovery by the provider of a medical assistance reimbursement  
528.21 overpayment, report the overpayment to the commissioner and make arrangements with  
528.22 the commissioner for the commissioner's recovery of the overpayment.

528.23 The commissioner may require, as a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, that a  
528.24 provider within a particular industry sector or category establish a compliance program that  
528.25 contains the core elements established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

528.26 ~~(e)~~ (h) The commissioner may revoke the enrollment of an ordering or rendering provider  
528.27 for a period of not more than one year, if the provider fails to maintain and, upon request  
528.28 from the commissioner, provide access to documentation relating to written orders or requests  
528.29 for payment for durable medical equipment, certifications for home health services, or  
528.30 referrals for other items or services written or ordered by such provider, when the  
528.31 commissioner has identified a pattern of a lack of documentation. A pattern means a failure  
528.32 to maintain documentation or provide access to documentation on more than one occasion.

529.1 Nothing in this paragraph limits the authority of the commissioner to sanction a provider  
529.2 under the provisions of section 256B.064.

529.3 ~~(d)~~ (i) The commissioner shall terminate or deny the enrollment of any individual or  
529.4 entity if the individual or entity has been terminated from participation in Medicare or under  
529.5 the Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program of any other state.

529.6 ~~(e)~~ (j) As a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, the commissioner shall require  
529.7 that a provider designated "moderate" or "high-risk" by the Centers for Medicare and  
529.8 Medicaid Services or the commissioner permit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
529.9 Services, its agents, or its designated contractors and the state agency, its agents, or its  
529.10 designated contractors to conduct unannounced on-site inspections of any provider location.  
529.11 The commissioner shall publish in the Minnesota Health Care Program Provider Manual a  
529.12 list of provider types designated "limited," "moderate," or "high-risk," based on the criteria  
529.13 and standards used to designate Medicare providers in Code of Federal Regulations, title  
529.14 42, section 424.518. The list and criteria are not subject to the requirements of chapter 14.  
529.15 The commissioner's designations are not subject to administrative appeal.

529.16 ~~(f)~~ (k) As a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, the commissioner shall require  
529.17 that a high-risk provider, or a person with a direct or indirect ownership interest in the  
529.18 provider of five percent or higher, consent to criminal background checks, including  
529.19 fingerprinting, when required to do so under state law or by a determination by the  
529.20 commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that a provider is designated  
529.21 high-risk for fraud, waste, or abuse.

529.22 ~~(g)~~ (l)(1) Upon initial enrollment, reenrollment, and notification of revalidation, all  
529.23 durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) medical suppliers  
529.24 meeting the durable medical equipment provider and supplier definition in clause (3),  
529.25 operating in Minnesota and receiving Medicaid funds must purchase a surety bond that is  
529.26 annually renewed and designates the Minnesota Department of Human Services as the  
529.27 obligee, and must be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner. For purposes of  
529.28 this clause, the following medical suppliers are not required to obtain a surety bond: a  
529.29 federally qualified health center, a home health agency, the Indian Health Service, a  
529.30 pharmacy, and a rural health clinic.

529.31 (2) At the time of initial enrollment or reenrollment, durable medical equipment providers  
529.32 and suppliers defined in clause (3) must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If a revalidating  
529.33 provider's Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is up to and including \$300,000,  
529.34 the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If a revalidating provider's

530.1 Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is over \$300,000, the provider agency must  
530.2 purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond must allow for recovery of costs and  
530.3 fees in pursuing a claim on the bond.

530.4 (3) "Durable medical equipment provider or supplier" means a medical supplier that can  
530.5 purchase medical equipment or supplies for sale or rental to the general public and is able  
530.6 to perform or arrange for necessary repairs to and maintenance of equipment offered for  
530.7 sale or rental.

530.8 ~~(h)~~ (m) The Department of Human Services may require a provider to purchase a surety  
530.9 bond as a condition of initial enrollment, reenrollment, reinstatement, or continued enrollment  
530.10 if: (1) the provider fails to demonstrate financial viability, (2) the department determines  
530.11 there is significant evidence of or potential for fraud and abuse by the provider, or (3) the  
530.12 provider or category of providers is designated high-risk pursuant to paragraph ~~(a)~~ (f) and  
530.13 as per Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.450. The surety bond must be in  
530.14 an amount of \$100,000 or ten percent of the provider's payments from Medicaid during the  
530.15 immediately preceding 12 months, whichever is greater. The surety bond must name the  
530.16 Department of Human Services as an obligee and must allow for recovery of costs and fees  
530.17 in pursuing a claim on the bond. This paragraph does not apply if the provider currently  
530.18 maintains a surety bond under the requirements in section 256B.0659 or 256B.85.

530.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

530.20 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.04, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

530.21 Subd. 22. **Application fee.** (a) The commissioner must collect and retain federally  
530.22 required nonrefundable application fees to pay for provider screening activities in accordance  
530.23 with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455, subpart E. The enrollment application  
530.24 must be made under the procedures specified by the commissioner, in the form specified  
530.25 by the commissioner, and accompanied by an application fee described in paragraph (b),  
530.26 or a request for a hardship exception as described in the specified procedures. Application  
530.27 fees must be deposited in the provider screening account in the special revenue fund.  
530.28 Amounts in the provider screening account are appropriated to the commissioner for costs  
530.29 associated with the provider screening activities required in Code of Federal Regulations,  
530.30 title 42, section 455, subpart E. ~~The commissioner shall conduct screening activities as~~  
530.31 ~~required by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455, subpart E, and as otherwise~~  
530.32 ~~provided by law, to include database checks, unannounced pre- and postenrollment site~~  
530.33 ~~visits, fingerprinting, and criminal background studies. The commissioner must revalidate~~  
530.34 ~~all providers under this subdivision at least once every five years.~~

531.1 (b) The application fee under this subdivision is \$532 for the calendar year 2013. For  
531.2 calendar year 2014 and subsequent years, the fee:

531.3 (1) is adjusted by the percentage change to the Consumer Price Index for all urban  
531.4 consumers, United States city average, for the 12-month period ending with June of the  
531.5 previous year. The resulting fee must be announced in the Federal Register;

531.6 (2) is effective from January 1 to December 31 of a calendar year;

531.7 (3) is required on the submission of an initial application, an application to establish a  
531.8 new practice location, an application for reenrollment when the provider is not enrolled at  
531.9 the time of application of reenrollment, or at revalidation when required by federal regulation;  
531.10 and

531.11 (4) must be in the amount in effect for the calendar year during which the application  
531.12 for enrollment, new practice location, or reenrollment is being submitted.

531.13 (c) The application fee under this subdivision cannot be charged to:

531.14 (1) providers who are enrolled in Medicare or who provide documentation of payment  
531.15 of the fee to, and enrollment with, another state, unless the commissioner is required to  
531.16 rescreen the provider;

531.17 (2) providers who are enrolled but are required to submit new applications for purposes  
531.18 of reenrollment;

531.19 (3) a provider who enrolls as an individual; and

531.20 (4) group practices and clinics that bill on behalf of individually enrolled providers  
531.21 within the practice who have reassigned their billing privileges to the group practice or  
531.22 clinic.

531.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

531.24 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.055, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

531.25 Subd. 2. **Subsidized foster children.** Medical assistance may be paid for a child eligible  
531.26 for or receiving foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E of the Social Security  
531.27 Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 670 to 676, and for a child who is not eligible for  
531.28 Title IV-E of the Social Security Act but who is determined eligible for foster care or kinship  
531.29 assistance under chapter 256N.

532.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval,  
532.2 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
532.3 when federal approval is obtained.

532.4 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.056, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

532.5 Subd. 3. **Asset limitations for certain individuals.** (a) To be eligible for medical  
532.6 assistance, a person must not individually own more than \$3,000 in assets, or if a member  
532.7 of a household with two family members, husband and wife, or parent and child, the  
532.8 household must not own more than \$6,000 in assets, plus \$200 for each additional legal  
532.9 dependent. In addition to these maximum amounts, an eligible individual or family may  
532.10 accrue interest on these amounts, but they must be reduced to the maximum at the time of  
532.11 an eligibility redetermination. The accumulation of the clothing and personal needs allowance  
532.12 according to section 256B.35 must also be reduced to the maximum at the time of the  
532.13 eligibility redetermination. The value of assets that are not considered in determining  
532.14 eligibility for medical assistance is the value of those assets excluded under the Supplemental  
532.15 Security Income program for aged, blind, and disabled persons, with the following  
532.16 exceptions:

532.17 (1) household goods and personal effects are not considered;

532.18 (2) capital and operating assets of a trade or business that the local agency determines  
532.19 are necessary to the person's ability to earn an income are not considered;

532.20 (3) motor vehicles are excluded to the same extent excluded by the Supplemental Security  
532.21 Income program;

532.22 (4) assets designated as burial expenses are excluded to the same extent excluded by the  
532.23 Supplemental Security Income program. Burial expenses funded by annuity contracts or  
532.24 life insurance policies must irrevocably designate the individual's estate as contingent  
532.25 beneficiary to the extent proceeds are not used for payment of selected burial expenses;

532.26 (5) for a person who no longer qualifies as an employed person with a disability due to  
532.27 loss of earnings, assets allowed while eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.057,  
532.28 subdivision 9, are not considered for 12 months, beginning with the first month of ineligibility  
532.29 as an employed person with a disability, to the extent that the person's total assets remain  
532.30 within the allowed limits of section 256B.057, subdivision 9, paragraph (d);

532.31 ~~(6) when a person enrolled in medical assistance under section 256B.057, subdivision~~  
532.32 ~~9, is age 65 or older and has been enrolled during each of the 24 consecutive months before~~  
532.33 ~~the person's 65th birthday, the assets owned by the person and the person's spouse must be~~



533.1 ~~disregarded, up to the limits of section 256B.057, subdivision 9, paragraph (d), when~~  
533.2 ~~determining eligibility for medical assistance under section 256B.055, subdivision 7. a~~  
533.3 designated employment incentives asset account is disregarded when determining eligibility  
533.4 for medical assistance for a person age 65 years or older under section 256B.055, subdivision  
533.5 7. An employment incentives asset account must only be designated by a person who has  
533.6 been enrolled in medical assistance under section 256B.057, subdivision 9, for a  
533.7 24-consecutive-month period. A designated employment incentives asset account contains  
533.8 qualified assets owned by the person and the person's spouse in the last month of enrollment  
533.9 in medical assistance under section 256B.057, subdivision 9. Qualified assets include  
533.10 retirement and pension accounts, medical expense accounts, and up to \$17,000 of the person's  
533.11 other nonexcluded assets. An employment incentives asset account is no longer designated  
533.12 when a person loses medical assistance eligibility for a calendar month or more before  
533.13 turning age 65. A person who loses medical assistance eligibility before age 65 can establish  
533.14 a new designated employment incentives asset account by establishing a new  
533.15 24-consecutive-month period of enrollment under section 256B.057, subdivision 9. The  
533.16 income of a spouse of a person enrolled in medical assistance under section 256B.057,  
533.17 subdivision 9, during each of the 24 consecutive months before the person's 65th birthday  
533.18 must be disregarded when determining eligibility for medical assistance under section  
533.19 256B.055, subdivision 7. Persons eligible under this clause are not subject to the provisions  
533.20 in section 256B.059; and

533.21 (7) effective July 1, 2009, certain assets owned by American Indians are excluded as  
533.22 required by section 5006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public  
533.23 Law 111-5. For purposes of this clause, an American Indian is any person who meets the  
533.24 definition of Indian according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 447.50.

533.25 (b) No asset limit shall apply to persons eligible under section 256B.055, subdivision  
533.26 15.

533.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

533.28 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.056, subdivision 5c, is amended to read:

533.29 Subd. 5c. **Excess income standard.** (a) The excess income standard for parents and  
533.30 caretaker relatives, pregnant women, infants, and children ages two through 20 is the standard  
533.31 specified in subdivision 4, paragraph (b).

533.32 (b) The excess income standard for a person whose eligibility is based on blindness,  
533.33 disability, or age of 65 or more years shall equal:

534.1 (1) 81 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and

534.2 (2) 83 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, effective July 1, 2021.

534.3 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:

534.4 Subd. 3b. **Telemedicine services.** (a) Medical assistance covers medically necessary  
534.5 services and consultations delivered by a licensed health care provider via telemedicine in  
534.6 the same manner as if the service or consultation was delivered in person. Coverage is  
534.7 limited to three telemedicine services per enrollee per calendar week, except as provided  
534.8 in paragraph (f). Telemedicine services shall be paid at the full allowable rate.

534.9 (b) The commissioner shall establish criteria that a health care provider must attest to  
534.10 in order to demonstrate the safety or efficacy of delivering a particular service via  
534.11 telemedicine. The attestation may include that the health care provider:

534.12 (1) has identified the categories or types of services the health care provider will provide  
534.13 via telemedicine;

534.14 (2) has written policies and procedures specific to telemedicine services that are regularly  
534.15 reviewed and updated;

534.16 (3) has policies and procedures that adequately address patient safety before, during,  
534.17 and after the telemedicine service is rendered;

534.18 (4) has established protocols addressing how and when to discontinue telemedicine  
534.19 services; and

534.20 (5) has an established quality assurance process related to telemedicine services.

534.21 (c) As a condition of payment, a licensed health care provider must document each  
534.22 occurrence of a health service provided by telemedicine to a medical assistance enrollee.  
534.23 Health care service records for services provided by telemedicine must meet the requirements  
534.24 set forth in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.2175, subparts 1 and 2, and must document:

534.25 (1) the type of service provided by telemedicine;

534.26 (2) the time the service began and the time the service ended, including an a.m. and p.m.  
534.27 designation;

534.28 (3) the licensed health care provider's basis for determining that telemedicine is an  
534.29 appropriate and effective means for delivering the service to the enrollee;

534.30 (4) the mode of transmission of the telemedicine service and records evidencing that a  
534.31 particular mode of transmission was utilized;

535.1 (5) the location of the originating site and the distant site;

535.2 (6) if the claim for payment is based on a physician's telemedicine consultation with  
535.3 another physician, the written opinion from the consulting physician providing the  
535.4 telemedicine consultation; and

535.5 (7) compliance with the criteria attested to by the health care provider in accordance  
535.6 with paragraph (b).

535.7 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, unless otherwise covered under this chapter,  
535.8 "telemedicine" is defined as the delivery of health care services or consultations while the  
535.9 patient is at an originating site and the licensed health care provider is at a distant site. A  
535.10 communication between licensed health care providers, or a licensed health care provider  
535.11 and a patient that consists solely of a telephone conversation, e-mail, or facsimile transmission  
535.12 does not constitute telemedicine consultations or services. Telemedicine may be provided  
535.13 by means of real-time two-way, interactive audio and visual communications, including the  
535.14 application of secure video conferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or  
535.15 support health care delivery, which facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation,  
535.16 treatment, education, and care management of a patient's health care.

535.17 (e) For purposes of this section, "licensed health care provider" means a licensed health  
535.18 care provider under section 62A.671, subdivision 6, and a mental health practitioner defined  
535.19 under section 245.462, subdivision 17, or 245.4871, subdivision 26, working under the  
535.20 general supervision of a mental health professional; "health care provider" is defined under  
535.21 section 62A.671, subdivision 3; and "originating site" is defined under section 62A.671,  
535.22 subdivision 7.

535.23 (f) The limit on coverage of three telemedicine services per enrollee per calendar week  
535.24 does not apply if:

535.25 (1) the telemedicine services provided by the licensed health care provider are for the  
535.26 treatment and control of tuberculosis; and

535.27 (2) the services are provided in a manner consistent with the recommendations and best  
535.28 practices specified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the commissioner  
535.29 of health.

535.30 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

535.31 Subd. 9. **Dental services.** (a) Medical assistance covers dental services.

536.1 (b) Medical assistance dental coverage for nonpregnant adults is limited to the following  
536.2 services:

536.3 (1) comprehensive exams, limited to once every five years;

536.4 (2) periodic exams, limited to one per year;

536.5 (3) limited exams;

536.6 (4) bitewing x-rays, limited to one per year;

536.7 (5) periapical x-rays;

536.8 (6) panoramic x-rays, limited to one every five years except (1) when medically necessary  
536.9 for the diagnosis and follow-up of oral and maxillofacial pathology and trauma or (2) once  
536.10 every two years for patients who cannot cooperate for intraoral film due to a developmental  
536.11 disability or medical condition that does not allow for intraoral film placement;

536.12 (7) prophylaxis, limited to one per year;

536.13 (8) application of fluoride varnish, limited to one per year;

536.14 (9) posterior fillings, all at the amalgam rate;

536.15 (10) anterior fillings;

536.16 (11) endodontics, limited to root canals on the anterior and premolars only;

536.17 (12) removable prostheses, each dental arch limited to one every six years;

536.18 (13) oral surgery, limited to extractions, biopsies, and incision and drainage of abscesses;

536.19 (14) palliative treatment and sedative fillings for relief of pain; ~~and~~

536.20 (15) full-mouth debridement, limited to one every five years; and

536.21 (16) nonsurgical treatment for periodontal disease, including scaling and root planing  
536.22 once every two years for each quadrant, and routine periodontal maintenance procedures.

536.23 (c) In addition to the services specified in paragraph (b), medical assistance covers the  
536.24 following services for adults, if provided in an outpatient hospital setting or freestanding  
536.25 ambulatory surgical center as part of outpatient dental surgery:

536.26 (1) periodontics, limited to periodontal scaling and root planing once every two years;

536.27 (2) general anesthesia; and

536.28 (3) full-mouth survey once every five years.

537.1 (d) Medical assistance covers medically necessary dental services for children and  
537.2 pregnant women. The following guidelines apply:

537.3 (1) posterior fillings are paid at the amalgam rate;

537.4 (2) application of sealants are covered once every five years per permanent molar for  
537.5 children only;

537.6 (3) application of fluoride varnish is covered once every six months; and

537.7 (4) orthodontia is eligible for coverage for children only.

537.8 (e) In addition to the services specified in paragraphs (b) and (c), medical assistance  
537.9 covers the following services for adults:

537.10 (1) house calls or extended care facility calls for on-site delivery of covered services;

537.11 (2) behavioral management when additional staff time is required to accommodate  
537.12 behavioral challenges and sedation is not used;

537.13 (3) oral or IV sedation, if the covered dental service cannot be performed safely without  
537.14 it or would otherwise require the service to be performed under general anesthesia in a  
537.15 hospital or surgical center; and

537.16 (4) prophylaxis, in accordance with an appropriate individualized treatment plan, but  
537.17 no more than four times per year.

537.18 (f) The commissioner shall not require prior authorization for the services included in  
537.19 paragraph (e), clauses (1) to (3), and shall prohibit managed care and county-based purchasing  
537.20 plans from requiring prior authorization for the services included in paragraph (e), clauses  
537.21 (1) to (3), when provided under sections 256B.69, 256B.692, and 256L.12.

537.22 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

537.23 Subd. 13. **Drugs.** (a) Medical assistance covers drugs, except for fertility drugs when  
537.24 specifically used to enhance fertility, if prescribed by a licensed practitioner and dispensed  
537.25 by a licensed pharmacist, by a physician enrolled in the medical assistance program as a  
537.26 dispensing physician, or by a physician, physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner employed  
537.27 by or under contract with a community health board as defined in section 145A.02,  
537.28 subdivision 5, for the purposes of communicable disease control.

537.29 (b) The dispensed quantity of a prescription drug must not exceed a 34-day supply,  
537.30 unless authorized by the commissioner.

538.1 (c) For the purpose of this subdivision and subdivision 13d, an "active pharmaceutical  
538.2 ingredient" is defined as a substance that is represented for use in a drug and when used in  
538.3 the manufacturing, processing, or packaging of a drug becomes an active ingredient of the  
538.4 drug product. An "excipient" is defined as an inert substance used as a diluent or vehicle  
538.5 for a drug. The commissioner shall establish a list of active pharmaceutical ingredients and  
538.6 excipients which are included in the medical assistance formulary. Medical assistance covers  
538.7 selected active pharmaceutical ingredients and excipients used in compounded prescriptions  
538.8 when the compounded combination is specifically approved by the commissioner or when  
538.9 a commercially available product:

538.10 (1) is not a therapeutic option for the patient;

538.11 (2) does not exist in the same combination of active ingredients in the same strengths  
538.12 as the compounded prescription; and

538.13 (3) cannot be used in place of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the compounded  
538.14 prescription.

538.15 (d) Medical assistance covers the following over-the-counter drugs when prescribed by  
538.16 a licensed practitioner or by a licensed pharmacist who meets standards established by the  
538.17 commissioner, in consultation with the board of pharmacy: antacids, acetaminophen, family  
538.18 planning products, aspirin, insulin, products for the treatment of lice, vitamins for adults  
538.19 with documented vitamin deficiencies, vitamins for children under the age of seven and  
538.20 pregnant or nursing women, and any other over-the-counter drug identified by the  
538.21 commissioner, in consultation with the Formulary Committee, as necessary, appropriate,  
538.22 and cost-effective for the treatment of certain specified chronic diseases, conditions, or  
538.23 disorders, and this determination shall not be subject to the requirements of chapter 14. A  
538.24 pharmacist may prescribe over-the-counter medications as provided under this paragraph  
538.25 for purposes of receiving reimbursement under Medicaid. When prescribing over-the-counter  
538.26 drugs under this paragraph, licensed pharmacists must consult with the recipient to determine  
538.27 necessity, provide drug counseling, review drug therapy for potential adverse interactions,  
538.28 and make referrals as needed to other health care professionals. ~~Over-the-counter medications  
538.29 must be dispensed in a quantity that is the lowest of: (1) the number of dosage units contained  
538.30 in the manufacturer's original package; (2) the number of dosage units required to complete  
538.31 the patient's course of therapy; or (3) if applicable, the number of dosage units dispensed  
538.32 from a system using retrospective billing, as provided under subdivision 13e, paragraph  
538.33 (b).~~

539.1 (e) Effective January 1, 2006, medical assistance shall not cover drugs that are coverable  
539.2 under Medicare Part D as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and  
539.3 Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-2(e), for individuals eligible  
539.4 for drug coverage as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and  
539.5 Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-1(a)(3)(A). For these  
539.6 individuals, medical assistance may cover drugs from the drug classes listed in United States  
539.7 Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2), subject to this subdivision and subdivisions 13a to  
539.8 13g, except that drugs listed in United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2)(E), shall  
539.9 not be covered.

539.10 (f) Medical assistance covers drugs acquired through the federal 340B Drug Pricing  
539.11 Program and dispensed by 340B covered entities and ambulatory pharmacies under common  
539.12 ownership of the 340B covered entity. Medical assistance does not cover drugs acquired  
539.13 through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and dispensed by 340B contract pharmacies.

539.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 1, 2019, or upon federal approval,  
539.15 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
539.16 when federal approval is obtained.

539.17 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13d, is amended to  
539.18 read:

539.19 Subd. 13d. **Drug formulary.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a drug formulary. Its  
539.20 establishment and publication shall not be subject to the requirements of the Administrative  
539.21 Procedure Act, but the Formulary Committee shall review and comment on the formulary  
539.22 contents.

539.23 (b) The formulary shall not include:

539.24 (1) drugs, active pharmaceutical ingredients, or products for which there is no federal  
539.25 funding;

539.26 (2) over-the-counter drugs, except as provided in subdivision 13;

539.27 ~~(3) drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients used for weight loss, except that medically~~  
539.28 ~~necessary lipase inhibitors may be covered for a recipient with type II diabetes;~~

539.29 ~~(4)~~ (3) drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients when used for the treatment of  
539.30 impotence or erectile dysfunction;

539.31 ~~(5)~~ (4) drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients for which medical value has not been  
539.32 established;

540.1 ~~(6)~~ (5) drugs from manufacturers who have not signed a rebate agreement with the  
540.2 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 1927 of title XIX of the  
540.3 Social Security Act; and

540.4 ~~(7)~~ (6) medical cannabis as defined in section 152.22, subdivision 6.

540.5 (c) If a single-source drug used by at least two percent of the fee-for-service medical  
540.6 assistance recipients is removed from the formulary due to the failure of the manufacturer  
540.7 to sign a rebate agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services, the  
540.8 commissioner shall notify prescribing practitioners within 30 days of receiving notification  
540.9 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that a rebate agreement was  
540.10 not signed.

540.11 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13e, is amended to  
540.12 read:

540.13 Subd. 13e. **Payment rates.** (a) The basis for determining the amount of payment shall  
540.14 be the lower of the ~~actual acquisition~~ ingredient costs of the drugs ~~or the maximum allowable~~  
540.15 ~~cost by the commissioner~~ plus the fixed professional dispensing fee; or the usual and  
540.16 customary price charged to the public. The usual and customary price means the lowest  
540.17 price charged by the provider to a patient who pays for the prescription by cash, check, or  
540.18 charge account and includes prices the pharmacy charges to a patient enrolled in a  
540.19 prescription savings club or prescription discount club administered by the pharmacy or  
540.20 pharmacy chain. The amount of payment basis must be reduced to reflect all discount  
540.21 amounts applied to the charge by any third-party provider/insurer agreement or contract for  
540.22 submitted charges to medical assistance programs. The net submitted charge may not be  
540.23 greater than the patient liability for the service. The ~~pharmacy~~ professional dispensing fee  
540.24 shall be ~~\$3.65~~ \$10.48 for ~~legend prescription drugs, except that~~ prescriptions filled with  
540.25 legend drugs meeting the definition of "covered outpatient drugs" according to United States  
540.26 Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(k)(2). The dispensing fee for intravenous solutions ~~which~~  
540.27 that must be compounded by the pharmacist shall be ~~\$8~~ \$10.48 per bag; ~~\$14 per bag for~~  
540.28 ~~cancer chemotherapy products, and \$30 per bag for total parenteral nutritional products~~  
540.29 ~~dispensed in one-liter quantities, or \$44 per bag for total parenteral nutritional products~~  
540.30 ~~dispensed in quantities greater than one liter.~~ The professional dispensing fee for  
540.31 prescriptions filled with over-the-counter drugs meeting the definition of covered outpatient  
540.32 drugs shall be \$10.48 for dispensed quantities equal to or greater than the number of units  
540.33 contained in the manufacturer's original package. The professional dispensing fee shall be  
540.34 prorated based on the percentage of the package dispensed when the pharmacy dispenses



541.1 a quantity less than the number of units contained in the manufacturer's original package.  
541.2 The pharmacy dispensing fee for prescribed over-the-counter drugs not meeting the definition  
541.3 of covered outpatient drugs shall be \$3.65, ~~except that the fee shall be \$1.31 for~~  
541.4 ~~retrospectively billing pharmacies when billing for quantities less than the number of units~~  
541.5 ~~contained in the manufacturer's original package. Actual acquisition cost includes quantity~~  
541.6 ~~and other special discounts except time and cash discounts. The actual acquisition cost of~~  
541.7 ~~a drug shall be estimated by the commissioner at wholesale acquisition cost plus four percent~~  
541.8 ~~for independently owned pharmacies located in a designated rural area within Minnesota,~~  
541.9 ~~and at wholesale acquisition cost plus two percent for all other pharmacies. A pharmacy is~~  
541.10 ~~"independently owned" if it is one of four or fewer pharmacies under the same ownership~~  
541.11 ~~nationally. A "designated rural area" means an area defined as a small rural area or isolated~~  
541.12 ~~rural area according to the four-category classification of the Rural Urban Commuting Area~~  
541.13 ~~system developed for the United States Health Resources and Services Administration.~~  
541.14 Effective January 1, 2014, the actual acquisition for quantities equal to or greater than the  
541.15 number of units contained in the manufacturer's original package and shall be prorated based  
541.16 on the percentage of the package dispensed when the pharmacy dispenses a quantity less  
541.17 than the number of units contained in the manufacturer's original package. The National  
541.18 Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) shall be used to determine the ingredient cost  
541.19 of a drug. For drugs for which a NADAC is not reported, the commissioner shall estimate  
541.20 the ingredient cost at the wholesale acquisition cost minus two percent. The ingredient cost  
541.21 of a drug acquired through for a provider participating in the federal 340B Drug Pricing  
541.22 Program shall be estimated by the commissioner at wholesale acquisition cost minus 40  
541.23 percent either the 340B Drug Pricing Program ceiling price established by the Health  
541.24 Resources and Services Administration or NADAC, whichever is lower. Wholesale  
541.25 acquisition cost is defined as the manufacturer's list price for a drug or biological to  
541.26 wholesalers or direct purchasers in the United States, not including prompt pay or other  
541.27 discounts, rebates, or reductions in price, for the most recent month for which information  
541.28 is available, as reported in wholesale price guides or other publications of drug or biological  
541.29 pricing data. The maximum allowable cost of a multisource drug may be set by the  
541.30 commissioner and it shall be comparable to, but the actual acquisition cost of the drug  
541.31 product and no higher than, the maximum amount paid by other third-party payors in this  
541.32 state who have maximum allowable cost programs the NADAC of the generic product.  
541.33 Establishment of the amount of payment for drugs shall not be subject to the requirements  
541.34 of the Administrative Procedure Act.

541.35 (b) Pharmacies dispensing prescriptions to residents of long-term care facilities using  
541.36 an automated drug distribution system meeting the requirements of section 151.58, or a

542.1 packaging system meeting the packaging standards set forth in Minnesota Rules, part  
542.2 6800.2700, that govern the return of unused drugs to the pharmacy for reuse, may employ  
542.3 retrospective billing for prescription drugs dispensed to long-term care facility residents. A  
542.4 retrospectively billing pharmacy must submit a claim only for the quantity of medication  
542.5 used by the enrolled recipient during the defined billing period. A retrospectively billing  
542.6 pharmacy must use a billing period not less than one calendar month or 30 days.

542.7 ~~(c) An additional dispensing fee of \$.30 may be added to the dispensing fee paid to~~  
542.8 ~~pharmacists for legend drug prescriptions dispensed to residents of long-term care facilities~~  
542.9 ~~when a unit dose blister card system, approved by the department, is used. Under this type~~  
542.10 ~~of dispensing system, the pharmacist must dispense a 30-day supply of drug. The National~~  
542.11 ~~Drug Code (NDC) from the drug container used to fill the blister card must be identified~~  
542.12 ~~on the claim to the department. The unit dose blister card containing the drug must meet~~  
542.13 ~~the packaging standards set forth in Minnesota Rules, part 6800.2700, that govern the return~~  
542.14 ~~of unused drugs to the pharmacy for reuse. A pharmacy provider using packaging that meets~~  
542.15 the standards set forth in Minnesota Rules, part 6800.2700, is required to credit the  
542.16 department for the actual acquisition cost of all unused drugs that are eligible for reuse,  
542.17 unless the pharmacy is using retrospective billing. The commissioner may permit the drug  
542.18 clozapine to be dispensed in a quantity that is less than a 30-day supply.

542.19 ~~(d) Whenever a maximum allowable cost has been set for~~ If a pharmacy dispenses a  
542.20 multisource drug, payment shall be the lower of the usual and customary price charged to  
542.21 the public or the ingredient cost shall be the NADAC of the generic product or the maximum  
542.22 allowable cost established by the commissioner unless prior authorization for the brand  
542.23 name product has been granted according to the criteria established by the Drug Formulary  
542.24 Committee as required by subdivision 13f, paragraph (a), and the prescriber has indicated  
542.25 "dispense as written" on the prescription in a manner consistent with section 151.21,  
542.26 subdivision 2.

542.27 (e) The basis for determining the amount of payment for drugs administered in an  
542.28 outpatient setting shall be the lower of the usual and customary cost submitted by the  
542.29 provider, 106 percent of the average sales price as determined by the United States  
542.30 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to title XVIII, section 1847a of the  
542.31 federal Social Security Act, the specialty pharmacy rate, or the maximum allowable cost  
542.32 set by the commissioner. If average sales price is unavailable, the amount of payment must  
542.33 be lower of the usual and customary cost submitted by the provider, the wholesale acquisition  
542.34 cost, the specialty pharmacy rate, or the maximum allowable cost set by the commissioner.  
542.35 ~~Effective January 1, 2014,~~ The commissioner shall discount the payment rate for drugs

543.1 obtained through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program by ~~20~~ 28.6 percent. The payment  
543.2 for drugs administered in an outpatient setting shall be made to the administering facility  
543.3 or practitioner. A retail or specialty pharmacy dispensing a drug for administration in an  
543.4 outpatient setting is not eligible for direct reimbursement.

543.5 (f) The commissioner may ~~negotiate lower reimbursement~~ establish maximum allowable  
543.6 cost rates for specialty pharmacy products than the rates that are lower than the ingredient  
543.7 cost formulas specified in paragraph (a). The commissioner may require individuals enrolled  
543.8 in the health care programs administered by the department to obtain specialty pharmacy  
543.9 products from providers with whom the commissioner has negotiated lower reimbursement  
543.10 rates. Specialty pharmacy products are defined as those used by a small number of recipients  
543.11 or recipients with complex and chronic diseases that require expensive and challenging drug  
543.12 regimens. Examples of these conditions include, but are not limited to: multiple sclerosis,  
543.13 HIV/AIDS, transplantation, hepatitis C, growth hormone deficiency, Crohn's Disease,  
543.14 rheumatoid arthritis, and certain forms of cancer. Specialty pharmaceutical products include  
543.15 injectable and infusion therapies, biotechnology drugs, antihemophilic factor products,  
543.16 high-cost therapies, and therapies that require complex care. The commissioner shall consult  
543.17 with the Formulary Committee to develop a list of specialty pharmacy products subject to  
543.18 ~~this paragraph~~ maximum allowable cost reimbursement. In consulting with the Formulary  
543.19 Committee in developing this list, the commissioner shall take into consideration the  
543.20 population served by specialty pharmacy products, the current delivery system and standard  
543.21 of care in the state, and access to care issues. The commissioner shall have the discretion  
543.22 to adjust the ~~reimbursement rate~~ maximum allowable cost to prevent access to care issues.

543.23 (g) Home infusion therapy services provided by home infusion therapy pharmacies must  
543.24 be paid at rates according to subdivision 8d.

543.25 (h) The commissioner shall contract with a vendor to conduct a cost of dispensing survey  
543.26 for all pharmacies that are physically located in the state of Minnesota that dispense outpatient  
543.27 drugs under medical assistance. The commissioner shall ensure that the vendor has prior  
543.28 experience in conducting cost of dispensing surveys. Each pharmacy enrolled with the  
543.29 department to dispense outpatient prescription drugs to fee-for-service members must  
543.30 respond to the cost of dispensing survey. The commissioner may sanction a pharmacy under  
543.31 section 256B.064 for failure to respond. The commissioner shall require the vendor to  
543.32 measure a single statewide cost of dispensing for all responding pharmacies to measure the  
543.33 mean, mean weighted by total prescription volume, mean weighted by medical assistance  
543.34 prescription volume, median, median weighted by total prescription volume, and median  
543.35 weighted by total medical assistance prescription volume. The commissioner shall post a

544.1 copy of the final cost of dispensing survey report on the department's website. The initial  
544.2 survey must be completed no later than January 1, 2021, and repeated every three years.  
544.3 The commissioner shall provide a summary of the results of each cost of dispensing survey  
544.4 and provide recommendations for any changes to the dispensing fee to the chairs and ranking  
544.5 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over medical assistance pharmacy  
544.6 reimbursement.

544.7 (i) The commissioner shall increase the ingredient cost reimbursement calculated in  
544.8 paragraphs (a) and (f) by two percent for prescription and nonprescription drugs subject to  
544.9 the wholesale drug distributor tax under section 295.52.

544.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 1, 2019, or upon federal approval,  
544.11 whichever is later. Paragraph (i) expires if federal approval is denied. The commissioner  
544.12 of human services shall inform the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained or  
544.13 denied.

544.14 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13f, is amended to read:

544.15 Subd. 13f. **Prior authorization.** (a) The Formulary Committee shall review and  
544.16 recommend drugs which require prior authorization. The Formulary Committee shall  
544.17 establish general criteria to be used for the prior authorization of brand-name drugs for  
544.18 which generically equivalent drugs are available, but the committee is not required to review  
544.19 each brand-name drug for which a generically equivalent drug is available.

544.20 (b) Prior authorization may be required by the commissioner before certain formulary  
544.21 drugs are eligible for payment. The Formulary Committee may recommend drugs for prior  
544.22 authorization directly to the commissioner. The commissioner may also request that the  
544.23 Formulary Committee review a drug for prior authorization. Before the commissioner may  
544.24 require prior authorization for a drug:

544.25 (1) the commissioner must provide information to the Formulary Committee on the  
544.26 impact that placing the drug on prior authorization may have on the quality of patient care  
544.27 and on program costs, information regarding whether the drug is subject to clinical abuse  
544.28 or misuse, and relevant data from the state Medicaid program if such data is available;

544.29 (2) the Formulary Committee must review the drug, taking into account medical and  
544.30 clinical data and the information provided by the commissioner; and

544.31 (3) the Formulary Committee must hold a public forum and receive public comment for  
544.32 an additional 15 days.

545.1 The commissioner must provide a 15-day notice period before implementing the prior  
545.2 authorization.

545.3 (c) Except as provided in subdivision 13j, prior authorization shall not be required or  
545.4 utilized for any atypical antipsychotic drug prescribed for the treatment of mental illness  
545.5 if:

545.6 (1) there is no generically equivalent drug available; and

545.7 (2) the drug was initially prescribed for the recipient prior to July 1, 2003; or

545.8 (3) the drug is part of the recipient's current course of treatment.

545.9 This paragraph applies to any multistate preferred drug list or supplemental drug rebate  
545.10 program established or administered by the commissioner. Prior authorization shall  
545.11 automatically be granted for 60 days for brand name drugs prescribed for treatment of mental  
545.12 illness within 60 days of when a generically equivalent drug becomes available, provided  
545.13 that the brand name drug was part of the recipient's course of treatment at the time the  
545.14 generically equivalent drug became available.

545.15 ~~(d) Prior authorization shall not be required or utilized for any antihemophilic factor~~  
545.16 ~~drug prescribed for the treatment of hemophilia and blood disorders where there is no~~  
545.17 ~~generically equivalent drug available if the prior authorization is used in conjunction with~~  
545.18 ~~any supplemental drug rebate program or multistate preferred drug list established or~~  
545.19 ~~administered by the commissioner.~~

545.20 ~~(e)~~ (d) The commissioner may require prior authorization for brand name drugs whenever  
545.21 a generically equivalent product is available, even if the prescriber specifically indicates  
545.22 "dispense as written-brand necessary" on the prescription as required by section 151.21,  
545.23 subdivision 2.

545.24 ~~(f)~~ (e) Notwithstanding this subdivision, the commissioner may automatically require  
545.25 prior authorization, for a period not to exceed 180 days, for any drug that is approved by  
545.26 the United States Food and Drug Administration on or after July 1, 2005. The 180-day  
545.27 period begins no later than the first day that a drug is available for shipment to pharmacies  
545.28 within the state. The Formulary Committee shall recommend to the commissioner general  
545.29 criteria to be used for the prior authorization of the drugs, but the committee is not required  
545.30 to review each individual drug. In order to continue prior authorizations for a drug after the  
545.31 180-day period has expired, the commissioner must follow the provisions of this subdivision.

545.32 (f) Prior authorization under this subdivision shall comply with section 62Q.184.

546.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment, except  
546.2 that paragraph (f) is effective July 1, 2019.

546.3 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

546.4 Subd. 17. **Transportation costs.** (a) "Nonemergency medical transportation service"  
546.5 means motor vehicle transportation provided by a public or private person that serves  
546.6 Minnesota health care program beneficiaries who do not require emergency ambulance  
546.7 service, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 3, to obtain covered medical services.

546.8 (b) Medical assistance covers medical transportation costs incurred solely for obtaining  
546.9 emergency medical care or transportation costs incurred by eligible persons in obtaining  
546.10 emergency or nonemergency medical care when paid directly to an ambulance company,  
546.11 nonemergency medical transportation company, or other recognized providers of  
546.12 transportation services. Medical transportation must be provided by:

546.13 (1) nonemergency medical transportation providers who meet the requirements of this  
546.14 subdivision;

546.15 (2) ambulances, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 2;

546.16 (3) taxicabs that meet the requirements of this subdivision;

546.17 (4) public transit, as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7; or

546.18 (5) not-for-hire vehicles, including volunteer drivers.

546.19 (c) Medical assistance covers nonemergency medical transportation provided by  
546.20 nonemergency medical transportation providers enrolled in the Minnesota health care  
546.21 programs. All nonemergency medical transportation providers must comply with the  
546.22 operating standards for special transportation service as defined in sections 174.29 to 174.30  
546.23 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 8840, and ~~in consultation with the Minnesota Department of~~  
546.24 ~~Transportation~~ all drivers must be individually enrolled with the commissioner and reported  
546.25 on the claim as the individual who provided the service. All nonemergency medical  
546.26 transportation providers shall bill for nonemergency medical transportation services in  
546.27 accordance with Minnesota health care programs criteria. Publicly operated transit systems,  
546.28 volunteers, and not-for-hire vehicles are exempt from the requirements outlined in this  
546.29 paragraph.

546.30 (d) An organization may be terminated, denied, or suspended from enrollment if:

546.31 (1) the provider has not initiated background studies on the individuals specified in  
546.32 section 174.30, subdivision 10, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3); or

547.1 (2) the provider has initiated background studies on the individuals specified in section  
547.2 174.30, subdivision 10, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), and:

547.3 (i) the commissioner has sent the provider a notice that the individual has been  
547.4 disqualified under section 245C.14; and

547.5 (ii) the individual has not received a disqualification set-aside specific to the special  
547.6 transportation services provider under sections 245C.22 and 245C.23.

547.7 (e) The administrative agency of nonemergency medical transportation must:

547.8 (1) adhere to the policies defined by the commissioner in consultation with the  
547.9 Nonemergency Medical Transportation Advisory Committee;

547.10 (2) pay nonemergency medical transportation providers for services provided to  
547.11 Minnesota health care programs beneficiaries to obtain covered medical services;

547.12 (3) provide data monthly to the commissioner on appeals, complaints, no-shows, canceled  
547.13 trips, and number of trips by mode; and

547.14 (4) by July 1, 2016, in accordance with subdivision 18e, utilize a web-based single  
547.15 administrative structure assessment tool that meets the technical requirements established  
547.16 by the commissioner, reconciles trip information with claims being submitted by providers,  
547.17 and ensures prompt payment for nonemergency medical transportation services.

547.18 (f) Until the commissioner implements the single administrative structure and delivery  
547.19 system under subdivision 18e, clients shall obtain their level-of-service certificate from the  
547.20 commissioner or an entity approved by the commissioner that does not dispatch rides for  
547.21 clients using modes of transportation under paragraph (i), clauses (4), (5), (6), and (7).

547.22 (g) The commissioner may use an order by the recipient's attending physician or a medical  
547.23 or mental health professional to certify that the recipient requires nonemergency medical  
547.24 transportation services. Nonemergency medical transportation providers shall perform  
547.25 driver-assisted services for eligible individuals, when appropriate. Driver-assisted service  
547.26 includes passenger pickup at and return to the individual's residence or place of business,  
547.27 assistance with admittance of the individual to the medical facility, and assistance in  
547.28 passenger securement or in securing of wheelchairs, child seats, or stretchers in the vehicle.

547.29 Nonemergency medical transportation providers must take clients to the health care  
547.30 provider using the most direct route, and must not exceed 30 miles for a trip to a primary  
547.31 care provider or 60 miles for a trip to a specialty care provider, unless the client receives  
547.32 authorization from the local agency.

548.1 Nonemergency medical transportation providers may not bill for separate base rates for  
548.2 the continuation of a trip beyond the original destination. Nonemergency medical  
548.3 transportation providers must maintain trip logs, which include pickup and drop-off times,  
548.4 signed by the medical provider or client, whichever is deemed most appropriate, attesting  
548.5 to mileage traveled to obtain covered medical services. Clients requesting client mileage  
548.6 reimbursement must sign the trip log attesting mileage traveled to obtain covered medical  
548.7 services.

548.8 (h) The administrative agency shall use the level of service process established by the  
548.9 commissioner in consultation with the Nonemergency Medical Transportation Advisory  
548.10 Committee to determine the client's most appropriate mode of transportation. If public transit  
548.11 or a certified transportation provider is not available to provide the appropriate service mode  
548.12 for the client, the client may receive a onetime service upgrade.

548.13 (i) The covered modes of transportation are:

548.14 (1) client reimbursement, which includes client mileage reimbursement provided to  
548.15 clients who have their own transportation, or to family or an acquaintance who provides  
548.16 transportation to the client;

548.17 (2) volunteer transport, which includes transportation by volunteers using their own  
548.18 vehicle;

548.19 (3) unassisted transport, which includes transportation provided to a client by a taxicab  
548.20 or public transit. If a taxicab or public transit is not available, the client can receive  
548.21 transportation from another nonemergency medical transportation provider;

548.22 (4) assisted transport, which includes transport provided to clients who require assistance  
548.23 by a nonemergency medical transportation provider;

548.24 (5) lift-equipped/ramp transport, which includes transport provided to a client who is  
548.25 dependent on a device and requires a nonemergency medical transportation provider with  
548.26 a vehicle containing a lift or ramp;

548.27 (6) protected transport, which includes transport provided to a client who has received  
548.28 a prescreening that has deemed other forms of transportation inappropriate and who requires  
548.29 a provider: (i) with a protected vehicle that is not an ambulance or police car and has safety  
548.30 locks, a video recorder, and a transparent thermoplastic partition between the passenger and  
548.31 the vehicle driver; and (ii) who is certified as a protected transport provider; and



549.1 (7) stretcher transport, which includes transport for a client in a prone or supine position  
549.2 and requires a nonemergency medical transportation provider with a vehicle that can transport  
549.3 a client in a prone or supine position.

549.4 (j) The local agency shall be the single administrative agency and shall administer and  
549.5 reimburse for modes defined in paragraph (i) according to paragraphs (m) and (n) when the  
549.6 commissioner has developed, made available, and funded the web-based single administrative  
549.7 structure, assessment tool, and level of need assessment under subdivision 18e. The local  
549.8 agency's financial obligation is limited to funds provided by the state or federal government.

549.9 (k) The commissioner shall:

549.10 (1) in consultation with the Nonemergency Medical Transportation Advisory Committee,  
549.11 verify that the mode and use of nonemergency medical transportation is appropriate;

549.12 (2) verify that the client is going to an approved medical appointment; and

549.13 (3) investigate all complaints and appeals.

549.14 (l) The administrative agency shall pay for the services provided in this subdivision and  
549.15 seek reimbursement from the commissioner, if appropriate. As vendors of medical care,  
549.16 local agencies are subject to the provisions in section 256B.041, the sanctions and monetary  
549.17 recovery actions in section 256B.064, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2160 to 9505.2245.

549.18 (m) Payments for nonemergency medical transportation must be paid based on the client's  
549.19 assessed mode under paragraph (h), not the type of vehicle used to provide the service. The  
549.20 medical assistance reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation services  
549.21 that are payable by or on behalf of the commissioner for nonemergency medical  
549.22 transportation services are:

549.23 (1) \$0.22 per mile for client reimbursement;

549.24 (2) up to 100 percent of the Internal Revenue Service business deduction rate for volunteer  
549.25 transport;

549.26 (3) equivalent to the standard fare for unassisted transport when provided by public  
549.27 transit, and \$11 for the base rate and \$1.30 per mile when provided by a nonemergency  
549.28 medical transportation provider;

549.29 (4) \$13 for the base rate and \$1.30 per mile for assisted transport;

549.30 (5) \$18 for the base rate and \$1.55 per mile for lift-equipped/ramp transport;

549.31 (6) \$75 for the base rate and \$2.40 per mile for protected transport; and

550.1 (7) \$60 for the base rate and \$2.40 per mile for stretcher transport, and \$9 per trip for  
550.2 an additional attendant if deemed medically necessary.

550.3 (n) The base rate for nonemergency medical transportation services in areas defined  
550.4 under RUCA to be super rural is equal to 111.3 percent of the respective base rate in  
550.5 paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7). The mileage rate for nonemergency medical transportation  
550.6 services in areas defined under RUCA to be rural or super rural areas is:

550.7 (1) for a trip equal to 17 miles or less, equal to 125 percent of the respective mileage  
550.8 rate in paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7); and

550.9 (2) for a trip between 18 and 50 miles, equal to 112.5 percent of the respective mileage  
550.10 rate in paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7).

550.11 (o) For purposes of reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation  
550.12 services under paragraphs (m) and (n), the zip code of the recipient's place of residence  
550.13 shall determine whether the urban, rural, or super rural reimbursement rate applies.

550.14 (p) For purposes of this subdivision, "rural urban commuting area" or "RUCA" means  
550.15 a census-tract based classification system under which a geographical area is determined  
550.16 to be urban, rural, or super rural.

550.17 (q) The commissioner, when determining reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical  
550.18 transportation under paragraphs (m) and (n), shall exempt all modes of transportation listed  
550.19 under paragraph (i) from Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0445, item R, subitem (2).

550.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

550.21 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
550.22 to read:

550.23 **Subd. 17d. Transportation services oversight.** The commissioner shall contract with  
550.24 a vendor or dedicate staff to oversee providers of nonemergency medical transportation  
550.25 services pursuant to the commissioner's authority in section 256B.04 and Minnesota Rules,  
550.26 parts 9505.2160 to 9505.2245.

550.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

550.28 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
550.29 to read:

550.30 **Subd. 17e. Transportation provider termination.** (a) A terminated nonemergency  
550.31 medical transportation provider, including all named individuals on the current enrollment

551.1 disclosure form and known or discovered affiliates of the nonemergency medical  
551.2 transportation provider, is not eligible to enroll as a nonemergency medical transportation  
551.3 provider for five years following the termination.

551.4 (b) After the five-year period in paragraph (a), if a provider seeks to reenroll as a  
551.5 nonemergency medical transportation provider, the provider must be placed on a one-year  
551.6 probation period. During a provider's probation period the commissioner shall complete  
551.7 unannounced site visits and request documentation to review compliance with program  
551.8 requirements.

551.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

551.10 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 30, is amended to read:

551.11 Subd. 30. **Other clinic services.** (a) Medical assistance covers rural health clinic services,  
551.12 federally qualified health center services, nonprofit community health clinic services, and  
551.13 public health clinic services. Rural health clinic services and federally qualified health center  
551.14 services mean services defined in United States Code, title 42, section 1396d(a)(2)(B) and  
551.15 (C). Payment for rural health clinic and federally qualified health center services shall be  
551.16 made according to applicable federal law and regulation.

551.17 (b) A federally qualified health center (FQHC) that is beginning initial operation shall  
551.18 submit an estimate of budgeted costs and visits for the initial reporting period in the form  
551.19 and detail required by the commissioner. ~~A federally qualified health center~~ An FQHC that  
551.20 is already in operation shall submit an initial report using actual costs and visits for the  
551.21 initial reporting period. Within 90 days of the end of its reporting period, ~~a federally qualified~~  
551.22 ~~health center~~ an FQHC shall submit, in the form and detail required by the commissioner,  
551.23 a report of its operations, including allowable costs actually incurred for the period and the  
551.24 actual number of visits for services furnished during the period, and other information  
551.25 required by the commissioner. ~~Federally qualified health centers~~ FQHCs that file Medicare  
551.26 cost reports shall provide the commissioner with a copy of the most recent Medicare cost  
551.27 report filed with the Medicare program intermediary for the reporting year which support  
551.28 the costs claimed on their cost report to the state.

551.29 (c) In order to continue cost-based payment under the medical assistance program  
551.30 according to paragraphs (a) and (b), ~~a federally qualified health center~~ an FQHC or rural  
551.31 health clinic must apply for designation as an essential community provider within six  
551.32 months of final adoption of rules by the Department of Health according to section 62Q.19,  
551.33 subdivision 7. For those ~~federally qualified health centers~~ FQHCs and rural health clinics  
551.34 that have applied for essential community provider status within the six-month time

552.1 prescribed, medical assistance payments will continue to be made according to paragraphs  
552.2 (a) and (b) for the first three years after application. For ~~federally-qualified health centers~~  
552.3 FQHCs and rural health clinics that either do not apply within the time specified above or  
552.4 who have had essential community provider status for three years, medical assistance  
552.5 payments for health services provided by these entities shall be according to the same rates  
552.6 and conditions applicable to the same service provided by health care providers that are not  
552.7 ~~federally-qualified health centers~~ FQHCs or rural health clinics.

552.8 (d) Effective July 1, 1999, the provisions of paragraph (c) requiring a ~~federally-qualified~~  
552.9 ~~health center~~ an FQHC or a rural health clinic to make application for an essential community  
552.10 provider designation in order to have cost-based payments made according to paragraphs  
552.11 (a) and (b) no longer apply.

552.12 (e) Effective January 1, 2000, payments made according to paragraphs (a) and (b) shall  
552.13 be limited to the cost phase-out schedule of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

552.14 (f) Effective January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2020, each ~~federally-qualified~~  
552.15 ~~health center~~ FQHC and rural health clinic may elect to be paid either under the prospective  
552.16 payment system established in United States Code, title 42, section 1396a(aa), or under an  
552.17 alternative payment methodology consistent with the requirements of United States Code,  
552.18 title 42, section 1396a(aa), and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.  
552.19 The alternative payment methodology shall be 100 percent of cost as determined according  
552.20 to Medicare cost principles.

552.21 (g) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2021, all claims for payment  
552.22 of clinic services provided by FQHCs and rural health clinics shall be paid by the  
552.23 commissioner, according to an annual election by the FQHC or rural health clinic, under  
552.24 the current prospective payment system described in paragraph (f) or the alternative payment  
552.25 methodology described in paragraph (l).

552.26 (h) For purposes of this section, "nonprofit community clinic" is a clinic that:

552.27 (1) has nonprofit status as specified in chapter 317A;

552.28 (2) has tax exempt status as provided in Internal Revenue Code, section 501(c)(3);

552.29 (3) is established to provide health services to low-income population groups, uninsured,  
552.30 high-risk and special needs populations, underserved and other special needs populations;

552.31 (4) employs professional staff at least one-half of which are familiar with the cultural  
552.32 background of their clients;

553.1 (5) charges for services on a sliding fee scale designed to provide assistance to  
553.2 low-income clients based on current poverty income guidelines and family size; and

553.3 (6) does not restrict access or services because of a client's financial limitations or public  
553.4 assistance status and provides no-cost care as needed.

553.5 ~~(h)~~ (i) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2015, all claims for payment  
553.6 of clinic services provided by ~~federally qualified health centers~~ FQHCs and rural health  
553.7 clinics shall be paid by the commissioner. the commissioner shall determine the most feasible  
553.8 method for paying claims from the following options:

553.9 (1) ~~federally qualified health centers~~ FQHCs and rural health clinics submit claims  
553.10 directly to the commissioner for payment, and the commissioner provides claims information  
553.11 for recipients enrolled in a managed care or county-based purchasing plan to the plan, on  
553.12 a regular basis; or

553.13 (2) ~~federally qualified health centers~~ FQHCs and rural health clinics submit claims for  
553.14 recipients enrolled in a managed care or county-based purchasing plan to the plan, and those  
553.15 claims are submitted by the plan to the commissioner for payment to the clinic.

553.16 ~~(i)~~ (j) For clinic services provided prior to January 1, 2015, the commissioner shall  
553.17 calculate and pay monthly the proposed managed care supplemental payments to clinics,  
553.18 and clinics shall conduct a timely review of the payment calculation data in order to finalize  
553.19 all supplemental payments in accordance with federal law. Any issues arising from a clinic's  
553.20 review must be reported to the commissioner by January 1, 2017. Upon final agreement  
553.21 between the commissioner and a clinic on issues identified under this subdivision, and in  
553.22 accordance with United States Code, title 42, section 1396a(bb), no supplemental payments  
553.23 for managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan claims for services provided prior  
553.24 to January 1, 2015, shall be made after June 30, 2017. If the commissioner and clinics are  
553.25 unable to resolve issues under this subdivision, the parties shall submit the dispute to the  
553.26 arbitration process under section 14.57.

553.27 ~~(j)~~ (k) The commissioner shall seek a federal waiver, authorized under section 1115 of  
553.28 the Social Security Act, to obtain federal financial participation at the 100 percent federal  
553.29 matching percentage available to facilities of the Indian Health Service or tribal organization  
553.30 in accordance with section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act for expenditures made to  
553.31 organizations dually certified under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act,  
553.32 Public Law 94-437, and as a federally qualified health center under paragraph (a) that  
553.33 provides services to American Indian and Alaskan Native individuals eligible for services  
553.34 under this subdivision.

554.1 (1) All claims for payment of clinic services provided by FQHCs and rural health clinics,  
554.2 that have elected to be paid under this paragraph, shall be paid by the commissioner according  
554.3 to the following requirements:

554.4 (1) the commissioner shall establish a single medical and single dental organization rate  
554.5 for each FQHC and rural health clinic when applicable;

554.6 (2) each FQHC and rural health clinic is eligible for same day reimbursement of one  
554.7 medical and one dental organization rate if eligible medical and dental visits are provided  
554.8 on the same day;

554.9 (3) the commissioner shall reimburse FQHCs and rural health clinics, in accordance  
554.10 with current applicable Medicare cost principles, their allowable costs, including direct  
554.11 patient care costs and patient-related support services. Nonallowable costs include, but are  
554.12 not limited to:

554.13 (i) general social service and administrative costs;

554.14 (ii) retail pharmacy;

554.15 (iii) patient incentives, food, housing assistance, and utility assistance;

554.16 (iv) external lab and x-ray;

554.17 (v) navigation services;

554.18 (vi) health care taxes;

554.19 (vii) advertising, public relations, and marketing;

554.20 (viii) office entertainment costs, food, alcohol, and gifts;

554.21 (ix) contributions and donations;

554.22 (x) bad debts or losses on awards or contracts;

554.23 (xi) fines, penalties, damages, or other settlements;

554.24 (xii) fund-raising, investment management, and associated administrative costs;

554.25 (xiii) research and associated administrative costs;

554.26 (xiv) nonpaid workers;

554.27 (xv) lobbying;

554.28 (xvi) scholarships and student aid; and

554.29 (xvii) nonmedical assistance covered services;

555.1 (4) the commissioner shall review the list of nonallowable costs in the years between  
555.2 the rebasing process established in clause (5), in consultation with the Minnesota Association  
555.3 of Community Health Centers, FQHCs, and rural health clinics. The commissioner shall  
555.4 publish the list and any updates in the Minnesota health care programs provider manual;

555.5 (5) the initial applicable base year organization rates for FQHCs and rural health clinics  
555.6 shall be computed for services delivered on or after January 1, 2021, and:

555.7 (i) must be determined using each FQHC's and rural health clinic's Medicare cost reports  
555.8 from both 2017 and 2018;

555.9 (ii) must be according to current applicable Medicare cost principles as applicable to  
555.10 FQHCs and rural health clinics without the application of productivity screens and upper  
555.11 payment limits or the Medicare prospective payment system FQHC aggregate mean upper  
555.12 payment limit;

555.13 (iii) must be subsequently rebased every two years thereafter using the Medicare cost  
555.14 reports that are three and four years prior to the rebasing year;

555.15 (iv) must be inflated to the base year using the inflation factor described in clause (6);  
555.16 and

555.17 (v) the commissioner must provide for a 60-day appeals process under section 14.57;

555.18 (6) the commissioner shall annually inflate the applicable organization rates for FQHCs  
555.19 and rural health clinics from the base year payment rate to the effective date by using the  
555.20 CMS FQHC Market Basket inflator established under United States Code, title 42, section  
555.21 1395m(o), less productivity;

555.22 (7) FQHCs and rural health clinics that have elected the alternative payment methodology  
555.23 under this paragraph shall submit all necessary documentation required by the commissioner  
555.24 to compute the rebased organization rates no later than six months following the date the  
555.25 applicable Medicare cost reports are due to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

555.26 (8) the commissioner shall reimburse FQHCs and rural health clinics an additional  
555.27 amount relative to their medical and dental organization rates that is attributable to the tax  
555.28 required to be paid according to section 295.52, if applicable;

555.29 (9) FQHCs and rural health clinics may submit change of scope requests to the  
555.30 commissioner if the change of scope would result in an increase or decrease of 2.5 percent  
555.31 or higher in the medical or dental organization rate currently received by the FQHC or rural  
555.32 health clinic;

556.1 (10) For FQHCs and rural health clinics seeking a change in scope with the commissioner  
556.2 under clause (9) that requires the approval of the scope change by the federal Health  
556.3 Resources Services Administration:

556.4 (i) FQHCs and rural health clinics shall submit the change of scope request, including  
556.5 the start date of services, to the commissioner within seven business days of submission of  
556.6 the scope change to the federal Health Resources Services Administration;

556.7 (ii) the commissioner shall establish the effective date of the payment change as the  
556.8 federal Health Resources Services Administration date of approval of the FQHC's or rural  
556.9 health clinic's scope change request, or the effective start date of services, whichever is  
556.10 later; and

556.11 (iii) within 45 days of one year after the effective date established in item (ii), the  
556.12 commissioner shall conduct a retroactive review to determine if the actual costs established  
556.13 under clause (3) or encounters result in an increase or decrease of 2.5 percent or higher in  
556.14 the medical or dental organization rate, and if this is the case, the commissioner shall revise  
556.15 the rate accordingly and shall adjust payments retrospectively to the effective date established  
556.16 in item (ii);

556.17 (11) for change of scope requests that do not require federal Health Resources Services  
556.18 Administration approval, the FQHC and rural health clinic shall submit the request to the  
556.19 commissioner before implementing the change, and the effective date of the change is the  
556.20 date the commissioner received the FQHC's or rural health clinic's request, or the effective  
556.21 start date of the service, whichever is later. The commissioner shall provide a response to  
556.22 the FQHC's or rural health clinic's request within 45 days of submission and provide a final  
556.23 approval within 120 days of submission. This timeline may be waived at the mutual  
556.24 agreement of the commissioner and the FQHC or rural health clinic if more information is  
556.25 needed to evaluate the request;

556.26 (12) the commissioner, when establishing organization rates for new FQHCs and rural  
556.27 health clinics, shall consider the patient caseload of existing FQHCs and rural health clinics  
556.28 in a 60-mile radius for organizations established outside of the seven-county metropolitan  
556.29 area, and in a 30-mile radius for organizations in the seven-county metropolitan area. If this  
556.30 information is not available, the commissioner may use Medicare cost reports or audited  
556.31 financial statements to establish base rate;

556.32 (13) the commissioner shall establish a quality measures workgroup that includes  
556.33 representatives from the Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers, FQHCs,  
556.34 and rural health clinics, to evaluate clinical and nonclinical measures; and



557.1 (14) the commissioner shall not disallow or reduce costs that are related to an FQHC's  
557.2 or rural health clinic's participation in health care educational programs to the extent that  
557.3 the costs are not accounted for in the alternative payment methodology encounter rate  
557.4 established in this paragraph.

557.5 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 31, is amended to read:

557.6 Subd. 31. **Medical supplies and equipment.** (a) Medical assistance covers medical  
557.7 supplies and equipment. Separate payment outside of the facility's payment rate shall be  
557.8 made for wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories for recipients who are residents of  
557.9 intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled. Reimbursement for wheelchairs  
557.10 and wheelchair accessories for ICF/DD recipients shall be subject to the same conditions  
557.11 and limitations as coverage for recipients who do not reside in institutions. A wheelchair  
557.12 purchased outside of the facility's payment rate is the property of the recipient.

557.13 (b) Vendors of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or medical supplies  
557.14 must enroll as a Medicare provider.

557.15 (c) When necessary to ensure access to durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics,  
557.16 or medical supplies, the commissioner may exempt a vendor from the Medicare enrollment  
557.17 requirement if:

557.18 (1) the vendor supplies only one type of durable medical equipment, prosthetic, orthotic,  
557.19 or medical supply;

557.20 (2) the vendor serves ten or fewer medical assistance recipients per year;

557.21 (3) the commissioner finds that other vendors are not available to provide same or similar  
557.22 durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or medical supplies; and

557.23 (4) the vendor complies with all screening requirements in this chapter and Code of  
557.24 Federal Regulations, title 42, part 455. The commissioner may also exempt a vendor from  
557.25 the Medicare enrollment requirement if the vendor is accredited by a Centers for Medicare  
557.26 and Medicaid Services approved national accreditation organization as complying with the  
557.27 Medicare program's supplier and quality standards and the vendor serves primarily pediatric  
557.28 patients.

557.29 (d) Durable medical equipment means a device or equipment that:

557.30 (1) can withstand repeated use;

557.31 (2) is generally not useful in the absence of an illness, injury, or disability; and

558.1 (3) is provided to correct or accommodate a physiological disorder or physical condition  
558.2 or is generally used primarily for a medical purpose.

558.3 (e) Electronic tablets may be considered durable medical equipment if the electronic  
558.4 tablet will be used as an augmentative and alternative communication system as defined  
558.5 under subdivision 31a, paragraph (a). To be covered by medical assistance, the device must  
558.6 be locked in order to prevent use not related to communication.

558.7 (f) Notwithstanding the requirement in paragraph (e) that an electronic tablet must be  
558.8 locked to prevent use not as an augmentative communication device, a recipient of waiver  
558.9 services may use an electronic tablet for a use not related to communication when the  
558.10 recipient has been authorized under the waiver to receive one or more additional applications  
558.11 that can be loaded onto the electronic tablet, such that allowing the additional use prevents  
558.12 the purchase of a separate electronic tablet with waiver funds.

558.13 (g) An order or prescription for medical supplies, equipment, or appliances must meet  
558.14 the requirements in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, part 440.70.

558.15 (h) Allergen-reducing products provided according to subdivision 66, paragraph (c),  
558.16 shall be considered durable medical equipment.

558.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval,  
558.18 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
558.19 when federal approval is obtained.

558.20 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 57, is amended to read:

558.21 Subd. 57. **Payment for Part B Medicare crossover claims.** (a) Effective for services  
558.22 provided on or after January 1, 2012, medical assistance payment for an enrollee's  
558.23 cost-sharing associated with Medicare Part B is limited to an amount up to the medical  
558.24 assistance total allowed, when the medical assistance rate exceeds the amount paid by  
558.25 Medicare.

558.26 (b) Excluded from this limitation are payments for mental health services and payments  
558.27 for dialysis services provided to end-stage renal disease patients. The exclusion for mental  
558.28 health services does not apply to payments for physician services provided by psychiatrists  
558.29 and advanced practice nurses with a specialty in mental health.

558.30 (c) Excluded from this limitation are payments to federally qualified health centers,  
558.31 Indian Health Services, and rural health clinics.

558.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

559.1 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
559.2 to read:

559.3 Subd. 66. **Enhanced asthma care services.** (a) Medical assistance covers enhanced  
559.4 asthma care services and related products to be provided in the children's homes for children  
559.5 with poorly controlled asthma. To be eligible for services and products under this subdivision,  
559.6 a child must:

559.7 (1) be under the age of 21;

559.8 (2) have poorly controlled asthma defined by having received health care for the child's  
559.9 asthma from a hospital emergency department at least one time in the past year or have  
559.10 been hospitalized for the treatment of asthma at least one time in the past year; and

559.11 (3) receive a referral for services and products under this subdivision from a treating  
559.12 health care provider.

559.13 (b) Covered services include home visits provided by a registered environmental health  
559.14 specialist or lead risk assessor currently credentialed by the Department of Health or a  
559.15 healthy homes specialist credentialed by the Building Performance Institute.

559.16 (c) Covered products include the following allergen-reducing products that are identified  
559.17 as needed, and recommended for the child, by a registered environmental health specialist,  
559.18 healthy homes specialist, lead risk assessor, certified asthma educator, public health nurse,  
559.19 or other health care professional providing asthma care for the child, and proven to reduce  
559.20 asthma triggers:

559.21 (1) allergen encasements for mattresses, box springs, and pillows;

559.22 (2) an allergen-rated vacuum cleaner, filters, and bags;

559.23 (3) a dehumidifier and filters;

559.24 (4) HEPA single-room air cleaners and filters;

559.25 (5) integrated pest management, including traps and starter packages of food storage  
559.26 containers;

559.27 (6) a damp mopping system;

559.28 (7) if the child does not have access to a bed, a waterproof hospital-grade mattress; and

559.29 (8) for homeowners only, furnace filters.

559.30 The commissioner shall determine additional products that may be covered as new best  
559.31 practices for asthma care are identified.

560.1 (d) A home assessment is a home visit to identify asthma triggers in the home and to  
560.2 provide education on trigger-reducing products. A child is limited to two home assessments  
560.3 except that a child may receive an additional home assessment if the child moves to a new  
560.4 home; if a new asthma trigger, including tobacco smoke, enters the home; or if the child's  
560.5 health care provider identifies a new allergy for the child, including an allergy to mold,  
560.6 pests, pets, or dust mites. The commissioner shall determine the frequency with which a  
560.7 child may receive a product listed in paragraph (c), based on the reasonable expected lifetime  
560.8 of the product.

560.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval,  
560.10 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
560.11 when federal approval is obtained.

560.12 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
560.13 to read:

560.14 Subd. 67. **Provider tax rate increase.** (a) The commissioner shall increase the total  
560.15 payments to managed care plans under section 256B.69 by an amount equal to the cost  
560.16 increases to the managed care plans from the elimination of:

560.17 (1) the exemption from the taxes imposed under section 297I.05, subdivision 5, for  
560.18 premiums paid by the state for medical assistance and the MinnesotaCare program; and

560.19 (2) the exemption of gross revenues subject to the taxes imposed under sections 295.50  
560.20 to 295.57, for payments paid by the state for services provided under medical assistance  
560.21 and the MinnesotaCare program. Any increase based on this clause must be reflected in  
560.22 provider rates paid by the managed care plan unless the managed care plan is a staff model  
560.23 health plan company.

560.24 (b) The commissioner shall increase by two percent the fee-for-service payments under  
560.25 medical assistance and the MinnesotaCare program for services subject to the hospital,  
560.26 surgical center, or health care provider taxes under sections 295.50 to 295.57.

560.27 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.064, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

560.28 Subd. 1a. **Grounds for sanctions against vendors.** (a) The commissioner may impose  
560.29 sanctions against a vendor of medical care for any of the following: (1) fraud, theft, or abuse  
560.30 in connection with the provision of medical care to recipients of public assistance; (2) a  
560.31 pattern of presentment of false or duplicate claims or claims for services not medically  
560.32 necessary; (3) a pattern of making false statements of material facts for the purpose of

561.1 obtaining greater compensation than that to which the vendor is legally entitled; (4)  
561.2 suspension or termination as a Medicare vendor; (5) refusal to grant the state agency access  
561.3 during regular business hours to examine all records necessary to disclose the extent of  
561.4 services provided to program recipients and appropriateness of claims for payment; (6)  
561.5 failure to repay an overpayment or a fine finally established under this section; (7) failure  
561.6 to correct errors in the maintenance of health service or financial records for which a fine  
561.7 was imposed or after issuance of a warning by the commissioner; and (8) any reason for  
561.8 which a vendor could be excluded from participation in the Medicare program under section  
561.9 1128, 1128A, or 1866(b)(2) of the Social Security Act.

561.10 (b) The commissioner may impose sanctions against a pharmacy provider for failure to  
561.11 respond to a cost of dispensing survey under section 256B.0625, subdivision 13e, paragraph  
561.12 (h).

561.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 1, 2019.

561.14 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0659, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

561.15 Subd. 21. **Requirements for provider enrollment of personal care assistance provider**  
561.16 **agencies.** (a) All personal care assistance provider agencies must provide, at the time of  
561.17 enrollment, reenrollment, and revalidation as a personal care assistance provider agency in  
561.18 a format determined by the commissioner, information and documentation that includes,  
561.19 but is not limited to, the following:

561.20 (1) the personal care assistance provider agency's current contact information including  
561.21 address, telephone number, and e-mail address;

561.22 (2) proof of surety bond coverage for each business location providing services. Upon  
561.23 new enrollment, or if the provider's Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is up  
561.24 to and including \$300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If  
561.25 the Medicaid revenue in the previous year is over \$300,000, the provider agency must  
561.26 purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond must be in a form approved by the  
561.27 commissioner, must be renewed annually, and must allow for recovery of costs and fees in  
561.28 pursuing a claim on the bond;

561.29 (3) proof of fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$20,000 for each business location  
561.30 providing service;

561.31 (4) proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage identifying the business location  
561.32 where personal care assistance services are provided;

562.1 (5) proof of liability insurance coverage identifying the business location where personal  
562.2 care assistance services are provided and naming the department as a certificate holder;

562.3 ~~(6) a description of the personal care assistance provider agency's organization identifying~~  
562.4 ~~the names of all owners, managing employees, staff, board of directors, and the affiliations~~  
562.5 ~~of the directors, owners, or staff to other service providers;~~

562.6 ~~(7)~~ (6) a copy of the personal care assistance provider agency's written policies and  
562.7 procedures including: hiring of employees; training requirements; service delivery; and  
562.8 employee and consumer safety including process for notification and resolution of consumer  
562.9 grievances, identification and prevention of communicable diseases, and employee  
562.10 misconduct;

562.11 ~~(8)~~ (7) copies of all other forms the personal care assistance provider agency uses in the  
562.12 course of daily business including, but not limited to:

562.13 (i) a copy of the personal care assistance provider agency's time sheet if the time sheet  
562.14 varies from the standard time sheet for personal care assistance services approved by the  
562.15 commissioner, and a letter requesting approval of the personal care assistance provider  
562.16 agency's nonstandard time sheet;

562.17 (ii) the personal care assistance provider agency's template for the personal care assistance  
562.18 care plan; and

562.19 (iii) the personal care assistance provider agency's template for the written agreement  
562.20 in subdivision 20 for recipients using the personal care assistance choice option, if applicable;

562.21 ~~(9)~~ (8) a list of all training and classes that the personal care assistance provider agency  
562.22 requires of its staff providing personal care assistance services;

562.23 ~~(10)~~ (9) documentation that the personal care assistance provider agency and staff have  
562.24 successfully completed all the training required by this section;

562.25 ~~(11)~~ (10) documentation of the agency's marketing practices;

562.26 ~~(12)~~ (11) disclosure of ownership, leasing, or management of all residential properties  
562.27 that is used or could be used for providing home care services;

562.28 ~~(13)~~ (12) documentation that the agency will use the following percentages of revenue  
562.29 generated from the medical assistance rate paid for personal care assistance services for  
562.30 employee personal care assistant wages and benefits: 72.5 percent of revenue in the personal  
562.31 care assistance choice option and 72.5 percent of revenue from other personal care assistance

563.1 providers. The revenue generated by the qualified professional and the reasonable costs  
563.2 associated with the qualified professional shall not be used in making this calculation; and  
563.3 ~~(14)~~ (13) effective May 15, 2010, documentation that the agency does not burden  
563.4 recipients' free exercise of their right to choose service providers by requiring personal care  
563.5 assistants to sign an agreement not to work with any particular personal care assistance  
563.6 recipient or for another personal care assistance provider agency after leaving the agency  
563.7 and that the agency is not taking action on any such agreements or requirements regardless  
563.8 of the date signed.

563.9 (b) Personal care assistance provider agencies shall provide the information specified  
563.10 in paragraph (a) to the commissioner at the time the personal care assistance provider agency  
563.11 enrolls as a vendor or upon request from the commissioner. The commissioner shall collect  
563.12 the information specified in paragraph (a) from all personal care assistance providers  
563.13 beginning July 1, 2009.

563.14 (c) All personal care assistance provider agencies shall require all employees in  
563.15 management and supervisory positions and owners of the agency who are active in the  
563.16 day-to-day management and operations of the agency to complete mandatory training as  
563.17 determined by the commissioner before submitting an application for enrollment of the  
563.18 agency as a provider. All personal care assistance provider agencies shall also require  
563.19 qualified professionals to complete the training required by subdivision 13 before submitting  
563.20 an application for enrollment of the agency as a provider. Employees in management and  
563.21 supervisory positions and owners who are active in the day-to-day operations of an agency  
563.22 who have completed the required training as an employee with a personal care assistance  
563.23 provider agency do not need to repeat the required training if they are hired by another  
563.24 agency, if they have completed the training within the past three years. By September 1,  
563.25 2010, the required training must be available with meaningful access according to title VI  
563.26 of the Civil Rights Act and federal regulations adopted under that law or any guidance from  
563.27 the United States Health and Human Services Department. The required training must be  
563.28 available online or by electronic remote connection. The required training must provide for  
563.29 competency testing. Personal care assistance provider agency billing staff shall complete  
563.30 training about personal care assistance program financial management. This training is  
563.31 effective July 1, 2009. Any personal care assistance provider agency enrolled before that  
563.32 date shall, if it has not already, complete the provider training within 18 months of July 1,  
563.33 2009. Any new owners or employees in management and supervisory positions involved  
563.34 in the day-to-day operations are required to complete mandatory training as a requisite of  
563.35 working for the agency. Personal care assistance provider agencies certified for participation

564.1 in Medicare as home health agencies are exempt from the training required in this  
564.2 subdivision. When available, Medicare-certified home health agency owners, supervisors,  
564.3 or managers must successfully complete the competency test.

564.4 (d) All surety bonds, fidelity bonds, workers compensation insurance, and liability  
564.5 insurance required by this subdivision must be maintained continuously. After initial  
564.6 enrollment, a provider must submit proof of bonds and required coverages at any time at  
564.7 the request of the commissioner. Services provided while there are lapses in coverage are  
564.8 not eligible for payment. Lapses in coverage may result in sanctions, including termination.  
564.9 The commissioner shall send instructions and a due date to submit the requested information  
564.10 to the personal care assistance provider agency.

564.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

564.12 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.69, is amended by adding a subdivision  
564.13 to read:

564.14 Subd. 38. **Payment rate transparency.** The commissioner shall compare fee-for-service  
564.15 medical assistance, Medicare, and medical assistance managed care and county-based  
564.16 purchasing plan aggregate payment rates for the most frequently used inpatient hospital,  
564.17 primary care, dental care, physician specialist, obstetrics, mental health, substance use  
564.18 disorder, and home health services using available data. The commissioner shall publish  
564.19 this information on the Department of Human Services website and must update the  
564.20 information annually by October 1. The managed care and county-based purchasing plan  
564.21 aggregate payment data must be expressed as the percentage above or below the  
564.22 fee-for-service payment rate for the categories listed in this subdivision.

564.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2020.

564.24 Sec. 37. **[256B.758] REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULA SERVICES.**

564.25 Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2019, payments for doula services  
564.26 provided by a certified doula shall be \$47 per prenatal or postpartum visit and \$488 for  
564.27 attending and providing doula services at a birth.

564.28 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.766, is amended to read:

564.29 **256B.766 REIMBURSEMENT FOR BASIC CARE SERVICES.**

564.30 (a) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2009, total payments for basic care  
564.31 services, shall be reduced by three percent, except that for the period July 1, 2009, through



565.1 June 30, 2011, total payments shall be reduced by 4.5 percent for the medical assistance  
565.2 and general assistance medical care programs, prior to third-party liability and spenddown  
565.3 calculation. Effective July 1, 2010, the commissioner shall classify physical therapy services,  
565.4 occupational therapy services, and speech-language pathology and related services as basic  
565.5 care services. The reduction in this paragraph shall apply to physical therapy services,  
565.6 occupational therapy services, and speech-language pathology and related services provided  
565.7 on or after July 1, 2010.

565.8 (b) Payments made to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans shall be  
565.9 reduced for services provided on or after October 1, 2009, to reflect the reduction effective  
565.10 July 1, 2009, and payments made to the plans shall be reduced effective October 1, 2010,  
565.11 to reflect the reduction effective July 1, 2010.

565.12 (c) Effective for services provided on or after September 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013,  
565.13 total payments for outpatient hospital facility fees shall be reduced by five percent from the  
565.14 rates in effect on August 31, 2011.

565.15 (d) Effective for services provided on or after September 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013,  
565.16 total payments for ambulatory surgery centers facility fees, medical supplies and durable  
565.17 medical equipment not subject to a volume purchase contract, prosthetics and orthotics,  
565.18 renal dialysis services, laboratory services, public health nursing services, physical therapy  
565.19 services, occupational therapy services, speech therapy services, eyeglasses not subject to  
565.20 a volume purchase contract, hearing aids not subject to a volume purchase contract, and  
565.21 anesthesia services shall be reduced by three percent from the rates in effect on August 31,  
565.22 2011.

565.23 (e) Effective for services provided on or after September 1, 2014, payments for  
565.24 ambulatory surgery centers facility fees, hospice services, renal dialysis services, laboratory  
565.25 services, public health nursing services, eyeglasses not subject to a volume purchase contract,  
565.26 and hearing aids not subject to a volume purchase contract shall be increased by three percent  
565.27 and payments for outpatient hospital facility fees shall be increased by three percent.  
565.28 Payments made to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans shall not be  
565.29 adjusted to reflect payments under this paragraph.

565.30 (f) Payments for medical supplies and durable medical equipment not subject to a volume  
565.31 purchase contract, and prosthetics and orthotics, provided on or after July 1, 2014, through  
565.32 June 30, 2015, shall be decreased by .33 percent. Payments for medical supplies and durable  
565.33 medical equipment not subject to a volume purchase contract, and prosthetics and orthotics,

566.1 provided on or after July 1, 2015, shall be increased by three percent from the rates as  
566.2 determined under paragraphs (i) and (j).

566.3 (g) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2015, payments for outpatient  
566.4 hospital facility fees, medical supplies and durable medical equipment not subject to a  
566.5 volume purchase contract, prosthetics, and orthotics to a hospital meeting the criteria specified  
566.6 in section 62Q.19, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (4), shall be increased by 90 percent  
566.7 from the rates in effect on June 30, 2015. Payments made to managed care plans and  
566.8 county-based purchasing plans shall not be adjusted to reflect payments under this paragraph.

566.9 (h) This section does not apply to physician and professional services, inpatient hospital  
566.10 services, family planning services, mental health services, dental services, prescription  
566.11 drugs, medical transportation, federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, Indian  
566.12 health services, and Medicare cost-sharing.

566.13 (i) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2015, the following categories of  
566.14 medical supplies and durable medical equipment shall be individually priced items: enteral  
566.15 nutrition and supplies, customized and other specialized tracheostomy tubes and supplies,  
566.16 electric patient lifts, and durable medical equipment repair and service. This paragraph does  
566.17 not apply to medical supplies and durable medical equipment subject to a volume purchase  
566.18 contract, products subject to the preferred diabetic testing supply program, and items provided  
566.19 to dually eligible recipients when Medicare is the primary payer for the item. The  
566.20 commissioner shall not apply any medical assistance rate reductions to durable medical  
566.21 equipment as a result of Medicare competitive bidding.

566.22 (j) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2015, medical assistance payment  
566.23 rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies shall be increased  
566.24 as follows:

566.25 (1) payment rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies that  
566.26 were subject to the Medicare competitive bid that took effect in January of 2009 shall be  
566.27 increased by 9.5 percent; and

566.28 (2) payment rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies on  
566.29 the medical assistance fee schedule, whether or not subject to the Medicare competitive bid  
566.30 that took effect in January of 2009, shall be increased by 2.94 percent, with this increase  
566.31 being applied after calculation of any increased payment rate under clause (1).

566.32 This paragraph does not apply to medical supplies and durable medical equipment subject  
566.33 to a volume purchase contract, products subject to the preferred diabetic testing supply  
566.34 program, items provided to dually eligible recipients when Medicare is the primary payer

567.1 for the item, and individually priced items identified in paragraph (i). Payments made to  
567.2 managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans shall not be adjusted to reflect the  
567.3 rate increases in this paragraph.

567.4 (k) Effective for nonpressure support ventilators provided on or after January 1, 2016,  
567.5 the rate shall be the lower of the submitted charge or the Medicare fee schedule rate. Effective  
567.6 for pressure support ventilators provided on or after January 1, 2016, the rate shall be the  
567.7 lower of the submitted charge or 47 percent above the Medicare fee schedule rate. For  
567.8 payments made in accordance with this paragraph, if, and to the extent that, the commissioner  
567.9 identifies that the state has received federal financial participation for ventilators in excess  
567.10 of the amount allowed effective January 1, 2018, under United States Code, title 42, section  
567.11 1396b(i)(27), the state shall repay the excess amount to the Centers for Medicare and  
567.12 Medicaid Services with state funds and maintain the full payment rate under this paragraph.

567.13 (l) Payment rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics or supplies, that  
567.14 are subject to the upper payment limit in accordance with section 1903(i)(27) of the Social  
567.15 Security Act, shall be paid the Medicare rate. Rate increases provided in this chapter shall  
567.16 not be applied to the items listed in this paragraph.

567.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, subject to federal approval.  
567.18 The commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval has been  
567.19 obtained.

567.20 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256L.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

567.21 Subd. 2. **Payment of certain providers.** Services provided by federally qualified health  
567.22 centers, rural health clinics, ~~and~~ facilities of the Indian health service, and certified  
567.23 community behavioral health clinics shall be paid for according to the same rates and  
567.24 conditions applicable to the same service provided by providers that are not federally  
567.25 qualified health centers, rural health clinics, ~~or~~ facilities of the Indian health service, or  
567.26 certified community behavioral health clinics. The alternative payment methodology  
567.27 described under section 256B.0625, subdivision 30, paragraph (l), shall not apply to services  
567.28 delivered under this chapter by federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and  
567.29 facilities of the Indian Health Services. The prospective payment system for certified  
567.30 behavioral health clinics under section 256B.0625, subdivision 5m, shall not apply to services  
567.31 delivered under this chapter.

568.1 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 295.52, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

568.2 Subd. 8. **Contingent reduction in tax rate.** (a) By December 1 of each year, beginning  
 568.3 in 2011, the commissioner of management and budget shall determine the projected balance  
 568.4 in the health care access fund for the biennium.

568.5 (b) If the commissioner of management and budget determines that the projected balance  
 568.6 in the health care access fund for the biennium reflects a ratio of revenues to expenditures  
 568.7 and transfers greater than 125 percent, and if the actual cash balance in the fund is adequate,  
 568.8 as determined by the commissioner of management and budget, the commissioner, in  
 568.9 consultation with the commissioner of revenue, shall reduce the tax rates levied under  
 568.10 subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 3, and 4, for the subsequent calendar year sufficient to reduce the  
 568.11 structural balance in the fund. The rate may be reduced to the extent that the projected  
 568.12 revenues for the biennium do not exceed 125 percent of expenditures and transfers. The  
 568.13 new rate shall be rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent. The rate reduction under  
 568.14 this paragraph expires at the end of each calendar year and is subject to an annual  
 568.15 redetermination by the commissioner of management and budget.

568.16 (c) For purposes of the analysis defined in paragraph (b), the commissioner of  
 568.17 management and budget shall include projected revenues, ~~notwithstanding the repeal of the~~  
 568.18 ~~tax imposed under this section effective January 1, 2020.~~

568.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

568.20 Sec. 41. Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 14, article 13C, section 2, subdivision  
 568.21 6, as amended by Laws 2004, chapter 272, article 2, section 4; Laws 2005, First Special  
 568.22 Session chapter 4, article 5, section 18; and Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 4,  
 568.23 article 9, section 11, is amended to read:

568.24 Subd. 6. **Basic Health Care Grants**

568.25 Summary by Fund

568.26 General	1,290,454,000	1,475,996,000
568.27 Health Care Access	254,121,000	282,689,000

568.28 **UPDATING FEDERAL POVERTY**

568.29 **GUIDELINES.** Annual updates to the federal  
 568.30 poverty guidelines are effective each July 1,  
 568.31 following publication by the United States  
 568.32 Department of Health and Human Services

569.1 for health care programs under Minnesota  
 569.2 Statutes, chapters 256, 256B, 256D, and 256L.

569.3 The amounts that may be spent from this  
 569.4 appropriation for each purpose are as follows:

569.5 (a) MinnesotaCare Grants

569.6 Health Care Access	253,371,000	281,939,000
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569.7 **MINNESOTACARE FEDERAL**

569.8 **RECEIPTS.** Receipts received as a result of  
 569.9 federal participation pertaining to  
 569.10 administrative costs of the Minnesota health  
 569.11 care reform waiver shall be deposited as  
 569.12 nondedicated revenue in the health care access  
 569.13 fund. Receipts received as a result of federal  
 569.14 participation pertaining to grants shall be  
 569.15 deposited in the federal fund and shall offset  
 569.16 health care access funds for payments to  
 569.17 providers.

569.18 **MINNESOTACARE FUNDING.** The  
 569.19 commissioner may expend money  
 569.20 appropriated from the health care access fund  
 569.21 for MinnesotaCare in either fiscal year of the  
 569.22 biennium.

569.23 (b) MA Basic Health Care Grants - Families  
 569.24 and Children

569.25 General	427,769,000	489,545,000
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569.26 **SERVICES TO PREGNANT WOMEN.**

569.27 The commissioner shall use available federal  
 569.28 money for the State-Children's Health  
 569.29 Insurance Program for medical assistance  
 569.30 services provided to pregnant women who are  
 569.31 not otherwise eligible for federal financial  
 569.32 participation beginning in fiscal year 2003.  
 569.33 This federal money shall be deposited in the

570.1 federal fund and shall offset general funds for  
570.2 payments to providers. Notwithstanding  
570.3 section 14, this paragraph shall not expire.

570.4 **MANAGED CARE RATE INCREASE. (a)**

570.5 ~~Effective January 1, 2004, the commissioner~~  
570.6 ~~of human services shall increase the total~~  
570.7 ~~payments to managed care plans under~~  
570.8 ~~Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.69, by an~~  
570.9 ~~amount equal to the cost increases to the~~  
570.10 ~~managed care plans from by the elimination~~  
570.11 ~~of: (1) the exemption from the taxes imposed~~  
570.12 ~~under Minnesota Statutes, section 297I.05,~~  
570.13 ~~subdivision 5, for premiums paid by the state~~  
570.14 ~~for medical assistance, general assistance~~  
570.15 ~~medical care, and the MinnesotaCare program;~~  
570.16 ~~and (2) the exemption of gross revenues~~  
570.17 ~~subject to the taxes imposed under Minnesota~~  
570.18 ~~Statutes, sections 295.50 to 295.57, for~~  
570.19 ~~payments paid by the state for services~~  
570.20 ~~provided under medical assistance, general~~  
570.21 ~~assistance medical care, and the~~  
570.22 ~~MinnesotaCare program. Any increase based~~  
570.23 ~~on clause (2) must be reflected in provider~~  
570.24 ~~rates paid by the managed care plan unless the~~  
570.25 ~~managed care plan is a staff model health plan~~  
570.26 ~~company.~~

570.27 ~~(b) The commissioner of human services shall~~  
570.28 ~~increase by the applicable tax rate in effect~~  
570.29 ~~under Minnesota Statutes, section 295.52, the~~  
570.30 ~~fee for service payments under medical~~  
570.31 ~~assistance, general assistance medical care,~~  
570.32 ~~and the MinnesotaCare program for services~~  
570.33 ~~subject to the hospital, surgical center, or~~  
570.34 ~~health care provider taxes under Minnesota~~  
570.35 ~~Statutes, sections 295.50 to 295.57, effective~~

571.1 ~~for services rendered on or after January 1,~~  
 571.2 ~~2004.~~

571.3 (c) The commissioner of finance shall transfer  
 571.4 from the health care access fund to the general  
 571.5 fund the following amounts in the fiscal years  
 571.6 indicated: 2004, \$16,587,000; 2005,  
 571.7 \$46,322,000; 2006, \$49,413,000; and 2007,  
 571.8 \$58,695,000.

571.9 (d) Notwithstanding section 14, these  
 571.10 provisions shall not expire.

571.11 (c) MA Basic Health Care Grants - Elderly  
 571.12 and Disabled

571.13 General	610,518,000	743,858,000
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571.14 **DELAY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

571.15 **FEE-FOR-SERVICE - ACUTE CARE.** The  
 571.16 following payments in fiscal year 2005 from  
 571.17 the Medicaid Management Information  
 571.18 System that would otherwise have been made  
 571.19 to providers for medical assistance and general  
 571.20 assistance medical care services shall be  
 571.21 delayed and included in the first payment in  
 571.22 fiscal year 2006:

- 571.23 (1) for hospitals, the last two payments; and
- 571.24 (2) for nonhospital providers, the last payment.

571.25 This payment delay shall not include payments  
 571.26 to skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care  
 571.27 facilities for mental retardation, prepaid health  
 571.28 plans, home health agencies, personal care  
 571.29 nursing providers, and providers of only  
 571.30 waiver services. The provisions of Minnesota  
 571.31 Statutes, section 16A.124, shall not apply to  
 571.32 these delayed payments. Notwithstanding  
 571.33 section 14, this provision shall not expire.

572.1 **DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING**

572.2 **SERVICES.** If, after making reasonable  
 572.3 efforts, the service provider for mental health  
 572.4 services to persons who are deaf or hearing  
 572.5 impaired is not able to earn \$227,000 through  
 572.6 participation in medical assistance intensive  
 572.7 rehabilitation services in fiscal year 2005, the  
 572.8 commissioner shall transfer \$227,000 minus  
 572.9 medical assistance earnings achieved by the  
 572.10 grantee to deaf and hard-of-hearing grants to  
 572.11 enable the provider to continue providing  
 572.12 services to eligible persons.

572.13 (d) General Assistance Medical Care Grants

572.14 General	239,861,000	229,960,000
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572.15 (e) Health Care Grants - Other Assistance

572.16 General	3,067,000	3,407,000
572.17 Health Care Access	750,000	750,000

572.18 **MINNESOTA PRESCRIPTION DRUG**

572.19 **DEDICATED FUND.** Of the general fund  
 572.20 appropriation, \$284,000 in fiscal year 2005 is  
 572.21 appropriated to the commissioner for the  
 572.22 prescription drug dedicated fund established  
 572.23 under the prescription drug discount program.

572.24 **DENTAL ACCESS GRANTS**

572.25 **CARRYOVER AUTHORITY.** Any unspent  
 572.26 portion of the appropriation from the health  
 572.27 care access fund in fiscal years 2002 and 2003  
 572.28 for dental access grants under Minnesota  
 572.29 Statutes, section 256B.53, shall not cancel but  
 572.30 shall be allowed to carry forward to be spent  
 572.31 in the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, for  
 572.32 these purposes.

572.33 **STOP-LOSS FUND ACCOUNT.** The

572.34 appropriation to the purchasing alliance



573.1 stop-loss fund account established under  
 573.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 256.956,  
 573.3 subdivision 2, for fiscal years 2004 and 2005  
 573.4 shall only be available for claim  
 573.5 reimbursements for qualifying enrollees who  
 573.6 are members of purchasing alliances that meet  
 573.7 the requirements described under Minnesota  
 573.8 Statutes, section 256.956, subdivision 1,  
 573.9 paragraph (f), clauses (1), (2), and (3).

573.10 (f) Prescription Drug Program

573.11 General	9,239,000	9,226,000
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573.12 **PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE**

573.13 **PROGRAM.** Of the general fund  
 573.14 appropriation, \$702,000 in fiscal year 2004  
 573.15 and \$887,000 in fiscal year 2005 are for the  
 573.16 commissioner to establish and administer the  
 573.17 prescription drug assistance program through  
 573.18 the Minnesota board on aging.

573.19 **REBATE REVENUE RECAPTURE.** Any  
 573.20 funds received by the state from a drug  
 573.21 manufacturer due to errors in the  
 573.22 pharmaceutical pricing used by the  
 573.23 manufacturer in determining the prescription  
 573.24 drug rebate are appropriated to the  
 573.25 commissioner to augment funding of the  
 573.26 prescription drug program established in  
 573.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 256.955.

573.28 Sec. 42. **STUDY OF CLINIC COSTS.**

573.29 The commissioner of human services shall conduct a five-year comparative analysis of  
 573.30 the actual change in aggregate federally qualified health center (FQHC) and rural health  
 573.31 clinic costs versus the CMS FQHC Market Basket inflator using 2017 through 2022 finalized  
 573.32 Medicare Cost Reports, CMS 2224-14, and report the findings to the chairs and ranking  
 573.33 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human  
 573.34 services policy and finance, by July 1, 2025.

574.1 Sec. 43. **REPEALER.**

574.2 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 256B.0625, subdivision 63; 256B.0659, subdivision  
574.3 22; and 256L.11, subdivision 2a, are repealed.

574.4 (b) Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 9, article 6, section 97, subdivision 6, is  
574.5 repealed effective the day following final enactment.

574.6 **ARTICLE 9**

574.7 **ONECARE**

574.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62J.497, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

574.9 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
574.10 the meanings given.

574.11 (b) "Backward compatible" means that the newer version of a data transmission standard  
574.12 would retain, at a minimum, the full functionality of the versions previously adopted, and  
574.13 would permit the successful completion of the applicable transactions with entities that  
574.14 continue to use the older versions.

574.15 (c) "Dispense" or "dispensing" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision 30.  
574.16 Dispensing does not include the direct administering of a controlled substance to a patient  
574.17 by a licensed health care professional.

574.18 (d) "Dispenser" means a person authorized by law to dispense a controlled substance,  
574.19 pursuant to a valid prescription.

574.20 (e) "Electronic media" has the meaning given under Code of Federal Regulations, title  
574.21 45, part 160.103.

574.22 (f) "E-prescribing" means the transmission using electronic media of prescription or  
574.23 prescription-related information between a prescriber, dispenser, pharmacy benefit manager,  
574.24 or group purchaser, either directly or through an intermediary, including an e-prescribing  
574.25 network. E-prescribing includes, but is not limited to, two-way transmissions between the  
574.26 point of care and the dispenser and two-way transmissions related to eligibility, formulary,  
574.27 and medication history information.

574.28 (g) "Electronic prescription drug program" means a program that provides for  
574.29 e-prescribing.

574.30 (h) "Group purchaser" has the meaning given in section 62J.03, subdivision 6-, excluding  
574.31 state and federal health care programs under chapters 256B, 256L, and 256T.

575.1 (i) "HL7 messages" means a standard approved by the standards development  
575.2 organization known as Health Level Seven.

575.3 (j) "National Provider Identifier" or "NPI" means the identifier described under Code  
575.4 of Federal Regulations, title 45, part 162.406.

575.5 (k) "NCPDP" means the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, Inc.

575.6 (l) "NCPDP Formulary and Benefits Standard" means the National Council for  
575.7 Prescription Drug Programs Formulary and Benefits Standard, Implementation Guide,  
575.8 Version 1, Release 0, October 2005.

575.9 (m) "NCPDP SCRIPT Standard" means the National Council for Prescription Drug  
575.10 Programs Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface SCRIPT Standard, Implementation Guide Version  
575.11 8, Release 1 (Version 8.1), October 2005, or the most recent standard adopted by the Centers  
575.12 for Medicare and Medicaid Services for e-prescribing under Medicare Part D as required  
575.13 by section 1860D-4(e)(4)(D) of the Social Security Act, and regulations adopted under it.  
575.14 The standards shall be implemented according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
575.15 Services schedule for compliance. Subsequently released versions of the NCPDP SCRIPT  
575.16 Standard may be used, provided that the new version of the standard is backward compatible  
575.17 to the current version adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

575.18 (n) "Pharmacy" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision 2.

575.19 (o) "Prescriber" means a licensed health care practitioner, other than a veterinarian, as  
575.20 defined in section 151.01, subdivision 23.

575.21 (p) "Prescription-related information" means information regarding eligibility for drug  
575.22 benefits, medication history, or related health or drug information.

575.23 (q) "Provider" or "health care provider" has the meaning given in section 62J.03,  
575.24 subdivision 8.

575.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

575.26 Sec. 2. **[62V.12] ADVANCED PAYMENT OF STATE-BASED HEALTH**  
575.27 **INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT.**

575.28 **Subdivision 1. Determination of eligibility for advanced payment of state-based**  
575.29 **health insurance premium tax credit.** (a) The Board of Directors of MNsure shall assess  
575.30 **an individual's eligibility for an advanced payment of the state-based health insurance tax**  
575.31 **credit under section 290.0693 when an individual applies for an eligibility determination**  
575.32 **through MNsure, basing the eligibility determination upon income for the relevant tax year**

576.1 as projected by the individual. MNsure shall equally divide the value of the potential  
576.2 state-based tax credit across the monthly premiums to be charged to the individual. If the  
576.3 individual selects a plan through MNsure, MNsure shall notify the relevant health carrier  
576.4 of the amount of the advanced payment of the state-based insurance premium tax credit  
576.5 amount and direct the health carrier to deduct the amount from the eligible individual's  
576.6 premiums.

576.7 (b) An individual is eligible for an advanced payment of the state-based health insurance  
576.8 premium tax credit if they are a Minnesota resident who:

576.9 (1) had at least one month of coverage by a qualified health plan offered through MNsure  
576.10 during the tax year;

576.11 (2) was not enrolled in public program coverage under section 256B.055 or 256L.04  
576.12 during the months of coverage by the qualified health plan; and

576.13 (3) is eligible for the health insurance tax credit in section 290.0693.

576.14 (c) To be eligible for an advanced payment of the state-based health insurance premium  
576.15 tax credit, the individual must attest that the individual will file a state tax return in order  
576.16 to reconcile any advanced payment of the credit and will file a joint tax return with their  
576.17 spouse, if married.

576.18 (d) An individual is not eligible for an advanced payment of the state-based health  
576.19 insurance premium tax credit for the taxable year if MNsure is notified by the commissioner  
576.20 of revenue that the individual received an advanced payment in a prior tax year and has not  
576.21 filed a tax return for the relevant tax year and has not fully paid any amount necessary to  
576.22 reconcile the advanced payment.

576.23 Subd. 2. **Payments to health carriers.** The board shall make payments to health carriers  
576.24 equal to the amount of the advance state-based health insurance premium tax credit amounts  
576.25 provided to eligible individuals effectuating coverage for the months in which the individual  
576.26 has paid the net premium amount to the health carrier.

576.27 Subd. 3. **Health carrier responsibilities.** A health carrier that receives notice from  
576.28 MNsure that an individual enrolled in the health carrier's qualified health plan is eligible  
576.29 for an advanced payment of the state-based health insurance premium tax credit shall:

576.30 (1) reduce the portion of the premium charged to the individual for the applicable months  
576.31 by the amount of the state-based health insurance tax credit determined by MNsure;

577.1 (2) include the amount of advanced state-based health insurance premium tax credit  
577.2 determined by MNsure on each billing statement for which an advanced state-based health  
577.3 insurance tax credit has been applied; and

577.4 (3) reconcile advanced payments of state-based health insurance premium tax credits  
577.5 with MNsure at least once a month.

577.6 Subd. 4. **Appeals.** MNsure appeals are available for Minnesota residents for initial  
577.7 determinations and redeterminations made by MNsure of eligibility for and level of an  
577.8 advanced payment of the state-based health insurance premium tax credit. The appeals must  
577.9 follow the procedures enumerated in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7700.

577.10 Subd. 5. **Data practices.** The data classifications in section 62V.06, subdivision 3, apply  
577.11 to data on individuals applying for or receiving a state-based health insurance tax credit  
577.12 pursuant to this subdivision.

577.13 Subd. 6. **Data sharing.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the board is permitted  
577.14 to share or disseminate data in subdivision 5 as described in section 62V.06, subdivision 5.

577.15 Subd. 7. **Appropriations.** Beginning in fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter,  
577.16 an amount sufficient to make advanced payments of the state-based health insurance tax  
577.17 credit is appropriated from the health care access fund to the board for payment of advanced  
577.18 state-based health insurance premium tax credits under this section.

577.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for advanced payment of the state-based  
577.20 health insurance premium tax credit applied to premiums for plan years 2021 and beyond.

577.21 Sec. 3. **[62V.13] DEFINITIONS.**

577.22 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of sections 62V.13 to 62V.133, the following terms  
577.23 have the meanings given.

577.24 Subd. 2. **Board.** "Board" means the board of directors of MNsure specified in section  
577.25 62V.04.

577.26 Subd. 3. **Eligible individual.** "Eligible individual" means a Minnesota resident who:

577.27 (1) is determined not eligible to receive an advance credit payment under Code of Federal  
577.28 Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-1(j), of the premium tax credit under Code of Federal  
577.29 Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-2, for a given month of coverage;

577.30 (2) is not enrolled in public program coverage under section 256B.055 or 256L.04; and

577.31 (3) purchased a qualified health plan through MNsure.

578.1 Subd. 4. **Gross premium.** "Gross premium" means the amount billed for a qualified  
578.2 health plan purchased by an eligible individual prior to a premium subsidy or advanced  
578.3 state-based tax credit being applied in a calendar year.

578.4 Subd. 5. **Health carrier.** "Health carrier" has the meaning given in section 62A.011,  
578.5 subdivision 2.

578.6 Subd. 6. **MNsure.** "MNsure" means the state health benefit exchange as described in  
578.7 section 1311 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148,  
578.8 and chapter 62V.

578.9 Subd. 7. **Net premium.** "Net premium" means the gross premium less the premium  
578.10 subsidy.

578.11 Subd. 8. **Premium subsidy.** "Premium subsidy":

578.12 (1) is a rebate payment to discount the cost of insurance for the promotion of general  
578.13 welfare, and is not compensation for any services;

578.14 (2) is equal to 20 percent of the monthly gross premium otherwise paid by or on behalf  
578.15 of the eligible individual for qualified health plan coverage purchased through MNsure that  
578.16 covers the eligible individual and the eligible individual's covered spouse and covered  
578.17 dependents; and

578.18 (3) is excluded from any calculation used to determine eligibility within any of the  
578.19 Department of Human Services programs.

578.20 Subd. 9. **Qualified health plan.** "Qualified health plan" means a health plan that meets  
578.21 the definition in section 1301(a) of the Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, and has  
578.22 been certified by the board in accordance with section 62V.05, subdivision 5, to be offered  
578.23 through MNsure.

578.24 Sec. 4. **[62V.131] PAYMENT TO HEALTH CARRIERS ON BEHALF OF ELIGIBLE**  
578.25 **INDIVIDUALS.**

578.26 Subdivision 1. **Program established.** The board shall establish and administer the  
578.27 premium subsidy program authorized by this act to help eligible individuals pay for coverage  
578.28 when purchasing qualified health plans through MNsure in plan year 2020 and in each  
578.29 subsequent plan year for which an appropriation is approved.

578.30 Subd. 2. **Administration.** MNsure shall determine if an individual applying for coverage  
578.31 through MNsure is an eligible individual. If so, MNsure shall calculate the proper amount  
578.32 of the eligible individual's premium subsidy. MNsure shall notify the relevant health carrier

579.1 of the premium subsidy amount and direct the health carrier to deduct the premium subsidy  
579.2 amount from the eligible individual's gross premium as a discount to the eligible individual's  
579.3 qualified health plan premium.

579.4 Subd. 3. **Payments to health carriers.** (a) The board shall make payments to health  
579.5 carriers equal to the amount of the premium subsidy discounts provided to eligible individuals  
579.6 effectuating coverage for the months in which the individual has paid the net premium  
579.7 amount to the health carrier. Payments to health carriers shall be based on the premium  
579.8 subsidy provided on behalf of eligible individuals, regardless of the cost of coverage  
579.9 purchased.

579.10 (b) Health carriers seeking reimbursement from the board must submit an invoice and  
579.11 supporting information to the board using a format and method developed by the board in  
579.12 order to be determined to be eligible for payment.

579.13 (c) The board shall consider health carriers as vendors under section 16A.124, subdivision  
579.14 3, and each monthly invoice shall represent the completed delivery of the service.

579.15 Subd. 4. **Data practices.** The data classifications in section 62V.06, subdivision 3, apply  
579.16 to data on individuals applying for or receiving a premium subsidy under this subdivision.

579.17 Subd. 5. **Data sharing.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the board is permitted  
579.18 to share or disseminate the data in subdivision 4 as described in section 62V.06, subdivision  
579.19 5.

579.20 Sec. 5. **[62V.132] APPEALS.**

579.21 MNsure appeals are available for Minnesota residents for initial determinations and  
579.22 redeterminations made by MNsure of eligibility for and level of premium subsidy and should  
579.23 follow the procedures enumerated in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7700.

579.24 Sec. 6. **[62V.133] APPLICABILITY OF GROSS PREMIUM.**

579.25 Notwithstanding premium subsidies provided under section 62V.131, the premium base  
579.26 for calculating the amount of any applicable premium taxes under chapter 297I, shall be  
579.27 the gross premium for a qualified health plan purchased by eligible individuals through  
579.28 MNsure.

579.29 Sec. 7. **[256B.0371] ADMINISTRATION OF DENTAL SERVICES.**

579.30 (a) Effective January 1, 2022, the commissioner shall contract with a dental administrator  
579.31 to administer dental services for all recipients of medical assistance and MinnesotaCare.

580.1 (b) The dental administrator must provide administrative services including but not  
580.2 limited to:

580.3 (1) provider recruitment, contracting, and assistance;

580.4 (2) recipient outreach and assistance;

580.5 (3) utilization management and review for medical necessity of dental services;

580.6 (4) dental claims processing;

580.7 (5) coordination with other services;

580.8 (6) management of fraud and abuse;

580.9 (7) monitoring of access to dental services;

580.10 (8) performance measurement;

580.11 (9) quality improvement and evaluation requirements; and

580.12 (10) management of third-party liability requirements.

580.13 (c) Payments to contracted dental providers must be at the rates established under section  
580.14 256B.76.

580.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

580.16 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0644, is amended to read:

580.17 **256B.0644 REIMBURSEMENT UNDER OTHER STATE HEALTH CARE**  
580.18 **PROGRAMS.**

580.19 (a) A vendor of medical care, as defined in section 256B.02, subdivision 7, and a health  
580.20 maintenance organization, as defined in chapter 62D, must participate as a provider or  
580.21 contractor in the medical assistance program and MinnesotaCare as a condition of  
580.22 participating as a provider in health insurance plans and programs or contractor for state  
580.23 employees established under section 43A.18, the public employees insurance program under  
580.24 section 43A.316, for health insurance plans offered to local statutory or home rule charter  
580.25 city, county, and school district employees, the workers' compensation system under section  
580.26 176.135, and insurance plans provided through the Minnesota Comprehensive Health  
580.27 Association under sections 62E.01 to 62E.19. The limitations on insurance plans offered to  
580.28 local government employees shall not be applicable in geographic areas where provider  
580.29 participation is limited by managed care contracts with the Department of Human Services.  
580.30 This section does not apply to dental service providers providing dental services outside  
580.31 the seven-county metropolitan area.



581.1 (b) For providers other than health maintenance organizations, participation in the medical  
581.2 assistance program means that:

581.3 (1) the provider accepts new medical assistance and MinnesotaCare patients;

581.4 (2) for providers other than dental service providers, at least 20 percent of the provider's  
581.5 patients are covered by medical assistance and MinnesotaCare as their primary source of  
581.6 coverage; or

581.7 (3) for dental service providers providing dental services in the seven-county metropolitan  
581.8 area, at least ten percent of the provider's patients are covered by medical assistance and  
581.9 MinnesotaCare as their primary source of coverage, or the provider accepts new medical  
581.10 assistance and MinnesotaCare patients who are children with special health care needs. For  
581.11 purposes of this section, "children with special health care needs" means children up to age  
581.12 18 who: (i) require health and related services beyond that required by children generally;  
581.13 and (ii) have or are at risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional  
581.14 condition, including: bleeding and coagulation disorders; immunodeficiency disorders;  
581.15 cancer; endocrinopathy; developmental disabilities; epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and other  
581.16 neurological diseases; visual impairment or deafness; Down syndrome and other genetic  
581.17 disorders; autism; fetal alcohol syndrome; and other conditions designated by the  
581.18 commissioner after consultation with representatives of pediatric dental providers and  
581.19 consumers.

581.20 (c) Patients seen on a volunteer basis by the provider at a location other than the provider's  
581.21 usual place of practice may be considered in meeting the participation requirement in this  
581.22 section. The commissioner shall establish participation requirements for health maintenance  
581.23 organizations. The commissioner shall provide lists of participating medical assistance  
581.24 providers on a quarterly basis to the commissioner of management and budget, the  
581.25 commissioner of labor and industry, and the commissioner of commerce. Each of the  
581.26 commissioners shall develop and implement procedures to exclude as participating providers  
581.27 in the program or programs under their jurisdiction those providers who do not participate  
581.28 in the medical assistance program. The commissioner of management and budget shall  
581.29 implement this section through contracts with participating health and dental carriers.

581.30 (d) A volunteer dentist who has signed a volunteer agreement under section 256B.0625,  
581.31 subdivision 9a, shall not be considered to be participating in medical assistance or  
581.32 MinnesotaCare for the purpose of this section.

581.33 (e) A vendor of medical care, as defined in section 256B.02, subdivision 7, that dispenses  
581.34 outpatient prescription drugs in accordance with chapter 151 must participate as a provider

582.1 or contractor in the MinnesotaCare program as a condition of participating as a provider in  
582.2 the medical assistance program.

582.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

582.4 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.69, subdivision 6d, is amended to read:

582.5 Subd. 6d. **Prescription drugs.** The commissioner ~~may~~ shall exclude ~~or modify~~ coverage  
582.6 for prescription drugs from the prepaid managed care contracts entered into under this  
582.7 section ~~in order to increase savings to the state by collecting additional prescription drug~~  
582.8 ~~rebates. The contracts must maintain incentives for the managed care plan to manage drug~~  
582.9 ~~costs and utilization and may require that the managed care plans maintain an open drug~~  
582.10 ~~formulary. In order to manage drug costs and utilization, the contracts may authorize the~~  
582.11 ~~managed care plans to use preferred drug lists and prior authorization. This subdivision is~~  
582.12 ~~contingent on federal approval of the managed care contract changes and the collection of~~  
582.13 ~~additional prescription drug rebates.~~

582.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

582.15 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.69, subdivision 35, is amended to read:

582.16 Subd. 35. **Statewide procurement.** (a) For calendar year 2015, the commissioner may  
582.17 extend a demonstration provider's contract under this section for a sixth year after the most  
582.18 recent procurement. For calendar year 2015, section 16B.98, subdivision 5, paragraph (b),  
582.19 and section 16C.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), shall not apply to contracts under this  
582.20 section.

582.21 (b) For calendar year 2016 contracts under this section, the commissioner shall procure  
582.22 through a statewide procurement, which includes all 87 counties, demonstration providers,  
582.23 and participating entities as defined in section 256L.01, subdivision 7. The commissioner  
582.24 shall publish a request for proposals by January 5, 2015. As part of the procurement process,  
582.25 the commissioner shall:

582.26 (1) seek each individual county's input;

582.27 (2) organize counties into regional groups, and consider single counties for the largest  
582.28 and most diverse counties; and

582.29 (3) seek regional and county input regarding the respondent's ability to fully and  
582.30 adequately deliver required health care services, offer an adequate provider network, provide  
582.31 care coordination with county services, and serve special populations, including enrollees  
582.32 with language and cultural needs.

583.1 (c) For calendar year 2021, the commissioner may extend a demonstration provider's  
583.2 contract under this section for a sixth year after the most recent procurement, for the provision  
583.3 of services in the seven-county metropolitan area to families and children under medical  
583.4 assistance and MinnesotaCare. For calendar year 2021, sections 16B.98, subdivision 5,  
583.5 paragraph (b), and 16C.06, subdivision 3b, shall not apply to contracts under this section.  
583.6 For calendar year 2022, the commissioner shall procure services in the seven-county  
583.7 metropolitan area for families and children under medical assistance and MinnesotaCare,  
583.8 from demonstration providers and participating entities as defined in section 256L.01,  
583.9 subdivision 7.

583.10 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.76, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

583.11 Subd. 2. **Dental reimbursement.** (a) Effective for services rendered on or after October  
583.12 1, 1992, the commissioner shall make payments for dental services as follows:

583.13 (1) dental services shall be paid at the lower of (i) submitted charges, or (ii) 25 percent  
583.14 above the rate in effect on June 30, 1992; and

583.15 (2) dental rates shall be converted from the 50th percentile of 1982 to the 50th percentile  
583.16 of 1989, less the percent in aggregate necessary to equal the above increases.

583.17 (b) Beginning October 1, 1999, the payment for tooth sealants and fluoride treatments  
583.18 shall be the lower of (1) submitted charge, or (2) 80 percent of median 1997 charges.

583.19 (c) Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2000, payment rates for dental  
583.20 services shall be increased by three percent over the rates in effect on December 31, 1999.

583.21 (d) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2002, payment for diagnostic  
583.22 examinations and dental x-rays provided to children under age 21 shall be the lower of (1)  
583.23 the submitted charge, or (2) 85 percent of median 1999 charges.

583.24 (e) The increases listed in paragraphs (b) and (c) shall be implemented January 1, 2000,  
583.25 for managed care.

583.26 (f) Effective for dental services rendered on or after October 1, 2010, by a state-operated  
583.27 dental clinic, payment shall be paid on a reasonable cost basis that is based on the Medicare  
583.28 principles of reimbursement. This payment shall be effective for services rendered on or  
583.29 after January 1, 2011, to recipients enrolled in managed care plans or county-based  
583.30 purchasing plans.

583.31 (g) Beginning in fiscal year 2011, if the payments to state-operated dental clinics in  
583.32 paragraph (f), including state and federal shares, are less than \$1,850,000 per fiscal year, a

584.1 supplemental state payment equal to the difference between the total payments in paragraph  
584.2 (f) and \$1,850,000 shall be paid from the general fund to state-operated services for the  
584.3 operation of the dental clinics.

584.4 (h) If the cost-based payment system for state-operated dental clinics described in  
584.5 paragraph (f) does not receive federal approval, then state-operated dental clinics shall be  
584.6 designated as critical access dental providers under subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and shall  
584.7 receive the critical access dental reimbursement rate as described under subdivision 4,  
584.8 paragraph (a).

584.9 (i) Effective for services rendered on or after September 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013,  
584.10 payment rates for dental services shall be reduced by three percent. This reduction does not  
584.11 apply to state-operated dental clinics in paragraph (f).

584.12 (j) Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2014, payment rates for dental  
584.13 services shall be increased by five percent from the rates in effect on December 31, 2013.  
584.14 This increase does not apply to state-operated dental clinics in paragraph (f), federally  
584.15 qualified health centers, rural health centers, and Indian health services. Effective January  
584.16 1, 2014, payments made to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans under  
584.17 sections 256B.69, 256B.692, and 256L.12 shall reflect the payment increase described in  
584.18 this paragraph.

584.19 (k) Effective for services rendered on or after July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016,  
584.20 the commissioner shall increase payment rates for services furnished by dental providers  
584.21 located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area by the maximum percentage possible  
584.22 above the rates in effect on June 30, 2015, while remaining within the limits of funding  
584.23 appropriated for this purpose. This increase does not apply to state-operated dental clinics  
584.24 in paragraph (f), federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, and Indian health  
584.25 services. Effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, payments to managed care  
584.26 plans and county-based purchasing plans under sections 256B.69 and 256B.692 shall reflect  
584.27 the payment increase described in this paragraph. The commissioner shall require managed  
584.28 care and county-based purchasing plans to pass on the full amount of the increase, in the  
584.29 form of higher payment rates to dental providers located outside of the seven-county  
584.30 metropolitan area.

584.31 (l) Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2017, through December 31,  
584.32 2021, the commissioner shall increase payment rates by 9.65 percent for dental services  
584.33 provided outside of the seven-county metropolitan area. This increase does not apply to  
584.34 state-operated dental clinics in paragraph (f), federally qualified health centers, rural health

585.1 centers, or Indian health services. Effective January 1, 2017, payments to managed care  
585.2 plans and county-based purchasing plans under sections 256B.69 and 256B.692 shall reflect  
585.3 the payment increase described in this paragraph.

585.4 (m) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021,  
585.5 the commissioner shall increase payment rates by 23.8 percent for dental services provided  
585.6 to enrollees under the age of 21. This rate increase does not apply to state-operated dental  
585.7 clinics in paragraph (f), federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, or Indian  
585.8 health centers. This rate increase does not apply to managed care plans and county-based  
585.9 purchasing plans.

585.10 (n) Effective for dental services provided on or after January 1, 2022, the commissioner  
585.11 shall increase payment rates by 54 percent. This rate increase does not apply to state-operated  
585.12 dental clinics in paragraph (f), federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, or  
585.13 Indian health centers.

585.14 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.76, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

585.15 Subd. 4. **Critical access dental providers.** (a) The commissioner shall increase  
585.16 reimbursements to dentists and dental clinics deemed by the commissioner to be critical  
585.17 access dental providers. For dental services rendered on or after July 1, 2016, through  
585.18 December 31, 2021, the commissioner shall increase reimbursement by 37.5 percent above  
585.19 the reimbursement rate that would otherwise be paid to the critical access dental provider,  
585.20 except as specified under paragraph (b). The commissioner shall pay the managed care  
585.21 plans and county-based purchasing plans in amounts sufficient to reflect increased  
585.22 reimbursements to critical access dental providers as approved by the commissioner.

585.23 (b) For dental services rendered on or after July 1, 2016, by a dental clinic or dental  
585.24 group that meets the critical access dental provider designation under paragraph (d), clause  
585.25 (4), and is owned and operated by a health maintenance organization licensed under chapter  
585.26 62D, the commissioner shall increase reimbursement by 35 percent above the reimbursement  
585.27 rate that would otherwise be paid to the critical access provider.

585.28 (c) Critical access dental payments made under paragraph (a) or (b) for dental services  
585.29 provided by a critical access dental provider to an enrollee of a managed care plan or  
585.30 county-based purchasing plan must not reflect any capitated payments or cost-based payments  
585.31 from the managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan. The managed care plan or  
585.32 county-based purchasing plan must base the additional critical access dental payment on  
585.33 the amount that would have been paid for that service had the dental provider been paid

586.1 according to the managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan's fee schedule that  
586.2 applies to dental providers that are not paid under a capitated payment or cost-based payment.

586.3 (d) The commissioner shall designate the following dentists and dental clinics as critical  
586.4 access dental providers:

586.5 (1) nonprofit community clinics that:

586.6 (i) have nonprofit status in accordance with chapter 317A;

586.7 (ii) have tax exempt status in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, section  
586.8 501(c)(3);

586.9 (iii) are established to provide oral health services to patients who are low income,  
586.10 uninsured, have special needs, and are underserved;

586.11 (iv) have professional staff familiar with the cultural background of the clinic's patients;

586.12 (v) charge for services on a sliding fee scale designed to provide assistance to low-income  
586.13 patients based on current poverty income guidelines and family size;

586.14 (vi) do not restrict access or services because of a patient's financial limitations or public  
586.15 assistance status; and

586.16 (vii) have free care available as needed;

586.17 (2) federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and public health clinics;

586.18 (3) hospital-based dental clinics owned and operated by a city, county, or former state  
586.19 hospital as defined in section 62Q.19, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (4);

586.20 (4) a dental clinic or dental group owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation in  
586.21 accordance with chapter 317A with more than 10,000 patient encounters per year with  
586.22 patients who are uninsured or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;

586.23 (5) a dental clinic owned and operated by the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota  
586.24 State Colleges and Universities system; and

586.25 (6) private practicing dentists if:

586.26 (i) the dentist's office is located within the seven-county metropolitan area and more  
586.27 than 50 percent of the dentist's patient encounters per year are with patients who are uninsured  
586.28 or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare; or

586.29 (ii) the dentist's office is located outside the seven-county metropolitan area and more  
586.30 than 25 percent of the dentist's patient encounters per year are with patients who are uninsured  
586.31 or covered by medical assistance or MinnesotaCare.

587.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256L.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
587.2 to read:

587.3 Subd. 7. **Outpatient prescription drugs.** Outpatient prescription drugs are covered  
587.4 according to section 256L.30. This subdivision applies to all individuals enrolled in the  
587.5 MinnesotaCare program.

587.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

587.7 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256L.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

587.8 Subd. 2. **Must not have access to employer-subsidized minimum essential**  
587.9 **coverage.** (a) To be eligible, a family or individual must not have access to subsidized health  
587.10 coverage that is affordable and provides minimum value as defined in Code of Federal  
587.11 Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-2.

587.12 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an individual who has access to subsidized health  
587.13 coverage through a spouse's or parent's employer that is deemed minimum essential coverage  
587.14 under Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-2, is eligible for MinnesotaCare  
587.15 if the portion of the annual premium the employee pays for employee and dependent coverage  
587.16 exceeds the required contribution percentage as described in Code of Federal Regulations,  
587.17 title 26, section 1.36B-2, and the individual meets all other eligibility requirements of this  
587.18 chapter.

587.19 ~~(b)~~ (c) This subdivision does not apply to a family or individual who no longer has  
587.20 employer-subsidized coverage due to the employer terminating health care coverage as an  
587.21 employee benefit.

587.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval,  
587.23 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
587.24 when federal approval is obtained.

587.25 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256L.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
587.26 to read:

587.27 Subd. 2b. **Federal waiver.** The commissioner of human services, in consultation with  
587.28 the Board of Directors of MNsure, shall apply for a federal waiver to allow the state to  
587.29 permit a person who has access to employer-sponsored health insurance through a spouse  
587.30 or parent that is deemed minimum essential coverage under Code of Federal Regulations,  
587.31 title 26, section 1.36B-2, and the portion of the annual premium the person pays for employee

588.1 and dependent coverage exceeds the required contribution percentage in Code of Federal  
588.2 Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-2, to:

588.3 (1) enroll in the MinnesotaCare program, if the person meets all eligibility requirements,  
588.4 except for section 256L.07, subdivision 2, paragraph (a);

588.5 (2) qualify for advanced premium tax credits under Code of Federal Regulations, title  
588.6 26, section 1.36B-2, and cost sharing reductions under Code of Federal Regulations, title  
588.7 45, section 155.305(g), if the person meets all eligibility requirements, except for the  
588.8 affordability requirement described in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.36B-2  
588.9 (c)(3)(v)(A)(2); and

588.10 (3) qualify to purchase coverage in the OneCare Buy-In pursuant to section 256T.03, if  
588.11 the person meets all eligibility requirements.

588.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

588.13 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256L.11, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

588.14 Subd. 7. **Critical access dental providers.** Effective for dental services provided to  
588.15 MinnesotaCare enrollees on or after July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021, the  
588.16 commissioner shall increase payment rates to dentists and dental clinics deemed by the  
588.17 commissioner to be critical access providers under section 256B.76, subdivision 4, by 20  
588.18 percent above the payment rate that would otherwise be paid to the provider. The  
588.19 commissioner shall pay the prepaid health plans under contract with the commissioner  
588.20 amounts sufficient to reflect this rate increase. The prepaid health plan must pass this rate  
588.21 increase to providers who have been identified by the commissioner as critical access dental  
588.22 providers under section 256B.76, subdivision 4.

588.23 Sec. 17. **[256L.30] OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

588.24 Subdivision 1. Establishment of program. The commissioner shall administer and  
588.25 oversee the outpatient prescription drug program for MinnesotaCare. The commissioner  
588.26 shall not include the outpatient pharmacy benefit in a contract with a public or private entity.

588.27 Subd. 2. Covered outpatient prescription drugs. (a) In consultation with the Drug  
588.28 Formulary Committee under section 256B.0625, subdivision 13d, the commissioner shall  
588.29 establish an outpatient prescription drug formulary for MinnesotaCare that satisfies the  
588.30 requirements for an essential health benefit under Code of Federal Regulations, title 45,  
588.31 section 156.122. The commissioner may modify the formulary after consulting with the  
588.32 Drug Formulary Committee and providing public notice and the opportunity for public



589.1 comment. The commissioner is exempt from the rulemaking requirements of chapter 14 to  
589.2 establish the drug formulary, and section 14.386 does not apply. The commissioner shall  
589.3 make the drug formulary available to the public on the agency website.

589.4 (b) The MinnesotaCare formulary must contain at least one drug in every United States  
589.5 Pharmacopeia category and class or the same number of prescription drugs in each category  
589.6 and class as the essential health benefit benchmark plan, whichever is greater.

589.7 (c) The commissioner may negotiate drug rebates or discounts directly with a drug  
589.8 manufacturer to place a drug on the formulary. The commissioner may also negotiate drug  
589.9 rebates, or discounts, with a drug manufacturer through a contract with a vendor. The  
589.10 commissioner, beginning January 15, 2022, and each January 15 thereafter, shall notify the  
589.11 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
589.12 health and human services policy and finance of the rebates and discounts negotiated, their  
589.13 aggregate dollar value, and how the department applied these savings, including the extent  
589.14 to which these savings were passed on to enrollees.

589.15 (d) Prior authorization may be required by the commissioner before certain formulary  
589.16 drugs are eligible for payment. The Drug Formulary Committee may recommend drugs for  
589.17 prior authorization directly to the commissioner. The commissioner may also request that  
589.18 the Drug Formulary Committee review a drug for prior authorization.

589.19 (e) Before the commissioner requires prior authorization for a drug:

589.20 (1) the commissioner must provide the Drug Formulary Committee with information  
589.21 on the impact that placing the drug on prior authorization may have on the quality of patient  
589.22 care and on program costs and information regarding whether the drug is subject to clinical  
589.23 abuse or misuse if such data is available; and

589.24 (2) the Drug Formulary Committee must hold a public forum and receive public comment  
589.25 for an additional 15 days from the date of the public forum.

589.26 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (e), the commissioner may automatically require prior  
589.27 authorization for a period not to exceed 180 days for any drug that is approved by the United  
589.28 States Food and Drug Administration after July 1, 2019. The 180-day period begins no later  
589.29 than the first day that a drug is available for shipment to pharmacies within the state. The  
589.30 Drug Formulary Committee shall recommend to the commissioner general criteria to use  
589.31 for determining prior authorization of the drugs, but the Drug Formulary Committee is not  
589.32 required to review each individual drug.

590.1 (g) The commissioner may also require prior authorization before nonformulary drugs  
590.2 are eligible for payment.

590.3 (h) Prior authorization requests must be processed in accordance with Code of Federal  
590.4 Regulations, title 45, section 156.122.

590.5 **Subd. 3. Pharmacy provider participation.** (a) A pharmacy enrolled to dispense  
590.6 prescription drugs to medical assistance enrollees under section 256B.0625 must participate  
590.7 as a provider in the MinnesotaCare outpatient prescription drug program.

590.8 (b) A pharmacy that is enrolled to dispense prescription drugs to MinnesotaCare enrollees  
590.9 is not permitted to refuse service to an enrollee unless:

590.10 (1) the pharmacy does not have a prescription drug in stock and cannot obtain the drug  
590.11 in time to treat the enrollee's medical condition;

590.12 (2) the enrollee is unable or unwilling to pay the enrollee's co-payment at the time the  
590.13 drug is dispensed;

590.14 (3) after performing drug utilization review, the pharmacist identifies the prescription  
590.15 drug as being a therapeutic duplication, having a drug-disease contraindication, having a  
590.16 drug-drug interaction, having been prescribed for the incorrect dosage or duration of  
590.17 treatment, having a drug-allergy interaction, or having issues related to clinical abuse or  
590.18 misuse by the enrollee;

590.19 (4) the prescription drug is not covered by MinnesotaCare; or

590.20 (5) dispensing the drug would violate a provision of chapter 151.

590.21 **Subd. 4. Covered outpatient prescription drug reimbursement rate.** (a) The basis  
590.22 for determining the amount of payment shall be the lowest of the National Average Drug  
590.23 Acquisition Cost, plus a fixed dispensing fee; the maximum allowable cost established  
590.24 under section 256B.0625, subdivision 13e, plus a fixed dispensing fee; or the usual and  
590.25 customary price. The fixed dispensing fee shall be \$1.50 for covered outpatient prescription  
590.26 drugs.

590.27 (b) The basis for determining the amount of payment for a pharmacy that acquires drugs  
590.28 through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program shall be the lowest of:

590.29 (1) the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost minus 30 percent;

590.30 (2) the maximum allowable cost established under section 256B.0625, subdivision 13e,  
590.31 minus 30 percent, plus a fixed dispensing fee; or

591.1 (3) the usual and customary price. The fixed dispensing fee shall be \$1.50 for covered  
591.2 outpatient prescription drugs.

591.3 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, the usual and customary price is the lowest price  
591.4 charged by the provider to a patient who pays for the prescription by cash, check, or charge  
591.5 account and includes the prices the pharmacy charges to customers enrolled in a prescription  
591.6 savings club or prescription discount club administered by the pharmacy, pharmacy chain,  
591.7 or contractor to the provider.

591.8 Subd. 5. **Prescription drug benefit consumer protections.** The prescription drug benefit  
591.9 shall include the protections required under Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section  
591.10 156.122, including a standard formulary exception request, expedited exception request,  
591.11 external exception request, and application of coverage appeals laws.

591.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

591.13 Sec. 18. **[256T.01] DEFINITIONS.**

591.14 Subdivision 1. **Application.** For purposes of this chapter, the terms in this section have  
591.15 the meanings given.

591.16 Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

591.17 Subd. 3. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

591.18 Subd. 4. **Essential health benefits.** "Essential health benefits" has the meaning given  
591.19 in section 62Q.81, subdivision 4.

591.20 Subd. 5. **Health plan.** "Health plan" has the meaning given in section 62A.011,  
591.21 subdivision 3.

591.22 Subd. 6. **Individual market.** "Individual market" has the meaning given in section  
591.23 62A.011, subdivision 5.

591.24 Subd. 7. **MNsure website.** "MNsure website" has the meaning given in section 62V.02,  
591.25 subdivision 13.

591.26 Subd. 8. **Qualified health plan.** "Qualified health plan" has the meaning given in section  
591.27 62A.011, subdivision 7.

591.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

592.1 Sec. 19. **[256T.02] ONECARE BUY-IN.**

592.2 **Subdivision 1. Establishment.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a program consistent  
592.3 with this section to offer products developed for the OneCare Buy-In through the MNsure  
592.4 website.

592.5 (b) The commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of commerce and the  
592.6 MNsure Board, shall:

592.7 (1) establish a cost allocation methodology to reimburse MNsure operations in lieu of  
592.8 the premium withhold for qualified health plans under section 62V.05;

592.9 (2) implement mechanisms to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of Minnesota's  
592.10 public health care programs and mitigate any adverse financial impacts to the state and  
592.11 MNsure. These mechanisms must minimize adverse selection, state financial risk and  
592.12 contribution, and negative impacts to premiums in the individual and group health insurance  
592.13 markets; and

592.14 (3) coordinate eligibility, coverage, and provider networks to ensure that persons, to the  
592.15 extent possible, transitioning between medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, and the OneCare  
592.16 Buy-In have continuity of care.

592.17 (c) The OneCare Buy-In shall be considered:

592.18 (1) a public health care program for purposes of chapter 62V; and

592.19 (2) the MinnesotaCare program for purposes of requirements for health maintenance  
592.20 organizations under section 62D.04, subdivision 5, and providers under section 256B.0644.

592.21 (d) The Department of Human Services is deemed to meet and receive certification and  
592.22 authority under section 62D.03 and be in compliance with sections 62D.01 to 62D.30. The  
592.23 commissioner has the authority to accept and expend all federal funds made available under  
592.24 this chapter upon federal approval.

592.25 (e) Unless otherwise specified under this chapter, health plans offered under the OneCare  
592.26 Buy-In program must meet all requirements of chapters 62A, 62D, 62K, 62M, 62Q, and  
592.27 62V determined to be applicable by the regulating authority.

592.28 **Subd. 2. Premium administration and payment.** (a) The commissioner shall establish  
592.29 annually a per-enrollee monthly premium rate.

592.30 (b) OneCare Buy-In premium administration shall be consistent with requirements under  
592.31 the federal Affordable Care Act for qualified health plan premium administration. Premium  
592.32 rates shall be established in accordance with section 62A.65, subdivision 3.

593.1 Subd. 3. **Rates to providers.** The commissioner shall establish rates for provider  
593.2 payments that are targeted to the current rates established under chapter 256L, plus the  
593.3 aggregate difference between those rates and Medicare rates. The aggregate must not consider  
593.4 services that receive a Medicare encounter payment.

593.5 Subd. 4. **Reserve and other financial requirements.** (a) A OneCare Buy-In reserve  
593.6 account is established in the state treasury. Enrollee premiums collected under subdivision  
593.7 2 shall be deposited into the reserve account. The reserve account shall be used to cover  
593.8 expenditures related to operation of the OneCare Buy-In, including the payment of claims  
593.9 and all other accrued liabilities. No other account within the state treasury shall be used to  
593.10 finance the reserve account except as otherwise specified in state law.

593.11 (b) Beginning January 1, 2023, enrollee premiums shall be set at a level sufficient to  
593.12 fund all ongoing claims costs and all ongoing costs necessary to manage the program and  
593.13 support ongoing maintenance of information technology systems and operational and  
593.14 administrative functions of the OneCare Buy-In program.

593.15 (c) The commissioner is prohibited from expending state dollars beyond what is  
593.16 specifically appropriated in law, or transferring funds from other accounts, in order to fund  
593.17 the reserve account, fund claims costs, or support ongoing administration and operation of  
593.18 the program and its information technology systems.

593.19 Subd. 5. **Covered benefits.** Each health plan established under this chapter must include  
593.20 the essential health benefits package required under section 1302(a) of the Affordable Care  
593.21 Act and as described in section 62Q.81; dental services described in section 256B.0625,  
593.22 subdivision 9, paragraphs (b) and (c); and vision services described in Minnesota Rules,  
593.23 part 9505.0277, and may include other services under section 256L.03, subdivision 1.

593.24 Subd. 6. **Third-party administrator.** (a) The commissioner may enter into a contract  
593.25 with a third-party administrator to perform the operational management of the OneCare  
593.26 Buy-In. Duties of the third-party administrator include but are not limited to the following:

593.27 (1) development and distribution of plan materials for potential enrollees;

593.28 (2) receipt and processing of electronic enrollment files sent from the state;

593.29 (3) creation and distribution of plan enrollee materials including identification cards,  
593.30 certificates of coverage, a plan formulary, a provider directory, and premium billing  
593.31 statements;

593.32 (4) processing premium payments and sending termination notices for nonpayment to  
593.33 enrollees and the state;

594.1 (5) payment and adjudication of claims;

594.2 (6) utilization management;

594.3 (7) coordination of benefits;

594.4 (8) grievance and appeals activities; and

594.5 (9) fraud, waste, and abuse prevention activities.

594.6 (b) Any solicitation of vendors to serve as the third-party administrator is subject to the  
594.7 requirements under section 16C.06.

594.8 Subd. 7. **Eligibility.** (a) To be eligible for the OneCare Buy-In, a person must:

594.9 (1) be a resident of Minnesota; and

594.10 (2) not be enrolled in government-sponsored programs as defined in United States Code,  
594.11 title 26, section 5000A(f)(1)(A). For purposes of this subdivision, an applicant who is  
594.12 enrolled in Medicare Part A or enrolled in Medicare Part B coverage under title XVIII of  
594.13 the Social Security Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 1395c to 1395w-152, is  
594.14 considered enrolled in government-sponsored programs. An applicant shall not refuse to  
594.15 apply for or enroll in Medicare coverage to establish eligibility for the OneCare Buy-In.

594.16 (b) A person who is determined eligible for enrollment in a qualified health plan with  
594.17 or without advance payments of the premium tax credit and with or without cost-sharing  
594.18 reductions according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 155.305, paragraphs  
594.19 (a), (f), and (g), is eligible to purchase and enroll in the OneCare Buy-In instead of purchasing  
594.20 a qualified health plan as defined under section 62V.02.

594.21 Subd. 8. **Enrollment.** (a) A person may apply for the OneCare Buy-In during the annual  
594.22 open and special enrollment periods established for MNsure as defined in Code of Federal  
594.23 Regulations, title 45, sections 155.410 and 155.420, through the MNsure website.

594.24 (b) A person must annually reenroll for the OneCare Buy-In during open and special  
594.25 enrollment periods.

594.26 Subd. 9. **Premium tax credits, cost-sharing reductions, and subsidies.** A person who  
594.27 is eligible under this chapter, and whose income is less than or equal to 400 percent of the  
594.28 federal poverty guidelines, may qualify for advance premium tax credits and cost-sharing  
594.29 reductions under Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 155.305, paragraphs (a), (f),  
594.30 and (g), to purchase a health plan established under this chapter.

595.1 Subd. 10. **Covered benefits and payment rate modifications.** The commissioner, after  
595.2 providing public notice and an opportunity for public comment, may modify the covered  
595.3 benefits and payment rates to carry out this chapter.

595.4 Subd. 11. **Provider tax.** Section 295.582, subdivision 1, applies to health plans offered  
595.5 under the OneCare Buy-In program.

595.6 Subd. 12. **Request for federal authority.** The commissioner shall seek all necessary  
595.7 federal waivers to establish the OneCare Buy-In under this chapter.

595.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** (a) Subdivisions 1 to 11 are effective January 1, 2023.

595.9 (b) Subdivision 12 is effective the day following final enactment.

595.10 Sec. 20. **[256T.03] ONECARE BUY-IN PRODUCTS.**

595.11 Subdivision 1. **Platinum product.** The commissioner of human services shall establish  
595.12 a OneCare Buy-In coverage option that provides platinum level of coverage in accordance  
595.13 with the Affordable Care Act and benefits that are actuarially equivalent to 90 percent of  
595.14 the full actuarial value of the benefits provided under the OneCare Buy-In coverage option.  
595.15 This product must be made available in all rating areas in the state.

595.16 Subd. 2. **Silver and gold products.** (a) If any rating area lacks an affordable or  
595.17 comprehensive health care coverage option according to standards developed by the  
595.18 commissioner of health, the following year the commissioner of human services shall offer  
595.19 silver and gold products established under paragraph (b) in the rating area for a five-year  
595.20 period.

595.21 (b) The commissioner shall establish the following OneCare Buy-In coverage options:  
595.22 one coverage option shall provide silver level of coverage in accordance with the Affordable  
595.23 Care Act and benefits that are actuarially equivalent to 70 percent of the full actuarial value  
595.24 of the benefits provided under the OneCare Buy-In coverage option, and one coverage  
595.25 option shall provide gold level of coverage in accordance with the Affordable Care Act and  
595.26 benefits that are actuarially equivalent to 80 percent of the full actuarial value of the benefits  
595.27 provided under the OneCare Buy-In coverage option.

595.28 Subd. 3. **Qualified health plan rules.** (a) The coverage options developed under this  
595.29 section are subject to the process under section 62K.06. The coverage options developed  
595.30 under this section shall meet requirements of chapters 62A, 62K, and 62V that apply to  
595.31 qualified health plans.

596.1 (b) The Department of Human Services is not an insurance company for purposes of  
596.2 this chapter.

596.3 Subd. 4. **Actuarial value.** Determination of the actuarial value of coverage options under  
596.4 this section must be calculated in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 45,  
596.5 section 156.135.

596.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2023.

596.7 Sec. 21. **[256T.04] OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

596.8 Subdivision 1. **Establishment of program.** The commissioner shall administer and  
596.9 oversee the outpatient prescription drug program for the OneCare Buy-In program. The  
596.10 commissioner shall not include the outpatient pharmacy benefit in a contract with a public  
596.11 or private entity.

596.12 Subd. 2. **Covered outpatient prescription drugs.** Outpatient prescription drugs are  
596.13 covered in accordance with chapter 256L.

596.14 Subd. 3. **Pharmacy provider participation.** Pharmacy provider participation shall be  
596.15 governed by section 256L.30, subdivision 3.

596.16 Subd. 4. **Reimbursement rate.** The commissioner shall establish outpatient prescription  
596.17 drug reimbursement rates according to chapter 256L.

596.18 Subd. 5. **Prescription drug benefit consumer protections.** Prescription drug benefit  
596.19 consumer protections shall be in accordance with section 256L.30, subdivision 5.

596.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2023.

596.21 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 270B.12, is amended by adding a subdivision  
596.22 to read:

596.23 Subd. 15. **Board of Directors of MNsure.** The commissioner may disclose return  
596.24 information to the extent necessary to the Board of Directors of MNsure to determine  
596.25 eligibility under section 62V.12, subdivision 1.

596.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December  
596.27 31, 2020.



597.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 290.0131, is amended by adding a subdivision  
597.2 to read:

597.3 Subd. 15. **Health insurance premiums.** The amount of health insurance premiums  
597.4 deducted on the taxpayer's federal return, to the extent used to calculate the credit under  
597.5 section 290.0693, is an addition.

597.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December  
597.7 31, 2020.

597.8 Sec. 24. **[290.0693] HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM CREDIT.**

597.9 Subdivision 1. **Credit allowed.** (a) An individual who is a resident of Minnesota is  
597.10 allowed a credit against the tax due under this chapter if the individual would be allowed a  
597.11 credit under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code, except that the individual's household  
597.12 income, as defined in section 36B(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, exceeds 400 percent  
597.13 of the poverty line for the individual's family size as defined in section 36B(d)(3) of the  
597.14 Internal Revenue Code.

597.15 (b) In the determination of "coverage month" under section 36B(c)(2) of the Internal  
597.16 Revenue Code, section 36B(c)(2)(B) and (C) must not apply.

597.17 (c) The credit is equal to what the credit would have been under section 36B of the  
597.18 Internal Revenue Code, except the applicable percentage for purposes of section  
597.19 36B(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code is the highest premium percentage in section  
597.20 36B(b)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.

597.21 (d) The amount of monthly premiums taken into account under section 36B(b)(2)(A) of  
597.22 the Internal Revenue Code must be reduced by the amount of premium subsidy made by  
597.23 MNsure and applied to the gross premium.

597.24 Subd. 2. **Advanced payment of credit.** (a) An individual may claim the credit on the  
597.25 individual's tax return or have the credit paid in advance pursuant to section 62V.12.

597.26 (b) If an individual elects to have the credit paid in advance, the credit claimed under  
597.27 subdivision 1 must be reduced by the amount of the advanced payments. If the amount of  
597.28 the advance payments exceeds the amount of credit the individual is eligible for, the tax  
597.29 imposed by this chapter for the taxable year must be increased by the amount of the excess.

597.30 (c) If the amount of credit that the individual is allowed under subdivision 1, after  
597.31 subtracting any advanced payments, exceeds the individual's tax liability under this chapter,  
597.32 the commissioner shall refund the excess to the individual.

598.1 (d) By January 31 of each year, the Board of Directors of MNsure must provide to each  
598.2 individual who applied for assistance and enrolled in a qualified health plan and to the  
598.3 commissioner a statement containing information on the preceding year necessary to reconcile  
598.4 the credit with the advance payments. The Board of Directors of MNsure and the  
598.5 commissioner must consult to develop the form and manner of the report.

598.6 (e) Each year, 60 days prior to MNsure's open enrollment, the commissioner shall provide  
598.7 information to MNsure about which individuals received an advanced payment of the  
598.8 state-based health insurance tax credit under section 62V.12 in a prior taxable year and did  
598.9 not file a return and reconcile the payments for that taxable year.

598.10 Subd. 3. **Reporting requirements.** (a) If the individual has a change in eligibility status  
598.11 determination by MNsure, after the taxable year is complete, the individual and MNsure  
598.12 must notify the commissioner of the change in eligibility within six months of the change.

598.13 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner may recompute the tax  
598.14 due based on the determination of eligibility.

598.15 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** (a) An amount sufficient to pay the refunds required by this  
598.16 section is appropriated to the commissioner from the health care access fund.

598.17 (b) \$1,037,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$880,000 in each fiscal year thereafter are the  
598.18 base from the health care access fund to the commissioner of revenue for administering this  
598.19 section.

598.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December  
598.21 31, 2020.

598.22 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 295.51, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

598.23 Subd. 1a. **Nexus in Minnesota.** (a) To the extent allowed by the United States  
598.24 Constitution and the laws of the United States, a person who is a wholesale drug distributor  
598.25 ~~has nexus in Minnesota if its contacts with or presence in Minnesota is sufficient to satisfy~~  
598.26 ~~the requirements of the United States Constitution.~~, a person who receives legend drugs for  
598.27 resale or use in Minnesota other than from a wholesale drug distributor that is subject to  
598.28 tax, or a person who sells or repairs hearing aids and related equipment or prescription  
598.29 eyewear is subject to the taxes imposed by this chapter if the person:

598.30 (1) has or maintains within this state, directly or by a subsidiary or an affiliate, an office,  
598.31 place of distribution, sales, storage, or sample room or place, warehouse, or other place of  
598.32 business, including the employment of a resident of this state who works from a home office  
598.33 in this state;

599.1 (2) has a representative, including but not limited to an employee, affiliate, agent,  
599.2 salesperson, canvasser, solicitor, independent contractor, or other third party operating in  
599.3 this state under the person's authority or the authority of the person's subsidiary, for any  
599.4 purpose, including the repairing, selling, delivering, installing, facilitating sales, processing  
599.5 sales, or soliciting of orders for the person's goods or services, or the leasing of tangible  
599.6 personal property located in this state, whether the place of business or the agent,  
599.7 representative, affiliate, salesperson, canvasser, or solicitor is located in the state permanently  
599.8 or temporarily, or whether or not the person, subsidiary, or affiliate is authorized to do  
599.9 business in this state;

599.10 (3) owns or leases real property that is located in this state; or

599.11 (4) owns or leases tangible personal property that is present in this state, including but  
599.12 not limited to mobile property.

599.13 (b) To the extent allowed by the United States Constitution and the laws of the United  
599.14 States, a person who is a wholesale drug distributor, or a person who receives legend drugs  
599.15 for resale or use in Minnesota other than from a wholesale drug distributor that is subject  
599.16 to tax, is subject to the taxes imposed by this chapter if the person:

599.17 (1) conducts a trade or business not described in paragraph (a) and sells, delivers, or  
599.18 distributes legend drugs from outside this state to a destination within this state by common  
599.19 carrier or otherwise; and

599.20 (2) meets one of the following thresholds:

599.21 (i) makes 100 or more sales, deliveries, or distributions described in clause (1) during  
599.22 any taxable year;

599.23 (ii) the gross revenues of a wholesale drug distributor that sells or distributes legend  
599.24 drugs as described in clause (1) totals more than \$100,000 during any taxable year; or

599.25 (iii) the price paid by a person who receives legend drugs for resale or use in Minnesota  
599.26 other than from a wholesale drug distributor that is subject to tax for legend drugs as  
599.27 described in clause (1) totals more than \$100,000 during any taxable year.

599.28 (c) To the extent allowed by the United States Constitution and the laws of the United  
599.29 States, a person who sells or repairs hearing aids and related equipment or prescription  
599.30 eyewear is subject to the taxes imposed by this chapter if the person:

599.31 (1) conducts a trade or business not described in paragraph (a) and:

600.1 (i) sells, delivers, or distributes hearing aids or prescription eyewear from outside of this  
600.2 state to a destination within this state by common carrier or otherwise; or

600.3 (ii) repairs hearing aids or prescription eyewear outside of this state and delivers or  
600.4 distributes the hearing aids or prescription eyewear to a destination within this state by  
600.5 common carrier or otherwise; and

600.6 (2) meets one of the following thresholds:

600.7 (i) makes 100 or more sales, deliveries, distributions, or repairs described in clause (1)  
600.8 during any taxable year; or

600.9 (ii) the gross revenues of the person who sells, delivers, distributes, or repairs hearing  
600.10 aids or prescription eyewear described in clause (1) totals more than \$100,000 during any  
600.11 taxable year.

600.12 (d) Once a taxpayer has established nexus with Minnesota under paragraph (b) or (c),  
600.13 the taxpayer must continue to file an annual return and remit taxes for subsequent years. A  
600.14 taxpayer who has established nexus under paragraph (b) or (c) is no longer required to file  
600.15 an annual return and remit taxes if the taxpayer:

600.16 (1) ceases to engage in the activities, or no longer meets any of the applicable thresholds,  
600.17 in paragraph (b) or (c) for an entire taxable year; and

600.18 (2) notifies the commissioner by March 15 of the following calendar year, in a manner  
600.19 prescribed by the commissioner, that the taxpayer no longer engages in any of the activities,  
600.20 or no longer meets any of the applicable thresholds, in paragraph (b) or (c).

600.21 (e) If, after notifying the commissioner pursuant to paragraph (d), the taxpayer  
600.22 subsequently engages in any of the activities, and meets any of the applicable thresholds,  
600.23 in paragraph (b) or (c), the taxpayer shall again comply with the applicable requirements  
600.24 of paragraphs (b), (c), and (d).

600.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** (a) This section is effective the day following  
600.26 final enactment.

600.27 (b) In enacting this section, the legislature confirms that the United States Supreme Court  
600.28 decision in South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc. et al., Dkt. No. 17-494 (June 21, 2018); 138 S.  
600.29 Ct. 2080 (2018), applied upon the date of that decision to provide Minnesota with jurisdiction  
600.30 over persons described in paragraphs (b) and (c) for purposes of imposing tax under chapter  
600.31 295 to the extent allowed by the United States Constitution and the laws of the United States.

601.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 295.57, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

601.2 Subd. 3. **Interest on overpayments.** Interest must be paid on an overpayment refunded  
601.3 or credited to the taxpayer ~~from the date of payment of the tax until the date the refund is~~  
601.4 ~~paid or credited. For purposes of this subdivision, the date of payment is the due date of the~~  
601.5 ~~return or the date of actual payment of the tax, whichever is later~~ in the manner provided  
601.6 in section 289A.56, subdivision 2.

601.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for overpayments made on or after  
601.8 January 1, 2020.

601.9 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 295.582, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

601.10 Subdivision 1. **Tax expense transfer.** (a) A hospital, surgical center, or health care  
601.11 provider that is subject to a tax under section 295.52, or a pharmacy that has paid additional  
601.12 expense transferred under this section by a wholesale drug distributor, may transfer additional  
601.13 expense generated by section 295.52 obligations on to all third-party contracts for the  
601.14 purchase of health care services on behalf of a patient or consumer. Nothing shall prohibit  
601.15 a pharmacy from transferring the additional expense generated under section 295.52 to a  
601.16 pharmacy benefits manager. The additional expense transferred to the third-party purchaser  
601.17 or a pharmacy benefits manager must not exceed the tax percentage specified in section  
601.18 295.52 multiplied against the gross revenues received under the third-party contract, and  
601.19 the tax percentage specified in section 295.52 multiplied against co-payments and deductibles  
601.20 paid by the individual patient or consumer. The expense must not be generated on revenues  
601.21 derived from payments that are excluded from the tax under section 295.53. All third-party  
601.22 purchasers of health care services including, but not limited to, third-party purchasers  
601.23 regulated under chapter 60A, 62A, 62C, 62D, 62H, 62N, 64B, 65A, 65B, 79, ~~or~~ 79A, or  
601.24 256T, or under section 471.61 or 471.617, and pharmacy benefits managers must pay the  
601.25 transferred expense in addition to any payments due under existing contracts with the  
601.26 hospital, surgical center, pharmacy, or health care provider, to the extent allowed under  
601.27 federal law. A third-party purchaser of health care services includes, but is not limited to,  
601.28 a health carrier or community integrated service network that pays for health care services  
601.29 on behalf of patients or that reimburses, indemnifies, compensates, or otherwise insures  
601.30 patients for health care services. For purposes of this section, a pharmacy benefits manager  
601.31 means an entity that performs pharmacy benefits management. A third-party purchaser or  
601.32 pharmacy benefits manager shall comply with this section regardless of whether the  
601.33 third-party purchaser or pharmacy benefits manager is a for-profit, not-for-profit, or nonprofit  
601.34 entity. A wholesale drug distributor may transfer additional expense generated by section

602.1 295.52 obligations to entities that purchase from the wholesaler, and the entities must pay  
602.2 the additional expense. Nothing in this section limits the ability of a hospital, surgical center,  
602.3 pharmacy, wholesale drug distributor, or health care provider to recover all or part of the  
602.4 section 295.52 obligation by other methods, including increasing fees or charges.

602.5 (b) Any hospital, surgical center, or health care provider subject to a tax under section  
602.6 295.52 or a pharmacy that has paid additional expense transferred under this section by a  
602.7 wholesale drug distributor may file a complaint with the commissioner responsible for  
602.8 regulating the third-party purchaser if at any time the third-party purchaser fails to comply  
602.9 with paragraph (a).

602.10 (c) If the commissioner responsible for regulating the third-party purchaser finds at any  
602.11 time that the third-party purchaser has not complied with paragraph (a), the commissioner  
602.12 may take enforcement action against a third-party purchaser which is subject to the  
602.13 commissioner's regulatory jurisdiction and which does not allow a hospital, surgical center,  
602.14 pharmacy, or provider to pass-through the tax. The commissioner may by order fine or  
602.15 censure the third-party purchaser or revoke or suspend the certificate of authority or license  
602.16 of the third-party purchaser to do business in this state if the commissioner finds that the  
602.17 third-party purchaser has not complied with this section. The third-party purchaser may  
602.18 appeal the commissioner's order through a contested case hearing in accordance with chapter  
602.19 14.

602.20 Sec. 28. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; STATE-BASED RISK ADJUSTMENT**  
602.21 **ANALYSIS.**

602.22 The commissioner of commerce, in consultation with the commissioner of health, shall  
602.23 conduct a study on the design and implementation of a state-based risk adjustment program.  
602.24 The commissioner shall report on the findings of the study and any recommendations to  
602.25 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
602.26 over the individual health insurance market by February 15, 2021.

602.27 Sec. 29. **STUDY OF COST OF PROVIDING DENTAL SERVICES.**

602.28 The commissioner of human services shall contract with a vendor to conduct a survey  
602.29 of the cost to Minnesota dental providers of delivering dental services to medical assistance  
602.30 and MinnesotaCare enrollees under both fee-for-service and managed care. The commissioner  
602.31 of human services shall ensure that the vendor has prior experience in conducting surveys  
602.32 of the cost of providing health care services. Each dental provider enrolled with the  
602.33 department must respond to the cost of service survey. The commissioner of human services

603.1 may sanction a dental provider under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.064, for failure to  
603.2 respond. The commissioner of human services shall require the vendor to measure statewide  
603.3 and regional costs for both fee-for-service and managed care, by major dental service  
603.4 category and for the most common dental services. The commissioner of human services  
603.5 shall post a copy of the final survey report on the department's website. The initial survey  
603.6 must be completed no later than January 1, 2021, and the survey must be repeated every  
603.7 three years. The commissioner of human services shall provide a summary of the results of  
603.8 each cost of dental services survey and provide recommendations for any changes to dental  
603.9 payment rates to the chairs and ranking members of the legislative committees with  
603.10 jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance.

603.11 **Sec. 30. OUTPATIENT PHARMACY BENEFIT FOR ENROLLEES OF HEALTH**  
603.12 **PLAN COMPANIES.**

603.13 (a) The commissioner of human services shall develop a plan for an outpatient pharmacy  
603.14 benefit to be administered by the commissioner of human services for enrollees of health  
603.15 plan companies. The plan must:

603.16 (1) provide prescription drug coverage, beginning January 1, 2022, to the enrollees of  
603.17 health plan companies that choose to participate in the pharmacy benefit program;

603.18 (2) provide coverage and reimbursement for outpatient prescription drugs in accordance  
603.19 with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L;

603.20 (3) require the commissioner to annually determine and publish the monthly premium  
603.21 per enrollee for prescription drug coverage by August 1 of each year, for coverage taking  
603.22 effect the following January 1;

603.23 (4) establish different co-payments for each of the following categories: preferred generic  
603.24 drugs; preferred branded drugs; nonpreferred generic drugs; nonpreferred branded drugs;  
603.25 and specialty drugs; and

603.26 (5) require a health plan company that enters into a contract with the commissioner to  
603.27 participate in the program to pay the commissioner for all costs incurred in providing a  
603.28 prescription drug benefit, including costs related to benefit administration and the purchasing  
603.29 of prescription drugs.

603.30 (b) The commissioner shall present the plan to the chairs and ranking minority members  
603.31 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and  
603.32 finance and health insurance by December 15, 2019.

604.1 Sec. 31. **BENEFIT AND COST ANALYSIS OF A UNIFIED HEALTH CARE**  
604.2 **FINANCING SYSTEM.**

604.3 **Subdivision 1. Contract for analysis of proposal.** The commissioner of health shall  
604.4 contract with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health to conduct an analysis  
604.5 of the current health care financing environment and evaluate whether a unified health care  
604.6 financing system would provide better access to care, reduce or slow the rate of increase in  
604.7 total health care spending, and provide other benefits to individuals, businesses, and the  
604.8 state economy, relative to the current health care financing environment.

604.9 **Subd. 2. Proposal.** The analysis shall include recommendations for a framework for a  
604.10 unified health care financing system designed to:

604.11 (1) ensure all Minnesotans have access to all necessary primary and specialty care,  
604.12 including dental, vision and hearing, mental health, chemical dependency treatment,  
604.13 prescription drugs, medical equipment and supplies, long-term, and home care;

604.14 (2) maximize the ability for patients to choose doctors, hospitals, and other providers;  
604.15 and

604.16 (3) incentivize a focus on preventative care and public health, including social  
604.17 determinants of health and care coordination.

604.18 **Subd. 3. Proposal analysis.** (a) The analysis must forecast over a ten-year or longer  
604.19 period determined to be sufficient to capture all benefits and costs of the unified health care  
604.20 financing system. The analysis must compare and contrast the impact of the proposed health  
604.21 care financing system and the current health care financing environment on:

604.22 (1) the number of people covered versus the number of people who continue to lack  
604.23 access to health care because of financial or other barriers, if any;

604.24 (2) the completeness of the coverage and the number of people lacking coverage for  
604.25 dental, long-term care, medical equipment or supplies, vision and hearing, or other health  
604.26 services that are not covered, if any;

604.27 (3) the adequacy of the coverage, the level of underinsured in the state, and whether  
604.28 people with coverage can afford the care they need or whether cost prevents them from  
604.29 accessing care;

604.30 (4) the timeliness and appropriateness of the care received and whether people turn to  
604.31 less appropriate care such as emergency rooms because of a lack of proper care in accordance  
604.32 with clinical guidelines; and



605.1 (5) total public and private health care spending in Minnesota under the current health  
605.2 care financing environment versus a unified health care financing system, including all  
605.3 spending by individuals, businesses, and government. "Total public and private health care  
605.4 spending" means spending on all medical care including but not limited to dental, vision  
605.5 and hearing, mental health, chemical dependency treatment, prescription drugs, medical  
605.6 equipment and supplies, long-term care, and home care, whether paid through premiums,  
605.7 co-pays and deductibles, other out-of-pocket payments, or other funding from government,  
605.8 employers, or other sources. Total public and private health care spending also includes the  
605.9 costs associated with administering, delivering, and paying for the care. The costs of  
605.10 administering, delivering, and paying for the care includes all expenses by insurers, providers,  
605.11 employers, individuals, and government to select, negotiate, purchase, and administer  
605.12 insurance and care including but not limited to coverage for health care, dental, prescription  
605.13 drugs, medical expense portions of workers compensation and automobile insurance, and  
605.14 the cost of administering and paying for all health care products and services that are not  
605.15 covered by insurance. The analysis of total health care spending shall examine, to the extent  
605.16 possible given available data and resources, whether there are savings or additional costs  
605.17 under the proposed health care financing system compared to the existing health care  
605.18 financing environment due to:

605.19 (i) reduced insurance, billing, underwriting, marketing, evaluation, and other  
605.20 administrative functions including savings from global budgeting for hospitals and  
605.21 institutional care instead of billing for individual services provided;

605.22 (ii) reduced prices on medical services and products including pharmaceuticals due to  
605.23 price negotiations, if applicable under the proposal;

605.24 (iii) shortages or excess capacity of medical facilities and equipment;

605.25 (iv) changes in utilization, better health outcomes, and reduced time away from work  
605.26 due to prevention, early intervention, and health-promoting activities; and

605.27 (v) the impact on state, local, and federal government non-health-care expenditures,  
605.28 such as reduced demand for public services and reduced out-of-home placement costs due  
605.29 to increased access to mental health and chemical dependency services.

605.30 (b) The analysis shall assume that operation of the unified health care financing system  
605.31 is not preempted by federal law.

605.32 (c) The commissioner shall issue a final report by January 15, 2021, and may provide  
605.33 interim reports and status updates to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority

606.1 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services  
606.2 policy and finance.

606.3 Sec. 32. **RATE CHANGES AND DENTAL ACCESS.**

606.4 The commissioner of human services, in consultation with stakeholders, including the  
606.5 Health Services Policy Committee established in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625,  
606.6 subdivision 3c, shall analyze the impact of the dental rate changes in this article that take  
606.7 effect January 1, 2022, to evaluate the impact on access to dental services for medical  
606.8 assistance and MinnesotaCare program participants. The analysis may recommend changes  
606.9 to payment methodologies. In evaluating access, the analysis shall at a minimum consider  
606.10 distance traveled by enrollees, access to regular and urgent dental care, and the availability  
606.11 of a dental home. The analysis shall consider the impact of any changes on the providers  
606.12 currently enrolled in the medical assistance and MinnesotaCare programs as well as the  
606.13 potential impact on providers who currently do not participate. Any changes to payment  
606.14 methodologies recommended as part of this analysis must include a comprehensive, uniform  
606.15 rate for the provision of dental services for all recipients of medical assistance and  
606.16 MinnesotaCare, prioritizing access to both preventative and restorative dental services  
606.17 among children under age 21. The commissioner shall provide, to the chairs and ranking  
606.18 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human  
606.19 services policy and finance, a preliminary report on the results of the analysis by December  
606.20 1, 2019, and a final report and any recommendations by December 1, 2020.

606.21 Sec. 33. **REPEALER.**

606.22 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256L.11, subdivision 6a, is repealed.

606.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

606.24

## ARTICLE 10

606.25

### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

606.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 8.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

606.27 Subdivision 1. **Investigate offenses against provisions of certain designated sections;**  
606.28 **assist in enforcement.** The attorney general shall investigate violations of the law of this  
606.29 state respecting unfair, discriminatory, and other unlawful practices in business, commerce,  
606.30 or trade, and specifically, but not exclusively, the Prohibition Against Charging  
606.31 Unconscionable Prices for Prescription Drugs (section 151.462), the Nonprofit Corporation  
606.32 Act (sections 317A.001 to 317A.909), the Act Against Unfair Discrimination and

607.1 Competition (sections 325D.01 to 325D.07), the Unlawful Trade Practices Act (sections  
607.2 325D.09 to 325D.16), the Antitrust Act (sections 325D.49 to 325D.66), section 325F.67  
607.3 and other laws against false or fraudulent advertising, the antidiscrimination acts contained  
607.4 in section 325D.67, the act against monopolization of food products (section 325D.68), the  
607.5 act regulating telephone advertising services (section 325E.39), the Prevention of Consumer  
607.6 Fraud Act (sections 325F.68 to 325F.70), and chapter 53A regulating currency exchanges  
607.7 and assist in the enforcement of those laws as in this section provided.

607.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62J.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

607.9 Subd. 2. **Restrictions.** (a) From July 1, 1992, until rules are adopted by the commissioner  
607.10 under this section, the restrictions in the federal Medicare antikickback statutes in section  
607.11 1128B(b) of the Social Security Act, United States Code, title 42, section 1320a-7b(b), and  
607.12 rules adopted under the federal statutes, apply to all persons in the state, regardless of whether  
607.13 the person participates in any state health care program.

607.14 (b) Nothing in paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit an individual from receiving  
607.15 a discount or other reduction in price or a limited-time free supply or samples of a prescription  
607.16 drug, medical supply, or medical equipment offered by a pharmaceutical manufacturer,  
607.17 medical supply or device manufacturer, health plan company, or pharmacy benefit manager,  
607.18 so long as:

607.19 (1) the discount or reduction in price is provided to the individual in connection with  
607.20 the purchase of a prescription drug, medical supply, or medical equipment prescribed for  
607.21 that individual;

607.22 (2) it otherwise complies with the requirements of state and federal law applicable to  
607.23 enrollees of state and federal public health care programs;

607.24 (3) the discount or reduction in price does not exceed the amount paid directly by the  
607.25 individual for the prescription drug, medical supply, or medical equipment; and

607.26 (4) the limited-time free supply or samples are provided by a physician or pharmacist,  
607.27 as provided by the federal Prescription Drug Marketing Act.

607.28 For purposes of this paragraph, "prescription drug" includes prescription drugs that are  
607.29 administered through infusion, and related services and supplies.

607.30 (c) No benefit, reward, remuneration, or incentive for continued product use may be  
607.31 provided to an individual or an individual's family by a pharmaceutical manufacturer,  
607.32 medical supply or device manufacturer, or pharmacy benefit manager, except that this  
607.33 prohibition does not apply to:

608.1 (1) activities permitted under paragraph (b);

608.2 (2) a pharmaceutical manufacturer, medical supply or device manufacturer, health plan  
608.3 company, or pharmacy benefit manager providing to a patient, at a discount or reduced  
608.4 price or free of charge, ancillary products necessary for treatment of the medical condition  
608.5 for which the prescription drug, medical supply, or medical equipment was prescribed or  
608.6 provided; and

608.7 (3) a pharmaceutical manufacturer, medical supply or device manufacturer, health plan  
608.8 company, or pharmacy benefit manager providing to a patient a trinket or memento of  
608.9 insignificant value.

608.10 (d) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit a health plan company  
608.11 from offering a tiered formulary with different co-payment or cost-sharing amounts for  
608.12 different drugs.

608.13 Sec. 3. **[62Q.528] DRUG COVERAGE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.**

608.14 A health plan that provides prescription drug coverage must provide coverage for a  
608.15 prescription drug dispensed by a pharmacist under section 151.211, subdivision 3, under  
608.16 the terms of coverage that would apply had the prescription drug been dispensed according  
608.17 to a prescription.

608.18 Sec. 4. **[62Q.83] PRESCRIPTIONS FOR SPECIALTY DRUGS.**

608.19 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
608.20 the meaning given them.

608.21 (b) "Health plan company" has the meaning given in section 62Q.01, subdivision 4, but  
608.22 also includes a county-based purchasing plan participating in a public program under chapter  
608.23 256B or 256L, and in integrated health partnership under section 256B.0755.

608.24 (c) "Mail order pharmacy" means a pharmacy whose primary business is to receive  
608.25 prescriptions by mail, fax, or through electronic submissions, dispense prescription drugs  
608.26 to enrollees through the use of United States mail or other common carrier services, and  
608.27 provide consultation with patients by telephone or electronically rather than face-to-face.

608.28 (d) "Pharmacy benefit manager" has the meaning provided in section 151.71, subdivision  
608.29 1, paragraph (c).

609.1 (e) "Retail pharmacy" means a chain pharmacy, a supermarket pharmacy, an independent  
609.2 pharmacy, or a network of independent pharmacies, licensed under chapter 151, that  
609.3 dispenses prescription drugs to the public.

609.4 (f) "Specialty drug" means a prescription drug that:

609.5 (1) is not routinely made available to enrollees of a health plan company or its contracted  
609.6 pharmacy benefit manager through dispensing by a retail pharmacy, regardless if the drug  
609.7 is meant to be self-administered;

609.8 (2) must usually be obtained from specialty or mail order pharmacies; and

609.9 (3) has special storage, handling, or distribution requirements that typically cannot be  
609.10 met by a retail pharmacy.

609.11 Subd. 2. **Prompt filling of specialty drug prescriptions.** A health plan company or its  
609.12 contracted pharmacy benefit manager that requires or provides financial incentives for  
609.13 enrollees to use a mail order pharmacy to fill a prescription for a specialty drug must ensure  
609.14 through contract and other means that the mail order pharmacy dispenses the prescription  
609.15 drug to the enrollee in a timely manner, such that the enrollee receives the filled prescription  
609.16 within five business days of the date of transmittal to the mail order pharmacy. The health  
609.17 plan company or contracted pharmacy benefit manager may grant an exemption from this  
609.18 requirement if the mail order pharmacy can document that the specialty drug was out of  
609.19 stock due to a delay in shipment by the specialty drug manufacturer or prescription drug  
609.20 wholesaler. If an exemption is granted, the health plan company or pharmacy benefit manager  
609.21 shall notify the enrollee within 24 hours of granting the exemption and, if medically  
609.22 necessary, shall provide the enrollee with an emergency supply of the specialty drug.

609.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health  
609.24 plans offered, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

609.25 Sec. 5. **[62Q.84] PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT TRANSPARENCY AND**  
609.26 **MANAGEMENT.**

609.27 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
609.28 the meanings given them.

609.29 (b) "Drug" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision 5.

609.30 (c) "Enrollee contract term" means the 12-month term during which benefits associated  
609.31 with health plan company products are in effect. For managed care plans and county-based  
609.32 purchasing plans under section 256B.69 and chapter 256L, it means a single calendar quarter.

610.1 (d) "Formulary" means a list of prescription drugs that have been developed by clinical  
610.2 and pharmacy experts and represents the health plan company's medically appropriate and  
610.3 cost-effective prescription drugs approved for use.

610.4 (e) "Health plan company" has the meaning given in section 62Q.01, subdivision 4, and  
610.5 includes an entity that performs pharmacy benefits management for the health plan company.  
610.6 For purposes of this definition, "pharmacy benefits management" means the administration  
610.7 or management of prescription drug benefits provided by the health plan company for the  
610.8 benefit of its enrollees and may include but is not limited to procurement of prescription  
610.9 drugs, clinical formulary development and management services, claims processing, and  
610.10 rebate contracting and administration.

610.11 (f) "Prescription" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision 16a.

610.12 Subd. 2. **Prescription drug benefit disclosure.** (a) A health plan company that provides  
610.13 prescription drug benefit coverage and uses a formulary must make its formulary and related  
610.14 benefit information available by electronic means and, upon request, in writing, at least 30  
610.15 days prior to annual renewal dates.

610.16 (b) Formularies must be organized and disclosed consistent with the most recent version  
610.17 of the United States Pharmacopeia's (USP) Model Guidelines.

610.18 (c) For each item or category of items on the formulary, the specific enrollee benefit  
610.19 terms must be identified, including enrollee cost-sharing and expected out-of-pocket costs.

610.20 Subd. 3. **Formulary changes.** (a) Once a formulary has been established, a health plan  
610.21 company may, at any time during the enrollee's contract term:

610.22 (1) expand its formulary by adding drugs to the formulary;

610.23 (2) reduce co-payments or coinsurance; or

610.24 (3) move a drug to a benefit category that reduces an enrollee's cost.

610.25 (b) A health plan company may remove a brand name drug from its formulary or place  
610.26 a brand name drug in a benefit category that increases an enrollee's cost only upon the  
610.27 addition to the formulary of a generic or multisource brand name drug rated as therapeutically  
610.28 equivalent according to the FDA Orange Book or a biologic drug rated as interchangeable  
610.29 according to the FDA Purple Book at a lower cost to the enrollee, and upon at least a 60-day  
610.30 notice to prescribers, pharmacists, and affected enrollees.

610.31 (c) A health plan company may change utilization review requirements or move drugs  
610.32 to a benefit category that increases an enrollee's cost during the enrollee's contract term

611.1 upon at least a 60-day notice to prescribers, pharmacists, and affected enrollees, provided  
611.2 that these changes do not apply to enrollees who are currently taking the drugs affected by  
611.3 these changes for the duration of the enrollee's contract term.

611.4 (d) A health plan company may remove any drugs from its formulary that have been  
611.5 deemed unsafe by the Food and Drug Administration, that have been withdrawn by either  
611.6 the Food and Drug Administration or the product manufacturer, or when an independent  
611.7 source of research, clinical guidelines, or evidence-based standards has issued drug-specific  
611.8 warnings or recommended changes in drug usage.

611.9 **Sec. 6. [62W.01] CITATION.**

611.10 This chapter may be cited as the "Minnesota Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and  
611.11 Regulation Act."

611.12 **Sec. 7. [62W.02] DEFINITIONS.**

611.13 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the meanings  
611.14 given.

611.15 Subd. 2. **Aggregate retained rebate.** "Aggregate retained rebate" means the percentage  
611.16 of all rebates received by a pharmacy benefit manager from a drug manufacturer for drug  
611.17 utilization that is not passed on to the pharmacy benefit manager's health carrier's clients.

611.18 Subd. 3. **Claims processing service.** "Claims processing service" means the  
611.19 administrative services performed in connection with the processing and adjudicating of  
611.20 claims relating to pharmacy services that includes:

611.21 (1) receiving payments for pharmacy services;

611.22 (2) making payments to pharmacists or pharmacies for pharmacy services; or

611.23 (3) both clause (1) and clause (2).

611.24 Subd. 4. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce.

611.25 Subd. 5. **Enrollee.** "Enrollee" means a natural person covered by a health plan and  
611.26 includes an insured, policyholder, subscriber, contract holder, member, covered person, or  
611.27 certificate holder.

611.28 Subd. 6. **Health carrier.** "Health carrier" has the meaning given in section 62A.011,  
611.29 subdivision 2.

612.1 Subd. 7. **Health plan.** "Health plan" means a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement  
612.2 defined in section 62A.011, subdivision 3.

612.3 Subd. 8. **Mail order pharmacy.** "Mail order pharmacy" means a pharmacy whose  
612.4 primary business is to receive prescriptions by mail, fax, or through electronic submissions,  
612.5 dispense prescription drugs to enrollees through the use of the United States mail or other  
612.6 common carrier services, and provide consultation with patients electronically rather than  
612.7 face-to-face.

612.8 Subd. 9. **Maximum allowable cost price.** "Maximum allowable cost price" means the  
612.9 maximum amount that a pharmacy benefit manager will reimburse a pharmacy for a group  
612.10 of therapeutically and pharmaceutically equivalent multiple source drugs. The maximum  
612.11 allowable cost price does not include a dispensing or professional fee.

612.12 Subd. 10. **Multiple source drugs.** "Multiple source drugs" means a therapeutically  
612.13 equivalent drug that is available from at least two manufacturers.

612.14 Subd. 11. **Network pharmacy.** "Network pharmacy" means a retail or other licensed  
612.15 pharmacy provider that directly contracts with a pharmacy benefit manager.

612.16 Subd. 12. **Other prescription drug or device services.** "Other prescription drug or  
612.17 device services" means services other than claims processing services, provided directly or  
612.18 indirectly, whether in connection with or separate from claims processing services, including:

612.19 (1) negotiating rebates, discounts, or other financial incentives and arrangements with  
612.20 drug manufacturers;

612.21 (2) disbursing or distributing rebates;

612.22 (3) managing or participating in incentive programs or arrangements for pharmacy  
612.23 services;

612.24 (4) negotiating or entering into contractual arrangements with pharmacists or pharmacies,  
612.25 or both;

612.26 (5) developing prescription drug formularies;

612.27 (6) designing prescription benefit programs; or

612.28 (7) advertising or promoting services.

612.29 Subd. 13. **Pharmacist.** "Pharmacist" means an individual with a valid license issued by  
612.30 the Board of Pharmacy under chapter 151.



613.1 Subd. 14. **Pharmacy.** "Pharmacy" or "pharmacy provider" means a place of business  
613.2 licensed by the Board of Pharmacy under chapter 151 in which prescription drugs are  
613.3 prepared, compounded, or dispensed, or under the supervision of a pharmacist.

613.4 Subd. 15. **Pharmacy benefit manager.** (a) "Pharmacy benefit manager" means a person,  
613.5 business, or other entity that contracts with a plan sponsor to perform pharmacy benefits  
613.6 management, including but not limited to:

613.7 (1) contracting directly or indirectly with pharmacies to provide prescription drugs to  
613.8 enrollees or other covered individuals;

613.9 (2) administering a prescription drug benefit;

613.10 (3) processing or paying pharmacy claims;

613.11 (4) creating or updating prescription drug formularies;

613.12 (5) making or assisting in making prior authorization determinations on prescription  
613.13 drugs;

613.14 (6) administering rebates on prescription drugs; or

613.15 (7) establishing a pharmacy network.

613.16 (b) "Pharmacy benefit manager" does not include the Department of Human Services.

613.17 Subd. 16. **Plan sponsor.** "Plan sponsor" means a group purchaser as defined under  
613.18 section 62J.03; an employer in the case of an employee health benefit plan established or  
613.19 maintained by a single employer; or an employee organization in the case of a health plan  
613.20 established or maintained by an employee organization, an association, joint board trustees,  
613.21 a committee, or other similar group that establishes or maintains the health plan. This term  
613.22 includes a person or entity acting for a pharmacy benefit manager in a contractual or  
613.23 employment relationship in the performance of pharmacy benefits management. Plan sponsor  
613.24 does not include the Department of Human Services.

613.25 Subd. 17. **Specialty drug.** "Specialty drug" means a prescription drug that:

613.26 (1) cannot be routinely dispensed at a majority of retail pharmacies;

613.27 (2) is used to treat chronic and complex, or rare, medical conditions; and

613.28 (3) meets a majority of the following criteria:

613.29 (i) requires special handling or storage;

613.30 (ii) requires complex and extended patient education or counseling;

614.1 (iii) requires intensive monitoring;

614.2 (iv) requires clinical oversight; and

614.3 (v) requires product support services.

614.4 Subd. 18. **Retail pharmacy.** "Retail pharmacy" means a chain pharmacy, a supermarket  
614.5 pharmacy, an independent pharmacy, or a network of independent pharmacies, licensed  
614.6 under chapter 151, that dispenses prescription drugs to the public.

614.7 Subd. 19. **Rebates.** "Rebates" means all price concessions paid by a drug manufacturer  
614.8 to a pharmacy benefit manager or plan sponsor, including discounts and other price  
614.9 concessions that are based on the actual or estimated utilization of a prescription drug.  
614.10 Rebates also include price concessions based on the effectiveness of a prescription drug as  
614.11 in a value-based or performance-based contract.

614.12 Sec. 8. **[62W.03] LICENSE TO DO BUSINESS.**

614.13 Subdivision 1. **General.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2020, no person shall perform, act,  
614.14 or do business in this state as a pharmacy benefits manager unless the person has a valid  
614.15 license issued under this chapter by the commissioner of commerce.

614.16 (b) A license issued in accordance with this chapter is nontransferable.

614.17 Subd. 2. **Application.** (a) A pharmacy benefit manager seeking a license shall apply to  
614.18 the commissioner of commerce on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The application  
614.19 form must include at a minimum the following information:

614.20 (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the pharmacy benefit manager;

614.21 (2) the name and address of the pharmacy benefit manager agent for service of process  
614.22 in this state;

614.23 (3) the name, address, official position, and professional qualifications of each person  
614.24 responsible for the conduct of affairs of the pharmacy benefit manager, including all members  
614.25 of the board of directors, board of trustees, executive committee, or other governing board  
614.26 or committee; the principal officers in the case of a corporation; or the partners or members  
614.27 in the case of a partnership or association; and

614.28 (4) a statement reasonably describing the geographic area or areas to be served and the  
614.29 type or types of enrollees to be served.

614.30 (b) Each application for licensure must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$8,500  
614.31 and evidence of financial responsibility in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be maintained at all

615.1 times by the pharmacy benefit manager during its licensure period. The fees collected under  
615.2 this subdivision shall be deposited in the general fund.

615.3 (c) Within 30 days of receiving an application, the commissioner may require additional  
615.4 information or submissions from an applicant and may obtain any document or information  
615.5 reasonably necessary to verify the information contained in the application. Within 90 days  
615.6 after receipt of a completed application, evidence of financial responsibility, the network  
615.7 adequacy report required under section 62W.05, and the applicable license fee, the  
615.8 commissioner shall review the application and issue a license if the applicant is deemed  
615.9 qualified under this section. If the commissioner determines the applicant is not qualified,  
615.10 the commissioner shall notify the applicant and shall specify the reason or reasons for the  
615.11 denial.

615.12 Subd. 3. **Renewal.** (a) A license issued under this chapter is valid for a period of one  
615.13 year. To renew a license, an applicant must submit a completed renewal application on a  
615.14 form prescribed by the commissioner, the network adequacy report required under section  
615.15 62W.05, and a renewal fee of \$8,500. The commissioner may request a renewal applicant  
615.16 to submit additional information to clarify any new information presented in the renewal  
615.17 application. The fees collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the general fund.

615.18 (b) A renewal application submitted after the renewal deadline date must be accompanied  
615.19 by a nonrefundable late fee of \$500. The fees collected under this paragraph shall be  
615.20 deposited in the general fund.

615.21 (c) The commissioner shall deny the renewal of a license for any of the following reasons:

615.22 (1) the pharmacy benefit manager is operating in a financially hazardous condition  
615.23 relative to its financial condition and the services it administers for health carriers;

615.24 (2) the pharmacy benefit manager has been determined by the commissioner to be in  
615.25 violation or noncompliance with the requirements of state law or the rules promulgated  
615.26 under this chapter; or

615.27 (3) the pharmacy benefit manager has failed to timely submit a renewal application and  
615.28 the information required under paragraph (a).

615.29 In lieu of a denial of a renewal application, the commissioner may permit the pharmacy  
615.30 benefit manager to submit to the commissioner a corrective action plan to cure or correct  
615.31 deficiencies.

616.1 Subd. 4. **Oversight.** (a) The commissioner may suspend, revoke, or place on probation  
616.2 a pharmacy benefit manager license issued under this chapter for any of the following  
616.3 circumstances:

616.4 (1) the pharmacy benefit manager has engaged in fraudulent activity that constitutes a  
616.5 violation of state or federal law;

616.6 (2) the commissioner has received consumer complaints that justify an action under this  
616.7 subdivision to protect the safety and interests of consumers;

616.8 (3) the pharmacy benefit manager fails to pay an application license or renewal fee; and

616.9 (4) the pharmacy benefit manager fails to comply with a requirement set forth in this  
616.10 chapter.

616.11 (b) The commissioner may issue a license subject to restrictions or limitations, including  
616.12 the types of services that may be supplied or the activities in which the pharmacy benefit  
616.13 manager may be engaged.

616.14 Subd. 5. **Penalty.** If a pharmacy benefit manager acts without a license, the pharmacy  
616.15 benefit manager may be subject to a fine of \$5,000 per day for the period the pharmacy  
616.16 benefit manager is found to be in violation. Any penalties collected under this subdivision  
616.17 shall be deposited in the general fund.

616.18 Subd. 6. **Rulemaking.** The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

616.19 Subd. 7. **Enforcement.** The commissioner shall enforce this chapter under the provisions  
616.20 of chapter 45.

616.21 Sec. 9. **[62W.04] PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER GENERAL BUSINESS**  
616.22 **PRACTICES.**

616.23 (a) A pharmacy benefit manager has a fiduciary duty to a health carrier and must  
616.24 discharge that duty in accordance with the provisions of state and federal law.

616.25 (b) A pharmacy benefit manager must perform its duties with care, skill, prudence,  
616.26 diligence, and professionalism. A pharmacy benefit manager must exercise good faith and  
616.27 fair dealing in the performance of its contractual duties. A provision in a contract between  
616.28 a pharmacy benefit manager and a health carrier or a network pharmacy that attempts to  
616.29 waive or limit this obligation is void.

616.30 (c) A pharmacy benefit manager must notify a health carrier in writing of any activity,  
616.31 policy, or practice of the pharmacy benefit manager that directly or indirectly presents a  
616.32 conflict of interest with the duties imposed in this section.

617.1 **Sec. 10. [62W.05] PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER NETWORK ADEQUACY.**

617.2 (a) A pharmacy benefit manager must provide an adequate and accessible pharmacy  
617.3 network for the provision of prescription drugs as defined under section 62K.10. Mail order  
617.4 pharmacies must not be included in the calculations of determining the adequacy of the  
617.5 pharmacy benefit manager's pharmacy network under section 62K.10.

617.6 (b) A pharmacy benefit manager must submit to the commissioner a pharmacy network  
617.7 adequacy report describing the pharmacy network and pharmacy accessibility in this state,  
617.8 with the pharmacy benefit manager's license application and renewal, in a manner prescribed  
617.9 by the commissioner.

617.10 (c) A pharmacy benefit manager may apply for a waiver of the requirements in paragraph  
617.11 (a) if it is unable to meet the statutory requirements. A waiver application must be submitted  
617.12 on a form provided by the commissioner and must (1) demonstrate with specific data that  
617.13 the requirement of paragraph (a) is not feasible in a particular service area or part of a service  
617.14 area, and (2) include information as to the steps that were and will be taken to address the  
617.15 network inadequacy. The waiver shall automatically expire after three years. If a renewal  
617.16 of the waiver is sought, the commissioner shall take into consideration steps that have been  
617.17 taken to address network adequacy.

617.18 (d) The pharmacy benefit manager must establish a pharmacy network service area  
617.19 consistent with the requirements under section 62K.13 for every pharmacy network subject  
617.20 to review under this section.

617.21 **Sec. 11. [62W.06] PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER TRANSPARENCY.**

617.22 Subdivision 1. **Transparency to plan sponsors.** (a) Beginning in the second quarter  
617.23 after the effective date of a contract between a pharmacy benefit manager and a plan sponsor,  
617.24 the pharmacy benefit manager must disclose, upon the request of the plan sponsor, the  
617.25 following information with respect to prescription drug benefits specific to the plan sponsor:

617.26 (1) the aggregate wholesale acquisition costs from a drug manufacturer or wholesale  
617.27 drug distributor for each therapeutic category of prescription drugs;

617.28 (2) the aggregate amount of rebates received by the pharmacy benefit manager by  
617.29 therapeutic category of prescription drugs. The aggregate amount of rebates must include  
617.30 any utilization discounts the pharmacy benefit manager receives from a drug manufacturer  
617.31 or wholesale drug distributor;

617.32 (3) any other fees received from a drug manufacturer or wholesale drug distributor;

618.1 (4) whether the pharmacy benefit manager has a contract, agreement, or other arrangement  
618.2 with a drug manufacturer to exclusively dispense or provide a drug to a plan sponsor's  
618.3 employees or enrollees, and the application of all consideration or economic benefits collected  
618.4 or received pursuant to the arrangement;

618.5 (5) prescription drug utilization information for the plan sponsor's employees or enrollees  
618.6 that is not specific to any individual employee or enrollee;

618.7 (6) de-identified claims level information in electronic format that allows the plan sponsor  
618.8 to sort and analyze the following information for each claim:

618.9 (i) the drug and quantity for each prescription;

618.10 (ii) whether the claim required prior authorization;

618.11 (iii) patient cost-sharing paid on each prescription;

618.12 (iv) the amount paid to the pharmacy for each prescription, net of the aggregate amount  
618.13 of fees or other assessments imposed on the pharmacy, including point-of-sale and retroactive  
618.14 charges;

618.15 (v) any spread between the net amount paid to the pharmacy in item (iv) and the amount  
618.16 charged to the plan sponsor;

618.17 (vi) identity of the pharmacy for each prescription;

618.18 (vii) whether the pharmacy is, or is not, under common control or ownership with the  
618.19 pharmacy benefit manager;

618.20 (viii) whether the pharmacy is, or is not, a preferred pharmacy under the plan;

618.21 (ix) whether the pharmacy is, or is not, a mail order pharmacy; and

618.22 (x) whether enrollees are required by the plan to use the pharmacy;

618.23 (7) the aggregate amount of payments made by the pharmacy benefit manager to  
618.24 pharmacies owned or controlled by the pharmacy benefit manager;

618.25 (8) the aggregate amount of payments made by the pharmacy benefit manager to  
618.26 pharmacies not owned or controlled by the pharmacy benefit manager; and

618.27 (9) the aggregate amount of the fees imposed on, or collected from, network pharmacies  
618.28 or other assessments against network pharmacies, including point-of-sale fees and retroactive  
618.29 charges, and the application of those amounts collected pursuant to the contract with the  
618.30 plan sponsor.

619.1 Subd. 2. Transparency report to the commissioner. (a) Beginning June 1, 2020, and  
619.2 annually thereafter, each pharmacy benefit manager must submit to the commissioner of  
619.3 commerce a transparency report containing data from the prior calendar year. The report  
619.4 must contain the following information:

619.5 (1) the aggregate wholesale acquisition costs from a drug manufacturer or wholesale  
619.6 drug distributor for each therapeutic category of prescription drugs for all of the pharmacy  
619.7 benefit manager's health carrier clients and for each health carrier client, and these costs net  
619.8 of all rebates and other fees and payments, direct or indirect, from all sources;

619.9 (2) the aggregate amount of all rebates that the pharmacy benefit manager received from  
619.10 all drug manufacturers for all of the pharmacy benefit manager's health carrier clients and  
619.11 for each health carrier client. The aggregate amount of rebates must include any utilization  
619.12 discounts the pharmacy benefit manager receives from a drug manufacturer or wholesale  
619.13 drug distributor;

619.14 (3) the aggregate of all fees from all sources, direct or indirect, that the pharmacy benefit  
619.15 manager received for all of the pharmacy benefit manager's health carrier clients, and the  
619.16 amount of these fees for each health carrier client separately;

619.17 (4) the aggregate retained rebates and other fees, as listed in clause (3), that the pharmacy  
619.18 benefit manager received from all sources, direct or indirect, that were not passed through  
619.19 to the health carrier;

619.20 (5) the aggregate retained rebate and fees percentage;

619.21 (6) the highest, lowest, and mean aggregate retained rebate and fees percentage for all  
619.22 of the pharmacy benefit manager's health carrier clients and for each health carrier client;  
619.23 and

619.24 (7) de-identified claims level information in electronic format that allows the  
619.25 commissioner to sort and analyze the following information for each claim:

619.26 (i) the drug and quantity for each prescription;

619.27 (ii) whether the claim required prior authorization;

619.28 (iii) patient cost-sharing paid on each prescription;

619.29 (iv) the amount paid to the pharmacy for each prescription, net of the aggregate amount  
619.30 of fees or other assessments imposed on the pharmacy, including point-of-sale and retroactive  
619.31 charges;

620.1 (v) any spread between the net amount paid to the pharmacy in item (iv) and the amount  
620.2 charged to the plan sponsor;

620.3 (vi) identity of the pharmacy for each prescription;

620.4 (vii) whether the pharmacy is, or is not, under common control or ownership with the  
620.5 pharmacy benefit manager;

620.6 (viii) whether the pharmacy is, or is not, a preferred pharmacy under the plan;

620.7 (ix) whether the pharmacy is, or is not, a mail order pharmacy; and

620.8 (x) whether enrollees are required by the plan to use the pharmacy.

620.9 (b) Within 60 days upon receipt of the transparency report, the commissioner shall  
620.10 publish the report from each pharmacy benefit manager on the Department of Commerce's  
620.11 website, with the exception of data considered trade secret information under section 13.37.

620.12 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, the aggregate retained rebate and fee percentage  
620.13 must be calculated for each health carrier for rebates and fees in the previous calendar year  
620.14 as follows:

620.15 (1) the sum total dollar amount of rebates and fees from all drug manufacturers for all  
620.16 utilization of enrollees of a health carrier that was not passed through to the health carrier;  
620.17 and

620.18 (2) divided by the sum total dollar amount of all rebates and fees received from all  
620.19 sources, direct or indirect, for all enrollees of a health carrier.

620.20 Subd. 3. **Penalty.** The commissioner may impose civil penalties of not more than \$1,000  
620.21 per day per violation of this section.

620.22 Sec. 12. **[62W.07] PHARMACY OWNERSHIP INTEREST; SPECIALTY**  
620.23 **PHARMACY SERVICES; NONDISCRIMINATION.**

620.24 (a) A pharmacy benefit manager that has an ownership interest either directly or indirectly,  
620.25 or through an affiliate or subsidiary, in a pharmacy must disclose to a plan sponsor that  
620.26 contracts with the pharmacy benefit manager any difference between the amount paid to a  
620.27 pharmacy and the amount charged to the plan sponsor.

620.28 (b) A pharmacy benefit manager or a pharmacy benefit manager's affiliates or subsidiaries  
620.29 must not own or have an ownership interest in a patient assistance program or a mail order  
620.30 specialty pharmacy, unless the pharmacy benefit manager, affiliate, or subsidiary agrees to



621.1 fair competition, no self-dealing, and no interference with prospective economic advantage,  
621.2 and establishes a firewall between the administrative functions and the mail order pharmacy.

621.3 (c) A pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier is prohibited from penalizing, requiring,  
621.4 or providing financial incentives, including variations in premiums, deductibles, co-payments,  
621.5 or coinsurance, to an enrollee as an incentive to use a retail pharmacy, mail order pharmacy,  
621.6 specialty pharmacy, or other network pharmacy provider in which a pharmacy benefit  
621.7 manager has an ownership interest or that has an ownership interest in a pharmacy benefit  
621.8 manager.

621.9 (d) A pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier is prohibited from imposing limits,  
621.10 including quantity limits or refill frequency limits, on a patient's access to medication that  
621.11 differ based solely on whether the health carrier or pharmacy benefit manager has an  
621.12 ownership interest in a pharmacy or the pharmacy has an ownership in the pharmacy benefit  
621.13 manager.

621.14 (e) A pharmacy benefit manager must not require pharmacy accreditation standards or  
621.15 recertification requirements to participate in a network that are inconsistent with, more  
621.16 stringent than, or in addition to federal and state requirements for licensure as a pharmacy  
621.17 in this state.

621.18 (f) A pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier must not prohibit an entity authorized  
621.19 to participate in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program under section 340B of the Public  
621.20 Health Service Act (United States Code, title 42, chapter 6A), or a pharmacy under contract  
621.21 with such an entity to provide pharmacy services from participating in the pharmacy benefit  
621.22 manager's or health carrier's provider network. A pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier  
621.23 must not reimburse an entity or a pharmacy under contract with such an entity participating  
621.24 in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program differently than other similarly situated pharmacies.  
621.25 A pharmacy benefit manager that contracts with a managed care plan or county-based  
621.26 purchasing plan under contract with the commissioner of human services under chapter  
621.27 256B or 256L must comply with this paragraph only if the entity or contracted pharmacy  
621.28 can identify all claims eligible for 340B drugs at the time of initial claims submission at the  
621.29 point-of-sale. This paragraph does not preclude a pharmacy benefit manager that contracts  
621.30 with a managed care plan or county-based purchasing plan under contract with the  
621.31 commissioner of human services under chapter 256B or 256L, from reimbursing an entity  
621.32 or pharmacy identified in this paragraph at a lower rate for any prescription drug purchased  
621.33 by the entity or pharmacy through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program.

622.1 Sec. 13. [62W.08] MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST PRICING.

622.2 (a) With respect to each contract and contract renewal between a pharmacy benefit  
622.3 manager and a pharmacy, the pharmacy benefits manager must:

622.4 (1) provide to the pharmacy, at the beginning of each contract and contract renewal, the  
622.5 sources utilized to determine the maximum allowable cost pricing of the pharmacy benefit  
622.6 manager;

622.7 (2) update any maximum allowable cost price list at least every seven business days,  
622.8 noting any price changes from the previous list, and provide a means by which network  
622.9 pharmacies may promptly review current prices in an electronic, print, or telephonic format  
622.10 within one business day at no cost to the pharmacy;

622.11 (3) maintain a procedure to eliminate products from the list of drugs subject to maximum  
622.12 allowable cost pricing in a timely manner in order to remain consistent with changes in the  
622.13 marketplace;

622.14 (4) ensure that the maximum allowable cost prices are not set below sources utilized by  
622.15 the pharmacy benefits manager; and

622.16 (5) upon request of a network pharmacy, disclose the sources utilized for setting  
622.17 maximum allowable cost price rates on each maximum allowable cost price list included  
622.18 under the contract and identify each maximum allowable cost price list that applies to the  
622.19 network pharmacy. A pharmacy benefit manager must make the list of the maximum  
622.20 allowable costs available to a contracted pharmacy in a format that is readily accessible and  
622.21 usable to the network pharmacy.

622.22 (b) A pharmacy benefit manager must not place a prescription drug on a maximum  
622.23 allowable cost list unless the drug is available for purchase by pharmacies in this state from  
622.24 a national or regional drug wholesaler and is not obsolete.

622.25 (c) Each contract between a pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy must include a  
622.26 process to appeal, investigate, and resolve disputes regarding maximum allowable cost  
622.27 pricing that includes:

622.28 (1) a 15-business-day limit on the right to appeal following the initial claim;

622.29 (2) a requirement that the appeal be investigated and resolved within seven business  
622.30 days after the appeal is received; and

622.31 (3) a requirement that a pharmacy benefit manager provide a reason for any appeal denial  
622.32 and identify the national drug code of a drug that may be purchased by the pharmacy at a

623.1 price at or below the maximum allowable cost price as determined by the pharmacy benefit  
623.2 manager.

623.3 (d) If an appeal is upheld, the pharmacy benefit manager must make an adjustment to  
623.4 the maximum allowable cost price no later than one business day after the date of  
623.5 determination. The pharmacy benefit manager must make the price adjustment applicable  
623.6 to all similarly situated network pharmacy providers as defined by the plan sponsor.

623.7 **Sec. 14. [62W.09] PHARMACY AUDITS.**

623.8 Subdivision 1. Procedure and process for conducting and reporting an audit. (a)  
623.9 Unless otherwise prohibited by federal requirements or regulations, any entity conducting  
623.10 a pharmacy audit must follow the following procedures:

623.11 (1) a pharmacy must be given notice 14 days before an initial on-site audit is conducted;

623.12 (2) an audit that involves clinical or professional judgment must be conducted by or in  
623.13 consultation with a licensed pharmacist; and

623.14 (3) each pharmacy shall be audited under the same standards and parameters as other  
623.15 similarly situated pharmacies.

623.16 (b) Unless otherwise prohibited by federal requirements or regulations, for any entity  
623.17 conducting a pharmacy audit the following items apply:

623.18 (1) the period covered by the audit may not exceed 24 months from the date that the  
623.19 claim was submitted to or adjudicated by the entity, unless a longer period is required under  
623.20 state or federal law;

623.21 (2) if an entity uses random sampling as a method for selecting a set of claims for  
623.22 examination, the sample size must be appropriate for a statistically reliable sample.  
623.23 Notwithstanding section 151.69, the auditing entity shall provide the pharmacy a masked  
623.24 list that provides a prescription number or date range that the auditing entity is seeking to  
623.25 audit;

623.26 (3) an on-site audit may not take place during the first five business days of the month  
623.27 unless consented to by the pharmacy;

623.28 (4) auditors may not enter the pharmacy area unless escorted where patient-specific  
623.29 information is available and to the extent possible must be out of sight and hearing range  
623.30 of the pharmacy customers;

623.31 (5) any recoupment will not be deducted against future remittances until after the appeals  
623.32 process and both parties have received the results of the final audit;

624.1 (6) a pharmacy benefit manager may not require information to be written on a  
624.2 prescription unless the information is required to be written on the prescription by state or  
624.3 federal law. Recoupment may be assessed for items not written on the prescription if:

624.4 (i) additional information is required in the provider manual; or

624.5 (ii) the information is required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); or

624.6 (iii) the information is required by the drug manufacturer's product safety program; and

624.7 (iv) the information in item (i), (ii), or (iii) is not readily available for the auditor at the  
624.8 time of the audit; and

624.9 (7) the auditing company or agent may not receive payment based on a percentage of  
624.10 the amount recovered. This section does not prevent the entity conducting the audit from  
624.11 charging or assessing the responsible party, directly or indirectly, based on amounts recouped  
624.12 if both of the following conditions are met:

624.13 (i) the plan sponsor and the entity conducting the audit have a contract that explicitly  
624.14 states the percentage charge or assessment to the plan sponsor; and

624.15 (ii) a commission to an agent or employee of the entity conducting the audit is not based,  
624.16 directly or indirectly, on amounts recouped.

624.17 (c) An amendment to pharmacy audit terms in a contract between a pharmacy benefit  
624.18 manager and a pharmacy must be disclosed to the pharmacy at least 60 days prior to the  
624.19 effective date of the proposed change.

624.20 Subd. 2. **Requirement for recoupment or chargeback.** For recoupment or chargeback,  
624.21 the following criteria apply:

624.22 (1) audit parameters must consider consumer-oriented parameters based on manufacturer  
624.23 listings;

624.24 (2) a pharmacy's usual and customary price for compounded medications is considered  
624.25 the reimbursable cost unless the pricing methodology is outlined in the pharmacy provider  
624.26 contract;

624.27 (3) a finding of overpayment or underpayment must be based on the actual overpayment  
624.28 or underpayment and not a projection based on the number of patients served having a  
624.29 similar diagnosis or on the number of similar orders or refills for similar drugs;

624.30 (4) the entity conducting the audit shall not use extrapolation in calculating the  
624.31 recoupment or penalties for audits unless required by state or federal law or regulations;

625.1 (5) calculations of overpayments must not include dispensing fees unless a prescription  
625.2 was not actually dispensed, the prescriber denied authorization, the prescription dispensed  
625.3 was a medication error by the pharmacy, or the identified overpayment is solely based on  
625.4 an extra dispensing fee;

625.5 (6) an entity may not consider any clerical or record-keeping error, such as a typographical  
625.6 error, scrivener's error, or computer error regarding a required document or record as fraud,  
625.7 however such errors may be subject to recoupment;

625.8 (7) in the case of errors that have no actual financial harm to the patient or plan, the  
625.9 pharmacy benefit manager must not assess any chargebacks. Errors that are a result of the  
625.10 pharmacy failing to comply with a formal corrective action plan may be subject to recovery;  
625.11 and

625.12 (8) interest may not accrue during the audit period for either party, beginning with the  
625.13 notice of the audit and ending with the final audit report.

625.14 Subd. 3. **Documentation.** (a) To validate the pharmacy record and delivery, the pharmacy  
625.15 may use authentic and verifiable statements or records including medication administration  
625.16 records of a nursing home, assisted living facility, hospital, physician, or other authorized  
625.17 practitioner or additional audit documentation parameters located in the provider manual.

625.18 (b) Any legal prescription that meets the requirements in this chapter may be used to  
625.19 validate claims in connection with prescriptions, refills, or changes in prescriptions, including  
625.20 medication administration records, faxes, e-prescriptions, or documented telephone calls  
625.21 from the prescriber or the prescriber's agents.

625.22 Subd. 4. **Appeals process.** The entity conducting the audit must establish a written  
625.23 appeals process which must include appeals of preliminary reports and final reports.

625.24 Subd. 5. **Audit information and reports.** (a) A preliminary audit report must be delivered  
625.25 to the pharmacy within 60 days after the conclusion of the audit.

625.26 (b) A pharmacy must be allowed at least 45 days following receipt of the preliminary  
625.27 audit to provide documentation to address any discrepancy found in the audit.

625.28 (c) A final audit report must be delivered to the pharmacy within 120 days after receipt  
625.29 of the preliminary audit report or final appeal, whichever is later.

625.30 (d) An entity shall remit any money due to a pharmacy or pharmacist as a result of an  
625.31 underpayment of a claim within 45 days after the appeals process has been exhausted and  
625.32 the final audit report has been issued.

626.1 Subd. 6. **Disclosure to plan sponsor.** Where contractually required, an auditing entity  
626.2 must provide a copy to the plan sponsor of its claims that were included in the audit, and  
626.3 any recouped money shall be returned to the plan sponsor.

626.4 Subd. 7. **Applicability of other laws and regulations.** This section does not apply to  
626.5 any investigative audit that involves suspected fraud, willful misrepresentation, abuse, or  
626.6 any audit completed by Minnesota health care programs.

626.7 Subd. 8. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, "entity" means a pharmacy benefits  
626.8 manager or any person or organization that represents these companies, groups, or  
626.9 organizations.

626.10 Sec. 15. **[62W.10] SYNCHRONIZATION.**

626.11 (a) For purposes of this section, "synchronization" means the coordination of prescription  
626.12 drug refills for a patient taking two or more medications for one or more chronic conditions,  
626.13 to allow the patient's medications to be refilled on the same schedule for a given period of  
626.14 time.

626.15 (b) A contract between a pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy must allow for  
626.16 synchronization of prescription drug refills for a patient on at least one occasion per year,  
626.17 if the following criteria are met:

626.18 (1) the prescription drugs are covered under the patient's health plan or have been  
626.19 approved by a formulary exceptions process;

626.20 (2) the prescription drugs are maintenance medications as defined by the health plan  
626.21 and have one or more refills available at the time of synchronization;

626.22 (3) the prescription drugs are not Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances;

626.23 (4) the patient meets all utilization management criteria relevant to the prescription drug  
626.24 at the time of synchronization;

626.25 (5) the prescription drugs are of a formulation that can be safely split into short-fill  
626.26 periods to achieve synchronization; and

626.27 (6) the prescription drugs do not have special handling or sourcing needs that require a  
626.28 single, designated pharmacy to fill or refill the prescription.

626.29 (c) When necessary to permit synchronization, the pharmacy benefit manager must apply  
626.30 a prorated, daily patient cost-sharing rate to any prescription drug dispensed by a pharmacy  
626.31 under this section. The dispensing fee must not be prorated, and all dispensing fees shall  
626.32 be based on the number of prescriptions filled or refilled.

627.1 (d) Synchronization may be requested by the patient or by the patient's parent or legal  
627.2 guardian. For purposes of this paragraph, "legal guardian" includes but is not limited to a  
627.3 guardian of an incapacitated person appointed pursuant to chapter 524.

627.4 Sec. 16. **[62W.11] GAG CLAUSE PROHIBITION.**

627.5 (a) No contract between a pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier and a pharmacy  
627.6 or pharmacist shall prohibit, restrict, or penalize a pharmacy or pharmacist from disclosing  
627.7 to an enrollee any health care information that the pharmacy or pharmacist deems appropriate  
627.8 regarding the nature of treatment; the risks or alternatives; the availability of alternative  
627.9 therapies, consultations, or tests; the decision of utilization reviewers or similar persons to  
627.10 authorize or deny services; the process that is used to authorize or deny health care services  
627.11 or benefits; or information on financial incentives and structures used by the health carrier  
627.12 or pharmacy benefit manager.

627.13 (b) A pharmacy or pharmacist must provide to an enrollee information regarding the  
627.14 enrollee's total cost for each prescription drug dispensed where part or all of the cost of the  
627.15 prescription is being paid or reimbursed by the employer-sponsored plan or by a health  
627.16 carrier or pharmacy benefit manager, in accordance with section 151.214, subdivision 1.

627.17 (c) A pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier must not prohibit a pharmacist or  
627.18 pharmacy from discussing information regarding the total cost for pharmacy services for a  
627.19 prescription drug, including the patient's co-payment amount, the pharmacy's own usual  
627.20 and customary price of the prescription, and the net amount the pharmacy will receive from  
627.21 all sources for dispensing the prescription drug, once the claim has been completed by the  
627.22 pharmacy benefit manager or the patient's health carrier.

627.23 (d) A pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier must not prohibit a pharmacist or  
627.24 pharmacy from discussing the availability of any therapeutically equivalent alternative  
627.25 prescription drugs or alternative methods for purchasing the prescription drug, including  
627.26 but not limited to paying out-of-pocket the pharmacy's usual and customary price when that  
627.27 amount is less expensive to the enrollee than the amount the enrollee is required to pay for  
627.28 the prescription drug under the enrollee's health plan.

627.29 Sec. 17. **[62W.12] POINT OF SALE.**

627.30 No pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier shall require an enrollee to make a  
627.31 payment at the point of sale for a covered prescription drug in an amount greater than the  
627.32 lesser of:

- 628.1 (1) the applicable co-payment for the prescription drug;  
628.2 (2) the allowable claim amount for the prescription drug;  
628.3 (3) the amount an enrollee would pay for the prescription drug if the enrollee purchased  
628.4 the prescription drug without using a health plan or any other source of prescription drug  
628.5 benefits or discounts; or  
628.6 (4) the amount the pharmacy will be reimbursed for the prescription drug from the  
628.7 pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier.

628.8 Sec. 18. **[62W.13] RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENTS.**

628.9 No pharmacy benefit manager shall retroactively adjust a claim for reimbursement  
628.10 submitted by a pharmacy for a prescription drug, unless the adjustment is a result of a:

- 628.11 (1) pharmacy audit conducted in accordance with section 62W.09; or  
628.12 (2) technical billing error.

628.13 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 147.37, is amended to read:

628.14 **147.37 INFORMATION PROVISION; PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE**  
628.15 **PROGRAMS.**

628.16 At least annually, the board shall encourage licensees who are authorized to prescribe  
628.17 drugs to make available to patients information on ~~free and discounted prescription drug~~  
628.18 ~~programs offered by pharmaceutical manufacturers when the information is provided to the~~  
628.19 ~~licensees at no cost~~ sources of lower cost prescription drugs and shall provide these licensees  
628.20 with the address for the website established by the Board of Pharmacy pursuant to section  
628.21 151.06, subdivision 6.

628.22 Sec. 20. **[148.192] INFORMATION PROVISION; PHARMACEUTICAL**  
628.23 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

628.24 At least annually, the board shall encourage licensees who are authorized to prescribe  
628.25 drugs to make available to patients information on sources of lower cost prescription drugs  
628.26 and shall provide these licensees with the address for the website established by the Board  
628.27 of Pharmacy pursuant to section 151.06, subdivision 6.



629.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.01, subdivision 23, is amended to read:

629.2 Subd. 23. **Practitioner.** "Practitioner" means a licensed doctor of medicine, licensed  
629.3 doctor of osteopathic medicine duly licensed to practice medicine, licensed doctor of  
629.4 dentistry, licensed doctor of optometry, licensed podiatrist, licensed veterinarian, or licensed  
629.5 advanced practice registered nurse. For purposes of sections 151.15, subdivision 4; 151.211,  
629.6 subdivision 3; 151.252, subdivision 3; 151.37, subdivision 2, paragraphs (b), (e), and (f);  
629.7 and 151.461, "practitioner" also means a physician assistant authorized to prescribe, dispense,  
629.8 and administer under chapter 147A. For purposes of sections 151.15, subdivision 4; 151.211,  
629.9 subdivision 3; 151.252, subdivision 3; 151.37, subdivision 2, paragraph (b); and 151.461,  
629.10 "practitioner" also means a dental therapist authorized to dispense and administer under  
629.11 chapter 150A.

629.12 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
629.13 read:

629.14 Subd. 6. **Information provision; sources of lower cost prescription drugs.** (a) The  
629.15 board shall publish a page on its website that provides regularly updated information  
629.16 concerning:

629.17 (1) pharmaceutical manufacturer patient assistance programs;

629.18 (2) the prescription drug assistance program established by the Minnesota Board of  
629.19 Aging under section 256.975, subdivision 9;

629.20 (3) the emergency insulin assistance program established under section 256.937;

629.21 (4) the websites through which individuals can access information concerning eligibility  
629.22 for and enrollment in Medicare, medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, and other  
629.23 government-funded programs that help pay for the cost of health care;

629.24 (5) the program established under section 340b of the federal Public Health Services  
629.25 Act, United States Code, title 42, section 256b; and

629.26 (6) any other resource that the board deems useful to individuals who are attempting to  
629.27 purchase prescription drugs at lower costs.

629.28 (b) The board shall prepare educational documents and materials, including brochures  
629.29 and posters, based on the information it provides on its website under paragraph (a). The  
629.30 documents and materials shall be in a form that can be downloaded from the board's website  
629.31 and used for patient education by pharmacists and by practitioners who are licensed to

630.1 prescribe. The board is not required to provide printed copies of these documents and  
630.2 materials.

630.3 (c) At least annually, the board shall encourage licensed pharmacists and pharmacies to  
630.4 make available to patients information on sources of lower cost prescription drugs and shall  
630.5 provide these licensees with the address for the website established under paragraph (a).

630.6 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

630.7 Subdivision 1. **Forms of disciplinary action.** When the board finds that a licensee,  
630.8 registrant, or applicant has engaged in conduct prohibited under subdivision 2, it may do  
630.9 one or more of the following:

630.10 (1) deny the issuance of a license or registration;

630.11 (2) refuse to renew a license or registration;

630.12 (3) revoke the license or registration;

630.13 (4) suspend the license or registration;

630.14 (5) impose limitations, conditions, or both on the license or registration, including but  
630.15 not limited to: the limitation of practice to designated settings; the limitation of the scope  
630.16 of practice within designated settings; the imposition of retraining or rehabilitation  
630.17 requirements; the requirement of practice under supervision; the requirement of participation  
630.18 in a diversion program such as that established pursuant to section 214.31 or the conditioning  
630.19 of continued practice on demonstration of knowledge or skills by appropriate examination  
630.20 or other review of skill and competence;

630.21 (6) impose a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000 for each separate violation, except that  
630.22 a civil penalty not exceeding \$25,000 may be imposed for each separate violation of section  
630.23 151.462, the amount of the civil penalty to be fixed so as to deprive a licensee or registrant  
630.24 of any economic advantage gained by reason of the violation, to discourage similar violations  
630.25 by the licensee or registrant or any other licensee or registrant, or to reimburse the board  
630.26 for the cost of the investigation and proceeding, including but not limited to, fees paid for  
630.27 services provided by the Office of Administrative Hearings, legal and investigative services  
630.28 provided by the Office of the Attorney General, court reporters, witnesses, reproduction of  
630.29 records, board members' per diem compensation, board staff time, and travel costs and  
630.30 expenses incurred by board staff and board members; and

630.31 (7) reprimand the licensee or registrant.

631.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

631.2 Subd. 2. **Grounds for disciplinary action.** The following conduct is prohibited and is  
631.3 grounds for disciplinary action:

631.4 (1) failure to demonstrate the qualifications or satisfy the requirements for a license or  
631.5 registration contained in this chapter or the rules of the board. The burden of proof is on  
631.6 the applicant to demonstrate such qualifications or satisfaction of such requirements;

631.7 (2) obtaining a license by fraud or by misleading the board in any way during the  
631.8 application process or obtaining a license by cheating, or attempting to subvert the licensing  
631.9 examination process. Conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the licensing examination  
631.10 process includes, but is not limited to: (i) conduct that violates the security of the examination  
631.11 materials, such as removing examination materials from the examination room or having  
631.12 unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered  
631.13 licensing examination; (ii) conduct that violates the standard of test administration, such as  
631.14 communicating with another examinee during administration of the examination, copying  
631.15 another examinee's answers, permitting another examinee to copy one's answers, or  
631.16 possessing unauthorized materials; or (iii) impersonating an examinee or permitting an  
631.17 impersonator to take the examination on one's own behalf;

631.18 (3) for a pharmacist, pharmacy technician, pharmacist intern, applicant for a pharmacist  
631.19 or pharmacy license, or applicant for a pharmacy technician or pharmacist intern registration,  
631.20 conviction of a felony reasonably related to the practice of pharmacy. Conviction as used  
631.21 in this subdivision includes a conviction of an offense that if committed in this state would  
631.22 be deemed a felony without regard to its designation elsewhere, or a criminal proceeding  
631.23 where a finding or verdict of guilt is made or returned but the adjudication of guilt is either  
631.24 withheld or not entered thereon. The board may delay the issuance of a new license or  
631.25 registration if the applicant has been charged with a felony until the matter has been  
631.26 adjudicated;

631.27 (4) for a facility, other than a pharmacy, licensed or registered by the board, if an owner  
631.28 or applicant is convicted of a felony reasonably related to the operation of the facility. The  
631.29 board may delay the issuance of a new license or registration if the owner or applicant has  
631.30 been charged with a felony until the matter has been adjudicated;

631.31 (5) for a controlled substance researcher, conviction of a felony reasonably related to  
631.32 controlled substances or to the practice of the researcher's profession. The board may delay  
631.33 the issuance of a registration if the applicant has been charged with a felony until the matter  
631.34 has been adjudicated;

632.1 (6) disciplinary action taken by another state or by one of this state's health licensing  
632.2 agencies:

632.3 (i) revocation, suspension, restriction, limitation, or other disciplinary action against a  
632.4 license or registration in another state or jurisdiction, failure to report to the board that  
632.5 charges or allegations regarding the person's license or registration have been brought in  
632.6 another state or jurisdiction, or having been refused a license or registration by any other  
632.7 state or jurisdiction. The board may delay the issuance of a new license or registration if an  
632.8 investigation or disciplinary action is pending in another state or jurisdiction until the  
632.9 investigation or action has been dismissed or otherwise resolved; and

632.10 (ii) revocation, suspension, restriction, limitation, or other disciplinary action against a  
632.11 license or registration issued by another of this state's health licensing agencies, failure to  
632.12 report to the board that charges regarding the person's license or registration have been  
632.13 brought by another of this state's health licensing agencies, or having been refused a license  
632.14 or registration by another of this state's health licensing agencies. The board may delay the  
632.15 issuance of a new license or registration if a disciplinary action is pending before another  
632.16 of this state's health licensing agencies until the action has been dismissed or otherwise  
632.17 resolved;

632.18 (7) for a pharmacist, pharmacy, pharmacy technician, or pharmacist intern, violation of  
632.19 any order of the board, of any of the provisions of this chapter or any rules of the board or  
632.20 violation of any federal, state, or local law or rule reasonably pertaining to the practice of  
632.21 pharmacy;

632.22 (8) for a facility, other than a pharmacy, licensed by the board, violations of any order  
632.23 of the board, of any of the provisions of this chapter or the rules of the board or violation  
632.24 of any federal, state, or local law relating to the operation of the facility;

632.25 (9) engaging in any unethical conduct; conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the  
632.26 public, or demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of  
632.27 a patient; or pharmacy practice that is professionally incompetent, in that it may create  
632.28 unnecessary danger to any patient's life, health, or safety, in any of which cases, proof of  
632.29 actual injury need not be established;

632.30 (10) aiding or abetting an unlicensed person in the practice of pharmacy, except that it  
632.31 is not a violation of this clause for a pharmacist to supervise a properly registered pharmacy  
632.32 technician or pharmacist intern if that person is performing duties allowed by this chapter  
632.33 or the rules of the board;

633.1 (11) for an individual licensed or registered by the board, adjudication as mentally ill  
633.2 or developmentally disabled, or as a chemically dependent person, a person dangerous to  
633.3 the public, a sexually dangerous person, or a person who has a sexual psychopathic  
633.4 personality, by a court of competent jurisdiction, within or without this state. Such  
633.5 adjudication shall automatically suspend a license for the duration thereof unless the board  
633.6 orders otherwise;

633.7 (12) for a pharmacist or pharmacy intern, engaging in unprofessional conduct as specified  
633.8 in the board's rules. In the case of a pharmacy technician, engaging in conduct specified in  
633.9 board rules that would be unprofessional if it were engaged in by a pharmacist or pharmacist  
633.10 intern or performing duties specifically reserved for pharmacists under this chapter or the  
633.11 rules of the board;

633.12 (13) for a pharmacy, operation of the pharmacy without a pharmacist present and on  
633.13 duty except as allowed by a variance approved by the board;

633.14 (14) for a pharmacist, the inability to practice pharmacy with reasonable skill and safety  
633.15 to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other  
633.16 type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition, including deterioration  
633.17 through the aging process or loss of motor skills. In the case of registered pharmacy  
633.18 technicians, pharmacist interns, or controlled substance researchers, the inability to carry  
633.19 out duties allowed under this chapter or the rules of the board with reasonable skill and  
633.20 safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or  
633.21 any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition, including  
633.22 deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor skills;

633.23 (15) for a pharmacist, pharmacy, pharmacist intern, pharmacy technician, medical gas  
633.24 distributor, or controlled substance researcher, revealing a privileged communication from  
633.25 or relating to a patient except when otherwise required or permitted by law;

633.26 (16) for a pharmacist or pharmacy, improper management of patient records, including  
633.27 failure to maintain adequate patient records, to comply with a patient's request made pursuant  
633.28 to sections 144.291 to 144.298, or to furnish a patient record or report required by law;

633.29 (17) fee splitting, including without limitation:

633.30 (i) paying, offering to pay, receiving, or agreeing to receive, a commission, rebate,  
633.31 kickback, or other form of remuneration, directly or indirectly, for the referral of patients;  
633.32 and

- 634.1 (ii) referring a patient to any health care provider as defined in sections 144.291 to  
634.2 144.298 in which the licensee or registrant has a financial or economic interest as defined  
634.3 in section 144.6521, subdivision 3, unless the licensee or registrant has disclosed the  
634.4 licensee's or registrant's financial or economic interest in accordance with section 144.6521;
- 634.5 (18) engaging in abusive or fraudulent billing practices, including violations of the  
634.6 federal Medicare and Medicaid laws or state medical assistance laws or rules;
- 634.7 (19) engaging in conduct with a patient that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted  
634.8 by the patient as sexual, or in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning  
634.9 to a patient;
- 634.10 (20) failure to make reports as required by section 151.072 or to cooperate with an  
634.11 investigation of the board as required by section 151.074;
- 634.12 (21) knowingly providing false or misleading information that is directly related to the  
634.13 care of a patient unless done for an accepted therapeutic purpose such as the dispensing and  
634.14 administration of a placebo;
- 634.15 (22) aiding suicide or aiding attempted suicide in violation of section 609.215 as  
634.16 established by any of the following:
- 634.17 (i) a copy of the record of criminal conviction or plea of guilty for a felony in violation  
634.18 of section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2;
- 634.19 (ii) a copy of the record of a judgment of contempt of court for violating an injunction  
634.20 issued under section 609.215, subdivision 4;
- 634.21 (iii) a copy of the record of a judgment assessing damages under section 609.215,  
634.22 subdivision 5; or
- 634.23 (iv) a finding by the board that the person violated section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2.  
634.24 The board shall investigate any complaint of a violation of section 609.215, subdivision 1  
634.25 or 2;
- 634.26 (23) for a pharmacist, practice of pharmacy under a lapsed or nonrenewed license. For  
634.27 a pharmacist intern, pharmacy technician, or controlled substance researcher, performing  
634.28 duties permitted to such individuals by this chapter or the rules of the board under a lapsed  
634.29 or nonrenewed registration. For a facility required to be licensed under this chapter, operation  
634.30 of the facility under a lapsed or nonrenewed license or registration; ~~and~~

635.1 (24) for a pharmacist, pharmacist intern, or pharmacy technician, termination or discharge  
635.2 from the health professionals services program for reasons other than the satisfactory  
635.3 completion of the program; and

635.4 (25) for a manufacturer or wholesale drug distributor, a violation of section 151.462.

635.5 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.21, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

635.6 Subd. 7. **Drug formulary.** ~~This section~~ Subdivision 3 does not apply when a pharmacist  
635.7 is dispensing a prescribed drug to persons covered under a managed health care plan that  
635.8 maintains a mandatory or closed drug formulary.

635.9 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
635.10 read:

635.11 Subd. 7a. Coverage by substitution. (a) When a pharmacist receives a prescription  
635.12 order by paper or hard copy, by electronic transmission, or by oral instruction from the  
635.13 prescriber, in which the prescriber has not expressly indicated that the prescription is to be  
635.14 dispensed as communicated and the drug prescribed is not covered under the purchaser's  
635.15 health plan or prescription drug plan, the pharmacist may dispense a therapeutically  
635.16 equivalent and interchangeable prescribed drug or biological product that is covered under  
635.17 the purchaser's plan, if the pharmacist has a written protocol with the prescriber that outlines  
635.18 the class of drugs of the same generation and designed for the same indication that can be  
635.19 substituted and the required communication between the pharmacist and the prescriber.

635.20 (b) The pharmacist must inform the purchaser if the pharmacist is dispensing a drug or  
635.21 biological product other than the specific drug or biological product prescribed and the  
635.22 reason for the substitution.

635.23 (c) The pharmacist must communicate to the prescriber the name and manufacturer of  
635.24 the substituted drug that was dispensed and the reason for the substitution, in accordance  
635.25 with the written protocol.

635.26 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.211, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

635.27 Subd. 2. **Refill requirements.** Except as provided in subdivision 3, a prescription drug  
635.28 order may be refilled only with the written, electronic, or verbal consent of the prescriber  
635.29 and in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, the rules of the board, and where  
635.30 applicable, section 152.11. The date of such refill must be recorded and initialed upon the  
635.31 original prescription drug order, or within the electronically maintained record of the original

636.1 prescription drug order, by the pharmacist, pharmacist intern, or practitioner who refills the  
636.2 prescription.

636.3 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.211, is amended by adding a subdivision  
636.4 to read:

636.5 Subd. 3. **Emergency prescription refills.** (a) A pharmacist may, using sound professional  
636.6 judgment and in accordance with accepted standards of practice, dispense a legend drug  
636.7 without a current prescription drug order from a licensed practitioner if all of the following  
636.8 conditions are met:

636.9 (1) the patient has been compliant with taking the medication and has consistently had  
636.10 the drug filled or refilled as demonstrated by records maintained by the pharmacy;

636.11 (2) the pharmacy from which the legend drug is dispensed has record of a prescription  
636.12 drug order for the drug in the name of the patient who is requesting it, but the prescription  
636.13 drug order does not provide for a refill, or the time during which the refills were valid has  
636.14 elapsed;

636.15 (3) the pharmacist has tried but is unable to contact the practitioner who issued the  
636.16 prescription drug order, or another practitioner responsible for the patient's care, to obtain  
636.17 authorization to refill the prescription;

636.18 (4) the drug is essential to sustain the life of the patient or to continue therapy for a  
636.19 chronic condition;

636.20 (5) failure to dispense the drug to the patient would result in harm to the health of the  
636.21 patient; and

636.22 (6) the drug is not a controlled substance listed in section 152.02, subdivisions 3 to 6,  
636.23 except for a controlled substance that has been specifically prescribed to treat a seizure  
636.24 disorder, in which case the pharmacist may dispense up to a 72-hour supply.

636.25 (b) If the conditions in paragraph (a) are met, the amount of the drug dispensed by the  
636.26 pharmacist to the patient must not exceed a 30-day supply, or the quantity originally  
636.27 prescribed, whichever is less, except as provided for controlled substances in paragraph (a),  
636.28 clause (6). If the standard unit of dispensing for the drug exceeds a 30-day supply, the  
636.29 amount of the drug dispensed or sold must not exceed the standard unit of dispensing.

636.30 (c) A pharmacist shall not dispense or sell the same drug to the same patient, as provided  
636.31 in this section, more than one time in any 12-month period.



637.1 (d) A pharmacist must notify the practitioner who issued the prescription drug order not  
637.2 later than 72 hours after the drug is sold or dispensed. The pharmacist must request and  
637.3 receive authorization before any additional refills may be dispensed. If the practitioner  
637.4 declines to provide authorization for additional refills, the pharmacist must inform the patient  
637.5 of that fact.

637.6 (e) The record of a drug sold or dispensed under this section shall be maintained in the  
637.7 same manner required for prescription drug orders under this section.

637.8 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.252, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

637.9 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) No person shall act as a drug manufacturer without  
637.10 first obtaining a license from the board and paying any applicable fee specified in section  
637.11 151.065.

637.12 (b) In addition to the license required under paragraph (a), a manufacturer of insulin  
637.13 must pay the applicable insulin registration fee in section 151.254, by June 1 of each year,  
637.14 beginning June 1, 2020. In the event of a change of ownership of the manufacturer, the new  
637.15 owner must pay the registration fee in section 151.254 that the original owner would have  
637.16 been assessed had it retained ownership. The board may assess a late fee of ten percent per  
637.17 month for any portion of a month that the registration fee is paid after the due date. The  
637.18 registration fee collected under this paragraph, including any late fees, shall be deposited  
637.19 in the insulin assistance account established under section 256.938.

637.20 ~~(b)~~ (c) Application for a drug manufacturer license under this section shall be made in  
637.21 a manner specified by the board.

637.22 ~~(e)~~ (d) No license shall be issued or renewed for a drug manufacturer unless the applicant  
637.23 agrees to operate in a manner prescribed by federal and state law and according to Minnesota  
637.24 Rules.

637.25 ~~(d)~~ (e) No license shall be issued or renewed for a drug manufacturer that is required to  
637.26 be registered pursuant to United States Code, title 21, section 360, unless the applicant  
637.27 supplies the board with proof of registration. The board may establish by rule the standards  
637.28 for licensure of drug manufacturers that are not required to be registered under United States  
637.29 Code, title 21, section 360.

637.30 ~~(e)~~ (f) No license shall be issued or renewed for a drug manufacturer that is required to  
637.31 be licensed or registered by the state in which it is physically located unless the applicant  
637.32 supplies the board with proof of licensure or registration. The board may establish, by rule,

638.1 standards for the licensure of a drug manufacturer that is not required to be licensed or  
638.2 registered by the state in which it is physically located.

638.3 ~~(f)~~ (g) The board shall require a separate license for each facility located within the state  
638.4 at which drug manufacturing occurs and for each facility located outside of the state at  
638.5 which drugs that are shipped into the state are manufactured.

638.6 ~~(g)~~ (h) The board shall not issue an initial or renewed license for a drug manufacturing  
638.7 facility unless the facility passes an inspection conducted by an authorized representative  
638.8 of the board. In the case of a drug manufacturing facility located outside of the state, the  
638.9 board may require the applicant to pay the cost of the inspection, in addition to the license  
638.10 fee in section 151.065, unless the applicant furnishes the board with a report, issued by the  
638.11 appropriate regulatory agency of the state in which the facility is located or by the United  
638.12 States Food and Drug Administration, of an inspection that has occurred within the 24  
638.13 months immediately preceding receipt of the license application by the board. The board  
638.14 may deny licensure unless the applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the board  
638.15 that any deficiencies noted in an inspection report have been corrected.

638.16 Sec. 30. [151.254] INSULIN REGISTRATION FEE.

638.17 Subdivision 1. Definition. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
638.18 meanings given them.

638.19 (b) "Manufacturer" means a manufacturer licensed under section 151.252 engaged in  
638.20 the manufacturing of insulin.

638.21 (c) "Wholesaler" means a wholesale drug distributor licensed under section 151.47 and  
638.22 engaged in the wholesale drug distribution of insulin.

638.23 Subd. 2. Reporting requirements. (a) Effective March 1 of each year, beginning March  
638.24 1, 2020, each manufacturer and each wholesaler must report to the Board of Pharmacy every  
638.25 sale, delivery, or other distribution within or into the state of insulin that was made to any  
638.26 practitioner, pharmacy, hospital, or other person who is permitted by section 151.37 to  
638.27 possess insulin for administration or was dispensed to human patients during the previous  
638.28 calendar year. Reporting must be in a manner specified by the board. If the manufacturer  
638.29 or wholesaler fails to provide information required under this paragraph on a timely basis,  
638.30 the board may assess an administrative penalty of \$100 per day. This penalty shall not be  
638.31 considered a form of disciplinary action. Any penalty assessed under this section shall be  
638.32 deposited in the insulin assistance account established under section 256.938.

639.1 (b) By March 1 of each year, beginning March 1, 2020, each owner of a pharmacy with  
639.2 at least one location within this state must report to the board any intracompany delivery  
639.3 or distribution of insulin into this state, to the extent that those deliveries and distributions  
639.4 are not reported to the board by a licensed wholesaler owned by, under contract to, or  
639.5 otherwise operating on behalf of the owner of the pharmacy. Reporting must be in the  
639.6 manner and format specified by the board for deliveries and distributions that occurred  
639.7 during the previous calendar year. The report must include the name of the manufacturer  
639.8 or wholesaler from which the owner of the pharmacy ultimately purchased the insulin and  
639.9 the amount and date the purchase occurred.

639.10 Subd. 3. **Determination of manufacturer's registration fee.** (a) The board shall annually  
639.11 assess manufacturers a registration fee that in aggregate equals the total cost of the insulin  
639.12 assistance program established under section 256.937 for the previous fiscal year, including  
639.13 any administration costs incurred by the commissioner of human services or the board in  
639.14 collecting the fee. The board shall determine each manufacturer's annual insulin registration  
639.15 fee that is prorated and based on the manufacturer's percentage of the total number of units  
639.16 reported to the board under subdivision 2. For the first assessment, the commissioner shall  
639.17 estimate the cost of the program for the first fiscal year and notify the board of the estimated  
639.18 cost by March 1, 2020. The board shall determine each manufacturer's initial registration  
639.19 fee based on the estimated cost.

639.20 (b) By April 1 of each year, beginning April 1, 2020, the board shall notify each  
639.21 manufacturer of the annual amount of the manufacturer's insulin registration fee to be paid  
639.22 in accordance with section 151.252, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

639.23 (c) A manufacturer may dispute the fee assessed under this section as determined by the  
639.24 board no later than 30 days after the date of notification. However, the manufacturer must  
639.25 still remit the registration fee required by section 151.252, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).  
639.26 The dispute must be filed with the board in the manner and using the forms specified by  
639.27 the board. A manufacturer must submit, with the required forms, data satisfactory to the  
639.28 board that demonstrates that the fee was incorrect or otherwise unwarranted. The board  
639.29 must make a decision concerning a dispute no later than 60 days after receiving the required  
639.30 dispute forms. If the board determines that the manufacturer has satisfactorily demonstrated  
639.31 that the original fee was incorrect, the board must: (1) adjust the manufacturer's fee; (2)  
639.32 adjust the manufacturer's fee due the next year by the amount in excess of the correct fee  
639.33 that should have been paid; or (3) refund the amount paid in error.

640.1 Sec. 31. [151.462] PROHIBITION AGAINST CHARGING UNCONSCIONABLE  
640.2 PRICES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

640.3 Subdivision 1. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote public health in  
640.4 Minnesota by preventing unconscionable price gouging with respect to the price of essential  
640.5 prescription drugs sold in Minnesota. Essential prescription drugs are a necessity. These  
640.6 drugs, which are made available in this state by drug manufacturers and wholesale  
640.7 distributors, provide critically important benefits to the health and well-being of Minnesota  
640.8 citizens. Abuses in the pricing of various essential prescription drugs are well-documented,  
640.9 jeopardize the health and welfare of the public, and have caused the death of patients who  
640.10 could not afford to pay an unconscionable price for these drugs. For example, these price  
640.11 gouging practices have created a public health catastrophe in Minnesota regarding the sale  
640.12 of insulin, an essential prescription drug for the treatment of more than 320,000 people  
640.13 residing in Minnesota who are diabetic. This section is intended to address such abuses, but  
640.14 allow drug manufacturers and wholesale drug distributors a fair rate of return with respect  
640.15 to their sale of essential prescription drugs in the state of Minnesota.

640.16 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply.

640.17 (b) "Essential prescription drug" means a patented (including an exclusivity-protected  
640.18 drug), off-patent, or generic drug prescribed in Minnesota by a practitioner:

640.19 (1) that either:

640.20 (i) is covered under the medical assistance program or by any Medicare Part D plan  
640.21 offered in the state of Minnesota; or

640.22 (ii) has been designated by the commissioner of human services under subdivision 4 as  
640.23 an essential medicine due to its efficacy in treating a life-threatening health condition or a  
640.24 chronic health condition that substantially impairs an individual's ability to engage in  
640.25 activities of daily living; and

640.26 (2) for which:

640.27 (i) a 30-day supply of the maximum recommended dosage of the drug for any indication,  
640.28 according to the label for the drug approved under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
640.29 Act, would cost more than \$80 at the drug's wholesale acquisition cost;

640.30 (ii) a full course of treatment with the drug, according to the label for the drug approved  
640.31 under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, would cost more than \$80 at the drug's  
640.32 wholesale acquisition cost; or

641.1 (iii) if the drug is made available to consumers only in quantities that do not correspond  
641.2 to a 30-day supply, a full course of treatment, or a single dose, it would cost more than \$80  
641.3 at the drug's wholesale acquisition cost to obtain a 30-day supply or a full course of treatment.  
641.4 Essential prescription drug also includes a patented or off-patent drug-device combination  
641.5 product, whose wholesale acquisition cost is more than \$80, and which is used at least in  
641.6 part for delivery of a drug described in this paragraph.

641.7 (c) "Health plan company" has the meaning provided in section 62Q.01, subdivision 4.

641.8 (d) "Unconscionable price" means a price that:

641.9 (1) is not reasonably justified by the actual cost of inventing, producing, selling, and  
641.10 distributing the essential prescription drug, and any actual cost of an appropriate expansion  
641.11 of access to the drug to promote public health; and

641.12 (2) applies to an essential prescription drug sold to:

641.13 (i) consumers in Minnesota;

641.14 (ii) the commissioner of human services for use in a Minnesota public health care  
641.15 program; or

641.16 (iii) a health plan company providing medical care to Minnesota consumers; and the  
641.17 consumer, commissioner, or health plan company has no meaningful choice about whether  
641.18 to purchase the drug, because there is no other comparable drug sold in Minnesota at a price  
641.19 that is reasonably justified by the actual cost of inventing, producing, selling, and distributing  
641.20 the comparable drug, and any actual cost of an appropriate expansion of access to the drug  
641.21 to promote public health.

641.22 (e) "Wholesale acquisition cost" has the meaning given in United States Code, title 42,  
641.23 section 1395w-3a.

641.24 Subd. 3. **Prohibition.** No drug manufacturer or wholesale drug distributor shall charge  
641.25 or cause to be charged in Minnesota an unconscionable price for an essential prescription  
641.26 drug sold in Minnesota. It is not a violation of this section for a wholesale drug distributor  
641.27 to charge a price for an essential prescription drug to be sold in Minnesota that is directly  
641.28 and substantially attributable to the cost of the drug charged by the manufacturer.

641.29 Subd. 4. **Commissioner of human services; list of essential prescription drugs.** The  
641.30 commissioner of human services, in consultation with the Formulary Committee established  
641.31 under section 256B.0625, subdivision 13c, may designate essential medicines in accordance  
641.32 with subdivision 2, paragraph (b), clause (1), item (ii), and shall maintain a list of all essential

642.1 prescription drugs on the agency website. The commissioner is exempt from the rulemaking  
642.2 requirements of chapter 14 in making the essential medicine designation and compiling the  
642.3 list of all essential prescription drugs under this subdivision.

642.4 Subd. 5. **Notification of attorney general.** The Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, the  
642.5 commissioner of human services, and health plan companies providing health coverage to  
642.6 Minnesota consumers, shall notify the attorney general of any increase of 15 percent or  
642.7 more during a one-year period in the price of any essential prescription drug sold in  
642.8 Minnesota.

642.9 Subd. 6. **Attorney general's office to confer with drug manufacturer or distributor.** In  
642.10 order for the attorney general to bring an action for an alleged violation of subdivision 3  
642.11 against a drug manufacturer or wholesale distributor, the attorney general must have provided  
642.12 the manufacturer or wholesale distributor an opportunity to meet with the attorney general  
642.13 to present any justification for the price of the essential prescription drug. This meeting  
642.14 shall be in addition to any response or responses that the drug manufacturer or wholesale  
642.15 distributor may make to prelitigation investigation or discovery conducted by the attorney  
642.16 general pursuant to section 8.31.

642.17 Subd. 7. **Private right of action.** Any action brought pursuant to section 8.31, subdivision  
642.18 3a, by a person injured by a violation of this section is for the benefit of the public.

642.19 Subd. 8. **Severability.** In accordance with section 645.20, it is the intent of the legislature  
642.20 that the provisions, or any part of a provision, of this section or its effective date are severable  
642.21 in the event any provision, or any part of a provision, of this section or its effective date is  
642.22 found by a court to be unconstitutional.

642.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and,  
642.24 notwithstanding any statutory or common law to the contrary, applies retroactively to any  
642.25 prices charged by a drug manufacturer or drug wholesaler for essential prescription drugs  
642.26 sold or distributed in Minnesota on or after July 1, 2014.

642.27 Sec. 32. **[151.555] PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM.**

642.28 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this  
642.29 subdivision have the meanings given.

642.30 (b) "Central repository" means a wholesale distributor that meets the requirements under  
642.31 subdivision 3 and enters into a contract with the Board of Pharmacy in accordance with this  
642.32 section.

642.33 (c) "Distribute" means to deliver, other than by administering or dispensing.

643.1 (d) "Donor" means:

643.2 (1) a health care facility as defined in this subdivision;

643.3 (2) a skilled nursing facility licensed under chapter 144A;

643.4 (3) an assisted living facility registered under chapter 144D where there is centralized  
643.5 storage of drugs and 24-hour on-site licensed nursing coverage provided seven days a week;

643.6 (4) a pharmacy licensed under section 151.19, and located either in the state or outside  
643.7 the state;

643.8 (5) a drug wholesaler licensed under section 151.47;

643.9 (6) a drug manufacturer licensed under section 151.252; or

643.10 (7) an individual at least 18 years of age, provided that the drug or medical supply that  
643.11 is donated was obtained legally and meets the requirements of this section for donation.

643.12 (e) "Drug" means any prescription drug that has been approved for medical use in the  
643.13 United States, is listed in the United States Pharmacopoeia or National Formulary, and  
643.14 meets the criteria established under this section for donation. This definition includes cancer  
643.15 drugs and antirejection drugs, but does not include controlled substances, as defined in  
643.16 section 152.01, subdivision 4, or a prescription drug that can only be dispensed to a patient  
643.17 registered with the drug's manufacturer in accordance with federal Food and Drug  
643.18 Administration requirements.

643.19 (f) "Health care facility" means:

643.20 (1) a physician's office or health care clinic where licensed practitioners provide health  
643.21 care to patients;

643.22 (2) a hospital licensed under section 144.50;

643.23 (3) a pharmacy licensed under section 151.19 and located in Minnesota; or

643.24 (4) a nonprofit community clinic, including a federally qualified health center; a rural  
643.25 health clinic; public health clinic; or other community clinic that provides health care utilizing  
643.26 a sliding fee scale to patients who are low-income, uninsured, or underinsured.

643.27 (g) "Local repository" means a health care facility that elects to accept donated drugs  
643.28 and medical supplies and meets the requirements of subdivision 4.

643.29 (h) "Medical supplies" or "supplies" means any prescription and nonprescription medical  
643.30 supply needed to administer a prescription drug.

644.1 (i) "Original, sealed, unopened, tamper-evident packaging" means packaging that is  
644.2 sealed, unopened, and tamper-evident, including a manufacturer's original unit dose or  
644.3 unit-of-use container, a repackager's original unit dose or unit-of-use container, or unit-dose  
644.4 packaging prepared by a licensed pharmacy according to the standards of Minnesota Rules,  
644.5 part 6800.3750.

644.6 (j) "Practitioner" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision 23, except that  
644.7 it does not include a veterinarian.

644.8 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** By January 1, 2020, the Board of Pharmacy shall establish a  
644.9 drug repository program, through which donors may donate a drug or medical supply for  
644.10 use by an individual who meets the eligibility criteria specified under subdivision 5. The  
644.11 board shall contract with a central repository that meets the requirements of subdivision 3  
644.12 to implement and administer the prescription drug repository program.

644.13 Subd. 3. **Central repository requirements.** (a) The board shall publish a request for  
644.14 proposal for participants who meet the requirements of this subdivision and are interested  
644.15 in acting as the central repository for the drug repository program. The board shall follow  
644.16 all applicable state procurement procedures in the selection process.

644.17 (b) To be eligible to act as the central repository, the participant must be a wholesale  
644.18 drug distributor located in Minnesota, licensed pursuant to section 151.47, and in compliance  
644.19 with all applicable federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations.

644.20 (c) The central repository shall be subject to inspection by the board pursuant to section  
644.21 151.06, subdivision 1.

644.22 (d) The central repository shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules,  
644.23 and regulations pertaining to the drug repository program, drug storage, and dispensing.  
644.24 The facility must maintain in good standing any state license or registration that applies to  
644.25 the facility.

644.26 Subd. 4. **Local repository requirements.** (a) To be eligible for participation in the drug  
644.27 repository program, a health care facility must agree to comply with all applicable federal  
644.28 and state laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the drug repository program, drug storage,  
644.29 and dispensing. The facility must also agree to maintain in good standing any required state  
644.30 license or registration that may apply to the facility.

644.31 (b) A local repository may elect to participate in the program by submitting the following  
644.32 information to the central repository on a form developed by the board and made available  
644.33 on the board's website:



645.1 (1) the name, street address, and telephone number of the health care facility and any  
645.2 state-issued license or registration number issued to the facility, including the issuing state  
645.3 agency;

645.4 (2) the name and telephone number of a responsible pharmacist or practitioner who is  
645.5 employed by or under contract with the health care facility; and

645.6 (3) a statement signed and dated by the responsible pharmacist or practitioner indicating  
645.7 that the health care facility meets the eligibility requirements under this section and agrees  
645.8 to comply with this section.

645.9 (c) Participation in the drug repository program is voluntary. A local repository may  
645.10 withdraw from participation in the drug repository program at any time by providing written  
645.11 notice to the central repository on a form developed by the board and made available on  
645.12 the board's website. The central repository shall provide the board with a copy of the  
645.13 withdrawal notice within ten business days from the date of receipt of the withdrawal notice.

645.14 Subd. 5. **Individual eligibility and application requirements.** (a) To be eligible for  
645.15 the drug repository program, an individual must submit to a local repository an intake  
645.16 application form that is signed by the individual and attests that the individual:

645.17 (1) is a resident of Minnesota;

645.18 (2) is uninsured and is not enrolled in the medical assistance program under chapter  
645.19 256B or the MinnesotaCare program under chapter 256L, has no prescription drug coverage,  
645.20 or is underinsured;

645.21 (3) acknowledges that the drugs or medical supplies to be received through the program  
645.22 may have been donated; and

645.23 (4) consents to a waiver of the child-resistant packaging requirements of the federal  
645.24 Poison Prevention Packaging Act.

645.25 (b) Upon determining that an individual is eligible for the program, the local repository  
645.26 shall furnish the individual with an identification card. The card shall be valid for one year  
645.27 from the date of issuance and may be used at any local repository. A new identification card  
645.28 may be issued upon expiration once the individual submits a new application form.

645.29 (c) The local repository shall send a copy of the intake application form to the central  
645.30 repository by regular mail, facsimile, or secured e-mail within ten days from the date the  
645.31 application is approved by the local repository.

646.1 (d) The board shall develop and make available on the board's website an application  
646.2 form and the format for the identification card.

646.3 **Subd. 6. Standards and procedures for accepting donations of drugs and supplies. (a)**  
646.4 A donor may donate prescription drugs or medical supplies to the central repository or a  
646.5 local repository if the drug or supply meets the requirements of this section as determined  
646.6 by a pharmacist or practitioner who is employed by or under contract with the central  
646.7 repository or a local repository.

646.8 (b) A prescription drug is eligible for donation under the drug repository program if the  
646.9 following requirements are met:

646.10 (1) the donation is accompanied by a drug repository donor form described under  
646.11 paragraph (d) that is signed by an individual who is authorized by the donor to attest to the  
646.12 donor's knowledge in accordance with paragraph (d);

646.13 (2) the drug's expiration date is at least six months after the date the drug was donated.  
646.14 If a donated drug bears an expiration date that is less than six months from the donation  
646.15 date, the drug may be accepted and distributed if the drug is in high demand and can be  
646.16 dispensed for use by a patient before the drug's expiration date;

646.17 (3) the drug is in its original, sealed, unopened, tamper-evident packaging that includes  
646.18 the expiration date. Single-unit-dose drugs may be accepted if the single-unit-dose packaging  
646.19 is unopened;

646.20 (4) the drug or the packaging does not have any physical signs of tampering, misbranding,  
646.21 deterioration, compromised integrity, or adulteration;

646.22 (5) the drug does not require storage temperatures other than normal room temperature  
646.23 as specified by the manufacturer or United States Pharmacopoeia, unless the drug is being  
646.24 donated directly by its manufacturer, a wholesale drug distributor, or a pharmacy located  
646.25 in Minnesota; and

646.26 (6) the prescription drug is not a controlled substance.

646.27 (c) A medical supply is eligible for donation under the drug repository program if the  
646.28 following requirements are met:

646.29 (1) the supply has no physical signs of tampering, misbranding, or alteration and there  
646.30 is no reason to believe it has been adulterated, tampered with, or misbranded;

646.31 (2) the supply is in its original, unopened, sealed packaging;

647.1 (3) the donation is accompanied by a drug repository donor form described under  
647.2 paragraph (d) that is signed by an individual who is authorized by the donor to attest to the  
647.3 donor's knowledge in accordance with paragraph (d); and

647.4 (4) if the supply bears an expiration date, the date is at least six months later than the  
647.5 date the supply was donated. If the donated supply bears an expiration date that is less than  
647.6 six months from the date the supply was donated, the supply may be accepted and distributed  
647.7 if the supply is in high demand and can be dispensed for use by a patient before the supply's  
647.8 expiration date.

647.9 (d) The board shall develop the drug repository donor form and make it available on the  
647.10 board's website. The form must state that to the best of the donor's knowledge the donated  
647.11 drug or supply has been properly stored under appropriate temperature and humidity  
647.12 conditions, and that the drug or supply has never been opened, used, tampered with,  
647.13 adulterated, or misbranded.

647.14 (e) Donated drugs and supplies may be shipped or delivered to the premises of the central  
647.15 repository or a local repository, and shall be inspected by a pharmacist or an authorized  
647.16 practitioner who is employed by or under contract with the repository and who has been  
647.17 designated by the repository to accept donations. A drop box must not be used to deliver  
647.18 or accept donations.

647.19 (f) The central repository and local repository shall inventory all drugs and supplies  
647.20 donated to the repository. For each drug, the inventory must include the drug's name, strength,  
647.21 quantity, manufacturer, expiration date, and the date the drug was donated. For each medical  
647.22 supply, the inventory must include a description of the supply, its manufacturer, the date  
647.23 the supply was donated, and, if applicable, the supply's brand name and expiration date.

647.24 **Subd. 7. Standards and procedures for inspecting and storing donated prescription**  
647.25 **drugs and supplies.** (a) A pharmacist or authorized practitioner who is employed by or  
647.26 under contract with the central repository or a local repository shall inspect all donated  
647.27 prescription drugs and supplies before the drug or supply is dispensed to determine, to the  
647.28 extent reasonably possible in the professional judgment of the pharmacist or practitioner,  
647.29 that the drug or supply is not adulterated or misbranded, has not been tampered with, is safe  
647.30 and suitable for dispensing, has not been subject to a recall, and meets the requirements for  
647.31 donation. The pharmacist or practitioner who inspects the drugs or supplies shall sign an  
647.32 inspection record stating that the requirements for donation have been met. If a local  
647.33 repository receives drugs and supplies from the central repository, the local repository does  
647.34 not need to reinspect the drugs and supplies.

648.1 (b) The central repository and local repositories shall store donated drugs and supplies  
648.2 in a secure storage area under environmental conditions appropriate for the drug or supply  
648.3 being stored. Donated drugs and supplies may not be stored with nondonated inventory. If  
648.4 donated drugs or supplies are not inspected immediately upon receipt, a repository must  
648.5 quarantine the donated drugs or supplies separately from all dispensing stock until the  
648.6 donated drugs or supplies have been inspected and (1) approved for dispensing under the  
648.7 program; (2) disposed of pursuant to paragraph (c); or (3) returned to the donor pursuant to  
648.8 paragraph (d).

648.9 (c) The central repository and local repositories shall dispose of all prescription drugs  
648.10 and medical supplies that are not suitable for donation in compliance with applicable federal  
648.11 and state statutes, regulations, and rules concerning hazardous waste.

648.12 (d) In the event that controlled substances or prescription drugs that can only be dispensed  
648.13 to a patient registered with the drug's manufacturer are shipped or delivered to a central or  
648.14 local repository for donation, the shipment delivery must be documented by the repository  
648.15 and returned immediately to the donor or the donor's representative that provided the drugs.

648.16 (e) Each repository must develop drug and medical supply recall policies and procedures.  
648.17 If a repository receives a recall notification, the repository shall destroy all of the drug or  
648.18 medical supply in its inventory that is the subject of the recall and complete a record of  
648.19 destruction form in accordance with paragraph (f). If a drug or medical supply that is the  
648.20 subject of a Class I or Class II recall has been dispensed, the repository shall immediately  
648.21 notify the recipient of the recalled drug or medical supply. A drug that potentially is subject  
648.22 to a recall need not be destroyed if its packaging bears a lot number and that lot of the drug  
648.23 is not subject to the recall. If no lot number is on the drug's packaging, it must be destroyed.

648.24 (f) A record of destruction of donated drugs and supplies that are not dispensed under  
648.25 subdivision 8, are subject to a recall under paragraph (e), or are not suitable for donation  
648.26 shall be maintained by the repository for at least five years. For each drug or supply  
648.27 destroyed, the record shall include the following information:

648.28 (1) the date of destruction;

648.29 (2) the name, strength, and quantity of the drug destroyed; and

648.30 (3) the name of the person or firm that destroyed the drug.

648.31 Subd. 8. **Dispensing requirements.** (a) Donated drugs and supplies may be dispensed  
648.32 if the drugs or supplies are prescribed by a practitioner for use by an eligible individual and  
648.33 are dispensed by a pharmacist or practitioner. A repository shall dispense drugs and supplies

649.1 to eligible individuals in the following priority order: (1) individuals who are uninsured;  
649.2 (2) individuals with no prescription drug coverage; and (3) individuals who are underinsured.  
649.3 A repository shall dispense donated prescription drugs in compliance with applicable federal  
649.4 and state laws and regulations for dispensing prescription drugs, including all requirements  
649.5 relating to packaging, labeling, record keeping, drug utilization review, and patient  
649.6 counseling.

649.7 (b) Before dispensing or administering a drug or supply, the pharmacist or practitioner  
649.8 shall visually inspect the drug or supply for adulteration, misbranding, tampering, and date  
649.9 of expiration. Drugs or supplies that have expired or appear upon visual inspection to be  
649.10 adulterated, misbranded, or tampered with in any way must not be dispensed or administered.

649.11 (c) Before a drug or supply is dispensed or administered to an individual, the individual  
649.12 must sign a drug repository recipient form acknowledging that the individual understands  
649.13 the information stated on the form. The board shall develop the form and make it available  
649.14 on the board's website. The form must include the following information:

649.15 (1) that the drug or supply being dispensed or administered has been donated and may  
649.16 have been previously dispensed;

649.17 (2) that a visual inspection has been conducted by the pharmacist or practitioner to ensure  
649.18 that the drug or supply has not expired, has not been adulterated or misbranded, and is in  
649.19 its original, unopened packaging; and

649.20 (3) that the dispensing pharmacist, the dispensing or administering practitioner, the  
649.21 central repository or local repository, the Board of Pharmacy, and any other participant of  
649.22 the drug repository program cannot guarantee the safety of the drug or medical supply being  
649.23 dispensed or administered and that the pharmacist or practitioner has determined that the  
649.24 drug or supply is safe to dispense or administer based on the accuracy of the donor's form  
649.25 submitted with the donated drug or medical supply and the visual inspection required to be  
649.26 performed by the pharmacist or practitioner before dispensing or administering.

649.27 Subd. 9. **Handling fees.** (a) The central or local repository may charge the individual  
649.28 receiving a drug or supply a handling fee of no more than 250 percent of the medical  
649.29 assistance program dispensing fee for each drug or medical supply dispensed or administered  
649.30 by that repository.

649.31 (b) A repository that dispenses or administers a drug or medical supply through the drug  
649.32 repository program shall not receive reimbursement under the medical assistance program  
649.33 or the MinnesotaCare program for that dispensed or administered drug or supply.

650.1 Subd. 10. **Distribution of donated drugs and supplies.** (a) The central repository and  
650.2 local repositories may distribute drugs and supplies donated under the drug repository  
650.3 program to other participating repositories for use pursuant to this program.

650.4 (b) A local repository that elects not to dispense donated drugs or supplies must transfer  
650.5 all donated drugs and supplies to the central repository. A copy of the donor form that was  
650.6 completed by the original donor under subdivision 6 must be provided to the central  
650.7 repository at the time of transfer.

650.8 Subd. 11. **Forms and record-keeping requirements.** (a) The following forms developed  
650.9 for the administration of this program shall be utilized by the participants of the program  
650.10 and shall be available on the board's website:

650.11 (1) intake application form described under subdivision 5;

650.12 (2) local repository participation form described under subdivision 4;

650.13 (3) local repository withdrawal form described under subdivision 4;

650.14 (4) drug repository donor form described under subdivision 6;

650.15 (5) record of destruction form described under subdivision 7; and

650.16 (6) drug repository recipient form described under subdivision 8.

650.17 (b) All records, including drug inventory, inspection, and disposal of donated prescription  
650.18 drugs and medical supplies must be maintained by a repository for a minimum of five years.  
650.19 Records required as part of this program must be maintained pursuant to all applicable  
650.20 practice acts.

650.21 (c) Data collected by the drug repository program from all local repositories shall be  
650.22 submitted quarterly or upon request to the central repository. Data collected may consist of  
650.23 the information, records, and forms required to be collected under this section.

650.24 (d) The central repository shall submit reports to the board as required by the contract  
650.25 or upon request of the board.

650.26 Subd. 12. **Liability.** (a) The manufacturer of a drug or supply is not subject to criminal  
650.27 or civil liability for injury, death, or loss to a person or to property for causes of action  
650.28 described in clauses (1) and (2). A manufacturer is not liable for:

650.29 (1) the intentional or unintentional alteration of the drug or supply by a party not under  
650.30 the control of the manufacturer; or

651.1 (2) the failure of a party not under the control of the manufacturer to transfer or  
651.2 communicate product or consumer information or the expiration date of the donated drug  
651.3 or supply.

651.4 (b) A health care facility participating in the program, a pharmacist dispensing a drug  
651.5 or supply pursuant to the program, a practitioner dispensing or administering a drug or  
651.6 supply pursuant to the program, or a donor of a drug or medical supply is immune from  
651.7 civil liability for an act or omission that causes injury to or the death of an individual to  
651.8 whom the drug or supply is dispensed and no disciplinary action by a health-related licensing  
651.9 board shall be taken against a pharmacist or practitioner so long as the drug or supply is  
651.10 donated, accepted, distributed, and dispensed according to the requirements of this section.  
651.11 This immunity does not apply if the act or omission involves reckless, wanton, or intentional  
651.12 misconduct, or malpractice unrelated to the quality of the drug or medical supply.

651.13 Subd. 13. **Drug returned for credit.** Nothing in this section allows a long-term care  
651.14 facility to donate a drug to a central or local repository when federal or state law requires  
651.15 the drug to be returned to the pharmacy that initially dispensed it, so that the pharmacy can  
651.16 credit the payer for the amount of the drug returned.

651.17 **Sec. 33. [151.80] PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE TRANSPARENCY ACT.**

651.18 Sections 151.80 to 151.83 shall be known as the "Prescription Drug Price Transparency  
651.19 Act."

651.20 **Sec. 34. [151.81] DEFINITIONS.**

651.21 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** Only for purposes of sections 151.80 to 151.83, the terms  
651.22 defined in this section have the meanings given.

651.23 Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

651.24 Subd. 3. **New prescription drug.** "New prescription drug" means a prescription drug  
651.25 approved for marketing by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for  
651.26 which no previous wholesale acquisition cost has been established for comparison.

651.27 Subd. 4. **Patient assistance program or program.** "Patient assistance program" or  
651.28 "program" means a program that a manufacturer offers to the general public in which a  
651.29 consumer may reduce the out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs paid by the consumer  
651.30 by using coupons, discount cards, prepaid gift cards, manufacturer debit cards, or other  
651.31 reduction in out-of-pocket costs by other means.

652.1 Subd. 5. **Prescription drug.** "Prescription drug" has the meaning provided in section  
652.2 151.44, paragraph (d).

652.3 Subd. 6. **Price.** "Price" means the wholesale acquisition cost as defined in United States  
652.4 Code, title 42, section 1395w-3a(c)(6)(B).

652.5 Subd. 7. **Profit.** "Profit" means the total sales revenue for a prescription drug during the  
652.6 previous calendar year and the manufacturer's profit attributable to the same prescription  
652.7 drug during the previous calendar year.

652.8 Sec. 35. **[151.83] REPORTING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES.**

652.9 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** Beginning October 1, 2019, a manufacturer shall report  
652.10 the information described in subdivisions 2, 3, and 4 to the commissioner according to the  
652.11 requirements in subdivision 2, 3, or 4 as applicable.

652.12 Subd. 2. **Prescription drug price increases reporting.** For every prescription drug  
652.13 priced more than \$40 for a course of therapy, whose price increases by more than ten percent  
652.14 in a 12-month period or more than 16 percent in a 24-month period, the manufacturer shall  
652.15 report to the commissioner at least 60 days in advance of the increase, in the form and  
652.16 manner prescribed by the commissioner, the following information in a form and format  
652.17 the commissioner has determined is appropriate for public display:

652.18 (1) the wholesale acquisition cost of the drug for each of the last five calendar years, as  
652.19 applicable;

652.20 (2) the price increase as a percentage of the drug's price for each of the last five calendar  
652.21 years, as applicable;

652.22 (3) the price of the drug at its initial launch;

652.23 (4) the factors that contributed to the price increase;

652.24 (5) the introductory price of the prescription drug when it was approved for marketing  
652.25 by the FDA;

652.26 (6) the direct costs incurred by the manufacturer that are associated with the drug, listed  
652.27 separately:

652.28 (i) to manufacture the prescription drug;

652.29 (ii) to market the prescription drug, including advertising costs;

652.30 (iii) to research and develop the prescription drug;

652.31 (iv) to distribute the prescription drug;



- 653.1 (v) other administrative costs; and
- 653.2 (vi) profit;
- 653.3 (7) the percentage of the price spent on developing, manufacturing, and distributing the  
653.4 drug;
- 653.5 (8) a description of the change or improvement in the drug, if any, that necessitates the  
653.6 price increase;
- 653.7 (9) the total amount of financial assistance that the manufacturer has provided through  
653.8 any patient prescription assistance program;
- 653.9 (10) any agreement between a manufacturer and another party contingent upon any delay  
653.10 in offering to market a generic version of the manufacturer's drug;
- 653.11 (11) the patent expiration date of the drug if it is under patent;
- 653.12 (12) the research and development costs associated with the prescription drug that were  
653.13 paid using public funds;
- 653.14 (13) any other information that the manufacturer deems relevant to the price increase  
653.15 described in this subdivision; and
- 653.16 (14) the documentation necessary to support the information reported under this  
653.17 subdivision.
- 653.18 **Subd. 3. New prescription drug price reporting.** For every new prescription drug that  
653.19 is a brand name drug that is priced over \$500 for a 30-day supply or a generic name drug  
653.20 that is priced over \$200 for a 30-day supply, 60 days or less after a manufacturer introduces  
653.21 a new prescription drug for sale in the United States, the manufacturer shall notify the  
653.22 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, of all the following  
653.23 information in a form and format the commissioner has determined is appropriate for public  
653.24 display:
- 653.25 (1) the wholesale acquisition cost of the drug;
- 653.26 (2) the price of the drug at its initial launch;
- 653.27 (3) the factors that contributed to the price;
- 653.28 (4) the direct costs incurred by the manufacturer that are associated with that drug, listed  
653.29 separately:
- 653.30 (i) to manufacture the prescription drug;
- 653.31 (ii) to market the prescription drug, including advertising costs;

- 654.1 (iii) to research and develop the prescription drug;
- 654.2 (iv) to distribute the prescription drug;
- 654.3 (v) other administrative costs; and
- 654.4 (vi) profit;
- 654.5 (5) the percentage of the price spent on developing, manufacturing, and distributing the
- 654.6 drug;
- 654.7 (6) the total amount of financial assistance that the manufacturer has provided through
- 654.8 any patient prescription assistance program;
- 654.9 (7) any agreement between a manufacturer and another party contingent upon any delay
- 654.10 in offering to market a generic version of the manufacturer's drug;
- 654.11 (8) the patent expiration date of the drug if it is under patent;
- 654.12 (9) the research and development costs associated with the prescription drug that were
- 654.13 paid using public funds;
- 654.14 (10) any other information that the manufacturer deems relevant to the price described
- 654.15 in this subdivision; and
- 654.16 (11) the documentation necessary to support the information reported under this
- 654.17 subdivision.
- 654.18 **Subd. 4. Newly acquired prescription drug price reporting.** For every newly acquired
- 654.19 prescription drug that is a brand name drug that is priced over \$100 for a 30-day supply or
- 654.20 a generic name drug that is priced over \$50 for a 30-day supply, the acquiring manufacturer
- 654.21 shall report to the commissioner at least 60 days in advance of the acquisition, in the form
- 654.22 and manner prescribed by the commissioner, the following information in a form and format
- 654.23 the commissioner has determined is appropriate for public display:
- 654.24 (1) the wholesale acquisition cost at the time of acquisition and in the calendar year prior
- 654.25 to acquisition;
- 654.26 (2) the name of the company from which the drug was acquired, the date acquired, and
- 654.27 the purchase price;
- 654.28 (3) the year the drug was introduced to market and the wholesale acquisition cost of the
- 654.29 drug at the time of introduction;
- 654.30 (4) the previous five calendar years' wholesale acquisition cost of the newly acquired
- 654.31 brand name drug or newly acquired generic name drug;

655.1 (5) the direct costs incurred by the manufacturer that are associated with the drug, listed  
655.2 separately:

655.3 (i) to manufacture the prescription drug;

655.4 (ii) to market the prescription drug, including advertising costs;

655.5 (iii) to research and develop the prescription drug;

655.6 (iv) to distribute the prescription drug;

655.7 (v) other administrative costs; and

655.8 (vi) profit;

655.9 (6) the percentage of the price projected to be spent on developing, manufacturing, and  
655.10 distributing the drug;

655.11 (7) the total amount of financial assistance that the manufacturer has provided through  
655.12 any patient prescription assistance program;

655.13 (8) any agreement between a manufacturer and another party contingent upon any delay  
655.14 in offering to market a generic version of the manufacturer's drug;

655.15 (9) the patent expiration date of the drug if it is under patent;

655.16 (10) the research and development costs associated with the prescription drug that were  
655.17 paid using public funds; and

655.18 (11) if available, the price as determined reasonable through effectiveness measures.

655.19 Subd. 5. **Comparison data.** The commissioner may use any publicly available  
655.20 prescription drug price information the commissioner deems appropriate to verify that  
655.21 manufacturers have properly reported price increases as required by subdivision 2 of this  
655.22 section.

655.23 Subd. 6. **Additional information requested.** After receiving the report or information  
655.24 described in subdivision 2, 3, 4, or 5, the commissioner may make a written request to the  
655.25 manufacturer for supporting documentation or additional information concerning the report.

655.26 Subd. 7. **Public posting of prescription drug price information.** (a) Except as provided  
655.27 in paragraph (c), the commissioner shall post to the department's website 30 days before a  
655.28 price change is effective the information from the manufacturer, in an easy-to-read format,  
655.29 that includes all of the following information:

655.30 (1) a list of the prescription drugs reported under subdivisions 2, 3, and 4 and the  
655.31 manufacturers of those prescription drugs; and

656.1 (2) information reported to the commissioner under subdivisions 2 to 6.

656.2 The information shall be published in a manner that identifies the information that is disclosed  
656.3 on a per-drug basis and shall not be aggregated in a manner that would not allow for  
656.4 identification of the drug.

656.5 (b) The commissioner may not post to the department's website any information described  
656.6 in this section if:

656.7 (1) the information is not public data under section 13.02, subdivision 8a; and

656.8 (2) the commissioner determines that public interest does not require disclosure of the  
656.9 information that is unrelated to the price of a prescription drug.

656.10 (c) The commissioner shall publicly announce the posting of information required under  
656.11 paragraph (a) and shall allow the public to comment on the posted information for a minimum  
656.12 of 30 calendar days.

656.13 (d) If the commissioner withholds any information from public disclosure pursuant to  
656.14 this subdivision, the commissioner shall post to the department's website a report describing  
656.15 the nature of the information and the commissioner's basis for withholding the information  
656.16 from disclosure.

656.17 Subd. 8. **Consultation.** The commissioner may consult with a nonprofit dedicated to  
656.18 collecting and reporting health care data and the commissioner of commerce, as appropriate,  
656.19 in issuing the form and format of the information reported under this section in posting  
656.20 information on the department's website pursuant to subdivision 7, and in taking any other  
656.21 action for the purpose of implementing this section.

656.22 Subd. 9. **Legislative report.** (a) No later than January 15, 2021, and annually on January  
656.23 15 every year thereafter, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking members  
656.24 of the committees with jurisdiction over commerce, health and human services, and state  
656.25 finance and operations on the implementation of the Prescription Drug Price Transparency  
656.26 Act, including but not limited to the effectiveness in addressing the following goals:

656.27 (1) promoting transparency in pharmaceutical pricing for the state and other payers;

656.28 (2) enhancing understanding about pharmaceutical spending trends; and

656.29 (3) assisting the state and other payers in management of pharmaceutical costs.

656.30 (b) The report shall include a summary of the information reported to the commissioner  
656.31 under subdivisions 2 to 7 as well as a summary of any public comments received.

657.1 (c) The report shall include recommendations for legislative changes, if any, to reduce  
657.2 the cost of prescription drugs and reduce the impact of price increases on consumers, the  
657.3 Department of Corrections, the State Employee Group Insurance Program, the Department  
657.4 of Human Services, and health insurance premiums in the fully insured markets.

657.5 Sec. 36. **[151.84] ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.**

657.6 Subdivision 1. **Civil monetary penalties.** A manufacturer may be subject to a civil  
657.7 penalty, as provided in subdivision 2, for:

657.8 (1) failing to submit timely reports or notices as required by section 151.83;

657.9 (2) failing to provide information required under section 151.83;

657.10 (3) failing to respond in a timely manner to a written request by the commissioner for  
657.11 additional information under section 151.83, subdivision 6; or

657.12 (4) providing inaccurate or incomplete information under section 151.83.

657.13 Subd. 2. **Enforcement.** (a) A manufacturer that fails to report or provide information  
657.14 as required by section 151.83 may be subject to a civil penalty as provided in this section.

657.15 (b) The commissioner shall adopt a schedule of penalties, not to exceed \$10,000 per day  
657.16 of violation, based on the severity of each violation.

657.17 (c) The commissioner shall impose civil penalties under this section as provided in  
657.18 section 144.99, subdivision 4.

657.19 (d) The commissioner may remit or mitigate civil penalties under this section upon terms  
657.20 and conditions the commissioner considers proper and consistent with public health and  
657.21 safety.

657.22 (e) Civil penalties collected under this section shall be paid to the commissioner of  
657.23 management and budget and deposited in the health care access fund to be made available  
657.24 for people served by state public health care programs.

657.25 Sec. 37. **[256.937] INSULIN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

657.26 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) The commissioner of human services shall implement  
657.27 an insulin assistance program by July 1, 2020. Under the program, the commissioner shall:

657.28 (1) pay participating pharmacies for insulin that is dispensed by a participating pharmacy  
657.29 to an eligible individual subject to a valid prescription; and

658.1 (2) ensure pharmacy participation in the program in all areas of the state and maintain  
658.2 an up-to-date list of participating pharmacies on the department's website.

658.3 (b) The commissioner may contract with a private entity or enter into an interagency  
658.4 agreement with another state agency to implement this program.

658.5 Subd. 2. **Eligible individual.** (a) To be eligible for the insulin assistance program, an  
658.6 individual must submit to the commissioner an application form that is signed by the  
658.7 individual. To be eligible, an individual must:

658.8 (1) be a resident of Minnesota;

658.9 (2) not be eligible for Medicare, medical assistance, or MinnesotaCare;

658.10 (3) have a family income that is equal to or less than 400 percent of the federal poverty  
658.11 guidelines; and

658.12 (4) be uninsured, have no prescription drug coverage, or be covered by an individual or  
658.13 group health plan with an out-of-pocket limit of \$5,000 or greater.

658.14 Eligibility for the insulin assistance program is subject to the limits of available funding.

658.15 (b) The commissioner shall develop an application form and make the form available  
658.16 to pharmacies, health care providers, and to individuals on the department's website. An  
658.17 applicant must include their income and insurance status information with the application.  
658.18 The commissioner may require the applicant to submit additional information to verify  
658.19 eligibility if deemed necessary by the commissioner.

658.20 (c) Upon receipt of a completed application and any additional information requested  
658.21 by the commissioner, the commissioner shall determine eligibility to the program. Once  
658.22 the individual has been determined eligible, the individual shall be issued an identification  
658.23 card. The card shall be valid for 90 days from the date of issuance and may be used at any  
658.24 participating pharmacy. An individual is not eligible for renewal until 12 months from the  
658.25 card's expiration date, at which time the individual must submit a new application form and  
658.26 meet the qualifications in paragraph (a).

658.27 Subd. 3. **Pharmacy participation.** (a) Pharmacy participation in the program is voluntary.  
658.28 In order to participate, a pharmacy must register with the commissioner and agree to  
658.29 reimbursement and other contract terms. A pharmacy may withdraw from participation at  
658.30 any time by providing written notice to the commissioner.

658.31 (b) A pharmacy shall dispense insulin to eligible individuals who present a valid  
658.32 prescription and an identification card.

659.1 (c) Eligible individuals are responsible for paying an insulin co-payment to the  
659.2 participating pharmacy that is equal to the prescription co-payment required under section  
659.3 256L.03, subdivision 5.

659.4 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), if an eligible individual has coverage through an  
659.5 individual or group health plan, the pharmacy must process the insulin in accordance with  
659.6 the individual's health plan.

659.7 (e) When dispensing insulin to an eligible individual, a pharmacy must provide the  
659.8 individual with the address for the website established under section 151.06, subdivision  
659.9 6, paragraph (a).

659.10 Sec. 38. **[256.938] INSULIN ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.**

659.11 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The insulin assistance account is established in the special  
659.12 revenue fund in the state treasury. The fees collected by the Board of Pharmacy under section  
659.13 151.252, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), shall be deposited into the account.

659.14 Subd. 2. **Use of account funds.** For fiscal year 2021 and subsequent fiscal years, money  
659.15 in the insulin assistance account is appropriated to the commissioner of human services to  
659.16 fund the insulin assistance program established under section 256.937.

659.17 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.69, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

659.18 Subd. 6. **Service delivery.** (a) Each demonstration provider shall be responsible for the  
659.19 health care coordination for eligible individuals. Demonstration providers:

659.20 (1) shall authorize and arrange for the provision of all needed health services including  
659.21 but not limited to the full range of services listed in sections 256B.02, subdivision 8, and  
659.22 256B.0625 in order to ensure appropriate health care is delivered to enrollees.

659.23 Notwithstanding section 256B.0621, demonstration providers that provide nursing home  
659.24 and community-based services under this section shall provide relocation service coordination  
659.25 to enrolled persons age 65 and over;

659.26 (2) shall accept the prospective, per capita payment from the commissioner in return for  
659.27 the provision of comprehensive and coordinated health care services for eligible individuals  
659.28 enrolled in the program;

659.29 (3) may contract with other health care and social service practitioners to provide services  
659.30 to enrollees; and

660.1 (4) shall institute recipient grievance procedures according to the method established  
660.2 by the project, utilizing applicable requirements of chapter 62D. Disputes not resolved  
660.3 through this process shall be appealable to the commissioner as provided in subdivision 11.

660.4 (b) Demonstration providers must comply with the standards for claims settlement under  
660.5 section 72A.201, subdivisions 4, 5, 7, and 8, when contracting with other health care and  
660.6 social service practitioners to provide services to enrollees. A demonstration provider must  
660.7 pay a clean claim, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 447.45(b),  
660.8 within 30 business days of the date of acceptance of the claim.

660.9 (c) Managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans must comply with section  
660.10 62Q.83.

660.11 Sec. 40. **SEVERABILITY.**

660.12 If any provision of the amendments to Minnesota Statutes, sections 62Q.83, 62W.01 to  
660.13 62W.13, and 151.21, subdivisions 7 and 7a, are held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder  
660.14 of the sections are not affected and the provisions of the sections are severable.

660.15 Sec. 41. **CITATION.**

660.16 The amendments to Minnesota Statutes, sections 147.37, 148.192, 151.06, subdivision  
660.17 6, 151.252, subdivision 1, 151.254, 256.937, and 256.938, may be cited as "The Alec Smith  
660.18 Emergency Insulin Act."

660.19 Sec. 42. **REPEALER.**

660.20 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 151.214, subdivision 2; 151.60; 151.61; 151.62;  
660.21 151.63; 151.64; 151.65; 151.66; 151.67; 151.68; 151.69; 151.70; and 151.71, are repealed.

660.22 **ARTICLE 11**

660.23 **HEALTH-RELATED LICENSING BOARDS**

660.24 Section 1. **[144A.291] FEES.**

660.25 Subdivision 1. **Nonrefundable fees.** All fees are nonrefundable.

660.26 Subd. 2. **Amounts.** (a) Fees may not exceed the following amounts but may be adjusted  
660.27 lower by board direction and are for the exclusive use of the board as required to sustain  
660.28 board operations. The maximum amounts of fees are:

660.29 (1) application for licensure, \$200;



- 661.1 (2) for a prospective applicant for a review of education and experience advisory to the  
661.2 license application, \$100, to be applied to the fee for application for licensure if the latter  
661.3 is submitted within one year of the request for review of education and experience;
- 661.4 (3) state examination, \$125;
- 661.5 (4) initial license, \$250 if issued between July 1 and December 31, \$100 if issued between  
661.6 January 1 and June 30;
- 661.7 (5) acting administrator permit, \$400;
- 661.8 (6) renewal license, \$250;
- 661.9 (7) duplicate license, \$50;
- 661.10 (8) reinstatement fee, \$250;
- 661.11 (9) health services executive initial license, \$200;
- 661.12 (10) health services executive renewal license, \$200;
- 661.13 (11) reciprocity verification fee, \$50;
- 661.14 (12) second shared administrator assignment, \$250;
- 661.15 (13) continuing education fees:
- 661.16 (i) greater than 6 hours, \$50; and
- 661.17 (ii) 7 hours or more, \$75;
- 661.18 (14) education review, \$100;
- 661.19 (15) fee to a sponsor for review of individual continuing education seminars, institutes,  
661.20 workshops, or home study courses:
- 661.21 (i) for less than seven clock hours, \$30; and
- 661.22 (ii) for seven or more clock hours, \$50;
- 661.23 (16) fee to a licensee for review of continuing education seminars, institutes, workshops,  
661.24 or home study courses not previously approved for a sponsor and submitted with an  
661.25 application for license renewal:
- 661.26 (i) for less than seven clock hours total, \$30; and
- 661.27 (ii) for seven or more clock hours total, \$50;
- 661.28 (17) late renewal fee, \$75;
- 661.29 (18) fee to a licensee for verification of licensure status and examination scores, \$30;

662.1 (19) registration as a registered continuing education sponsor, \$1,000; and

662.2 (20) mail labels, \$75.

662.3 (b) The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited in an account in the state

662.4 government special revenue fund.

662.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 147D.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
662.6 read:

662.7 Subd. 5. **Additional fees.** (a) The following fees also apply:

662.8 (1) traditional midwifery annual registration fee, \$100;

662.9 (2) traditional midwifery application fee, \$100;

662.10 (3) traditional midwifery late fee, \$75;

662.11 (4) traditional midwifery inactive status, \$50;

662.12 (5) traditional midwifery temporary permit, \$75;

662.13 (6) traditional midwifery certification fee, \$25;

662.14 (7) duplicate license or registration fee, \$20;

662.15 (8) certification letter, \$25;

662.16 (9) education or training program approval fee, \$100; and

662.17 (10) report creation and generation, \$60 per hour billed in quarter-hour increments with  
662.18 a quarter-hour minimum.

662.19 (b) The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited in an account in the state

662.20 government special revenue fund.

662.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

662.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 147E.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

662.23 Subdivision 1. **Fees.** (a) Fees are as follows:

662.24 (1) registration application fee, \$200;

662.25 (2) renewal fee, \$150;

662.26 (3) late fee, \$75;

662.27 (4) inactive status fee, \$50; ~~and~~

- 663.1 (5) temporary permit fee, \$25<sub>;</sub>
- 663.2 (6) naturopathic doctor certification fee, \$25;
- 663.3 (7) naturopathic doctor duplicate license fee, \$20;
- 663.4 (8) naturopathic doctor emeritus registration fee, \$50;
- 663.5 (9) naturopathic doctor certification fee, \$25;
- 663.6 (10) duplicate license or registration fee, \$20;
- 663.7 (11) education or training program approval fee, \$100; and
- 663.8 (12) report creation and generation, \$60 per hour billed in quarter-hour increments with
- 663.9 a quarter-hour minimum.
- 663.10 (b) The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited in an account in the state
- 663.11 government special revenue fund.
- 663.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 663.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 147F.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 663.14 Subdivision 1. **Fees.** (a) Fees are as follows:
- 663.15 (1) license application fee, \$200;
- 663.16 (2) initial licensure and annual renewal, \$150; ~~and~~
- 663.17 (3) late fee, \$75<sub>;</sub>
- 663.18 (4) genetic counselor certification fee, \$25;
- 663.19 (5) duplicate license fee, \$20;
- 663.20 (6) education or training program approval fee, \$100; and
- 663.21 (7) report creation and generation, \$60 per hour billed in quarter-hour increments with
- 663.22 a quarter-hour minimum.
- 663.23 (b) The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited in an account in the state
- 663.24 government special revenue fund.
- 663.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

664.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.59, is amended to read:

664.2 **148.59 LICENSE RENEWAL; LICENSE AND REGISTRATION FEES.**

664.3 A licensed optometrist shall pay to the state Board of Optometry a fee as set by the board  
664.4 in order to renew a license as provided by board rule. No fees shall be refunded. Fees may  
664.5 not exceed the following amounts but may be adjusted lower by board direction and are for  
664.6 the exclusive use of the board:

664.7 (1) optometry licensure application, \$160;

664.8 (2) optometry annual licensure renewal, ~~\$135~~ \$200;

664.9 (3) optometry late penalty fee, \$75;

664.10 (4) annual license renewal card, \$10;

664.11 (5) continuing education provider application, \$45;

664.12 (6) emeritus registration, \$10;

664.13 (7) endorsement/reciprocity application, \$160;

664.14 (8) replacement of initial license, \$12; ~~and~~

664.15 (9) license verification, \$50;~~;~~

664.16 (10) state juris prudence examination, \$75; and

664.17 (11) miscellaneous labels and data retrieval, \$50.

664.18 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6445, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

664.19 Subdivision 1. **Initial licensure fee.** The initial licensure fee for occupational therapists  
664.20 is ~~\$145~~ \$185. The initial licensure fee for occupational therapy assistants is ~~\$80~~ \$105. ~~The~~  
664.21 ~~board shall prorate fees based on the number of quarters remaining in the biennial licensure~~  
664.22 ~~period.~~

664.23 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6445, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

664.24 Subd. 2. **Licensure renewal fee.** The biennial licensure renewal fee for occupational  
664.25 therapists is ~~\$145~~ \$185. The biennial licensure renewal fee for occupational therapy assistants  
664.26 is ~~\$80~~ \$105.

664.27 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6445, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

664.28 Subd. 2a. **Duplicate license fee.** The fee for a duplicate license is ~~\$25~~ \$30.

665.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6445, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

665.2 Subd. 3. **Late fee.** The fee for late submission of a renewal application is ~~\$25~~ \$50.

665.3 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6445, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

665.4 Subd. 4. **Temporary licensure fee.** The fee for temporary licensure is ~~\$50~~ \$75.

665.5 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6445, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

665.6 Subd. 5. **Limited licensure fee.** The fee for limited licensure is ~~\$96~~ \$100.

665.7 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6445, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

665.8 Subd. 6. **Fee for course approval after lapse of licensure.** The fee for course approval  
665.9 after lapse of licensure is ~~\$96~~ \$100.

665.10 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.6445, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

665.11 Subd. 10. **Use of fees.** (a) All fees are nonrefundable. The board shall only use fees  
665.12 collected under this section for the purposes of administering this chapter. The legislature  
665.13 must not transfer money generated by these fees from the state government special revenue  
665.14 fund to the general fund.

665.15 (b) Licensure fees are for the exclusive use of the board and shall be established by the  
665.16 board not to exceed the nonrefundable amounts in this section.

665.17 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148.7815, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

665.18 Subdivision 1. **Fees.** (a) The board shall establish fees as follows:

665.19 (1) application fee, \$50; ~~and~~

665.20 (2) annual license fee, \$100~~;~~

665.21 (3) athletic trainer certification fee, \$25;

665.22 (4) athletic trainer duplicate license fee, \$20;

665.23 (5) duplicate license or registration fee, \$20;

665.24 (6) education or training program approval fee, \$100;

665.25 (7) report creation and generation, \$60 per hour billed in quarter-hour increments with  
665.26 a quarter-hour minimum; and

665.27 (8) examination administrative fee:

666.1 (i) half day, \$50; and

666.2 (ii) full day, \$80.

666.3 (b) The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited in an account in the state  
666.4 government special revenue fund.

666.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

666.6 Sec. 15. **[148.981] FEES.**

666.7 Subdivision 1. **Licensing fees.** The nonrefundable fees for licensure shall be established  
666.8 by the board, not to exceed the following amounts:

666.9 (1) application for admission to national standardized examination, \$150;

666.10 (2) application for professional responsibility examination, \$150;

666.11 (3) application for licensure as a licensed psychologist, \$500;

666.12 (4) renewal of license for a licensed psychologist, \$500;

666.13 (5) late renewal of license for a licensed psychologist, \$250;

666.14 (6) application for converting from master's to doctoral level licensure, \$150;

666.15 (7) application for guest licensure, \$150;

666.16 (8) certificate replacement fee, \$25;

666.17 (9) mailing and duplication fee, \$5;

666.18 (10) statute and rule book fee, \$10;

666.19 (11) verification fee, \$20; and

666.20 (12) fee for optional preapproval of postdoctoral supervision, \$50.

666.21 Subd. 2. **Continuing education sponsor fee.** A sponsor applying for approval of a  
666.22 continuing education activity pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 7200.3830, subpart 2, shall  
666.23 submit with the application a fee to be established by the board, not to exceed \$80 for each  
666.24 activity.

666.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

667.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 148E.180, is amended to read:

667.2 **148E.180 FEE AMOUNTS.**

667.3 Subdivision 1. **Application fees.** Nonrefundable application fees for licensure ~~are as~~  
667.4 ~~follows~~ may not exceed the following amounts but may be adjusted lower by board action:

- 667.5 (1) for a licensed social worker, ~~\$45~~ \$75;
- 667.6 (2) for a licensed graduate social worker, ~~\$45~~ \$75;
- 667.7 (3) for a licensed independent social worker, ~~\$45~~ \$75;
- 667.8 (4) for a licensed independent clinical social worker, ~~\$45~~ \$75;
- 667.9 (5) for a temporary license, \$50; and
- 667.10 (6) for a ~~licensure~~ license by endorsement, ~~\$85~~ \$115.

667.11 The fee for criminal background checks is the fee charged by the Bureau of Criminal  
667.12 Apprehension. The criminal background check fee must be included with the application  
667.13 fee as required according to section 148E.055.

667.14 Subd. 2. **License fees.** Nonrefundable license fees ~~are as follows~~ may not exceed the  
667.15 following amounts but may be adjusted lower by board action:

- 667.16 (1) for a licensed social worker, ~~\$81~~ \$115;
- 667.17 (2) for a licensed graduate social worker, ~~\$144~~ \$210;
- 667.18 (3) for a licensed independent social worker, ~~\$216~~ \$305;
- 667.19 (4) for a licensed independent clinical social worker, ~~\$238.50~~ \$335;
- 667.20 (5) for an emeritus inactive license, ~~\$43.20~~ \$65;
- 667.21 (6) for an emeritus active license, one-half of the renewal fee specified in subdivision  
667.22 3; and
- 667.23 (7) for a temporary leave fee, the same as the renewal fee specified in subdivision 3.

667.24 If the licensee's initial license term is less or more than 24 months, the required license  
667.25 fees must be prorated proportionately.

667.26 Subd. 3. **Renewal fees.** Nonrefundable renewal fees for licensure ~~are as follows~~ may  
667.27 not exceed the following amounts but may be adjusted lower by board action:

- 667.28 (1) for a licensed social worker, ~~\$81~~ \$115;
- 667.29 (2) for a licensed graduate social worker, ~~\$144~~ \$210;

668.1 (3) for a licensed independent social worker, ~~\$216~~ \$305; and

668.2 (4) for a licensed independent clinical social worker, ~~\$238.50~~ \$335.

668.3 Subd. 4. **Continuing education provider fees.** Continuing education provider fees are  
668.4 ~~as follows~~ the following nonrefundable amounts:

668.5 (1) for a provider who offers programs totaling one to eight clock hours in a one-year  
668.6 period according to section 148E.145, \$50;

668.7 (2) for a provider who offers programs totaling nine to 16 clock hours in a one-year  
668.8 period according to section 148E.145, \$100;

668.9 (3) for a provider who offers programs totaling 17 to 32 clock hours in a one-year period  
668.10 according to section 148E.145, \$200;

668.11 (4) for a provider who offers programs totaling 33 to 48 clock hours in a one-year period  
668.12 according to section 148E.145, \$400; and

668.13 (5) for a provider who offers programs totaling 49 or more clock hours in a one-year  
668.14 period according to section 148E.145, \$600.

668.15 Subd. 5. **Late fees.** Late fees are ~~as follows~~ the following nonrefundable amounts:

668.16 (1) renewal late fee, one-fourth of the renewal fee specified in subdivision 3;

668.17 (2) supervision plan late fee, \$40; and

668.18 (3) license late fee, \$100 plus the prorated share of the license fee specified in subdivision  
668.19 2 for the number of months during which the individual practiced social work without a  
668.20 license.

668.21 Subd. 6. **License cards and wall certificates.** (a) The nonrefundable fee for a license  
668.22 card as specified in section 148E.095 is \$10.

668.23 (b) The nonrefundable fee for a license wall certificate as specified in section 148E.095  
668.24 is \$30.

668.25 Subd. 7. **Reactivation fees.** Reactivation fees are ~~as follows~~ the following nonrefundable  
668.26 amounts:

668.27 (1) reactivation from a temporary leave or emeritus status, the prorated share of the  
668.28 renewal fee specified in subdivision 3; and

668.29 (2) reactivation of an expired license, 1-1/2 times the renewal fees specified in subdivision  
668.30 3.



669.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 150A.06, is amended by adding a subdivision  
669.2 to read:

669.3 Subd. 10. **Emeritus inactive license.** A person licensed to practice dentistry, dental  
669.4 therapy, dental hygiene, or dental assisting pursuant to section 150A.05 or Minnesota Rules,  
669.5 part 3100.8500, who retires from active practice in the state may apply to the board for  
669.6 emeritus inactive licensure. An application for emeritus inactive licensure may be made on  
669.7 the biennial licensing form or by petitioning the board, and the applicant must pay a onetime  
669.8 application fee pursuant to section 150A.091, subdivision 19. In order to receive emeritus  
669.9 inactive licensure, the applicant must be in compliance with board requirements and cannot  
669.10 be the subject of current disciplinary action resulting in suspension, revocation,  
669.11 disqualification, condition, or restriction of the licensee to practice dentistry, dental therapy,  
669.12 dental hygiene, or dental assisting. An emeritus inactive license is not a license to practice,  
669.13 but is a formal recognition of completion of a person's dental career in good standing.

669.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

669.15 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 150A.06, is amended by adding a subdivision  
669.16 to read:

669.17 Subd. 11. **Emeritus active licensure.** (a) A person licensed to practice dentistry, dental  
669.18 therapy, dental hygiene, or dental assisting may apply for an emeritus active license if the  
669.19 person is retired from active practice, is in compliance with board requirements, and is not  
669.20 the subject of current disciplinary action resulting in suspension, revocation, disqualification,  
669.21 condition, or restriction of the license to practice dentistry, dental therapy, dental hygiene,  
669.22 or dental assisting.

669.23 (b) An emeritus active licensee may engage only in the following types of practice:

669.24 (1) pro bono or volunteer dental practice;

669.25 (2) paid practice not to exceed 500 hours per calendar year for the exclusive purpose of  
669.26 providing licensing supervision to meet the board's requirements; or

669.27 (3) paid consulting services not to exceed 500 hours per calendar year.

669.28 (c) An emeritus active licensee shall not hold out as a full licensee and may only hold  
669.29 out as authorized to practice as described in this subdivision. The board may take disciplinary  
669.30 or corrective action against an emeritus active licensee based on violations of applicable  
669.31 law or board requirements.

670.1 (d) A person may apply for an emeritus active license by completing an application form  
670.2 specified by the board and must pay the application fee pursuant to section 150A.091,  
670.3 subdivision 20.

670.4 (e) If an emeritus active license is not renewed every two years, the license expires. The  
670.5 renewal date is the same as the licensee's renewal date when the licensee was in active  
670.6 practice. In order to renew an emeritus active license, the licensee must:

670.7 (1) complete an application form as specified by the board;

670.8 (2) pay the required renewal fee pursuant to section 150A.091, subdivision 20; and

670.9 (3) report at least 25 continuing education hours completed since the last renewal, which  
670.10 must include:

670.11 (i) at least one hour in two different required CORE areas;

670.12 (ii) at least one hour of mandatory infection control;

670.13 (iii) for dentists and dental therapists, at least 15 hours of fundamental credits for dentists  
670.14 and dental therapists, and for dental hygienists and dental assistants, at least seven hours of  
670.15 fundamental credits; and

670.16 (iv) for dentists and dental therapists, no more than ten elective credits, and for dental  
670.17 hygienists and dental assistants, no more than six elective credits.

670.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

670.19 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 150A.091, is amended by adding a subdivision  
670.20 to read:

670.21 Subd. 19. **Emeritus inactive license.** An individual applying for emeritus inactive  
670.22 licensure under section 150A.06, subdivision 10, must pay a onetime fee of \$50. There is  
670.23 no renewal fee for an emeritus inactive license.

670.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

670.25 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 150A.091, is amended by adding a subdivision  
670.26 to read:

670.27 Subd. 20. **Emeritus active license.** An individual applying for emeritus active licensure  
670.28 under section 150A.06, subdivision 11, must pay a fee upon application and upon renewal  
670.29 every two years. The fees for emeritus active license application and renewal are as follows:  
670.30 dentist, \$212; dental therapist, \$100; dental hygienist, \$75; and dental assistant, \$55.

671.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

671.2 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.01, subdivision 31, is amended to read:

671.3 Subd. 31. **Central service pharmacy.** "Central service pharmacy" means a pharmacy  
671.4 that ~~may provide~~ performs those activities involved in the dispensing functions, of a drug  
671.5 ~~utilization review, packaging, labeling, or delivery of a prescription product to~~ for another  
671.6 ~~pharmacy for the purpose of filling a prescription,~~ pursuant to the requirements of this  
671.7 chapter and the rules of the board.

671.8 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.01, subdivision 35, is amended to read:

671.9 Subd. 35. **Compounding.** "Compounding" means preparing, mixing, assembling,  
671.10 packaging, and labeling a drug for an identified individual patient as a result of a practitioner's  
671.11 prescription drug order. Compounding also includes anticipatory compounding, as defined  
671.12 in this section, and the preparation of drugs in which all bulk drug substances and components  
671.13 are nonprescription substances. Compounding does not include mixing or reconstituting a  
671.14 drug according to the product's labeling or to the manufacturer's directions, provided that  
671.15 such labeling has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)  
671.16 or the manufacturer is licensed under section 151.252. Compounding does not include the  
671.17 preparation of a drug for the purpose of, or incident to, research, teaching, or chemical  
671.18 analysis, provided that the drug is not prepared for dispensing or administration to patients.  
671.19 All compounding, regardless of the type of product, must be done pursuant to a prescription  
671.20 drug order unless otherwise permitted in this chapter or by the rules of the board.  
671.21 Compounding does not include a minor deviation from such directions with regard to  
671.22 radioactivity, volume, or stability, which is made by or under the supervision of a licensed  
671.23 nuclear pharmacist or a physician, and which is necessary in order to accommodate  
671.24 circumstances not contemplated in the manufacturer's instructions, such as the rate of  
671.25 radioactive decay or geographical distance from the patient.

671.26 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
671.27 read:

671.28 Subd. 42. **Syringe services provider.** "Syringe services provider" means a public health  
671.29 program, registered with the commissioner of health, that provides cost-free comprehensive  
671.30 harm reduction services, including: sterile needles, syringes, and other injection equipment;  
671.31 safe disposal containers for needles and syringes; education about overdose prevention,  
671.32 safer injection practices, and infectious disease prevention; referral to or provision of blood

672.1 borne pathogen testing; referral to substance use disorder treatment, including  
672.2 medication-assisted treatment; and referral to medical, mental health, and social services.

672.3 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.065, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

672.4 Subdivision 1. **Application fees.** Application fees for licensure and registration are as  
672.5 follows:

672.6 (1) pharmacist licensed by examination, ~~\$145~~ \$175;

672.7 (2) pharmacist licensed by reciprocity, ~~\$240~~ \$275;

672.8 (3) pharmacy intern, ~~\$37.50~~ \$50;

672.9 (4) pharmacy technician, ~~\$37.50~~ \$50;

672.10 (5) pharmacy, ~~\$225~~ \$260;

672.11 (6) drug wholesaler, legend drugs only, ~~\$235~~ \$260;

672.12 (7) drug wholesaler, legend and nonlegend drugs, ~~\$235~~ \$260;

672.13 (8) drug wholesaler, nonlegend drugs, veterinary legend drugs, or both, ~~\$210~~ \$260;

672.14 (9) drug wholesaler, medical gases, ~~\$175~~ \$260;

672.15 (10) ~~drug wholesaler, also licensed as a pharmacy in Minnesota, \$150~~ third-party logistics  
672.16 provider, \$260;

672.17 (11) drug manufacturer, legend drugs only, ~~\$235~~ \$260;

672.18 (12) drug manufacturer, legend and nonlegend drugs, ~~\$235~~ \$260;

672.19 (13) drug manufacturer, nonlegend or veterinary legend drugs, ~~\$210~~ \$260;

672.20 (14) drug manufacturer, medical gases, ~~\$185~~ \$260;

672.21 (15) drug manufacturer, also licensed as a pharmacy in Minnesota, ~~\$150~~ \$260;

672.22 (16) medical gas distributor, ~~\$110~~ \$260; and

672.23 ~~(17) controlled substance researcher, \$75; and~~

672.24 ~~(18)~~ (17) pharmacy professional corporation, \$125 \$150.

672.25 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.065, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

672.26 Subd. 2. **Original license fee.** The pharmacist original licensure fee, ~~\$145~~ \$175.

673.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.065, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

673.2 Subd. 3. **Annual renewal fees.** Annual licensure and registration renewal fees are as  
673.3 follows:

673.4 (1) pharmacist, ~~\$145~~ \$175;

673.5 (2) pharmacy technician, ~~\$37.50~~ \$50;

673.6 (3) pharmacy, ~~\$225~~ \$260;

673.7 (4) drug wholesaler, legend drugs only, ~~\$235~~ \$260;

673.8 (5) drug wholesaler, legend and nonlegend drugs, ~~\$235~~ \$260;

673.9 (6) drug wholesaler, nonlegend drugs, veterinary legend drugs, or both, ~~\$210~~ \$260;

673.10 (7) drug wholesaler, medical gases, ~~\$185~~ \$260;

673.11 (8) ~~drug wholesaler, also licensed as a pharmacy in Minnesota, \$150~~ third-party logistics  
673.12 provider, \$260;

673.13 (9) drug manufacturer, legend drugs only, ~~\$235~~ \$260;

673.14 (10) drug manufacturer, legend and nonlegend drugs, ~~\$235~~ \$260;

673.15 (11) drug manufacturer, nonlegend, veterinary legend drugs, or both, ~~\$210~~ \$260;

673.16 (12) drug manufacturer, medical gases, ~~\$185~~ \$260;

673.17 (13) drug manufacturer, also licensed as a pharmacy in Minnesota, ~~\$150~~ \$260;

673.18 (14) medical gas distributor, ~~\$110~~ \$260; and

673.19 ~~(15) controlled substance researcher, \$75; and~~

673.20 ~~(16)~~ (15) pharmacy professional corporation, \$75 \$100.

673.21 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.065, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

673.22 Subd. 6. **Reinstatement fees.** (a) A pharmacist who has allowed the pharmacist's license  
673.23 to lapse may reinstate the license with board approval and upon payment of any fees and  
673.24 late fees in arrears, up to a maximum of \$1,000.

673.25 (b) A pharmacy technician who has allowed the technician's registration to lapse may  
673.26 reinstate the registration with board approval and upon payment of any fees and late fees  
673.27 in arrears, up to a maximum of \$90.

673.28 (c) An owner of a pharmacy, a drug wholesaler, a drug manufacturer, third-party logistics  
673.29 provider, or a medical gas distributor who has allowed the license of the establishment to

674.1 lapse may reinstate the license with board approval and upon payment of any fees and late  
674.2 fees in arrears.

674.3 (d) A controlled substance ~~researcher~~ registrant who has allowed ~~the researcher's a~~  
674.4 registration issued pursuant to subdivision 4 to lapse may reinstate the registration with  
674.5 board approval and upon payment of any fees and late fees in arrears.

674.6 (e) A pharmacist owner of a professional corporation who has allowed the corporation's  
674.7 registration to lapse may reinstate the registration with board approval and upon payment  
674.8 of any fees and late fees in arrears.

674.9 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

674.10 Subd. 2. **Grounds for disciplinary action.** The following conduct is prohibited and is  
674.11 grounds for disciplinary action:

674.12 (1) failure to demonstrate the qualifications or satisfy the requirements for a license or  
674.13 registration contained in this chapter or the rules of the board. The burden of proof is on  
674.14 the applicant to demonstrate such qualifications or satisfaction of such requirements;

674.15 (2) obtaining a license by fraud or by misleading the board in any way during the  
674.16 application process or obtaining a license by cheating, or attempting to subvert the licensing  
674.17 examination process. Conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the licensing examination  
674.18 process includes, but is not limited to: (i) conduct that violates the security of the examination  
674.19 materials, such as removing examination materials from the examination room or having  
674.20 unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered  
674.21 licensing examination; (ii) conduct that violates the standard of test administration, such as  
674.22 communicating with another examinee during administration of the examination, copying  
674.23 another examinee's answers, permitting another examinee to copy one's answers, or  
674.24 possessing unauthorized materials; or (iii) impersonating an examinee or permitting an  
674.25 impersonator to take the examination on one's own behalf;

674.26 (3) for a pharmacist, pharmacy technician, pharmacist intern, applicant for a pharmacist  
674.27 or pharmacy license, or applicant for a pharmacy technician or pharmacist intern registration,  
674.28 conviction of a felony reasonably related to the practice of pharmacy. Conviction as used  
674.29 in this subdivision includes a conviction of an offense that if committed in this state would  
674.30 be deemed a felony without regard to its designation elsewhere, or a criminal proceeding  
674.31 where a finding or verdict of guilt is made or returned but the adjudication of guilt is either  
674.32 withheld or not entered thereon. The board may delay the issuance of a new license or

675.1 registration if the applicant has been charged with a felony until the matter has been  
675.2 adjudicated;

675.3 (4) for a facility, other than a pharmacy, licensed or registered by the board, if an owner  
675.4 or applicant is convicted of a felony reasonably related to the operation of the facility. The  
675.5 board may delay the issuance of a new license or registration if the owner or applicant has  
675.6 been charged with a felony until the matter has been adjudicated;

675.7 (5) for a controlled substance researcher, conviction of a felony reasonably related to  
675.8 controlled substances or to the practice of the researcher's profession. The board may delay  
675.9 the issuance of a registration if the applicant has been charged with a felony until the matter  
675.10 has been adjudicated;

675.11 (6) disciplinary action taken by another state or by one of this state's health licensing  
675.12 agencies:

675.13 (i) revocation, suspension, restriction, limitation, or other disciplinary action against a  
675.14 license or registration in another state or jurisdiction, failure to report to the board that  
675.15 charges or allegations regarding the person's license or registration have been brought in  
675.16 another state or jurisdiction, or having been refused a license or registration by any other  
675.17 state or jurisdiction. The board may delay the issuance of a new license or registration if an  
675.18 investigation or disciplinary action is pending in another state or jurisdiction until the  
675.19 investigation or action has been dismissed or otherwise resolved; and

675.20 (ii) revocation, suspension, restriction, limitation, or other disciplinary action against a  
675.21 license or registration issued by another of this state's health licensing agencies, failure to  
675.22 report to the board that charges regarding the person's license or registration have been  
675.23 brought by another of this state's health licensing agencies, or having been refused a license  
675.24 or registration by another of this state's health licensing agencies. The board may delay the  
675.25 issuance of a new license or registration if a disciplinary action is pending before another  
675.26 of this state's health licensing agencies until the action has been dismissed or otherwise  
675.27 resolved;

675.28 (7) for a pharmacist, pharmacy, pharmacy technician, or pharmacist intern, violation of  
675.29 any order of the board, of any of the provisions of this chapter or any rules of the board or  
675.30 violation of any federal, state, or local law or rule reasonably pertaining to the practice of  
675.31 pharmacy;

675.32 (8) for a facility, other than a pharmacy, licensed by the board, violations of any order  
675.33 of the board, of any of the provisions of this chapter or the rules of the board or violation  
675.34 of any federal, state, or local law relating to the operation of the facility;

676.1 (9) engaging in any unethical conduct; conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the  
676.2 public, or demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of  
676.3 a patient; or pharmacy practice that is professionally incompetent, in that it may create  
676.4 unnecessary danger to any patient's life, health, or safety, in any of which cases, proof of  
676.5 actual injury need not be established;

676.6 (10) aiding or abetting an unlicensed person in the practice of pharmacy, except that it  
676.7 is not a violation of this clause for a pharmacist to supervise a properly registered pharmacy  
676.8 technician or pharmacist intern if that person is performing duties allowed by this chapter  
676.9 or the rules of the board;

676.10 (11) for an individual licensed or registered by the board, adjudication as mentally ill  
676.11 or developmentally disabled, or as a chemically dependent person, a person dangerous to  
676.12 the public, a sexually dangerous person, or a person who has a sexual psychopathic  
676.13 personality, by a court of competent jurisdiction, within or without this state. Such  
676.14 adjudication shall automatically suspend a license for the duration thereof unless the board  
676.15 orders otherwise;

676.16 (12) for a pharmacist or pharmacy intern, engaging in unprofessional conduct as specified  
676.17 in the board's rules. In the case of a pharmacy technician, engaging in conduct specified in  
676.18 board rules that would be unprofessional if it were engaged in by a pharmacist or pharmacist  
676.19 intern or performing duties specifically reserved for pharmacists under this chapter or the  
676.20 rules of the board;

676.21 (13) for a pharmacy, operation of the pharmacy without a pharmacist present and on  
676.22 duty except as allowed by a variance approved by the board;

676.23 (14) for a pharmacist, the inability to practice pharmacy with reasonable skill and safety  
676.24 to patients by reason of illness, ~~drunkenness~~, use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or  
676.25 any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition, including  
676.26 deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor skills. In the case of registered  
676.27 pharmacy technicians, pharmacist interns, or controlled substance researchers, the inability  
676.28 to carry out duties allowed under this chapter or the rules of the board with reasonable skill  
676.29 and safety to patients by reason of illness, ~~drunkenness~~, use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics,  
676.30 chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition,  
676.31 including deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor skills;

676.32 (15) for a pharmacist, pharmacy, pharmacist intern, pharmacy technician, medical gas  
676.33 distributor, or controlled substance researcher, revealing a privileged communication from  
676.34 or relating to a patient except when otherwise required or permitted by law;



677.1 (16) for a pharmacist or pharmacy, improper management of patient records, including  
677.2 failure to maintain adequate patient records, to comply with a patient's request made pursuant  
677.3 to sections 144.291 to 144.298, or to furnish a patient record or report required by law;

677.4 (17) fee splitting, including without limitation:

677.5 (i) paying, offering to pay, receiving, or agreeing to receive, a commission, rebate,  
677.6 kickback, or other form of remuneration, directly or indirectly, for the referral of patients;  
677.7 ~~and~~

677.8 (ii) referring a patient to any health care provider as defined in sections 144.291 to  
677.9 144.298 in which the licensee or registrant has a financial or economic interest as defined  
677.10 in section 144.6521, subdivision 3, unless the licensee or registrant has disclosed the  
677.11 licensee's or registrant's financial or economic interest in accordance with section 144.6521;  
677.12 and

677.13 (iii) any arrangement through which a pharmacy, in which the prescribing practitioner  
677.14 does not have a significant ownership interest, fills a prescription drug order and the  
677.15 prescribing practitioner is involved in any manner, directly or indirectly, in setting the price  
677.16 for the filled prescription that is charged to the patient, the patient's insurer or pharmacy  
677.17 benefit manager, or other person paying for the prescription or, in the case of veterinary  
677.18 patients, the price for the filled prescription that is charged to the client or other person  
677.19 paying for the prescription, except that a veterinarian and a pharmacy may enter into such  
677.20 an arrangement provided that the client or other person paying for the prescription is notified,  
677.21 in writing and with each prescription dispensed, about the arrangement, unless such  
677.22 arrangement involves pharmacy services provided for livestock, poultry, and agricultural  
677.23 production systems, in which case client notification would not be required;

677.24 (18) engaging in abusive or fraudulent billing practices, including violations of the  
677.25 federal Medicare and Medicaid laws or state medical assistance laws or rules;

677.26 (19) engaging in conduct with a patient that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted  
677.27 by the patient as sexual, or in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning  
677.28 to a patient;

677.29 (20) failure to make reports as required by section 151.072 or to cooperate with an  
677.30 investigation of the board as required by section 151.074;

677.31 (21) knowingly providing false or misleading information that is directly related to the  
677.32 care of a patient unless done for an accepted therapeutic purpose such as the dispensing and  
677.33 administration of a placebo;

678.1 (22) aiding suicide or aiding attempted suicide in violation of section 609.215 as  
678.2 established by any of the following:

678.3 (i) a copy of the record of criminal conviction or plea of guilty for a felony in violation  
678.4 of section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2;

678.5 (ii) a copy of the record of a judgment of contempt of court for violating an injunction  
678.6 issued under section 609.215, subdivision 4;

678.7 (iii) a copy of the record of a judgment assessing damages under section 609.215,  
678.8 subdivision 5; or

678.9 (iv) a finding by the board that the person violated section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2.  
678.10 The board shall investigate any complaint of a violation of section 609.215, subdivision 1  
678.11 or 2;

678.12 (23) for a pharmacist, practice of pharmacy under a lapsed or nonrenewed license. For  
678.13 a pharmacist intern, pharmacy technician, or controlled substance researcher, performing  
678.14 duties permitted to such individuals by this chapter or the rules of the board under a lapsed  
678.15 or nonrenewed registration. For a facility required to be licensed under this chapter, operation  
678.16 of the facility under a lapsed or nonrenewed license or registration; and

678.17 (24) for a pharmacist, pharmacist intern, or pharmacy technician, termination or discharge  
678.18 from the health professionals services program for reasons other than the satisfactory  
678.19 completion of the program.

678.20 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

678.21 Subdivision 1. **Location.** It shall be unlawful for any person to compound, or dispense,  
678.22 ~~vend, or sell~~ drugs, ~~medicines, chemicals, or poisons~~ in any place other than a pharmacy,  
678.23 except as provided in this chapter; except that a licensed pharmacist or pharmacist intern  
678.24 working within a licensed hospital may receive a prescription drug order and access the  
678.25 hospital's pharmacy prescription processing system through secure and encrypted electronic  
678.26 means in order to process the prescription drug order.

678.27 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
678.28 read:

678.29 Subd. 5. Receipt of emergency prescription orders. A pharmacist, when that pharmacist  
678.30 is not present within a licensed pharmacy, may accept a written, verbal, or electronic  
678.31 prescription drug order from a practitioner only if:

679.1 (1) the prescription drug order is for an emergency situation where waiting for the  
679.2 pharmacist to travel to a licensed pharmacy to accept the prescription drug order would  
679.3 likely cause the patient to experience significant physical harm or discomfort;

679.4 (2) the pharmacy from which the prescription drug order will be dispensed is closed for  
679.5 business;

679.6 (3) the pharmacist has been designated to be on call for the licensed pharmacy that will  
679.7 fill the prescription drug order;

679.8 (4) electronic prescription drug orders are received through secure and encrypted  
679.9 electronic means;

679.10 (5) the pharmacist takes reasonable precautions to ensure that the prescription drug order  
679.11 will be handled in a manner consistent with federal and state statutes regarding the handling  
679.12 of protected health information; and

679.13 (6) the pharmacy from which the prescription drug order will be dispensed has relevant  
679.14 and appropriate policies and procedures in place and makes them available to the board  
679.15 upon request.

679.16 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
679.17 read:

679.18 Subd. 6. **Processing of emergency prescription orders.** A pharmacist, when that  
679.19 pharmacist is not present within a licensed pharmacy, may access a pharmacy prescription  
679.20 processing system through secure and encrypted electronic means in order to process an  
679.21 emergency prescription accepted pursuant to subdivision 5 only if:

679.22 (1) the pharmacy from which the prescription drug order will be dispensed is closed for  
679.23 business;

679.24 (2) the pharmacist has been designated to be on call for the licensed pharmacy that will  
679.25 fill the prescription drug order;

679.26 (3) the prescription drug order is for a patient of a long-term care facility or a county  
679.27 correctional facility;

679.28 (4) the prescription drug order is not being processed pursuant to section 151.58;

679.29 (5) the prescription drug order is processed pursuant to this chapter and the rules  
679.30 promulgated thereunder; and

680.1 (6) the pharmacy from which the prescription drug order will be dispensed has relevant  
680.2 and appropriate policies and procedures in place and makes them available to the board  
680.3 upon request.

680.4 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

680.5 Subdivision 1. **Pharmacy licensure requirements.** (a) No person shall operate a  
680.6 pharmacy without first obtaining a license from the board and paying any applicable fee  
680.7 specified in section 151.065. The license shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the  
680.8 pharmacy for which it is issued and expires on June 30 following the date of issue. It is  
680.9 unlawful for any person to operate a pharmacy unless the license has been issued to the  
680.10 person by the board.

680.11 (b) Application for a pharmacy license under this section shall be made in a manner  
680.12 specified by the board.

680.13 (c) No license shall be issued or renewed for a pharmacy located within the state unless  
680.14 the applicant agrees to operate the pharmacy in a manner prescribed by federal and state  
680.15 law and according to rules adopted by the board. No license shall be issued for a pharmacy  
680.16 located outside of the state unless the applicant agrees to operate the pharmacy in a manner  
680.17 prescribed by federal law and, when dispensing medications for residents of this state, the  
680.18 laws of this state, and Minnesota Rules.

680.19 (d) No license shall be issued or renewed for a pharmacy that is required to be licensed  
680.20 or registered by the state in which it is physically located unless the applicant supplies the  
680.21 board with proof of such licensure or registration.

680.22 (e) The board shall require a separate license for each pharmacy located within the state  
680.23 and for each pharmacy located outside of the state at which any portion of the dispensing  
680.24 process occurs for drugs dispensed to residents of this state.

680.25 (f) ~~The board shall not issue~~ Prior to the issuance of an initial or renewed license for a  
680.26 pharmacy unless, the board may require the pharmacy passes to pass an inspection conducted  
680.27 by an authorized representative of the board. In the case of a pharmacy located outside of  
680.28 the state, the board may require the applicant to pay the cost of the inspection, in addition  
680.29 to the license fee in section 151.065, unless the applicant furnishes the board with a report,  
680.30 issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of the state in which the facility is located, of  
680.31 an inspection that has occurred within the 24 months immediately preceding receipt of the  
680.32 license application by the board. The board may deny licensure unless the applicant submits

681.1 documentation satisfactory to the board that any deficiencies noted in an inspection report  
681.2 have been corrected.

681.3 (g) The board shall not issue an initial or renewed license for a pharmacy located outside  
681.4 of the state unless the applicant discloses and certifies:

681.5 (1) the location, names, and titles of all principal corporate officers and all pharmacists  
681.6 who are involved in dispensing drugs to residents of this state;

681.7 (2) that it maintains its records of drugs dispensed to residents of this state so that the  
681.8 records are readily retrievable from the records of other drugs dispensed;

681.9 (3) that it agrees to cooperate with, and provide information to, the board concerning  
681.10 matters related to dispensing drugs to residents of this state;

681.11 (4) that, during its regular hours of operation, but no less than six days per week, for a  
681.12 minimum of 40 hours per week, a toll-free telephone service is provided to facilitate  
681.13 communication between patients in this state and a pharmacist at the pharmacy who has  
681.14 access to the patients' records; the toll-free number must be disclosed on the label affixed  
681.15 to each container of drugs dispensed to residents of this state; and

681.16 (5) that, upon request of a resident of a long-term care facility located in this state, the  
681.17 resident's authorized representative, or a contract pharmacy or licensed health care facility  
681.18 acting on behalf of the resident, the pharmacy will dispense medications prescribed for the  
681.19 resident in unit-dose packaging or, alternatively, comply with section 151.415, subdivision  
681.20 5.

681.21 (h) This subdivision does not apply to a manufacturer licensed under section 151.252,  
681.22 subdivision 1, a wholesale drug distributor licensed under section 151.47, or a third-party  
681.23 logistics provider, to the extent the manufacturer, wholesale drug distributor, or third-party  
681.24 logistics provider is engaged in the distribution of dialysate or devices necessary to perform  
681.25 home peritoneal dialysis on patients with end-stage renal disease, if:

681.26 (1) the manufacturer or its agent leases or owns the licensed manufacturing or wholesaling  
681.27 facility from which the dialysate or devices will be delivered;

681.28 (2) the dialysate is comprised of dextrose or icodextrin and has been approved by the  
681.29 United States Food and Drug Administration;

681.30 (3) the dialysate is stored and delivered in its original, sealed, and unopened  
681.31 manufacturer's packaging;

681.32 (4) the dialysate or devices are delivered only upon:

- 682.1 (i) receipt of a physician's order by a Minnesota licensed pharmacy; and  
682.2 (ii) the review and processing of the prescription by a pharmacist licensed by the state  
682.3 in which the pharmacy is located, who is employed by or under contract to the pharmacy;  
682.4 (5) prescriptions, policies, procedures, and records of delivery are maintained by the  
682.5 manufacturer for a minimum of three years and are made available to the board upon request;  
682.6 and  
682.7 (6) the manufacturer or the manufacturer's agent delivers the dialysate or devices directly  
682.8 to:  
682.9 (i) a patient with end-stage renal disease for whom the prescription was written or the  
682.10 patient's designee, for the patient's self-administration of the dialysis therapy; or  
682.11 (ii) a health care provider or institution, for administration or delivery of the dialysis  
682.12 therapy to a patient with end-stage renal disease for whom the prescription was written.

682.13 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

682.14 Subd. 3. **Sale of federally restricted medical gases.** (a) A person or establishment not  
682.15 licensed as a pharmacy or a practitioner shall not engage in the retail sale or distribution of  
682.16 federally restricted medical gases without first obtaining a registration from the board and  
682.17 paying the applicable fee specified in section 151.065. The registration shall be displayed  
682.18 in a conspicuous place in the business for which it is issued and expires on the date set by  
682.19 the board. It is unlawful for a person to sell or distribute federally restricted medical gases  
682.20 unless a certificate has been issued to that person by the board.

682.21 (b) Application for a medical gas distributor registration under this section shall be made  
682.22 in a manner specified by the board.

682.23 (c) No registration shall be issued or renewed for a medical gas distributor located within  
682.24 the state unless the applicant agrees to operate in a manner prescribed by federal and state  
682.25 law and according to the rules adopted by the board. No license shall be issued for a medical  
682.26 gas distributor located outside of the state unless the applicant agrees to operate in a manner  
682.27 prescribed by federal law and, when distributing medical gases for residents of this state,  
682.28 the laws of this state and Minnesota Rules.

682.29 (d) No registration shall be issued or renewed for a medical gas distributor that is required  
682.30 to be licensed or registered by the state in which it is physically located unless the applicant  
682.31 supplies the board with proof of the licensure or registration. The board may, by rule,

683.1 establish standards for the registration of a medical gas distributor that is not required to be  
683.2 licensed or registered by the state in which it is physically located.

683.3 (e) The board shall require a separate registration for each medical gas distributor located  
683.4 within the state and for each facility located outside of the state from which medical gases  
683.5 are distributed to residents of this state.

683.6 (f) ~~The board shall not issue~~ Prior to the issuance of an initial or renewed registration  
683.7 ~~for a medical gas distributor unless, the board may require~~ the medical gas distributor ~~passes~~  
683.8 to pass an inspection conducted by an authorized representative of the board. In the case of  
683.9 a medical gas distributor located outside of the state, the board may require the applicant  
683.10 to pay the cost of the inspection, in addition to the license fee in section 151.065, unless the  
683.11 applicant furnishes the board with a report, issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of  
683.12 the state in which the facility is located, of an inspection that has occurred within the 24  
683.13 months immediately preceding receipt of the license application by the board. The board  
683.14 may deny licensure unless the applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the board  
683.15 that any deficiencies noted in an inspection report have been corrected.

683.16 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.252, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

683.17 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) No person shall act as a drug manufacturer without  
683.18 first obtaining a license from the board and paying any applicable fee specified in section  
683.19 151.065.

683.20 (b) Application for a drug manufacturer license under this section shall be made in a  
683.21 manner specified by the board.

683.22 (c) No license shall be issued or renewed for a drug manufacturer unless the applicant  
683.23 agrees to operate in a manner prescribed by federal and state law and according to Minnesota  
683.24 Rules.

683.25 (d) No license shall be issued or renewed for a drug manufacturer that is required to be  
683.26 registered pursuant to United States Code, title 21, section 360, unless the applicant supplies  
683.27 the board with proof of registration. The board may establish by rule the standards for  
683.28 licensure of drug manufacturers that are not required to be registered under United States  
683.29 Code, title 21, section 360.

683.30 (e) No license shall be issued or renewed for a drug manufacturer that is required to be  
683.31 licensed or registered by the state in which it is physically located unless the applicant  
683.32 supplies the board with proof of licensure or registration. The board may establish, by rule,

684.1 standards for the licensure of a drug manufacturer that is not required to be licensed or  
684.2 registered by the state in which it is physically located.

684.3 (f) The board shall require a separate license for each facility located within the state at  
684.4 which drug manufacturing occurs and for each facility located outside of the state at which  
684.5 drugs that are shipped into the state are manufactured.

684.6 (g) ~~The board shall not issue~~ Prior to the issuance of an initial or renewed license for a  
684.7 drug manufacturing facility unless, the board may require the facility passes an to pass a  
684.8 current good manufacturing practices inspection conducted by an authorized representative  
684.9 of the board. In the case of a drug manufacturing facility located outside of the state, the  
684.10 board may require the applicant to pay the cost of the inspection, in addition to the license  
684.11 fee in section 151.065, unless the applicant furnishes the board with a report, issued by the  
684.12 appropriate regulatory agency of the state in which the facility is located or by the United  
684.13 States Food and Drug Administration, of an inspection that has occurred within the 24  
684.14 months immediately preceding receipt of the license application by the board. The board  
684.15 may deny licensure unless the applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the board  
684.16 that any deficiencies noted in an inspection report have been corrected.

684.17 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.252, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

684.18 Subd. 1a. **Outsourcing facility.** (a) No person shall act as an outsourcing facility without  
684.19 first obtaining a license from the board and paying any applicable manufacturer licensing  
684.20 fee specified in section 151.065.

684.21 (b) Application for an outsourcing facility license under this section shall be made in a  
684.22 manner specified by the board and may differ from the application required of other drug  
684.23 manufacturers.

684.24 (c) No license shall be issued or renewed for an outsourcing facility unless the applicant  
684.25 agrees to operate in a manner prescribed for outsourcing facilities by federal and state law  
684.26 and according to Minnesota Rules.

684.27 (d) No license shall be issued or renewed for an outsourcing facility unless the applicant  
684.28 supplies the board with proof of such registration by the United States Food and Drug  
684.29 Administration as required by United States Code, title 21, section 353b.

684.30 (e) No license shall be issued or renewed for an outsourcing facility that is required to  
684.31 be licensed or registered by the state in which it is physically located unless the applicant  
684.32 supplies the board with proof of such licensure or registration. The board may establish, by



685.1 rule, standards for the licensure of an outsourcing facility that is not required to be licensed  
685.2 or registered by the state in which it is physically located.

685.3 (f) The board shall require a separate license for each outsourcing facility located within  
685.4 the state and for each outsourcing facility located outside of the state at which drugs that  
685.5 are shipped into the state are prepared.

685.6 (g) The board shall not issue an initial or renewed license for an outsourcing facility  
685.7 unless the facility passes ~~an~~ a current good manufacturing practices inspection conducted  
685.8 by an authorized representative of the board. In the case of an outsourcing facility located  
685.9 outside of the state, the board may require the applicant to pay the cost of the inspection,  
685.10 in addition to the license fee in section 151.065, unless the applicant furnishes the board  
685.11 with a report, issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of the state in which the facility  
685.12 is located or by the United States Food and Drug Administration, of ~~an~~ a current good  
685.13 manufacturing practices inspection that has occurred within the 24 months immediately  
685.14 preceding receipt of the license application by the board. The board may deny licensure  
685.15 unless the applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the board that any deficiencies  
685.16 noted in an inspection report have been corrected.

685.17 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.252, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

685.18 Subd. 3. **Payment to practitioner; reporting.** Unless prohibited by United States Code,  
685.19 title 42, section 1320a-7h, a drug manufacturer or outsourcing facility shall file with the  
685.20 board an annual report, in a form and on the date prescribed by the board, identifying all  
685.21 payments, honoraria, reimbursement, or other compensation authorized under section  
685.22 151.461, clauses (4) and (5), paid to practitioners in Minnesota during the preceding calendar  
685.23 year. The report shall identify the nature and value of any payments totaling \$100 or more  
685.24 to a particular practitioner during the year, and shall identify the practitioner. Reports filed  
685.25 under this subdivision are public data.

685.26 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.253, is amended by adding a subdivision  
685.27 to read:

685.28 Subd. 4. **Emergency veterinary compounding.** A pharmacist working within a pharmacy  
685.29 licensed by the board in the veterinary pharmacy license category may compound and  
685.30 provide a drug product to a veterinarian without first receiving a patient-specific prescription  
685.31 only when:

686.1 (1) the compounded drug product is needed to treat animals in urgent or emergency  
 686.2 situations, meaning where the health of an animal is threatened, or where suffering or death  
 686.3 of an animal is likely to result from failure to immediately treat;

686.4 (2) timely access to a compounding pharmacy is not available, as determined by the  
 686.5 prescribing veterinarian;

686.6 (3) there is no commercially manufactured drug, approved by the United States Food  
 686.7 and Drug Administration, that is suitable for treating the animal, or there is a documented  
 686.8 shortage of such drug;

686.9 (4) the compounded drug is to be administered by a veterinarian or a bona fide employee  
 686.10 of the veterinarian, or dispensed to a client of a veterinarian in an amount not to exceed  
 686.11 what is necessary to treat an animal for a period of ten days;

686.12 (5) the pharmacy has selected the sterile or nonsterile compounding license category,  
 686.13 in addition to the veterinary pharmacy licensing category; and

686.14 (6) the pharmacy is appropriately registered by the United States Drug Enforcement  
 686.15 Administration when providing compounded products that contain controlled substances.

686.16 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.32, is amended to read:

686.17 **151.32 CITATION.**

686.18 The title of sections 151.01 to ~~151.40~~ 151.58 shall be the Pharmacy Practice and  
 686.19 Wholesale Distribution Act.

686.20 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

686.21 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** ~~Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 2,~~ It is unlawful  
 686.22 for any person to possess, control, manufacture, sell, furnish, dispense, or otherwise dispose  
 686.23 of hypodermic syringes or needles or any instrument or implement which can be adapted  
 686.24 for subcutaneous injections, except ~~by~~ for:

686.25 (1) The following persons when acting in the course of their practice or employment:

686.26 (i) licensed practitioners, ~~registered~~ and their employees, agents, or delegates;

686.27 (ii) licensed pharmacies and their employees or agents;

686.28 (iii) licensed pharmacists, ~~licensed doctors of veterinary medicine or their assistants;~~

686.29 (iv) registered nurses, and licensed practical nurses;

686.30 (v) registered medical technologists;

- 687.1 (vi) medical interns; and residents;
- 687.2 (vii) licensed drug wholesalers; and their employees or agents;<sub>2</sub>
- 687.3 (viii) licensed hospitals;<sub>2</sub>
- 687.4 (ix) bona fide hospitals in which animals are treated;
- 687.5 (x) licensed nursing homes; ~~bona fide hospitals where animals are treated;~~<sub>2</sub>
- 687.6 (xi) licensed morticians;<sub>2</sub>
- 687.7 (xii) syringe and needle manufacturers; and their dealers and agents;<sub>2</sub>
- 687.8 (xiii) persons engaged in animal husbandry;<sub>2</sub>
- 687.9 (xiv) clinical laboratories and their employees;<sub>2</sub>
- 687.10 (xv) persons engaged in bona fide research or education or industrial use of hypodermic
- 687.11 syringes and needles provided such persons cannot use hypodermic syringes and needles
- 687.12 for the administration of drugs to human beings unless such drugs are prescribed, dispensed,
- 687.13 and administered by a person lawfully authorized to do so;<sub>2</sub>
- 687.14 (xvi) persons who administer drugs pursuant to an order or direction of a licensed ~~doctor~~
- 687.15 ~~of medicine or of a licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine duly licensed to practice~~
- 687.16 ~~medicine.~~ practitioner; and
- 687.17 (xvii) syringe service providers and their employees or agents and individuals who obtain
- 687.18 and dispose of hypodermic syringes and needles through such providers;
- 687.19 (2) a person who self-administers drugs pursuant to either the prescription or the direction
- 687.20 of a practitioner, or a family member, caregiver, or other individual who is designated by
- 687.21 such person to assist the person in obtaining and using needles and syringes for the
- 687.22 administration of such drugs;
- 687.23 (3) a person who is disposing of hypodermic syringes and needles through an activity
- 687.24 or program developed under section 325F.785; or
- 687.25 (4) a person who sells, possesses, or handles hypodermic syringes and needles pursuant
- 687.26 to subdivision 2.

687.27 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.40, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

687.28 Subd. 2. **Sales of limited quantities of clean needles and syringes.** (a) A registered

687.29 pharmacy ~~or its agent~~ or a licensed pharmacist may sell, without a the prescription or

687.30 direction of a practitioner, unused hypodermic needles and syringes in quantities of ten or

688.1 fewer, provided the pharmacy or pharmacist complies with all of the requirements of this  
688.2 subdivision.

688.3 (b) At any location where hypodermic needles and syringes are kept for retail sale under  
688.4 this subdivision, the needles and syringes shall be stored in a manner that makes them  
688.5 available only to authorized personnel and not openly available to customers.

688.6 ~~(e) No registered pharmacy or licensed pharmacist may advertise to the public the~~  
688.7 ~~availability for retail sale, without a prescription, of hypodermic needles or syringes in~~  
688.8 ~~quantities of ten or fewer.~~

688.9 ~~(d)~~ (c) A registered pharmacy or licensed pharmacist that sells hypodermic needles or  
688.10 syringes under this subdivision may give the purchaser the materials developed by the  
688.11 commissioner of health under section 325F.785.

688.12 ~~(e)~~ (d) A registered pharmacy or licensed pharmacist that sells hypodermic needles or  
688.13 syringes under this subdivision must certify to the commissioner of health participation in  
688.14 an activity, including but not limited to those developed under section 325F.785, that supports  
688.15 proper disposal of used hypodermic needles or syringes.

688.16 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.43, is amended to read:

688.17 **151.43 SCOPE.**

688.18 Sections ~~151.42~~ 151.43 to 151.51 apply to any person, ~~partnership, corporation, or~~  
688.19 ~~business firm~~ engaging in the wholesale distribution of ~~prescription~~ drugs within the state,  
688.20 and to persons operating as third-party logistics providers.

688.21 Sec. 42. **[151.441] DEFINITIONS.**

688.22 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** As used in sections 151.43 to 151.51, the following terms have  
688.23 the meanings given in this section.

688.24 Subd. 2. **Dispenser.** "Dispenser" means a retail pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, a group  
688.25 of chain pharmacies under common ownership and control that do not act as a wholesale  
688.26 distributor, or any other person authorized by law to dispense or administer prescription  
688.27 drugs, and the affiliated warehouses or distribution centers of such entities under common  
688.28 ownership and control that do not act as a wholesale distributor, but does not include a  
688.29 person who dispenses only products to be used in animals in accordance with United States  
688.30 Code, title 21, section 360b(a)(5).

689.1 Subd. 3. **Disposition.** "Disposition," with respect to a product within the possession or  
689.2 control of an entity, means the removal of such product from the pharmaceutical distribution  
689.3 supply chain, which may include disposal or return of the product for disposal or other  
689.4 appropriate handling and other actions, such as retaining a sample of the product for further  
689.5 additional physical examination or laboratory analysis of the product by a manufacturer or  
689.6 regulatory or law enforcement agency.

689.7 Subd. 4. **Distribute or distribution.** "Distribute" or "distribution" means the sale,  
689.8 purchase, trade, delivery, handling, storage, or receipt of a product, and does not include  
689.9 the dispensing of a product pursuant to a prescription executed in accordance with United  
689.10 States Code, title 21, section 353(b)(1), or the dispensing of a product approved under United  
689.11 States Code, title 21, section 360b(b).

689.12 Subd. 5. **Manufacturer.** "Manufacturer" means, with respect to a product:

689.13 (1) a person who holds an application approved under United States Code, title 21,  
689.14 section 355, or a license issued under United States Code, title 42, section 262, for such  
689.15 product, or if such product is not the subject of an approved application or license, the person  
689.16 who manufactured the product;

689.17 (2) a co-licensed partner of the person described in clause (1) that obtains the product  
689.18 directly from a person described in this subdivision; or

689.19 (3) an affiliate of a person described in clause (1) or (2) that receives the product directly  
689.20 from a person described in this subdivision.

689.21 Subd. 6. **Medical convenience kit.** "Medical convenience kit" means a collection of  
689.22 finished medical devices, which may include a product or biological product, assembled in  
689.23 kit form strictly for the convenience of the purchaser or user.

689.24 Subd. 7. **Package.** "Package" means the smallest individual salable unit of product for  
689.25 distribution by a manufacturer or repackager that is intended by the manufacturer for ultimate  
689.26 sale to the dispenser of such product. For purposes of this subdivision, an "individual salable  
689.27 unit" is the smallest container of product introduced into commerce by the manufacturer or  
689.28 repackager that is intended by the manufacturer or repackager for individual sale to a  
689.29 dispenser.

689.30 Subd. 8. **Prescription drug.** "Prescription drug" means a drug for human use subject  
689.31 to United States Code, title 21, section 353(b)(1).

689.32 Subd. 9. **Product.** "Product" means a prescription drug in a finished dosage form for  
689.33 administration to a patient without substantial further manufacturing, but does not include

690.1 blood or blood components intended for transfusion; radioactive drugs or radioactive  
690.2 biological products as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 600.3(ee),  
690.3 that are regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or by a state pursuant to an  
690.4 agreement with such commission under United States Code, title 42, section 2021; imaging  
690.5 drugs; an intravenous product described in subdivision 12, paragraph (b), clauses (14) to  
690.6 (16); any medical gas defined in United States Code, title 21, section 360ddd; homeopathic  
690.7 drugs marketed in accordance with applicable federal law; or a drug compounded in  
690.8 compliance with United States Code, title 21, section 353a or 353b.

690.9 Subd. 10. **Repackager.** "Repackager" means a person who owns or operates an  
690.10 establishment that repacks and relabels a product or package for further sale or for distribution  
690.11 without a further transaction.

690.12 Subd. 11. **Third-party logistics provider.** "Third-party logistics provider" means an  
690.13 entity that provides or coordinates warehousing or other logistics services of a product in  
690.14 interstate commerce on behalf of a manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or dispenser of a  
690.15 product, but does not take ownership of the product nor have responsibility to direct the  
690.16 sale or disposition of the product.

690.17 Subd. 12. **Transaction.** (a) "Transaction" means the transfer of product between persons  
690.18 in which a change of ownership occurs.

690.19 (b) The term "transaction" does not include:

690.20 (1) intracompany distribution of any product between members of an affiliate or within  
690.21 a manufacturer;

690.22 (2) the distribution of a product among hospitals or other health care entities that are  
690.23 under common control;

690.24 (3) the distribution of a drug or an offer to distribute a drug for emergency medical  
690.25 reasons, including:

690.26 (i) a public health emergency declaration pursuant to United States Code, title 42, section  
690.27 247d;

690.28 (ii) a national security or peacetime emergency declared by the governor pursuant to  
690.29 section 12.31; or

690.30 (iii) a situation involving an action taken by the commissioner of health pursuant to  
690.31 section 144.4197, 144.4198 or 151.37, subdivisions 2, paragraph (b), and 10, except that,  
690.32 for purposes of this paragraph, a drug shortage not caused by a public health emergency  
690.33 shall not constitute an emergency medical reason;

- 691.1 (4) the dispensing of a drug pursuant to a valid prescription issued by a licensed  
691.2 practitioner;
- 691.3 (5) the distribution of product samples by a manufacturer or a licensed wholesale  
691.4 distributor in accordance with United States Code, title 21, section 353(d);
- 691.5 (6) the distribution of blood or blood components intended for transfusion;
- 691.6 (7) the distribution of minimal quantities of product by a licensed retail pharmacy to a  
691.7 licensed practitioner for office use;
- 691.8 (8) the sale, purchase, or trade of a drug or an offer to sell, purchase, or trade a drug by  
691.9 a charitable organization described in United States Code, title 26, section 501(c)(3), to a  
691.10 nonprofit affiliate of the organization to the extent otherwise permitted by law;
- 691.11 (9) the distribution of a product pursuant to the sale or merger of a pharmacy or  
691.12 pharmacies or a wholesale distributor or wholesale distributors, except that any records  
691.13 required to be maintained for the product shall be transferred to the new owner of the  
691.14 pharmacy or pharmacies or wholesale distributor or wholesale distributors;
- 691.15 (10) the dispensing of a product approved under United States Code, title 21, section  
691.16 360b(c);
- 691.17 (11) transfer of products to or from any facility that is licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory  
691.18 Commission or by a state pursuant to an agreement with such commission under United  
691.19 States Code, title 42, section 2021;
- 691.20 (12) transfer of a combination product that is not subject to approval under United States  
691.21 Code, title 21, section 355, or licensure under United States Code, title 42, section 262, and  
691.22 that is:
- 691.23 (i) a product comprised of a device and one or more other regulated components (such  
691.24 as a drug/device, biologic/device, or drug/device/biologic) that are physically, chemically,  
691.25 or otherwise combined or mixed and produced as a single entity;
- 691.26 (ii) two or more separate products packaged together in a single package or as a unit  
691.27 and comprised of a drug and device or device and biological product; or
- 691.28 (iii) two or more finished medical devices plus one or more drug or biological products  
691.29 that are packaged together in a medical convenience kit;
- 691.30 (13) the distribution of a medical convenience kit if:

692.1 (i) the medical convenience kit is assembled in an establishment that is registered with  
692.2 the Food and Drug Administration as a device manufacturer in accordance with United  
692.3 States Code, title 21, section 360(b)(2);

692.4 (ii) the medical convenience kit does not contain a controlled substance that appears in  
692.5 a schedule contained in the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of  
692.6 1970, United States Code, title 21, section 801, et seq.;

692.7 (iii) in the case of a medical convenience kit that includes a product, the person who  
692.8 manufactures the kit:

692.9 (A) purchased the product directly from the pharmaceutical manufacturer or from a  
692.10 wholesale distributor that purchased the product directly from the pharmaceutical  
692.11 manufacturer; and

692.12 (B) does not alter the primary container or label of the product as purchased from the  
692.13 manufacturer or wholesale distributor; and

692.14 (iv) in the case of a medical convenience kit that includes a product, the product is:

692.15 (A) an intravenous solution intended for the replenishment of fluids and electrolytes;

692.16 (B) a product intended to maintain the equilibrium of water and minerals in the body;

692.17 (C) a product intended for irrigation or reconstitution;

692.18 (D) an anesthetic;

692.19 (E) an anticoagulant;

692.20 (F) a vasopressor; or

692.21 (G) a sympathomimetic;

692.22 (14) the distribution of an intravenous product that, by its formulation, is intended for  
692.23 the replenishment of fluids and electrolytes, such as sodium, chloride, and potassium; or  
692.24 calories, such as dextrose and amino acids;

692.25 (15) the distribution of an intravenous product used to maintain the equilibrium of water  
692.26 and minerals in the body, such as dialysis solutions;

692.27 (16) the distribution of a product that is intended for irrigation, or sterile water, whether  
692.28 intended for such purposes or for injection;

692.29 (17) the distribution of a medical gas as defined in United States Code, title 21, section  
692.30 360ddd; or



693.1 (18) the distribution or sale of any licensed product under United States Code, title 42,  
693.2 section 262, that meets the definition of a device under United States Code, title 21, section  
693.3 321(h).

693.4 Subd. 13. **Wholesale distribution.** "Wholesale distribution" means the distribution of  
693.5 a drug to a person other than a consumer or patient, or receipt of a drug by a person other  
693.6 than the consumer or patient, but does not include:

693.7 (1) intracompany distribution of any drug between members of an affiliate or within a  
693.8 manufacturer;

693.9 (2) the distribution of a drug or an offer to distribute a drug among hospitals or other  
693.10 health care entities that are under common control;

693.11 (3) the distribution of a drug or an offer to distribute a drug for emergency medical  
693.12 reasons, including:

693.13 (i) a public health emergency declaration pursuant to United States Code, title 42, section  
693.14 247d;

693.15 (ii) a national security or peacetime emergency declared by the governor pursuant to  
693.16 section 12.31; or

693.17 (iii) a situation involving an action taken by the commissioner of health pursuant to  
693.18 sections 144.4197, 144.4198 or 151.37, subdivisions 2, paragraph (b), and 10, except that,  
693.19 for purposes of this paragraph, a drug shortage not caused by a public health emergency  
693.20 shall not constitute an emergency medical reason;

693.21 (4) the dispensing of a drug pursuant to a valid prescription issued by a licensed  
693.22 practitioner;

693.23 (5) the distribution of minimal quantities of a drug by a licensed retail pharmacy to a  
693.24 licensed practitioner for office use;

693.25 (6) the distribution of a drug or an offer to distribute a drug by a charitable organization  
693.26 to a nonprofit affiliate of the organization to the extent otherwise permitted by law;

693.27 (7) the purchase or other acquisition by a dispenser, hospital, or other health care entity  
693.28 of a drug for use by such dispenser, hospital, or other health care entity;

693.29 (8) the distribution of a drug by the manufacturer of such drug;

693.30 (9) the receipt or transfer of a drug by an authorized third-party logistics provider provided  
693.31 that such third-party logistics provider does not take ownership of the drug;

694.1 (10) a common carrier that transports a drug, provided that the common carrier does not  
694.2 take ownership of the drug;

694.3 (11) the distribution of a drug or an offer to distribute a drug by an authorized repackager  
694.4 that has taken ownership or possession of the drug and repacks it in accordance with United  
694.5 States Code, title 21, section 360eee-1(e);

694.6 (12) salable drug returns when conducted by a dispenser;

694.7 (13) the distribution of a collection of finished medical devices, which may include a  
694.8 product or biological product, assembled in kit form strictly for the convenience of the  
694.9 purchaser or user, referred to in this section as a medical convenience kit, if:

694.10 (i) the medical convenience kit is assembled in an establishment that is registered with  
694.11 the Food and Drug Administration as a device manufacturer in accordance with United  
694.12 States Code, title 21, section 360(b)(2);

694.13 (ii) the medical convenience kit does not contain a controlled substance that appears in  
694.14 a schedule contained in the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of  
694.15 1970, United States Code, title 21, section 801, et seq.;

694.16 (iii) in the case of a medical convenience kit that includes a product, the person that  
694.17 manufactures the kit:

694.18 (A) purchased such product directly from the pharmaceutical manufacturer or from a  
694.19 wholesale distributor that purchased the product directly from the pharmaceutical  
694.20 manufacturer; and

694.21 (B) does not alter the primary container or label of the product as purchased from the  
694.22 manufacturer or wholesale distributor; and

694.23 (iv) in the case of a medical convenience kit that includes a product, the product is:

694.24 (A) an intravenous solution intended for the replenishment of fluids and electrolytes;

694.25 (B) a product intended to maintain the equilibrium of water and minerals in the body;

694.26 (C) a product intended for irrigation or reconstitution;

694.27 (D) an anesthetic;

694.28 (E) an anticoagulant;

694.29 (F) a vasopressor; or

694.30 (G) a sympathomimetic;

695.1 (14) the distribution of an intravenous drug that, by its formulation, is intended for the  
695.2 replenishment of fluids and electrolytes, such as sodium, chloride, and potassium; or calories,  
695.3 such as dextrose and amino acids;

695.4 (15) the distribution of an intravenous drug used to maintain the equilibrium of water  
695.5 and minerals in the body, such as dialysis solutions;

695.6 (16) the distribution of a drug that is intended for irrigation, or sterile water, whether  
695.7 intended for such purposes or for injection;

695.8 (17) the distribution of medical gas, as defined in United States Code, title 21, section  
695.9 360ddd;

695.10 (18) facilitating the distribution of a product by providing solely administrative services,  
695.11 including processing of orders and payments; or

695.12 (19) the transfer of a product by a hospital or other health care entity, or by a wholesale  
695.13 distributor or manufacturer operating at the direction of the hospital or other health care  
695.14 entity, to a repackager described in United States Code, title 21, section 360eee(16)(B), and  
695.15 registered under United States Code, title 21, section 360, for the purpose of repackaging  
695.16 the drug for use by that hospital, or other health care entity and other health care entities  
695.17 that are under common control, if ownership of the drug remains with the hospital or other  
695.18 health care entity at all times.

695.19 Subd. 14. **Wholesale distributor.** "Wholesale distributor" means a person engaged in  
695.20 wholesale distribution but does not include a manufacturer, a manufacturer's co-licensed  
695.21 partner, a third-party logistics provider, or a repackager.

695.22 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.46, is amended to read:

695.23 **151.46 PROHIBITED DRUG PURCHASES OR RECEIPT.**

695.24 It is unlawful for any person to knowingly purchase or receive a prescription drug from  
695.25 a source other than a person or entity licensed under the laws of the state, except where  
695.26 otherwise provided. Licensed wholesale drug distributors ~~other than pharmacies~~ and licensed  
695.27 third-party logistics providers shall not dispense or distribute prescription drugs directly to  
695.28 patients. A person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

695.29 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.47, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

695.30 Subdivision 1. **Requirements Generally.** ~~(a) All wholesale drug distributors are subject~~  
695.31 ~~to the requirements of this subdivision.~~ Each manufacturer, repackager, wholesale distributor,

696.1 and dispenser shall comply with the requirements set forth in United States Code, title 21,  
696.2 section 360eee-1, with respect to the role of such manufacturer, repackager, wholesale  
696.3 distributor, or dispenser in a transaction involving a product. If an entity meets the definition  
696.4 of more than one of the entities listed in the preceding sentence, such entity shall comply  
696.5 with all applicable requirements in United States Code, title 21, section 360eee-1, but shall  
696.6 not be required to duplicate requirements.

696.7 ~~(b) No person or distribution outlet shall act as a wholesale drug distributor without first~~  
696.8 ~~obtaining a license from the board and paying any applicable fee specified in section 151.065.~~

696.9 ~~(c) Application for a wholesale drug distributor license under this section shall be made~~  
696.10 ~~in a manner specified by the board.~~

696.11 ~~(d) No license shall be issued or renewed for a wholesale drug distributor to operate~~  
696.12 ~~unless the applicant agrees to operate in a manner prescribed by federal and state law and~~  
696.13 ~~according to the rules adopted by the board.~~

696.14 ~~(e) No license may be issued or renewed for a drug wholesale distributor that is required~~  
696.15 ~~to be licensed or registered by the state in which it is physically located unless the applicant~~  
696.16 ~~supplies the board with proof of licensure or registration. The board may establish, by rule,~~  
696.17 ~~standards for the licensure of a drug wholesale distributor that is not required to be licensed~~  
696.18 ~~or registered by the state in which it is physically located.~~

696.19 ~~(f) The board shall require a separate license for each drug wholesale distributor facility~~  
696.20 ~~located within the state and for each drug wholesale distributor facility located outside of~~  
696.21 ~~the state from which drugs are shipped into the state or to which drugs are reverse distributed.~~

696.22 ~~(g) The board shall not issue an initial or renewed license for a drug wholesale distributor~~  
696.23 ~~facility unless the facility passes an inspection conducted by an authorized representative~~  
696.24 ~~of the board, or is accredited by an accreditation program approved by the board. In the~~  
696.25 ~~case of a drug wholesale distributor facility located outside of the state, the board may~~  
696.26 ~~require the applicant to pay the cost of the inspection, in addition to the license fee in section~~  
696.27 ~~151.065, unless the applicant furnishes the board with a report, issued by the appropriate~~  
696.28 ~~regulatory agency of the state in which the facility is located, of an inspection that has~~  
696.29 ~~occurred within the 24 months immediately preceding receipt of the license application by~~  
696.30 ~~the board, or furnishes the board with proof of current accreditation. The board may deny~~  
696.31 ~~licensure unless the applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the board that any~~  
696.32 ~~deficiencies noted in an inspection report have been corrected.~~

697.1 ~~(h) As a condition for receiving and retaining a wholesale drug distributor license issued~~  
697.2 ~~under sections 151.42 to 151.51, an applicant shall satisfy the board that it has and will~~  
697.3 ~~continuously maintain:~~

697.4 ~~(1) adequate storage conditions and facilities;~~

697.5 ~~(2) minimum liability and other insurance as may be required under any applicable~~  
697.6 ~~federal or state law;~~

697.7 ~~(3) a viable security system that includes an after hours central alarm, or comparable~~  
697.8 ~~entry detection capability; restricted access to the premises; comprehensive employment~~  
697.9 ~~applicant screening; and safeguards against all forms of employee theft;~~

697.10 ~~(4) a system of records describing all wholesale drug distributor activities set forth in~~  
697.11 ~~section 151.44 for at least the most recent two-year period, which shall be reasonably~~  
697.12 ~~accessible as defined by board regulations in any inspection authorized by the board;~~

697.13 ~~(5) principals and persons, including officers, directors, primary shareholders, and key~~  
697.14 ~~management executives, who must at all times demonstrate and maintain their capability~~  
697.15 ~~of conducting business in conformity with sound financial practices as well as state and~~  
697.16 ~~federal law;~~

697.17 ~~(6) complete, updated information, to be provided to the board as a condition for obtaining~~  
697.18 ~~and retaining a license, about each wholesale drug distributor to be licensed, including all~~  
697.19 ~~pertinent corporate licensee information, if applicable, or other ownership, principal, key~~  
697.20 ~~personnel, and facilities information found to be necessary by the board;~~

697.21 ~~(7) written policies and procedures that assure reasonable wholesale drug distributor~~  
697.22 ~~preparation for, protection against, and handling of any facility security or operation~~  
697.23 ~~problems, including, but not limited to, those caused by natural disaster or government~~  
697.24 ~~emergency, inventory inaccuracies or product shipping and receiving, outdated product or~~  
697.25 ~~other unauthorized product control, appropriate disposition of returned goods, and product~~  
697.26 ~~recalls;~~

697.27 ~~(8) sufficient inspection procedures for all incoming and outgoing product shipments;~~  
697.28 ~~and~~

697.29 ~~(9) operations in compliance with all federal requirements applicable to wholesale drug~~  
697.30 ~~distribution.~~

697.31 ~~(i) An agent or employee of any licensed wholesale drug distributor need not seek~~  
697.32 ~~licensure under this section.~~

698.1 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.47, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
698.2 read:

698.3 Subd. 1a. **Licensing.** (a) The board shall license wholesale distributors in a manner that  
698.4 is consistent with United States Code, title 21, section 360eee-2, and the regulations  
698.5 promulgated thereunder. In the event that the provisions of this section, or of the rules of  
698.6 the board, conflict with the provisions of United States Code, title 21, section 360eee-2, or  
698.7 the rules promulgated thereunder, the federal provisions shall prevail. The board shall not  
698.8 license a person as a wholesale distributor unless the person is engaged in wholesale  
698.9 distribution.

698.10 (b) No person shall act as a wholesale distributor without first obtaining a license from  
698.11 the board and paying any applicable fee specified in section 151.065.

698.12 (c) Application for a wholesale distributor license under this section shall be made in a  
698.13 manner specified by the board.

698.14 (d) No license shall be issued or renewed for a wholesale distributor unless the applicant  
698.15 agrees to operate in a manner prescribed by federal and state law and according to the rules  
698.16 adopted by the board.

698.17 (e) No license may be issued or renewed for a wholesale distributor facility that is located  
698.18 in another state unless the applicant supplies the board with proof of licensure or registration  
698.19 by the state in which the wholesale distributor is physically located or by the United States  
698.20 Food and Drug Administration.

698.21 (f) The board shall require a separate license for each drug wholesale distributor facility  
698.22 located within the state and for each drug wholesale distributor facility located outside of  
698.23 the state from which drugs are shipped into the state or to which drugs are reverse distributed.

698.24 (g) The board shall not issue an initial or renewed license for a drug wholesale distributor  
698.25 facility unless the facility passes an inspection conducted by an authorized representative  
698.26 of the board or is inspected and accredited by an accreditation program approved by the  
698.27 board. In the case of a drug wholesale distributor facility located outside of the state, the  
698.28 board may require the applicant to pay the cost of the inspection, in addition to the license  
698.29 fee in section 151.065, unless the applicant furnishes the board with a report, issued by the  
698.30 appropriate regulatory agency of the state in which the facility is located, of an inspection  
698.31 that has occurred within the 24 months immediately preceding receipt of the license  
698.32 application by the board, or furnishes the board with proof of current accreditation. The  
698.33 board may deny licensure unless the applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the  
698.34 board that any deficiencies noted in an inspection report have been corrected.

699.1 (h) As a condition for receiving and retaining a wholesale drug distributor license issued  
699.2 under this section, an applicant shall satisfy the board that it:

699.3 (1) has adequate storage conditions and facilities to allow for the safe receipt, storage,  
699.4 handling, and sale of drugs;

699.5 (2) has minimum liability and other insurance as may be required under any applicable  
699.6 federal or state law;

699.7 (3) has a functioning security system that includes an after-hours central alarm or  
699.8 comparable entry detection capability, and security policies and procedures that include  
699.9 provisions for restricted access to the premises, comprehensive employee applicant screening,  
699.10 and safeguards against all forms of employee theft;

699.11 (4) will maintain appropriate records of the distribution of drugs, which shall be kept  
699.12 for a minimum of two years and be made available to the board upon request;

699.13 (5) employs principals and other persons, including officers, directors, primary  
699.14 shareholders, and key management executives, who will at all times demonstrate and maintain  
699.15 their capability of conducting business in conformity with state and federal law, at least one  
699.16 of whom will serve as the primary designated representative for each licensed facility and  
699.17 who will be responsible for ensuring that the facility operates in a manner consistent with  
699.18 state and federal law;

699.19 (6) will ensure that all personnel have sufficient education, training, and experience, in  
699.20 any combination, so that they may perform assigned duties in a manner that maintains the  
699.21 quality, safety, and security of drugs;

699.22 (7) will provide the board with updated information about each wholesale distributor  
699.23 facility to be licensed, as requested by the board;

699.24 (8) will develop and, as necessary, update written policies and procedures that assure  
699.25 reasonable wholesale drug distributor preparation for, protection against, and handling of  
699.26 any facility security or operation problems, including but not limited to those caused by  
699.27 natural disaster or government emergency, inventory inaccuracies or drug shipping and  
699.28 receiving, outdated drugs, appropriate handling of returned goods, and drug recalls;

699.29 (9) will have sufficient policies and procedures in place for the inspection of all incoming  
699.30 and outgoing drug shipments;

699.31 (10) will operate in compliance with all state and federal requirements applicable to  
699.32 wholesale drug distribution; and

700.1 (11) will meet the requirements for inspections found in this subdivision.

700.2 (i) An agent or employee of any licensed wholesale drug distributor need not seek  
700.3 licensure under this section. Paragraphs (i) to (p) apply to wholesaler personnel.

700.4 (j) The board is authorized to and shall require fingerprint-based criminal background  
700.5 checks of facility managers or designated representatives, as required under United States  
700.6 Code, title 21, section 360eee-2. The criminal background checks shall be conducted as  
700.7 provided in section 214.075. The board shall use the criminal background check data received  
700.8 to evaluate the qualifications of persons for ownership of or employment by a licensed  
700.9 wholesaler and shall not disseminate this data except as allowed by law.

700.10 (k) A licensed wholesaler shall not be owned by, or employ, a person who has:

700.11 (1) been convicted of any felony for conduct relating to wholesale distribution, any  
700.12 felony violation of United States Code, title 21, section 331, subsections (i) or (k), or any  
700.13 felony violation of United States Code, title 18, section 1365, relating to product tampering;  
700.14 or

700.15 (2) engaged in a pattern of violating the requirements of United States Code, title 21,  
700.16 section 360eee-2, or the regulations promulgated thereunder, or state requirements for  
700.17 licensure, that presents a threat of serious adverse health consequences or death to humans.

700.18 (l) An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a wholesale distributor license shall  
700.19 execute and file with the board a surety bond.

700.20 (m) Prior to issuing or renewing a wholesale distributor license, the board shall require  
700.21 an applicant that is not a government owned and operated wholesale distributor to submit  
700.22 a surety bond of \$100,000, except that if the annual gross receipts of the applicant for the  
700.23 previous tax year is \$10,000,000 or less, a surety bond of \$25,000 shall be required.

700.24 (n) If a wholesale distributor can provide evidence satisfactory to the board that it  
700.25 possesses the required bond in another state, the requirement for a bond shall be waived.

700.26 (o) The purpose of the surety bond required under this subdivision is to secure payment  
700.27 of any civil penalty imposed by the board pursuant to section 151.071, subdivision 1. The  
700.28 board may make a claim against the bond if the licensee fails to pay a civil penalty within  
700.29 30 days after the order imposing the fine or costs become final.

700.30 (p) A single surety bond shall satisfy the requirement for the submission of a bond for  
700.31 all licensed wholesale distributor facilities under common ownership.



701.1 Sec. 46. **[151.471] THIRD-PARTY LOGISTICS PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS.**

701.2 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** Each third-party logistics provider shall comply with the  
701.3 requirements set forth in United States Code, title 21, section 360eee to 360eee-4, that are  
701.4 applicable to third-party logistics providers.

701.5 Subd. 2. **Licensing.** (a) The board shall license third-party logistics providers in a manner  
701.6 that is consistent with United States Code, title 21, section 360eee-3, and the regulations  
701.7 promulgated thereunder. In the event that the provisions of this section or of the rules of  
701.8 the board conflict with the provisions of United States Code, title 21, section 360eee-3, or  
701.9 the rules promulgated thereunder, the federal provisions shall prevail. The board shall not  
701.10 license a person as a third-party logistics provider unless the person is operating as such.

701.11 (b) No person shall act as a third-party logistics provider without first obtaining a license  
701.12 from the board and paying any applicable fee specified in section 151.065.

701.13 (c) Application for a third-party logistics provider license under this section shall be  
701.14 made in a manner specified by the board.

701.15 (d) No license shall be issued or renewed for a third-party logistics provider unless the  
701.16 applicant agrees to operate in a manner prescribed by federal and state law and according  
701.17 to the rules adopted by the board.

701.18 (e) No license may be issued or renewed for a third-party logistics provider facility that  
701.19 is located in another state unless the applicant supplies the board with proof of licensure or  
701.20 registration by the state in which the third-party logistics provider facility is physically  
701.21 located or by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

701.22 (f) The board shall require a separate license for each third-party logistics provider  
701.23 facility located within the state and for each third-party logistics provider facility located  
701.24 outside of the state from which drugs are shipped into the state or to which drugs are reverse  
701.25 distributed.

701.26 (g) The board shall not issue an initial or renewed license for a third-party logistics  
701.27 provider facility unless the facility passes an inspection conducted by an authorized  
701.28 representative of the board or is inspected and accredited by an accreditation program  
701.29 approved by the board. In the case of a third-party logistics provider facility located outside  
701.30 of the state, the board may require the applicant to pay the cost of the inspection, in addition  
701.31 to the license fee in section 151.065, unless the applicant furnishes the board with a report,  
701.32 issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of the state in which the facility is located, of  
701.33 an inspection that has occurred within the 24 months immediately preceding receipt of the

702.1 license application by the board, or furnishes the board with proof of current accreditation.

702.2 The board may deny licensure unless the applicant submits documentation satisfactory to  
702.3 the board that any deficiencies noted in an inspection report have been corrected.

702.4 (h) As a condition for receiving and retaining a third-party logistics provider facility  
702.5 license issued under this section, an applicant shall satisfy the board that it:

702.6 (1) has adequate storage conditions and facilities to allow for the safe receipt, storage,  
702.7 handling, and transfer of drugs;

702.8 (2) has minimum liability and other insurance as may be required under any applicable  
702.9 federal or state law;

702.10 (3) has a functioning security system that includes an after-hours central alarm or  
702.11 comparable entry detection capability, and security policies and procedures that include  
702.12 provisions for restricted access to the premises, comprehensive employee applicant screening,  
702.13 and safeguards against all forms of employee theft;

702.14 (4) will maintain appropriate records of the handling of drugs, which shall be kept for  
702.15 a minimum of two years and be made available to the board upon request;

702.16 (5) employs principals and other persons, including officers, directors, primary  
702.17 shareholders, and key management executives, who will at all times demonstrate and maintain  
702.18 their capability of conducting business in conformity with state and federal law, at least one  
702.19 of whom will serve as the primary designated representative for each licensed facility and  
702.20 who will be responsible for ensuring that the facility operates in a manner consistent with  
702.21 state and federal law;

702.22 (6) will ensure that all personnel have sufficient education, training, and experience, in  
702.23 any combination, so that they may perform assigned duties in a manner that maintains the  
702.24 quality, safety, and security of drugs;

702.25 (7) will provide the board with updated information about each third-party logistics  
702.26 provider facility to be licensed by the board;

702.27 (8) will develop and, as necessary, update written policies and procedures that ensure  
702.28 reasonable preparation for, protection against, and handling of any facility security or  
702.29 operation problems, including, but not limited to, those caused by natural disaster or  
702.30 government emergency, inventory inaccuracies or drug shipping and receiving, outdated  
702.31 drug, appropriate handling of returned goods, and drug recalls;

702.32 (9) will have sufficient policies and procedures in place for the inspection of all incoming  
702.33 and outgoing drug shipments;

703.1 (10) will operate in compliance with all state and federal requirements applicable to  
703.2 third-party logistics providers; and

703.3 (11) will meet the requirements for inspections found in this subdivision.

703.4 (i) An agent or employee of any licensed third-party logistics provider need not seek  
703.5 licensure under this section. Paragraphs (j) and (k) apply to third-party logistics provider  
703.6 personnel.

703.7 (j) The board is authorized to and shall require fingerprint-based criminal background  
703.8 checks of facility managers or designated representatives. The criminal background checks  
703.9 shall be conducted as provided in section 214.075. The board shall use the criminal  
703.10 background check data received to evaluate the qualifications of persons for ownership of  
703.11 or employment by a licensed third-party logistics provider and shall not disseminate this  
703.12 data except as allowed by law.

703.13 (k) A licensed third-party logistics provider shall not have as a facility manager or  
703.14 designated representative any person who has been convicted of any felony for conduct  
703.15 relating to wholesale distribution, any felony violation of United States Code, title 21, section  
703.16 331, subsection (i) or (k), or any felony violation of United States Code, title 18, section  
703.17 1365, relating to product tampering.

703.18 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.126, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

703.19 Subd. 6. **Access to reporting system data.** (a) Except as indicated in this subdivision,  
703.20 the data submitted to the board under subdivision 4 is private data on individuals as defined  
703.21 in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and not subject to public disclosure.

703.22 (b) Except as specified in subdivision 5, the following persons shall be considered  
703.23 permissible users and may access the data submitted under subdivision 4 in the same or  
703.24 similar manner, and for the same or similar purposes, as those persons who are authorized  
703.25 to access similar private data on individuals under federal and state law:

703.26 (1) a prescriber or an agent or employee of the prescriber to whom the prescriber has  
703.27 delegated the task of accessing the data, to the extent the information relates specifically to  
703.28 a current patient, to whom the prescriber is:

703.29 (i) prescribing or considering prescribing any controlled substance;

703.30 (ii) providing emergency medical treatment for which access to the data may be necessary;

703.31 (iii) providing care, and the prescriber has reason to believe, based on clinically valid  
703.32 indications, that the patient is potentially abusing a controlled substance; or

704.1 (iv) providing other medical treatment for which access to the data may be necessary  
704.2 for a clinically valid purpose and the patient has consented to access to the submitted data,  
704.3 and with the provision that the prescriber remains responsible for the use or misuse of data  
704.4 accessed by a delegated agent or employee;

704.5 (2) a dispenser or an agent or employee of the dispenser to whom the dispenser has  
704.6 delegated the task of accessing the data, to the extent the information relates specifically to  
704.7 a current patient to whom that dispenser is dispensing or considering dispensing any  
704.8 controlled substance and with the provision that the dispenser remains responsible for the  
704.9 use or misuse of data accessed by a delegated agent or employee;

704.10 (3) a licensed pharmacist who is providing pharmaceutical care for which access to the  
704.11 data may be necessary to the extent that the information relates specifically to a current  
704.12 patient for whom the pharmacist is providing pharmaceutical care: (i) if the patient has  
704.13 consented to access to the submitted data; or (ii) if the pharmacist is consulted by a prescriber  
704.14 who is requesting data in accordance with clause (1);

704.15 (4) an individual who is the recipient of a controlled substance prescription for which  
704.16 data was submitted under subdivision 4, or a guardian of the individual, parent or guardian  
704.17 of a minor, or health care agent of the individual acting under a health care directive under  
704.18 chapter 145C;

704.19 (5) personnel or designees of a health-related licensing board listed in section 214.01,  
704.20 subdivision 2, or of the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, assigned to conduct  
704.21 a bona fide investigation of a complaint received by that board that alleges that a specific  
704.22 licensee is impaired by use of a drug for which data is collected under subdivision 4, has  
704.23 engaged in activity that would constitute a crime as defined in section 152.025, or has  
704.24 engaged in the behavior specified in subdivision 5, paragraph (a);

704.25 (6) personnel of the board engaged in the collection, review, and analysis of controlled  
704.26 substance prescription information as part of the assigned duties and responsibilities under  
704.27 this section;

704.28 (7) authorized personnel of a vendor under contract with the state of Minnesota who are  
704.29 engaged in the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the prescription  
704.30 monitoring program as part of the assigned duties and responsibilities of their employment,  
704.31 provided that access to data is limited to the minimum amount necessary to carry out such  
704.32 duties and responsibilities, and subject to the requirement of de-identification and time limit  
704.33 on retention of data specified in subdivision 5, paragraphs (d) and (e);

705.1 (8) federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities acting pursuant to a valid search  
705.2 warrant;

705.3 (9) personnel of the Minnesota health care programs assigned to use the data collected  
705.4 under this section to identify and manage recipients whose usage of controlled substances  
705.5 may warrant restriction to a single primary care provider, a single outpatient pharmacy, and  
705.6 a single hospital;

705.7 (10) personnel of the Department of Human Services assigned to access the data pursuant  
705.8 to paragraph (i);

705.9 (11) personnel of the health professionals services program established under section  
705.10 214.31, to the extent that the information relates specifically to an individual who is currently  
705.11 enrolled in and being monitored by the program, and the individual consents to access to  
705.12 that information. The health professionals services program personnel shall not provide this  
705.13 data to a health-related licensing board or the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory  
705.14 Board, except as permitted under section 214.33, subdivision 3.

705.15 For purposes of clause (4), access by an individual includes persons in the definition of  
705.16 an individual under section 13.02; and

705.17 (12) personnel or designees of a health-related licensing board listed in section 214.01,  
705.18 subdivision 2, assigned to conduct a bona fide investigation of a complaint received by that  
705.19 board that alleges that a specific licensee is inappropriately prescribing controlled substances  
705.20 as defined in this section.

705.21 (c) By July 1, 2017, every prescriber licensed by a health-related licensing board listed  
705.22 in section 214.01, subdivision 2, practicing within this state who is authorized to prescribe  
705.23 controlled substances for humans and who holds a current registration issued by the federal  
705.24 Drug Enforcement Administration, and every pharmacist licensed by the board and practicing  
705.25 within the state, shall register and maintain a user account with the prescription monitoring  
705.26 program. Data submitted by a prescriber, pharmacist, or their delegate during the registration  
705.27 application process, other than their name, license number, and license type, is classified  
705.28 as private pursuant to section 13.02, subdivision 12.

705.29 (d) Only permissible users identified in paragraph (b), clauses (1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (9),  
705.30 and (10), may directly access the data electronically. No other permissible users may directly  
705.31 access the data electronically. If the data is directly accessed electronically, the permissible  
705.32 user shall implement and maintain a comprehensive information security program that  
705.33 contains administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that are appropriate to the user's  
705.34 size and complexity, and the sensitivity of the personal information obtained. The permissible

706.1 user shall identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security,  
706.2 confidentiality, and integrity of personal information that could result in the unauthorized  
706.3 disclosure, misuse, or other compromise of the information and assess the sufficiency of  
706.4 any safeguards in place to control the risks.

706.5 (e) The board shall not release data submitted under subdivision 4 unless it is provided  
706.6 with evidence, satisfactory to the board, that the person requesting the information is entitled  
706.7 to receive the data.

706.8 (f) The board shall maintain a log of all persons who access the data for a period of at  
706.9 least three years and shall ensure that any permissible user complies with paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d)  
706.10 prior to attaining direct access to the data.

706.11 (g) Section 13.05, subdivision 6, shall apply to any contract the board enters into pursuant  
706.12 to subdivision 2. A vendor shall not use data collected under this section for any purpose  
706.13 not specified in this section.

706.14 (h) The board may participate in an interstate prescription monitoring program data  
706.15 exchange system provided that permissible users in other states have access to the data only  
706.16 as allowed under this section, and that section 13.05, subdivision 6, applies to any contract  
706.17 or memorandum of understanding that the board enters into under this paragraph.

706.18 (i) With available appropriations, the commissioner of human services shall establish  
706.19 and implement a system through which the Department of Human Services shall routinely  
706.20 access the data for the purpose of determining whether any client enrolled in an opioid  
706.21 treatment program licensed according to chapter 245A has been prescribed or dispensed a  
706.22 controlled substance in addition to that administered or dispensed by the opioid treatment  
706.23 program. When the commissioner determines there have been multiple prescribers or multiple  
706.24 prescriptions of controlled substances, the commissioner shall:

706.25 (1) inform the medical director of the opioid treatment program only that the  
706.26 commissioner determined the existence of multiple prescribers or multiple prescriptions of  
706.27 controlled substances; and

706.28 (2) direct the medical director of the opioid treatment program to access the data directly,  
706.29 review the effect of the multiple prescribers or multiple prescriptions, and document the  
706.30 review.

706.31 If determined necessary, the commissioner of human services shall seek a federal waiver  
706.32 of, or exception to, any applicable provision of Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section  
706.33 2.34, paragraph (c), prior to implementing this paragraph.

707.1 (j) The board shall review the data submitted under subdivision 4 on at least a quarterly  
707.2 basis and shall establish criteria, in consultation with the advisory task force, for referring  
707.3 information about a patient to prescribers and dispensers who prescribed or dispensed the  
707.4 prescriptions in question if the criteria are met.

707.5 (k) The board shall conduct random audits, on at least a quarterly basis, of electronic  
707.6 access by permissible users, as identified in paragraph (b), clauses (1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (9),  
707.7 and (10), to the data in subdivision 4, to ensure compliance with permissible use as defined  
707.8 in this section. A permissible user whose account has been selected for a random audit shall  
707.9 respond to an inquiry by the board, no later than 30 days after receipt of notice that an audit  
707.10 is being conducted. Failure to respond may result in deactivation of access to the electronic  
707.11 system and referral to the appropriate health licensing board, or the commissioner of human  
707.12 services, for further action.

707.13 (l) A permissible user who has delegated the task of accessing the data in subdivision 4  
707.14 to an agent or employee shall audit the use of the electronic system by delegated agents or  
707.15 employees on at least a quarterly basis to ensure compliance with permissible use as defined  
707.16 in this section. When a delegated agent or employee has been identified as inappropriately  
707.17 accessing data, the permissible user must immediately remove access for that individual  
707.18 and notify the board within seven days. The board shall notify all permissible users associated  
707.19 with the delegated agent or employee of the alleged violation.

707.20 Sec. 48. **REPEALER.**

707.21 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 151.42; 151.44; 151.49; 151.50; 151.51; and  
707.22 151.55, are repealed.

707.23 (b) Minnesota Rules, parts 6400.6970; 7200.6100; and 7200.6105, are repealed.

707.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

## 707.25 **ARTICLE 12**

### 707.26 **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

707.27 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.151, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

707.28 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** (a) If a state official litigates or settles a matter on behalf of specific  
707.29 injured persons or entities, this section does not prohibit distribution of money to the specific  
707.30 injured persons or entities on whose behalf the litigation or settlement efforts were initiated.  
707.31 If money recovered on behalf of injured persons or entities cannot reasonably be distributed  
707.32 to those persons or entities because they cannot readily be located or identified or because

708.1 the cost of distributing the money would outweigh the benefit to the persons or entities, the  
708.2 money must be paid into the general fund.

708.3 (b) Money recovered on behalf of a fund in the state treasury other than the general fund  
708.4 may be deposited in that fund.

708.5 (c) This section does not prohibit a state official from distributing money to a person or  
708.6 entity other than the state in litigation or potential litigation in which the state is a defendant  
708.7 or potential defendant.

708.8 (d) State agencies may accept funds as directed by a federal court for any restitution or  
708.9 monetary penalty under United States Code, title 18, section 3663(a)(3) or United States  
708.10 Code, title 18, section 3663A(a)(3). Funds received must be deposited in a special revenue  
708.11 account and are appropriated to the commissioner of the agency for the purpose as directed  
708.12 by the federal court.

708.13 (e) Tobacco settlement revenues as defined in section 16A.98, subdivision 1, paragraph  
708.14 (t), may be deposited as provided in section 16A.98, subdivision 12.

708.15 (f) Money recovered by or ordered to be paid to the state from one or more tobacco  
708.16 product manufacturers, including future annual payments and arrears payments, under the  
708.17 terms of a settlement or judgment from litigation regarding annual tobacco settlement  
708.18 payments on transferred tobacco brands, shall be deposited in the tobacco use prevention  
708.19 account under section 144.398. For purposes of this paragraph, "litigation regarding annual  
708.20 tobacco settlement payments on transferred tobacco brands" has the meaning given in section  
708.21 144.398, subdivision 3, paragraph (c).

708.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (f) is effective the day following final enactment and  
708.23 applies to settlements reached or judgments entered on or after that date.

708.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 18K.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

708.25 Subd. 3. **Industrial hemp.** "Industrial hemp" means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and  
708.26 any part of the plant, whether growing or not, including the plant's seeds, and all the plant's  
708.27 derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether  
708.28 growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3  
708.29 percent on a dry weight basis. Industrial hemp is not marijuana as defined in section 152.01,  
708.30 subdivision 9.



709.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 18K.03, is amended to read:

709.2 **18K.03 AGRICULTURAL CROP; POSSESSION AUTHORIZED.**

709.3 Subdivision 1. **Industrial hemp.** Industrial hemp is an agricultural crop in this state. A  
709.4 person may possess, transport, process, sell, or buy industrial hemp that is grown pursuant  
709.5 to this chapter.

709.6 Subd. 2. **Sale to medical cannabis manufacturers.** A licensee under this chapter may  
709.7 sell hemp to a medical cannabis manufacturer as authorized under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

709.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.005, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

709.9 Subd. 2. **Boring.** "Boring" means a hole or excavation that ~~is not used to extract water~~  
709.10 ~~and~~ includes exploratory borings, bored geothermal heat exchangers, temporary borings,  
709.11 and elevator borings.

709.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.005, subdivision 8a, is amended to read:

709.13 Subd. 8a. **Environmental well.** "Environmental well" means an excavation 15 or more  
709.14 feet in depth that is drilled, cored, bored, washed, driven, dug, jetted, or otherwise constructed  
709.15 to:

709.16 (1) conduct physical, chemical, or biological testing of groundwater, and includes a  
709.17 groundwater quality monitoring or sampling well;

709.18 (2) lower a groundwater level to control or remove contamination in groundwater, and  
709.19 includes a remedial well and excludes horizontal trenches; or

709.20 (3) monitor or measure physical, chemical, radiological, or biological parameters of the  
709.21 earth and earth fluids, or for vapor recovery or venting systems. An environmental well  
709.22 includes an excavation used to:

709.23 (i) measure groundwater levels, including a piezometer;

709.24 (ii) determine groundwater flow direction or velocity;

709.25 (iii) measure earth properties such as hydraulic conductivity, bearing capacity, or  
709.26 resistance;

709.27 (iv) obtain samples of geologic materials for testing or classification; or

709.28 (v) remove or remediate pollution or contamination from groundwater or soil through  
709.29 the use of a vent, vapor recovery system, or sparge point.

709.30 An environmental well does not include an exploratory boring.

710.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.005, subdivision 17a, is amended to read:

710.2 Subd. 17a. **Temporary ~~environmental well~~ boring.** ~~"Temporary environmental well"~~  
710.3 ~~means an environmental well as defined in section 103I.005, subdivision 8a, that is sealed~~  
710.4 ~~within 72 hours of the time construction on the well begins.~~ "Temporary boring" means an  
710.5 excavation that is 15 feet or more in depth, is sealed within 72 hours of the time of  
710.6 construction, and is drilled, cored, washed, driven, dug, jetted, or otherwise constructed to:

710.7 (1) conduct physical, chemical, or biological testing of groundwater, including  
710.8 groundwater quality monitoring;

710.9 (2) monitor or measure physical, chemical, radiological, or biological parameters of  
710.10 earth materials or earth fluids, including hydraulic conductivity, bearing capacity, or  
710.11 resistance;

710.12 (3) measure groundwater levels, including use of a piezometer; and

710.13 (4) determine groundwater flow direction or velocity.

710.14 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.205, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

710.15 Subdivision 1. **Notification required.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (d), a person  
710.16 may not construct a water-supply, dewatering, or environmental well until a notification of  
710.17 the proposed well on a form prescribed by the commissioner is filed with the commissioner  
710.18 with the filing fee in section 103I.208, and, when applicable, the person has met the  
710.19 requirements of paragraph (e). If after filing the well notification an attempt to construct a  
710.20 well is unsuccessful, a new notification is not required unless the information relating to  
710.21 the successful well has substantially changed. A notification is not required prior to  
710.22 construction of a temporary ~~environmental well~~ boring.

710.23 (b) The property owner, the property owner's agent, or the licensed contractor where a  
710.24 well is to be located must file the well notification with the commissioner.

710.25 (c) The well notification under this subdivision preempts local permits and notifications,  
710.26 and counties or home rule charter or statutory cities may not require a permit or notification  
710.27 for wells unless the commissioner has delegated the permitting or notification authority  
710.28 under section 103I.111.

710.29 (d) A person who is an individual that constructs a drive point water-supply well on  
710.30 property owned or leased by the individual for farming or agricultural purposes or as the  
710.31 individual's place of abode must notify the commissioner of the installation and location of  
710.32 the well. The person must complete the notification form prescribed by the commissioner

711.1 and mail it to the commissioner by ten days after the well is completed. A fee may not be  
711.2 charged for the notification. A person who sells drive point wells at retail must provide  
711.3 buyers with notification forms and informational materials including requirements regarding  
711.4 wells, their location, construction, and disclosure. The commissioner must provide the  
711.5 notification forms and informational materials to the sellers.

711.6 (e) When the operation of a well will require an appropriation permit from the  
711.7 commissioner of natural resources, a person may not begin construction of the well until  
711.8 the person submits the following information to the commissioner of natural resources:

711.9 (1) the location of the well;

711.10 (2) the formation or aquifer that will serve as the water source;

711.11 (3) the maximum daily, seasonal, and annual pumpage rates and volumes that will be  
711.12 requested in the appropriation permit; and

711.13 (4) other information requested by the commissioner of natural resources that is necessary  
711.14 to conduct the preliminary assessment required under section 103G.287, subdivision 1,  
711.15 paragraph (c).

711.16 The person may begin construction after receiving preliminary approval from the  
711.17 commissioner of natural resources.

711.18 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.205, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

711.19 Subd. 4. **License required.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), (c), (d), or (e),  
711.20 section 103I.401, subdivision 2, or 103I.601, subdivision 2, a person may not drill, construct,  
711.21 repair, or seal a well or boring unless the person has a well contractor's license in possession.

711.22 (b) A person may construct, repair, and seal an environmental well or temporary boring  
711.23 if the person:

711.24 (1) is a professional engineer licensed under sections 326.02 to 326.15 in the branches  
711.25 of civil or geological engineering;

711.26 (2) is a hydrologist or hydrogeologist certified by the American Institute of Hydrology;

711.27 (3) is a professional geoscientist licensed under sections 326.02 to 326.15;

711.28 (4) is a geologist certified by the American Institute of Professional Geologists; or

711.29 (5) meets the qualifications established by the commissioner in rule.

711.30 A person must be licensed by the commissioner as an environmental well contractor on  
711.31 forms provided by the commissioner.

712.1 (c) A person may do the following work with a limited well/boring contractor's license  
712.2 in possession. A separate license is required for each of the four activities:

712.3 (1) installing, repairing, and modifying well screens, pitless units and pitless adaptors,  
712.4 well pumps and pumping equipment, and well casings from the pitless adaptor or pitless  
712.5 unit to the upper termination of the well casing;

712.6 (2) sealing wells and borings;

712.7 (3) constructing, repairing, and sealing dewatering wells; or

712.8 (4) constructing, repairing, and sealing bored geothermal heat exchangers.

712.9 (d) A person may construct, repair, and seal an elevator boring with an elevator boring  
712.10 contractor's license.

712.11 (e) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter requiring a license, a license is not  
712.12 required for a person who complies with the other provisions of this chapter if the person  
712.13 is:

712.14 (1) an individual who constructs a water-supply well on land that is owned or leased by  
712.15 the individual and is used by the individual for farming or agricultural purposes or as the  
712.16 individual's place of abode; or

712.17 (2) an individual who performs labor or services for a contractor licensed under the  
712.18 provisions of this chapter in connection with the construction, sealing, or repair of a well  
712.19 or boring at the direction and under the personal supervision of a contractor licensed under  
712.20 the provisions of this chapter; ~~or.~~

712.21 ~~(3) a licensed plumber who is repairing submersible pumps or water pipes associated~~  
712.22 ~~with well water systems if: (i) the repair location is within an area where there is no licensed~~  
712.23 ~~well contractor within 50 miles, and (ii) the licensed plumber complies with all relevant~~  
712.24 ~~sections of the plumbing code.~~

712.25 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.205, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

712.26 Subd. 9. **Report of work.** Within ~~30~~ 60 days after completion or sealing of a well or  
712.27 boring, the person doing the work must submit a verified report to the commissioner  
712.28 containing the information specified by rules adopted under this chapter.

712.29 Within 30 days after receiving the report, the commissioner shall send or otherwise  
712.30 provide access to a copy of the report to the commissioner of natural resources, to the local  
712.31 soil and water conservation district where the well is located, and to the director of the  
712.32 Minnesota Geological Survey.

713.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.208, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

713.2 Subdivision 1. **Well notification fee.** The well notification fee to be paid by a property  
713.3 owner is:

713.4 (1) for construction of a water supply well, \$275, which includes the state core function  
713.5 fee;

713.6 (2) for a well sealing, \$75 for each well or temporary boring, which includes the state  
713.7 core function fee, except that: (i) a single notification and fee of \$75 is required for all  
713.8 temporary environmental wells recorded on the sealing notification for borings on a single  
713.9 property, having depths within a 25-foot range, and sealed within 72 hours of start of  
713.10 construction; and (ii) temporary borings less than 25 feet in depth are exempt from the  
713.11 notification and fee requirements in this chapter;

713.12 (3) for construction of a dewatering well, \$275, which includes the state core function  
713.13 fee, for each dewatering well except a dewatering project comprising five or more dewatering  
713.14 wells shall be assessed a single fee of \$1,375 for the dewatering wells recorded on the  
713.15 notification; and

713.16 (4) for construction of an environmental well, \$275, which includes the state core function  
713.17 fee, except that a single fee of \$275 is required for all environmental wells recorded on the  
713.18 notification that are located on a single property, and except that no fee is required for  
713.19 construction of a temporary ~~environmental well~~ boring.

713.20 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.235, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

713.21 Subd. 3. **Temporary ~~environmental well~~ boring and unsuccessful well exemption.** This  
713.22 section does not apply to temporary ~~environmental wells~~ borings or unsuccessful wells that  
713.23 have been sealed by a licensed contractor in compliance with this chapter.

713.24 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.301, is amended by adding a subdivision  
713.25 to read:

713.26 Subd. 3a. **Temporary boring.** (a) The owner of the property where a temporary boring  
713.27 is located must have the temporary boring sealed within 72 hours after the start of  
713.28 construction of the temporary boring.

713.29 (b) The owner must have a well contractor, a limited well/boring sealing contractor, or  
713.30 an environmental well contractor seal the temporary boring.

714.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.301, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

714.2 Subd. 6. **Notification required.** A person may not seal a well or temporary boring until  
 714.3 a notification of the proposed sealing is filed as prescribed by the commissioner. A single  
 714.4 notification is required for all temporary borings sealed on a single property. Temporary  
 714.5 borings less than 25 feet in depth are exempt from the notification requirements in this  
 714.6 chapter.

714.7 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103I.601, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

714.8 Subd. 4. **Notification and map of borings.** (a) By ten days before beginning exploratory  
 714.9 boring, an explorer must submit to the commissioner of health a notification of the proposed  
 714.10 boring ~~on a form prescribed by the commissioner,~~ map and a fee of \$275 for each exploratory  
 714.11 ~~boring.~~

714.12 (b) By ten days before beginning exploratory boring, an explorer must submit to the  
 714.13 commissioners of health and natural resources a county road map on a single sheet of paper  
 714.14 that is 8-1/2 by 11 inches in size and having a scale of one-half inch equal to one mile, as  
 714.15 prepared by the Department of Transportation, or a 7.5 minute series topographic map  
 714.16 (1:24,000 scale), as prepared by the United States Geological Survey, showing the location  
 714.17 of each proposed exploratory boring to the nearest estimated 40 acre parcel. Exploratory  
 714.18 boring that is proposed on the map may not be commenced later than 180 days after  
 714.19 submission of the map, unless a new map is submitted.

714.20 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.121, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

714.21 Subd. 1a. **Fees for ionizing radiation-producing equipment.** (a) A facility with ionizing  
 714.22 radiation-producing equipment must pay an annual initial or annual renewal registration  
 714.23 fee consisting of a base facility fee of \$100 and an additional fee for each radiation source,  
 714.24 as follows:

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| 714.25 | (1) medical or veterinary equipment  | \$ 100        |
| 714.26 | (2) dental x-ray equipment           | \$ 40         |
| 714.27 | (3) x-ray equipment not used on      | \$ 100        |
| 714.28 | humans or animals                    |               |
| 714.29 | (4) devices with sources of ionizing | \$ 100        |
| 714.30 | radiation not used on humans or      |               |
| 714.31 | animals                              |               |
| 714.32 | (5) <u>security screening system</u> | <u>\$ 100</u> |

715.1 (b) A facility with radiation therapy and accelerator equipment must pay an annual  
715.2 registration fee of \$500. A facility with an industrial accelerator must pay an annual  
715.3 registration fee of \$150.

715.4 (c) Electron microscopy equipment is exempt from the registration fee requirements of  
715.5 this section.

715.6 (d) For purposes of this section, a security screening system means radiation-producing  
715.7 equipment designed and used for security screening of humans who are in the custody of a  
715.8 correctional or detention facility, and used by the facility to image and identify contraband  
715.9 items concealed within or on all sides of a human body. For purposes of this section, a  
715.10 correctional or detention facility is a facility licensed under section 241.021 and operated  
715.11 by a state agency or political subdivision charged with detection, enforcement, or  
715.12 incarceration in respect to state criminal and traffic laws.

715.13 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.121, is amended by adding a subdivision  
715.14 to read:

715.15 Subd. 9. **Exemption from examination requirements; operators of security screening**  
715.16 **systems.** (a) An employee of a correctional or detention facility who operates a security  
715.17 screening system and the facility in which the system is being operated are exempt from  
715.18 the requirements of subdivisions 5 and 6.

715.19 (b) An employee of a correctional or detention facility who operates a security screening  
715.20 system and the facility in which the system is being operated must meet the requirements  
715.21 of a variance to Minnesota Rules, parts 4732.0305 and 4732.0565, issued under Minnesota  
715.22 Rules, parts 4717.7000 to 4717.7050. This paragraph expires on December 31 of the year  
715.23 that the permanent rules adopted by the commissioner governing security screening systems  
715.24 are published in the State Register.

715.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

715.26 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.225, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

715.27 Subd. 2. **Data about births.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, data  
715.28 pertaining to the birth of a child to a woman who was not married to the child's father when  
715.29 the child was conceived nor when the child was born, including the original record of birth  
715.30 and the certified vital record, are confidential data. At the time of the birth of a child to a  
715.31 woman who was not married to the child's father when the child was conceived nor when

716.1 the child was born, the mother may designate demographic data pertaining to the birth as  
716.2 public. Notwithstanding the designation of the data as confidential, it may be disclosed:

716.3 (1) to a parent or guardian of the child;

716.4 (2) to the child when the child is 16 years of age or older;

716.5 (3) under paragraph (b) or (e), or (f); or

716.6 (4) pursuant to a court order. For purposes of this section, a subpoena does not constitute  
716.7 a court order.

716.8 (b) Unless the child is adopted, data pertaining to the birth of a child that are not accessible  
716.9 to the public become public data if 100 years have elapsed since the birth of the child who  
716.10 is the subject of the data, or as provided under section 13.10, whichever occurs first.

716.11 (c) If a child is adopted, data pertaining to the child's birth are governed by the provisions  
716.12 relating to adoption records, including sections 13.10, subdivision 5; 144.218, subdivision  
716.13 1; 144.2252; and 259.89.

716.14 (d) The name and address of a mother under paragraph (a) and the child's date of birth  
716.15 may be disclosed to the county social services, tribal health department, or public health  
716.16 member of a family services collaborative for purposes of providing services under section  
716.17 124D.23.

716.18 (e) The commissioner of human services shall have access to birth records for:

716.19 (1) the purposes of administering medical assistance and the MinnesotaCare program;

716.20 (2) child support enforcement purposes; and

716.21 (3) other public health purposes as determined by the commissioner of health.

716.22 (f) Tribal child support programs shall have access to birth records for child support  
716.23 enforcement purposes.

716.24 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.225, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

716.25 Subd. 2a. **Health data associated with birth registration.** Information from which an  
716.26 identification of risk for disease, disability, or developmental delay in a mother or child can  
716.27 be made, that is collected in conjunction with birth registration or fetal death reporting, is  
716.28 private data as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12. The commissioner may disclose to  
716.29 a tribal health department or community health board, as defined in section 145A.02,  
716.30 subdivision 5, health data associated with birth registration which identifies a mother or  
716.31 child at high risk for serious disease, disability, or developmental delay in order to assure



717.1 access to appropriate health, social, or educational services. Notwithstanding the designation  
717.2 of the private data, the commissioner of human services shall have access to health data  
717.3 associated with birth registration for:

717.4 (1) purposes of administering medical assistance and the MinnesotaCare program; and

717.5 (2) for other public health purposes as determined by the commissioner of health.

717.6 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.225, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

717.7 Subd. 7. **Certified birth or death record.** (a) The state registrar or local issuance office  
717.8 shall issue a certified birth or death record or a statement of no vital record found to an  
717.9 individual upon the individual's proper completion of an attestation provided by the  
717.10 commissioner and payment of the required fee:

717.11 (1) to a person who has a tangible interest in the requested vital record. A person who  
717.12 has a tangible interest is:

717.13 (i) the subject of the vital record;

717.14 (ii) a child of the subject;

717.15 (iii) the spouse of the subject;

717.16 (iv) a parent of the subject;

717.17 (v) the grandparent or grandchild of the subject;

717.18 (vi) if the requested record is a death record, a sibling of the subject;

717.19 (vii) the party responsible for filing the vital record;

717.20 (viii) the legal custodian, guardian or conservator, or health care agent of the subject;

717.21 (ix) a personal representative, by sworn affidavit of the fact that the certified copy is  
717.22 required for administration of the estate;

717.23 (x) a successor of the subject, as defined in section 524.1-201, if the subject is deceased,  
717.24 by sworn affidavit of the fact that the certified copy is required for administration of the  
717.25 estate;

717.26 (xi) if the requested record is a death record, a trustee of a trust by sworn affidavit of  
717.27 the fact that the certified copy is needed for the proper administration of the trust;

717.28 (xii) a person or entity who demonstrates that a certified vital record is necessary for the  
717.29 determination or protection of a personal or property right, pursuant to rules adopted by the  
717.30 commissioner; or

718.1 (xiii) an adoption agency in order to complete confidential postadoption searches as  
718.2 required by section 259.83;

718.3 (2) to any local, state, tribal, or federal governmental agency upon request if the certified  
718.4 vital record is necessary for the governmental agency to perform its authorized duties;

718.5 (3) to an attorney upon evidence of the attorney's license;

718.6 (4) pursuant to a court order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. For purposes  
718.7 of this section, a subpoena does not constitute a court order; or

718.8 (5) to a representative authorized by a person under clauses (1) to (4).

718.9 (b) The state registrar or local issuance office shall also issue a certified death record to  
718.10 an individual described in paragraph (a), clause (1), items (ii) to (viii), if, on behalf of the  
718.11 individual, a licensed mortician furnishes the registrar with a properly completed attestation  
718.12 in the form provided by the commissioner within 180 days of the time of death of the subject  
718.13 of the death record. This paragraph is not subject to the requirements specified in Minnesota  
718.14 Rules, part 4601.2600, subpart 5, item B.

718.15 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.3831, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

718.16 Subdivision 1. **Fee setting.** The commissioner of health may assess an annual fee of  
718.17 ~~\$6.36~~ \$9.72 for every service connection to a public water supply that is owned or operated  
718.18 by a home rule charter city, a statutory city, a city of the first class, or a town. The  
718.19 commissioner of health may also assess an annual fee for every service connection served  
718.20 by a water user district defined in section 110A.02.

718.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

718.22 Sec. 21. **[144.397] STATEWIDE TOBACCO CESSATION SERVICES.**

718.23 (a) The commissioner of health shall administer, or contract for the administration of,  
718.24 statewide tobacco cessation services to assist Minnesotans who are seeking advice or services  
718.25 to help them quit using tobacco products. The commissioner shall establish statewide public  
718.26 awareness activities to inform the public of the availability of the services and encourage  
718.27 the public to utilize the services because of the dangers and harm of tobacco use and  
718.28 dependence.

718.29 (b) Services to be provided may include but are not limited to:

718.30 (1) telephone-based coaching and counseling;

718.31 (2) referrals;

719.1 (3) written materials mailed upon request;

719.2 (4) web-based texting or e-mail services; and

719.3 (5) free Food and Drug Administration-approved tobacco cessation medications.

719.4 (c) Services provided must be consistent with evidence-based best practices in tobacco  
719.5 cessation services. Services provided must be coordinated with health plan company tobacco  
719.6 prevention and cessation services that may be available to individuals depending on their  
719.7 health coverage.

719.8 Sec. 22. **[144.398] TOBACCO USE PREVENTION ACCOUNT.**

719.9 Subdivision 1. **Account created.** A tobacco use prevention account is created in the  
719.10 special revenue fund. The commissioner of management and budget shall deposit into the  
719.11 account all money recovered by or ordered to be paid to the state from one or more tobacco  
719.12 product manufacturers, including future annual payments and arrears payments, under the  
719.13 terms of a settlement or judgment from litigation regarding annual tobacco settlement  
719.14 payments on transferred tobacco brands.

719.15 Subd. 2. **Uses of money in account.** Each fiscal year, \$12,000,000 from the tobacco  
719.16 use prevention account is appropriated to the commissioner of health for tobacco use  
719.17 prevention activities in section 144.396. In the event that the balance in the tobacco use  
719.18 prevention account is less than \$12,000,000 on July 1, all money in the account on that date  
719.19 is appropriated to the commissioner of health for tobacco use prevention activities in section  
719.20 144.396.

719.21 Subd. 3. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.  
719.22 (b) "Consent judgment" has the meaning given in section 16A.98, subdivision 1,  
719.23 paragraph (f).

719.24 (c) "Litigation regarding annual tobacco settlement payments on transferred tobacco  
719.25 brands" means litigation between the state and certain tobacco product manufacturers related  
719.26 to the obligation of these manufacturers to make past and future annual tobacco settlement  
719.27 payments according to the settlement agreement and consent judgment in amounts that  
719.28 include tobacco brands transferred from one or more tobacco product manufacturers to  
719.29 another tobacco product manufacturer.

719.30 (d) "Settlement agreement" has the meaning given in section 16A.98, subdivision 1,  
719.31 paragraph (h).

720.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
720.2 applies to settlements reached or judgments entered on or after that date.

720.3 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.412, is amended to read:

720.4 **144.412 PUBLIC POLICY.**

720.5 The purpose of sections 144.411 to 144.417 is to protect employees and the general  
720.6 public from the hazards of secondhand smoke and involuntary exposure to aerosol or vapor  
720.7 from electronic delivery devices by eliminating smoking in public places, places of  
720.8 employment, public transportation, and at public meetings.

720.9 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.413, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

720.10 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** As used in sections 144.411 to ~~144.416~~ 144.417, the terms defined  
720.11 in this section have the meanings given them.

720.12 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.413, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

720.13 Subd. 4. **Smoking.** "Smoking" means inhaling or<sub>2</sub> exhaling ~~smoke from,~~ burning, or  
720.14 carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted tobacco or plant  
720.15 or heated product containing, made, or derived from nicotine, tobacco, marijuana, or other  
720.16 plant, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for inhalation. Smoking also includes  
720.17 ~~carrying a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted tobacco or plant product intended~~  
720.18 ~~for inhalation~~ carrying or using an activated electronic delivery device, as defined in section  
720.19 609.685.

720.20 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.414, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

720.21 Subd. 2. **Day care premises.** ~~(a)~~ Smoking is prohibited in a day care center licensed  
720.22 under Minnesota Rules, parts 9503.0005 to 9503.0170, or in a family home or in a group  
720.23 family day care provider home licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9502.0300 to  
720.24 9502.0445, during its hours of operation. The proprietor of a family home or group family  
720.25 day care provider must disclose to parents or guardians of children cared for on the premises  
720.26 if the proprietor permits smoking outside of its hours of operation. Disclosure must include  
720.27 posting on the premises a conspicuous written notice and orally informing parents or  
720.28 guardians.

720.29 ~~(b) For purposes of this subdivision, the definition of smoking includes the use of~~  
720.30 ~~electronic cigarettes, including the inhaling and exhaling of vapor from any electronic~~  
720.31 ~~delivery device as defined in section 609.685, subdivision 1.~~

721.1 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.414, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

721.2 Subd. 3. **Health care facilities and clinics.** (a) Smoking is prohibited in any area of a  
721.3 hospital, health care clinic, doctor's office, licensed residential facility for children, or other  
721.4 health care-related facility, except that a patient or resident in a nursing home, boarding  
721.5 care facility, or licensed residential facility for adults may smoke in a designated separate,  
721.6 enclosed room maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

721.7 (b) Except as provided in section 246.0141, smoking by patients in a locked psychiatric  
721.8 unit may be allowed in a separated well-ventilated area in the unit under a policy established  
721.9 by the administrator of the program that allows the treating physician to approve smoking  
721.10 if, in the opinion of the treating physician, the benefits to be gained in obtaining patient  
721.11 cooperation with treatment outweigh the negative impacts of smoking.

721.12 ~~(c) For purposes of this subdivision, the definition of smoking includes the use of~~  
721.13 ~~electronic cigarettes, including the inhaling and exhaling of vapor from any electronic~~  
721.14 ~~delivery device as defined in section 609.685, subdivision 1.~~

721.15 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.416, is amended to read:

721.16 **144.416 RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROPRIETORS.**

721.17 (a) The proprietor or other person, firm, limited liability company, corporation, or other  
721.18 entity that owns, leases, manages, operates, or otherwise controls the use of a public place,  
721.19 public transportation, place of employment, or public meeting shall make reasonable efforts  
721.20 to prevent smoking in the public place, public transportation, place of employment, or public  
721.21 meeting by:

721.22 (1) posting appropriate signs or by any other means which may be appropriate; and

721.23 (2) asking any person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited to refrain  
721.24 from smoking and, if the person does not refrain from smoking after being asked to do so,  
721.25 asking the person to leave. If the person refuses to leave, the proprietor, person, or entity  
721.26 in charge shall handle the situation consistent with lawful methods for handling other persons  
721.27 acting in a disorderly manner or as a trespasser.

721.28 (b) The proprietor or other person or entity in charge of a public place, public meeting,  
721.29 public transportation, or place of employment must not provide smoking equipment, including  
721.30 ashtrays or matches, in areas where smoking is prohibited. Nothing in this section prohibits  
721.31 the proprietor or other person or entity in charge from taking more stringent measures than  
721.32 those under sections 144.414 to 144.417 to protect individuals from secondhand smoke or  
721.33 from involuntary exposure to aerosol or vapor from electronic delivery devices. The

722.1 proprietor or other person or entity in charge of a restaurant or bar may not serve an individual  
722.2 who is in violation of sections 144.411 to 144.417.

722.3 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.4165, is amended to read:

722.4 **144.4165 TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

722.5 No person shall at any time smoke, chew, or otherwise ingest tobacco ~~or a tobacco~~  
722.6 ~~product, or inhale or exhale vapor from~~ carry or use an activated electronic delivery device  
722.7 as defined in section 609.685, subdivision 1, in a public school, as defined in section 120A.05,  
722.8 subdivisions 9, 11, and 13, ~~and no person under the age of 18 shall possess any of these~~  
722.9 ~~items~~ or in a charter school governed by chapter 124E. This prohibition extends to all  
722.10 facilities, whether owned, rented, or leased, and all vehicles that a school district owns,  
722.11 leases, rents, contracts for, or controls. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the lighting of  
722.12 tobacco by an adult as a part of a traditional Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony. For  
722.13 purposes of this section, an Indian is a person who is a member of an Indian tribe as defined  
722.14 in section 260.755, subdivision 12.

722.15 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.4167, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

722.16 Subd. 4. **Tobacco products shop.** Sections 144.414 to 144.417 do not prohibit the  
722.17 lighting, heating, or activation of tobacco in a tobacco products shop by a customer or  
722.18 potential customer for the specific purpose of sampling tobacco products. For the purposes  
722.19 of this subdivision, a tobacco products shop is a retail establishment ~~with~~ that cannot be  
722.20 entered at any time by persons younger than 21 years of age, that has an entrance door  
722.21 opening directly to the outside, and that derives more than 90 percent of its gross revenue  
722.22 from the sale of loose tobacco, plants, or herbs and cigars, cigarettes, pipes, and other  
722.23 ~~smoking devices for burning tobacco and related smoking accessories~~ tobacco-related  
722.24 devices, and electronic delivery devices, as defined in section 609.685, and in which the  
722.25 sale of other products is merely incidental. "Tobacco products shop" does not include a  
722.26 tobacco department or section of any individual business establishment with any type of  
722.27 liquor, food, or restaurant license.

722.28 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.417, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

722.29 Subd. 4. **Local government ordinances.** (a) Nothing in sections 144.414 to 144.417  
722.30 prohibits a statutory or home rule charter city or county from enacting and enforcing more  
722.31 stringent measures to protect individuals from secondhand smoke or from involuntary  
722.32 exposure to aerosol or vapor from electronic delivery devices.

723.1 (b) Except as provided in sections 144.411 to 144.417, smoking is permitted outside of  
723.2 restaurants, bars, and bingo halls unless limited or prohibited by restrictions adopted in  
723.3 accordance with paragraph (a).

723.4 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.562, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

723.5 Subd. 2. **Eligibility for license condition.** (a) A hospital is not eligible to receive a  
723.6 license condition for swing beds unless (1) it either has a licensed bed capacity of less than  
723.7 50 beds defined in the federal Medicare regulations, Code of Federal Regulations, title 42,  
723.8 section 482.66, or it has a licensed bed capacity of 50 beds or more and has swing beds that  
723.9 were approved for Medicare reimbursement before May 1, 1985, or it has a licensed bed  
723.10 capacity of less than 65 beds and the available nursing homes within 50 miles have had, in  
723.11 the aggregate, an average occupancy rate of 96 percent or higher in the most recent two  
723.12 years as documented on the statistical reports to the Department of Health; and (2) it is  
723.13 located in a rural area as defined in the federal Medicare regulations, Code of Federal  
723.14 Regulations, title 42, section 482.66.

723.15 (b) Except for those critical access hospitals established under section 144.1483, clause  
723.16 (9), and section 1820 of the federal Social Security Act, United States Code, title 42, section  
723.17 1395i-4, that have an attached nursing home or that owned a nursing home located in the  
723.18 same municipality as of May 1, 2005, eligible hospitals are allowed a total of ~~2,000~~ 9,125  
723.19 days of swing bed use per year as provided in federal law. Critical access hospitals that have  
723.20 an attached nursing home or that owned a nursing home located in the same municipality  
723.21 as of May 1, 2005, are allowed swing bed use as provided in federal law.

723.22 ~~(c) Except for critical access hospitals that have an attached nursing home or that owned~~  
723.23 ~~a nursing home located in the same municipality as of May 1, 2005, the commissioner of~~  
723.24 ~~health may approve swing bed use beyond 2,000 days as long as there are no Medicare~~  
723.25 ~~certified skilled nursing facility beds available within 25 miles of that hospital that are~~  
723.26 ~~willing to admit the patient and the patient agrees to the referral being sent to the skilled~~  
723.27 ~~nursing facility. Critical access hospitals exceeding 2,000 swing bed days must maintain~~  
723.28 ~~documentation that they have contacted skilled nursing facilities within 25 miles to determine~~  
723.29 ~~if any skilled nursing facility beds are available that are willing to admit the patient and the~~  
723.30 ~~patient agrees to the referral being sent to the skilled nursing facility.~~

723.31 ~~(d) After reaching 2,000 days of swing bed use in a year, an eligible hospital to which~~  
723.32 ~~this limit applies may admit six additional patients to swing beds each year without seeking~~  
723.33 ~~approval from the commissioner or being in violation of this subdivision. These six swing~~

724.1 ~~bed admissions are exempt from the limit of 2,000 annual swing bed days for hospitals~~  
724.2 ~~subject to this limit.~~

724.3 ~~(e) A health care system that is in full compliance with this subdivision may allocate its~~  
724.4 ~~total limit of swing bed days among the hospitals within the system, provided that no hospital~~  
724.5 ~~in the system without an attached nursing home may exceed 2,000 swing bed days per year.~~

724.6 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.966, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

724.7 Subd. 2. **Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee.** (a) The commissioner  
724.8 of health shall establish a Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee to advise and  
724.9 assist the Department of Health and the Department of Education in:

724.10 (1) developing protocols and timelines for screening, rescreening, and diagnostic  
724.11 audiological assessment and early medical, audiological, and educational intervention  
724.12 services for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing;

724.13 (2) designing protocols for tracking children from birth through age three that may have  
724.14 passed newborn screening but are at risk for delayed or late onset of permanent hearing  
724.15 loss;

724.16 (3) designing a technical assistance program to support facilities implementing the  
724.17 screening program and facilities conducting rescreening and diagnostic audiological  
724.18 assessment;

724.19 (4) designing implementation and evaluation of a system of follow-up and tracking; and

724.20 (5) evaluating program outcomes to increase effectiveness and efficiency and ensure  
724.21 culturally appropriate services for children with a confirmed hearing loss and their families.

724.22 (b) The commissioner of health shall appoint at least one member from each of the  
724.23 following groups with no less than two of the members being deaf or hard-of-hearing:

724.24 (1) a representative from a consumer organization representing culturally deaf persons;

724.25 (2) a parent with a child with hearing loss representing a parent organization;

724.26 (3) a consumer from an organization representing oral communication options;

724.27 (4) a consumer from an organization representing cued speech communication options;

724.28 (5) an audiologist who has experience in evaluation and intervention of infants and  
724.29 young children;

724.30 (6) a speech-language pathologist who has experience in evaluation and intervention of  
724.31 infants and young children;



- 725.1 (7) two primary care providers who have experience in the care of infants and young  
725.2 children, one of which shall be a pediatrician;
- 725.3 (8) a representative from the early hearing detection intervention teams;
- 725.4 (9) a representative from the Department of Education resource center for the deaf and  
725.5 hard-of-hearing or the representative's designee;
- 725.6 (10) a representative of the Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing;
- 725.7 (11) a representative from the Department of Human Services Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing  
725.8 Services Division;
- 725.9 (12) one or more of the Part C coordinators from the Department of Education, the  
725.10 Department of Health, or the Department of Human Services or the department's designees;
- 725.11 (13) the Department of Health early hearing detection and intervention coordinators;
- 725.12 (14) two birth hospital representatives from one rural and one urban hospital;
- 725.13 (15) a pediatric geneticist;
- 725.14 (16) an otolaryngologist;
- 725.15 (17) a representative from the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee under this  
725.16 subdivision; ~~and~~
- 725.17 (18) a representative of the Department of Education regional low-incidence facilitators; ~~;~~
- 725.18 (19) a representative from the deaf mentor program; and
- 725.19 (20) a representative of the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf from the Minnesota  
725.20 State Academies staff.
- 725.21 The commissioner must complete the initial appointments required under this subdivision  
725.22 by September 1, 2007, and the initial appointments under clauses (19) and (20) by September  
725.23 1, 2019.
- 725.24 (c) The Department of Health member shall chair the first meeting of the committee. At  
725.25 the first meeting, the committee shall elect a chair from its membership. The committee  
725.26 shall meet at the call of the chair, at least four times a year. The committee shall adopt  
725.27 written bylaws to govern its activities. The Department of Health shall provide technical  
725.28 and administrative support services as required by the committee. These services shall  
725.29 include technical support from individuals qualified to administer infant hearing screening,  
725.30 rescreening, and diagnostic audiological assessments.

726.1 Members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their service, but shall be  
726.2 reimbursed as provided in section 15.059 for expenses incurred as a result of their duties  
726.3 as members of the committee.

726.4 (d) By February 15, 2015, and by February 15 of the odd-numbered years after that date,  
726.5 the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
726.6 committees with jurisdiction over health and data privacy on the activities of the committee  
726.7 that have occurred during the past two years.

726.8 (e) This subdivision expires June 30, ~~2019~~ 2025.

726.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

726.10 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.99, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

726.11 Subdivision 1. **Remedies available.** The provisions of chapters 103I and 157 and sections  
726.12 115.71 to 115.77; 144.12, subdivision 1, paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), (10), (12), (13), (14),  
726.13 and (15); 144.1201 to 144.1204; 144.121; 144.1215; 144.1222; 144.35; 144.381 to 144.385;  
726.14 144.411 to 144.417; 144.495; 144.71 to 144.74; 144.9501 to 144.9512; 144.97 to 144.98;  
726.15 144.992; 152.22 to 152.37; 326.70 to 326.785; 327.10 to 327.131; and 327.14 to 327.28  
726.16 and all rules, orders, stipulation agreements, settlements, compliance agreements, licenses,  
726.17 registrations, certificates, and permits adopted or issued by the department or under any  
726.18 other law now in force or later enacted for the preservation of public health may, in addition  
726.19 to provisions in other statutes, be enforced under this section.

726.20 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.43, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

726.21 Subd. 11. **Medication administration.** "Medication administration" means performing  
726.22 a set of tasks ~~to ensure a client takes medications, and includes~~ that include the following:

726.23 (1) checking the client's medication record;

726.24 (2) preparing the medication as necessary;

726.25 (3) administering the medication to the client;

726.26 (4) documenting the administration or reason for not administering the medication; and

726.27 (5) reporting to a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional any concerns  
726.28 about the medication, the client, or the client's refusal to take the medication.

727.1 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.43, is amended by adding a subdivision  
727.2 to read:

727.3 Subd. 12a. **Medication reconciliation.** "Medication reconciliation" means the process  
727.4 of identifying the most accurate list of all medications the client is taking, including the  
727.5 name, dosage, frequency, and route by comparing the client record to an external list of  
727.6 medications obtained from the client, hospital, prescriber, or other provider.

727.7 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.43, subdivision 30, is amended to read:

727.8 Subd. 30. **Standby assistance.** "Standby assistance" means the presence of another  
727.9 person ~~within arm's reach to minimize the risk of injury while performing daily activities~~  
727.10 through physical intervention or cueing to assist a client with an assistive task by providing  
727.11 cues, oversight, and minimal physical assistance.

727.12 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.472, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

727.13 Subd. 5. ~~Transfers prohibited; Changes in ownership.~~ Any (a) A home care license  
727.14 issued by the commissioner may not be transferred to another party. Before acquiring  
727.15 ownership of or a controlling interest in a home care provider business, a prospective  
727.16 applicant owner must apply for a new temporary license. A change of ownership is a transfer  
727.17 of operational control to a different business entity of the home care provider business and  
727.18 includes:

727.19 (1) transfer of the business to a different or new corporation;

727.20 (2) in the case of a partnership, the dissolution or termination of the partnership under  
727.21 chapter 323A, with the business continuing by a successor partnership or other entity;

727.22 (3) relinquishment of control of the provider to another party, including to a contract  
727.23 management firm that is not under the control of the owner of the business' assets;

727.24 (4) transfer of the business by a sole proprietor to another party or entity; or

727.25 (5) ~~in the case of a privately held corporation, the change in transfer of ownership or~~  
727.26 control of 50 percent or more of the ~~outstanding voting stock~~ controlling interest of a home  
727.27 care provider business not covered by clauses (1) to (4).

727.28 (b) An employee who was employed by the previous owner of the home care provider  
727.29 business prior to the effective date of a change in ownership under paragraph (a), and who  
727.30 will be employed by the new owner in the same or a similar capacity, shall be treated as if  
727.31 no change in employer occurred, with respect to orientation, training, tuberculosis testing,

728.1 background studies, and competency testing and training on the policies identified in  
 728.2 subdivision 1, clause (14), and subdivision 2, if applicable.

728.3 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), a new owner of a home care provider business must  
 728.4 ensure that employees of the provider receive and complete training and testing on any  
 728.5 provisions of policies that differ from those of the previous owner within 90 days after the  
 728.6 date of the change in ownership.

728.7 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.472, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

728.8 **Subd. 7. Fees; application, change of ownership, ~~and~~ renewal, and failure to**  
 728.9 **notify.** (a) An initial applicant seeking temporary home care licensure must submit the  
 728.10 following application fee to the commissioner along with a completed application:

728.11 (1) for a basic home care provider, \$2,100; or

728.12 (2) for a comprehensive home care provider, \$4,200.

728.13 (b) A home care provider who is filing a change of ownership as required under  
 728.14 subdivision 5 must submit the following application fee to the commissioner, along with  
 728.15 the documentation required for the change of ownership:

728.16 (1) for a basic home care provider, \$2,100; or

728.17 (2) for a comprehensive home care provider, \$4,200.

728.18 (c) For the period ending June 30, 2018, a home care provider who is seeking to renew  
 728.19 the provider's license shall pay a fee to the commissioner based on revenues derived from  
 728.20 the provision of home care services during the calendar year prior to the year in which the  
 728.21 application is submitted, according to the following schedule:

728.22 **License Renewal Fee**

728.23 <b>Provider Annual Revenue</b>	728.23 <b>Fee</b>
728.24 greater than \$1,500,000	728.24 \$6,625
728.25 greater than \$1,275,000 and no more than 728.26 \$1,500,000	728.25 728.26 \$5,797
728.27 greater than \$1,100,000 and no more than 728.28 \$1,275,000	728.27 728.28 \$4,969
728.29 greater than \$950,000 and no more than 728.30 \$1,100,000	728.29 728.30 \$4,141
728.31 greater than \$850,000 and no more than \$950,000	728.31 \$3,727
728.32 greater than \$750,000 and no more than \$850,000	728.32 \$3,313
728.33 greater than \$650,000 and no more than \$750,000	728.33 \$2,898

729.1	greater than \$550,000 and no more than \$650,000	\$2,485
729.2	greater than \$450,000 and no more than \$550,000	\$2,070
729.3	greater than \$350,000 and no more than \$450,000	\$1,656
729.4	greater than \$250,000 and no more than \$350,000	\$1,242
729.5	greater than \$100,000 and no more than \$250,000	\$828
729.6	greater than \$50,000 and no more than \$100,000	\$500
729.7	greater than \$25,000 and no more than \$50,000	\$400
729.8	no more than \$25,000	\$200

729.9 (d) For the period between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2020, a home care provider who  
 729.10 is seeking to renew the provider's license shall pay a fee to the commissioner in an amount  
 729.11 that is ten percent higher than the applicable fee in paragraph (c). A home care provider's  
 729.12 fee shall be based on revenues derived from the provision of home care services during the  
 729.13 calendar year prior to the year in which the application is submitted.

729.14 (e) Beginning July 1, 2020, a home care provider who is seeking to renew the provider's  
 729.15 license shall pay a fee to the commissioner based on revenues derived from the provision  
 729.16 of home care services during the calendar year prior to the year in which the application is  
 729.17 submitted, according to the following schedule:

729.18 **License Renewal Fee**

729.19	<b>Provider Annual Revenue</b>	<b>Fee</b>
729.20	greater than \$1,500,000	\$7,651
729.21	greater than \$1,275,000 and no more than	\$6,695
729.22	\$1,500,000	
729.23	greater than \$1,100,000 and no more than	\$5,739
729.24	\$1,275,000	
729.25	greater than \$950,000 and no more than	\$4,783
729.26	\$1,100,000	
729.27	greater than \$850,000 and no more than \$950,000	\$4,304
729.28	greater than \$750,000 and no more than \$850,000	\$3,826
729.29	greater than \$650,000 and no more than \$750,000	\$3,347
729.30	greater than \$550,000 and no more than \$650,000	\$2,870
729.31	greater than \$450,000 and no more than \$550,000	\$2,391
729.32	greater than \$350,000 and no more than \$450,000	\$1,913
729.33	greater than \$250,000 and no more than \$350,000	\$1,434
729.34	greater than \$100,000 and no more than \$250,000	\$957
729.35	greater than \$50,000 and no more than \$100,000	\$577
729.36	greater than \$25,000 and no more than \$50,000	\$462
729.37	no more than \$25,000	\$231

730.1 (f) If requested, the home care provider shall provide the commissioner information to  
730.2 verify the provider's annual revenues or other information as needed, including copies of  
730.3 documents submitted to the Department of Revenue.

730.4 (g) At each annual renewal, a home care provider may elect to pay the highest renewal  
730.5 fee for its license category, and not provide annual revenue information to the commissioner.

730.6 (h) A temporary license or license applicant, or temporary licensee or licensee that  
730.7 knowingly provides the commissioner incorrect revenue amounts for the purpose of paying  
730.8 a lower license fee, shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount of double the fee the  
730.9 provider should have paid.

730.10 (i) The fee for failure to comply with the notification requirements of section 144A.473,  
730.11 subdivision 2, paragraph (c), is \$1,000.

730.12 (j) Fees and penalties collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury  
730.13 and credited to the state government special revenue fund. All fees are nonrefundable. Fees  
730.14 collected under paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) are nonrefundable even if received before July  
730.15 1, 2017, for temporary licenses or licenses being issued effective July 1, 2017, or later.

730.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

730.17 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.473, is amended to read:

730.18 **144A.473 ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY LICENSE AND LICENSE RENEWAL.**

730.19 Subdivision 1. **Temporary license and renewal of license.** (a) The department shall  
730.20 review each application to determine the applicant's knowledge of and compliance with  
730.21 Minnesota home care regulations. Before granting a temporary license or renewing a license,  
730.22 the commissioner may further evaluate the applicant or licensee by requesting additional  
730.23 information or documentation or by conducting an on-site survey of the applicant to  
730.24 determine compliance with sections 144A.43 to 144A.482.

730.25 (b) Within 14 calendar days after receiving an application for a license, the commissioner  
730.26 shall acknowledge receipt of the application in writing. The acknowledgment must indicate  
730.27 whether the application appears to be complete or whether additional information is required  
730.28 before the application will be considered complete.

730.29 (c) Within 90 days after receiving a complete application, the commissioner shall issue  
730.30 a temporary license, renew the license, or deny the license.

730.31 (d) The commissioner shall issue a license that contains the home care provider's name,  
730.32 address, license level, expiration date of the license, and unique license number. All licenses<sub>2</sub>

731.1 except for temporary licenses issued under subdivision 2, are valid for up to one year from  
731.2 the date of issuance.

731.3 Subd. 2. **Temporary license.** (a) For new license applicants, the commissioner shall  
731.4 issue a temporary license for either the basic or comprehensive home care level. A temporary  
731.5 license is effective for up to one year from the date of issuance, except that a temporary  
731.6 license may be extended according to subdivision 3. Temporary licensees must comply with  
731.7 sections 144A.43 to 144A.482.

731.8 (b) During the temporary license year period, the commissioner shall survey the temporary  
731.9 licensee within 90 calendar days after the commissioner is notified or has evidence that the  
731.10 temporary licensee is providing home care services.

731.11 (c) Within five days of beginning the provision of services, the temporary licensee must  
731.12 notify the commissioner that it is serving clients. The notification to the commissioner may  
731.13 be mailed or e-mailed to the commissioner at the address provided by the commissioner. If  
731.14 the temporary licensee does not provide home care services during the temporary license  
731.15 year period, then the temporary license expires at the end of the year period and the applicant  
731.16 must reapply for a temporary home care license.

731.17 (d) A temporary licensee may request a change in the level of licensure prior to being  
731.18 surveyed and granted a license by notifying the commissioner in writing and providing  
731.19 additional documentation or materials required to update or complete the changed temporary  
731.20 license application. The applicant must pay the difference between the application fees  
731.21 when changing from the basic level to the comprehensive level of licensure. No refund will  
731.22 be made if the provider chooses to change the license application to the basic level.

731.23 (e) If the temporary licensee notifies the commissioner that the licensee has clients within  
731.24 45 days prior to the temporary license expiration, the commissioner may extend the temporary  
731.25 license for up to 60 days in order to allow the commissioner to complete the on-site survey  
731.26 required under this section and follow-up survey visits.

731.27 Subd. 3. **Temporary licensee survey.** (a) If the temporary licensee is in substantial  
731.28 compliance with the survey, the commissioner shall issue either a basic or comprehensive  
731.29 home care license. If the temporary licensee is not in substantial compliance with the survey,  
731.30 the commissioner shall either: (1) not issue a basic or comprehensive license and there will  
731.31 be no contested hearing right under chapter 14; terminate the temporary license; or (2)  
731.32 extend the temporary license for a period not to exceed 90 days and apply conditions, as  
731.33 permitted under section 144A.475, subdivision 2, to the extension of a temporary license.  
731.34 If the temporary licensee is not in substantial compliance with the survey within the time

732.1 period of the extension, or if the temporary licensee does not satisfy the license conditions,  
732.2 the commissioner may deny the license.

732.3 (b) If the temporary licensee whose basic or comprehensive license has been denied or  
732.4 extended with conditions disagrees with the conclusions of the commissioner, then the  
732.5 temporary licensee may request a reconsideration by the commissioner or commissioner's  
732.6 designee. The reconsideration request process must be conducted internally by the  
732.7 commissioner or commissioner's designee, and chapter 14 does not apply.

732.8 (c) The temporary licensee requesting reconsideration must make the request in writing  
732.9 and must list and describe the reasons why the temporary licensee disagrees with the decision  
732.10 to deny the basic or comprehensive home care license or the decision to extend the temporary  
732.11 license with conditions.

732.12 (d) The reconsideration request and supporting documentation must be received by the  
732.13 commissioner within 15 calendar days after the date the temporary licensee receives the  
732.14 correction order.

732.15 (e) A temporary licensee whose license is denied, is permitted to continue operating as  
732.16 a home care provider during the period of time when:

732.17 (1) a reconsideration request is in process;

732.18 (2) an extension of a temporary license is being negotiated;

732.19 (3) the placement of conditions on a temporary license is being negotiated; or

732.20 (4) a transfer of home care clients from the temporary licensee to a new home care  
732.21 provider is in process.

732.22 (f) A temporary licensee whose license is denied must comply with the requirements  
732.23 for notification and transfer of clients in section 144A.475, subdivision 5.

732.24 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.474, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

732.25 Subd. 2. **Types of home care surveys.** (a) "Initial full survey" means the survey of a  
732.26 new temporary licensee conducted after the department is notified or has evidence that the  
732.27 temporary licensee is providing home care services to determine if the provider is in  
732.28 compliance with home care requirements. Initial full surveys must be completed within 14  
732.29 months after the department's issuance of a temporary basic or comprehensive license.

732.30 (b) "Change in ownership survey" means a full survey of a new licensee due to a change  
732.31 in ownership. Change in ownership surveys must be completed within six months after the  
732.32 department's issuance of a new license due to a change in ownership.



733.1 (c) "Core survey" means periodic inspection of home care providers to determine ongoing  
733.2 compliance with the home care requirements, focusing on the essential health and safety  
733.3 requirements. Core surveys are available to licensed home care providers who have been  
733.4 licensed for three years and surveyed at least once in the past three years with the latest  
733.5 survey having no widespread violations beyond Level 1 as provided in subdivision 11.  
733.6 Providers must also not have had any substantiated licensing complaints, substantiated  
733.7 complaints against the agency under the Vulnerable Adults Act or Maltreatment of Minors  
733.8 Act, or an enforcement action as authorized in section 144A.475 in the past three years.

733.9 (1) The core survey for basic home care providers must review compliance in the  
733.10 following areas:

- 733.11 (i) reporting of maltreatment;
- 733.12 (ii) orientation to and implementation of the home care bill of rights;
- 733.13 (iii) statement of home care services;
- 733.14 (iv) initial evaluation of clients and initiation of services;
- 733.15 (v) client review and monitoring;
- 733.16 (vi) service plan implementation and changes to the service plan;
- 733.17 (vii) client complaint and investigative process;
- 733.18 (viii) competency of unlicensed personnel; and
- 733.19 (ix) infection control.

733.20 (2) For comprehensive home care providers, the core survey must include everything  
733.21 in the basic core survey plus these areas:

- 733.22 (i) delegation to unlicensed personnel;
- 733.23 (ii) assessment, monitoring, and reassessment of clients; and
- 733.24 (iii) medication, treatment, and therapy management.

733.25 ~~(c)~~ (d) "Full survey" means the periodic inspection of home care providers to determine  
733.26 ongoing compliance with the home care requirements that cover the core survey areas and  
733.27 all the legal requirements for home care providers. A full survey is conducted for all  
733.28 temporary licensees ~~and~~, for licensees that receive licenses due to an approved change in  
733.29 ownership, for providers who do not meet the requirements needed for a core survey, and  
733.30 when a surveyor identifies unacceptable client health or safety risks during a core survey.  
733.31 A full survey must include all the tasks identified as part of the core survey and any additional

734.1 review deemed necessary by the department, including additional observation, interviewing,  
734.2 or records review of additional clients and staff.

734.3 ~~(d)~~ (e) "Follow-up surveys" means surveys conducted to determine if a home care  
734.4 provider has corrected deficient issues and systems identified during a core survey, full  
734.5 survey, or complaint investigation. Follow-up surveys may be conducted via phone, e-mail,  
734.6 fax, mail, or on-site reviews. Follow-up surveys, other than complaint surveys, shall be  
734.7 concluded with an exit conference and written information provided on the process for  
734.8 requesting a reconsideration of the survey results.

734.9 ~~(e)~~ (f) Upon receiving information alleging that a home care provider has violated or is  
734.10 currently violating a requirement of sections 144A.43 to 144A.482, the commissioner shall  
734.11 investigate the complaint according to sections 144A.51 to 144A.54.

734.12 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.475, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

734.13 Subdivision 1. **Conditions.** (a) The commissioner may refuse to grant a temporary  
734.14 license, refuse to grant a license as a result of a change in ownership, refuse to renew a  
734.15 license, suspend or revoke a license, or impose a conditional license if the home care provider  
734.16 or owner or managerial official of the home care provider:

734.17 (1) is in violation of, or during the term of the license has violated, any of the requirements  
734.18 in sections 144A.471 to 144A.482;

734.19 (2) permits, aids, or abets the commission of any illegal act in the provision of home  
734.20 care;

734.21 (3) performs any act detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of a client;

734.22 (4) obtains the license by fraud or misrepresentation;

734.23 (5) knowingly made or makes a false statement of a material fact in the application for  
734.24 a license or in any other record or report required by this chapter;

734.25 (6) denies representatives of the department access to any part of the home care provider's  
734.26 books, records, files, or employees;

734.27 (7) interferes with or impedes a representative of the department in contacting the home  
734.28 care provider's clients;

734.29 (8) interferes with or impedes a representative of the department in the enforcement of  
734.30 this chapter or has failed to fully cooperate with an inspection, survey, or investigation by  
734.31 the department;

735.1 (9) destroys or makes unavailable any records or other evidence relating to the home  
735.2 care provider's compliance with this chapter;

735.3 (10) refuses to initiate a background study under section 144.057 or 245A.04;

735.4 (11) fails to timely pay any fines assessed by the department;

735.5 (12) violates any local, city, or township ordinance relating to home care services;

735.6 (13) has repeated incidents of personnel performing services beyond their competency  
735.7 level; or

735.8 (14) has operated beyond the scope of the home care provider's license level.

735.9 (b) A violation by a contractor providing the home care services of the home care provider  
735.10 is a violation by the home care provider.

735.11 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

735.12 Subd. 2. **Terms to suspension or conditional license.** (a) A suspension or conditional  
735.13 license designation may include terms that must be completed or met before a suspension  
735.14 or conditional license designation is lifted. A conditional license designation may include  
735.15 restrictions or conditions that are imposed on the provider. Terms for a suspension or  
735.16 conditional license may include one or more of the following and the scope of each will be  
735.17 determined by the commissioner:

735.18 (1) requiring a consultant to review, evaluate, and make recommended changes to the  
735.19 home care provider's practices and submit reports to the commissioner at the cost of the  
735.20 home care provider;

735.21 (2) requiring supervision of the home care provider or staff practices at the cost of the  
735.22 home care provider by an unrelated person who has sufficient knowledge and qualifications  
735.23 to oversee the practices and who will submit reports to the commissioner;

735.24 (3) requiring the home care provider or employees to obtain training at the cost of the  
735.25 home care provider;

735.26 (4) requiring the home care provider to submit reports to the commissioner;

735.27 (5) prohibiting the home care provider from taking any new clients for a period of time;  
735.28 or

735.29 (6) any other action reasonably required to accomplish the purpose of this subdivision  
735.30 and section 144A.45, subdivision 2.

736.1 (b) A home care provider subject to this subdivision may continue operating during the  
736.2 period of time home care clients are being transferred to other providers.

736.3 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.475, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

736.4 Subd. 5. **Plan required.** (a) The process of suspending or revoking a license must include  
736.5 a plan for transferring affected clients to other providers by the home care provider, which  
736.6 will be monitored by the commissioner. Within three business days of being notified of the  
736.7 final revocation or suspension action, the home care provider shall provide the commissioner,  
736.8 the lead agencies as defined in section 256B.0911, and the ombudsman for long-term care  
736.9 with the following information:

736.10 (1) a list of all clients, including full names and all contact information on file;

736.11 (2) a list of each client's representative or emergency contact person, including full names  
736.12 and all contact information on file;

736.13 (3) the location or current residence of each client;

736.14 (4) the payor sources for each client, including payor source identification numbers; and

736.15 (5) for each client, a copy of the client's service plan, and a list of the types of services  
736.16 being provided.

736.17 (b) The revocation or suspension notification requirement is satisfied by mailing the  
736.18 notice to the address in the license record. The home care provider shall cooperate with the  
736.19 commissioner and the lead agencies during the process of transferring care of clients to  
736.20 qualified providers. Within three business days of being notified of the final revocation or  
736.21 suspension action, the home care provider must notify and disclose to each of the home  
736.22 care provider's clients, or the client's representative or emergency contact persons, that the  
736.23 commissioner is taking action against the home care provider's license by providing a copy  
736.24 of the revocation or suspension notice issued by the commissioner.

736.25 (c) A home care provider subject to this subdivision may continue operating during the  
736.26 period of time home care clients are being transferred to other providers.

736.27 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.476, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

736.28 Subdivision 1. **Prior criminal convictions; owner and managerial officials.** (a) Before  
736.29 the commissioner issues a temporary license, issues a license as a result of an approved  
736.30 change in ownership, or renews a license, an owner or managerial official is required to  
736.31 complete a background study under section 144.057. No person may be involved in the

737.1 management, operation, or control of a home care provider if the person has been disqualified  
737.2 under chapter 245C. If an individual is disqualified under section 144.057 or chapter 245C,  
737.3 the individual may request reconsideration of the disqualification. If the individual requests  
737.4 reconsideration and the commissioner sets aside or rescinds the disqualification, the individual  
737.5 is eligible to be involved in the management, operation, or control of the provider. If an  
737.6 individual has a disqualification under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and the disqualification  
737.7 is affirmed, the individual's disqualification is barred from a set aside, and the individual  
737.8 must not be involved in the management, operation, or control of the provider.

737.9 (b) For purposes of this section, owners of a home care provider subject to the background  
737.10 check requirement are those individuals whose ownership interest provides sufficient  
737.11 authority or control to affect or change decisions related to the operation of the home care  
737.12 provider. An owner includes a sole proprietor, a general partner, or any other individual  
737.13 whose individual ownership interest can affect the management and direction of the policies  
737.14 of the home care provider.

737.15 (c) For the purposes of this section, managerial officials subject to the background check  
737.16 requirement are individuals who provide direct contact as defined in section 245C.02,  
737.17 subdivision 11, or individuals who have the responsibility for the ongoing management or  
737.18 direction of the policies, services, or employees of the home care provider. Data collected  
737.19 under this subdivision shall be classified as private data on individuals under section 13.02,  
737.20 subdivision 12.

737.21 (d) The department shall not issue any license if the applicant or owner or managerial  
737.22 official has been unsuccessful in having a background study disqualification set aside under  
737.23 section 144.057 and chapter 245C; if the owner or managerial official, as an owner or  
737.24 managerial official of another home care provider, was substantially responsible for the  
737.25 other home care provider's failure to substantially comply with sections 144A.43 to  
737.26 144A.482; or if an owner that has ceased doing business, either individually or as an owner  
737.27 of a home care provider, was issued a correction order for failing to assist clients in violation  
737.28 of this chapter.

737.29 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.479, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

737.30 Subd. 7. **Employee records.** The home care provider must maintain current records of  
737.31 each paid employee, regularly scheduled volunteers providing home care services, and of  
737.32 each individual contractor providing home care services. The records must include the  
737.33 following information:

738.1 (1) evidence of current professional licensure, registration, or certification, if licensure,  
738.2 registration, or certification is required by this statute or other rules;

738.3 (2) records of orientation, required annual training and infection control training, and  
738.4 competency evaluations;

738.5 (3) current job description, including qualifications, responsibilities, and identification  
738.6 of staff providing supervision;

738.7 (4) documentation of annual performance reviews which identify areas of improvement  
738.8 needed and training needs;

738.9 (5) for individuals providing home care services, verification that ~~required~~ any health  
738.10 screenings required by infection control programs established under section 144A.4798  
738.11 have taken place and the dates of those screenings; and

738.12 (6) documentation of the background study as required under section 144.057.

738.13 Each employee record must be retained for at least three years after a paid employee, home  
738.14 care volunteer, or contractor ceases to be employed by or under contract with the home care  
738.15 provider. If a home care provider ceases operation, employee records must be maintained  
738.16 for three years.

738.17 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4791, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

738.18 Subdivision 1. **Home care bill of rights; notification to client.** (a) The home care  
738.19 provider shall provide the client or the client's representative a written notice of the rights  
738.20 under section 144A.44 before the ~~initiation of~~ date that services are first provided to that  
738.21 client. The provider shall make all reasonable efforts to provide notice of the rights to the  
738.22 client or the client's representative in a language the client or client's representative can  
738.23 understand.

738.24 (b) In addition to the text of the home care bill of rights in section 144A.44, subdivision  
738.25 1, the notice shall also contain the following statement describing how to file a complaint  
738.26 with these offices.

738.27 "If you have a complaint about the provider or the person providing your home care  
738.28 services, you may call, write, or visit the Office of Health Facility Complaints, Minnesota  
738.29 Department of Health. You may also contact the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term  
738.30 Care or the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities."

738.31 The statement should include the telephone number, website address, e-mail address,  
738.32 mailing address, and street address of the Office of Health Facility Complaints at the

739.1 Minnesota Department of Health, the Office of the Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, and  
739.2 the Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. The  
739.3 statement should also include the home care provider's name, address, e-mail, telephone  
739.4 number, and name or title of the person at the provider to whom problems or complaints  
739.5 may be directed. It must also include a statement that the home care provider will not retaliate  
739.6 because of a complaint.

739.7 (c) The home care provider shall obtain written acknowledgment of the client's receipt  
739.8 of the home care bill of rights or shall document why an acknowledgment cannot be obtained.  
739.9 The acknowledgment may be obtained from the client or the client's representative.  
739.10 Acknowledgment of receipt shall be retained in the client's record.

739.11 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4791, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

739.12 Subd. 3. **Statement of home care services.** Prior to the ~~initiation of~~ date that services  
739.13 are first provided to the client, a home care provider must provide to the client or the client's  
739.14 representative a written statement which identifies if the provider has a basic or  
739.15 comprehensive home care license, the services the provider is authorized to provide, and  
739.16 which services the provider cannot provide under the scope of the provider's license. The  
739.17 home care provider shall obtain written acknowledgment from the clients that the provider  
739.18 has provided the statement or must document why the provider could not obtain the  
739.19 acknowledgment.

739.20 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4791, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

739.21 Subd. 6. **Initiation of services.** When a provider ~~initiates~~ provides home care services  
739.22 ~~and to a client before the individualized review or assessment by a licensed health~~  
739.23 professional or registered nurse as required in subdivisions 7 and 8 ~~has not been~~ is completed,  
739.24 ~~the provider~~ licensed health professional or registered nurse must complete a temporary  
739.25 ~~plan and agreement with the client for services~~ and orient staff assigned to deliver services  
739.26 as identified in the temporary plan.

739.27 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4791, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

739.28 Subd. 7. **Basic individualized client review and monitoring.** (a) When services being  
739.29 provided are basic home care services, an individualized initial review of the client's needs  
739.30 and preferences must be conducted at the client's residence with the client or client's  
739.31 representative. This initial review must be completed within 30 days after the ~~initiation of~~  
739.32 ~~the~~ date that home care services are first provided.

740.1 (b) Client monitoring and review must be conducted as needed based on changes in the  
740.2 needs of the client and cannot exceed 90 days from the date of the last review. The monitoring  
740.3 and review may be conducted at the client's residence or through the utilization of  
740.4 telecommunication methods based on practice standards that meet the individual client's  
740.5 needs.

740.6 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4791, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

740.7 Subd. 8. **Comprehensive assessment, monitoring, and reassessment.** (a) When the  
740.8 services being provided are comprehensive home care services, an individualized initial  
740.9 assessment must be conducted in person by a registered nurse. When the services are provided  
740.10 by other licensed health professionals, the assessment must be conducted by the appropriate  
740.11 health professional. This initial assessment must be completed within five days after ~~initiation~~  
740.12 of the date that home care services are first provided.

740.13 (b) Client monitoring and reassessment must be conducted in the client's home no more  
740.14 than 14 days after ~~initiation of~~ the date that home care services are first provided.

740.15 (c) Ongoing client monitoring and reassessment must be conducted as needed based on  
740.16 changes in the needs of the client and cannot exceed 90 days from the last date of the  
740.17 assessment. The monitoring and reassessment may be conducted at the client's residence  
740.18 or through the utilization of telecommunication methods based on practice standards that  
740.19 meet the individual client's needs.

740.20 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4791, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

740.21 Subd. 9. **Service plan, implementation, and revisions to service plan.** (a) No later  
740.22 than 14 days after the ~~initiation of~~ date that home care services are first provided, a home  
740.23 care provider shall finalize a current written service plan.

740.24 (b) The service plan and any revisions must include a signature or other authentication  
740.25 by the home care provider and by the client or the client's representative documenting  
740.26 agreement on the services to be provided. The service plan must be revised, if needed, based  
740.27 on client review or reassessment under subdivisions 7 and 8. The provider must provide  
740.28 information to the client about changes to the provider's fee for services and how to contact  
740.29 the Office of the Ombudsman for Long-Term Care.

740.30 (c) The home care provider must implement and provide all services required by the  
740.31 current service plan.



741.1 (d) The service plan and revised service plan must be entered into the client's record,  
741.2 including notice of a change in a client's fees when applicable.

741.3 (e) Staff providing home care services must be informed of the current written service  
741.4 plan.

741.5 (f) The service plan must include:

741.6 (1) a description of the home care services to be provided, the fees for services, and the  
741.7 frequency of each service, according to the client's current review or assessment and client  
741.8 preferences;

741.9 (2) the identification of the staff or categories of staff who will provide the services;

741.10 (3) the schedule and methods of monitoring reviews or assessments of the client;

741.11 (4) ~~the frequency of sessions of supervision of staff and type of personnel who will~~  
741.12 ~~supervise staff; and~~ the schedule and methods of monitoring staff providing home care  
741.13 services; and

741.14 (5) a contingency plan that includes:

741.15 (i) the action to be taken by the home care provider and by the client or client's  
741.16 representative if the scheduled service cannot be provided;

741.17 (ii) information and a method for a client or client's representative to contact the home  
741.18 care provider;

741.19 (iii) names and contact information of persons the client wishes to have notified in an  
741.20 emergency or if there is a significant adverse change in the client's condition, ~~including~~  
741.21 ~~identification of and information as to who has authority to sign for the client in an~~  
741.22 ~~emergency; and~~

741.23 (iv) the circumstances in which emergency medical services are not to be summoned  
741.24 consistent with chapters 145B and 145C, and declarations made by the client under those  
741.25 chapters.

741.26 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4792, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

741.27 Subdivision 1. **Medication management services; comprehensive home care**

741.28 **license.** (a) This subdivision applies only to home care providers with a comprehensive

741.29 home care license that provide medication management services to clients. Medication

741.30 management services may not be provided by a home care provider who has a basic home

741.31 care license.

742.1 (b) A comprehensive home care provider who provides medication management services  
742.2 must develop, implement, and maintain current written medication management policies  
742.3 and procedures. The policies and procedures must be developed under the supervision and  
742.4 direction of a registered nurse, licensed health professional, or pharmacist consistent with  
742.5 current practice standards and guidelines.

742.6 (c) The written policies and procedures must address requesting and receiving  
742.7 prescriptions for medications; preparing and giving medications; verifying that prescription  
742.8 drugs are administered as prescribed; documenting medication management activities;  
742.9 controlling and storing medications; monitoring and evaluating medication use; resolving  
742.10 medication errors; communicating with the prescriber, pharmacist, and client and client  
742.11 representative, if any; disposing of unused medications; and educating clients and client  
742.12 representatives about medications. When controlled substances are being managed, stored,  
742.13 and secured by the comprehensive home care provider, the policies and procedures must  
742.14 also identify how the provider will ensure security and accountability for the overall  
742.15 management, control, and disposition of those substances in compliance with state and  
742.16 federal regulations and with subdivision 22.

742.17 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4792, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

742.18 Subd. 2. **Provision of medication management services.** (a) For each client who  
742.19 requests medication management services, the comprehensive home care provider shall,  
742.20 prior to providing medication management services, have a registered nurse, licensed health  
742.21 professional, or authorized prescriber under section 151.37 conduct an assessment to  
742.22 determine what medication management services will be provided and how the services  
742.23 will be provided. This assessment must be conducted face-to-face with the client. The  
742.24 assessment must include an identification and review of all medications the client is known  
742.25 to be taking. The review and identification must include indications for medications, side  
742.26 effects, contraindications, allergic or adverse reactions, and actions to address these issues.

742.27 (b) The assessment must:

742.28 (1) identify interventions needed in management of medications to prevent diversion of  
742.29 medication by the client or others who may have access to the medications; and

742.30 (2) provide instructions to the client or client's representative on interventions to manage  
742.31 the client's medications and prevent diversion of medications.

742.32 "Diversion of medications" means the misuse, theft, or illegal or improper disposition of  
742.33 medications.

743.1 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4792, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

743.2 Subd. 5. **Individualized medication management plan.** (a) For each client receiving  
743.3 medication management services, the comprehensive home care provider must prepare and  
743.4 include in the service plan a written statement of the medication management services that  
743.5 will be provided to the client. The provider must develop and maintain a current  
743.6 individualized medication management record for each client based on the client's assessment  
743.7 that must contain the following:

743.8 (1) a statement describing the medication management services that will be provided;

743.9 (2) a description of storage of medications based on the client's needs and preferences,  
743.10 risk of diversion, and consistent with the manufacturer's directions;

743.11 (3) documentation of specific client instructions relating to the administration of  
743.12 medications;

743.13 (4) identification of persons responsible for monitoring medication supplies and ensuring  
743.14 that medication refills are ordered on a timely basis;

743.15 (5) identification of medication management tasks that may be delegated to unlicensed  
743.16 personnel;

743.17 (6) procedures for staff notifying a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health  
743.18 professional when a problem arises with medication management services; and

743.19 (7) any client-specific requirements relating to documenting medication administration,  
743.20 verifications that all medications are administered as prescribed, and monitoring of  
743.21 medication use to prevent possible complications or adverse reactions.

743.22 (b) The medication management record must be current and updated when there are any  
743.23 changes.

743.24 (c) Medication reconciliation must be completed when a licensed nurse, licensed health  
743.25 professional, or authorized prescriber is providing medication management.

743.26 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4792, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

743.27 Subd. 10. **Medication management for clients who will be away from home.** (a) A  
743.28 home care provider who is providing medication management services to the client and  
743.29 controls the client's access to the medications must develop and implement policies and  
743.30 procedures for giving accurate and current medications to clients for planned or unplanned  
743.31 times away from home according to the client's individualized medication management  
743.32 plan. The policy and procedures must state that:

744.1 (1) for planned time away, the medications must be obtained from the pharmacy or set  
744.2 up by ~~the registered~~ a licensed nurse according to appropriate state and federal laws and  
744.3 nursing standards of practice;

744.4 (2) for unplanned time away, when the pharmacy is not able to provide the medications,  
744.5 a licensed nurse or unlicensed personnel shall give the client or client's representative  
744.6 medications in amounts and dosages needed for the length of the anticipated absence, not  
744.7 to exceed ~~120 hours~~ seven calendar days;

744.8 (3) the client or client's representative must be provided written information on  
744.9 medications, including any special instructions for administering or handling the medications,  
744.10 including controlled substances;

744.11 (4) the medications must be placed in a medication container or containers appropriate  
744.12 to the provider's medication system and must be labeled with the client's name and the dates  
744.13 and times that the medications are scheduled; and

744.14 (5) the client or client's representative must be provided in writing the home care  
744.15 provider's name and information on how to contact the home care provider.

744.16 (b) For unplanned time away when the licensed nurse is not available, the registered  
744.17 nurse may delegate this task to unlicensed personnel if:

744.18 (1) the registered nurse has trained the unlicensed staff and determined the unlicensed  
744.19 staff is competent to follow the procedures for giving medications to clients; and

744.20 (2) the registered nurse has developed written procedures for the unlicensed personnel,  
744.21 including any special instructions or procedures regarding controlled substances that are  
744.22 prescribed for the client. The procedures must address:

744.23 (i) the type of container or containers to be used for the medications appropriate to the  
744.24 provider's medication system;

744.25 (ii) how the container or containers must be labeled;

744.26 (iii) the written information about the medications to be given to the client or client's  
744.27 representative;

744.28 (iv) how the unlicensed staff must document in the client's record that medications have  
744.29 been given to the client or the client's representative, including documenting the date the  
744.30 medications were given to the client or the client's representative and who received the  
744.31 medications, the person who gave the medications to the client, the number of medications  
744.32 that were given to the client, and other required information;

745.1 (v) how the registered nurse shall be notified that medications have been given to the  
745.2 client or client's representative and whether the registered nurse needs to be contacted before  
745.3 the medications are given to the client or the client's representative; ~~and~~

745.4 (vi) a review by the registered nurse of the completion of this task to verify that this task  
745.5 was completed accurately by the unlicensed personnel; and

745.6 (vii) how the unlicensed staff must document in the client's record any unused medications  
745.7 that are returned to the provider, including the name of each medication and the doses of  
745.8 each returned medication.

745.9 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4793, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

745.10 Subd. 6. **Treatment and therapy orders or prescriptions.** There must be an up-to-date  
745.11 written or electronically recorded order ~~or prescription~~ from an authorized prescriber for  
745.12 all treatments and therapies. The order must contain the name of the client, a description of  
745.13 the treatment or therapy to be provided, and the frequency, duration, and other information  
745.14 needed to administer the treatment or therapy. Treatment and therapy orders must be renewed  
745.15 at least every 12 months.

745.16 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4796, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

745.17 Subd. 2. **Content.** (a) The orientation must contain the following topics:

745.18 (1) an overview of sections 144A.43 to 144A.4798;

745.19 (2) introduction and review of all the provider's policies and procedures related to the  
745.20 provision of home care services by the individual staff person;

745.21 (3) handling of emergencies and use of emergency services;

745.22 (4) compliance with and reporting of the maltreatment of minors or vulnerable adults  
745.23 under sections 626.556 and 626.557;

745.24 (5) home care bill of rights under section 144A.44;

745.25 (6) handling of clients' complaints, reporting of complaints, and where to report  
745.26 complaints including information on the Office of Health Facility Complaints and the  
745.27 Common Entry Point;

745.28 (7) consumer advocacy services of the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care,  
745.29 Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Managed Care  
745.30 Ombudsman at the Department of Human Services, county managed care advocates, or  
745.31 other relevant advocacy services; and

746.1 (8) review of the types of home care services the employee will be providing and the  
746.2 provider's scope of licensure.

746.3 (b) In addition to the topics listed in paragraph (a), orientation may also contain training  
746.4 on providing services to clients with hearing loss. Any training on hearing loss provided  
746.5 under this subdivision must be high quality and research-based, may include online training,  
746.6 and must include training on one or more of the following topics:

746.7 (1) an explanation of age-related hearing loss and how it manifests itself, its prevalence,  
746.8 and challenges it poses to communication;

746.9 (2) health impacts related to untreated age-related hearing loss, such as increased  
746.10 incidence of dementia, falls, hospitalizations, isolation, and depression; or

746.11 (3) information about strategies and technology that may enhance communication and  
746.12 involvement, including communication strategies, assistive listening devices, hearing aids,  
746.13 visual and tactile alerting devices, communication access in real time, and closed captions.

746.14 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4797, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

746.15 Subd. 3. **Supervision of staff providing delegated nursing or therapy home care**  
746.16 **tasks.** (a) Staff who perform delegated nursing or therapy home care tasks must be supervised  
746.17 by an appropriate licensed health professional or a registered nurse periodically where the  
746.18 services are being provided to verify that the work is being performed competently and to  
746.19 identify problems and solutions related to the staff person's ability to perform the tasks.  
746.20 Supervision of staff performing medication or treatment administration shall be provided  
746.21 by a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional and must include observation  
746.22 of the staff administering the medication or treatment and the interaction with the client.

746.23 (b) The direct supervision of staff performing delegated tasks must be provided within  
746.24 30 days after the date on which the individual begins working for the home care provider  
746.25 and first performs delegated tasks for clients and thereafter as needed based on performance.  
746.26 This requirement also applies to staff who have not performed delegated tasks for one year  
746.27 or longer.

746.28 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4798, is amended to read:

746.29 **144A.4798 EMPLOYEE HEALTH STATUS DISEASE PREVENTION AND**  
746.30 **INFECTION CONTROL.**

746.31 Subdivision 1. **Tuberculosis (TB) prevention and infection control.** (a) A home care  
746.32 provider must establish and maintain a TB prevention and comprehensive tuberculosis

747.1 ~~infection control program based on~~ according to the most current tuberculosis infection  
747.2 control guidelines issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
747.3 (CDC), Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, as published in the CDC's Morbidity and  
747.4 Mortality Weekly Report. Components of a TB prevention and control program include  
747.5 screening all staff providing home care services, both paid and unpaid, at the time of hire  
747.6 for active TB disease and latent TB infection, and developing and implementing a written  
747.7 TB infection control plan. The commissioner shall make the most recent CDC standards  
747.8 available to home care providers on the department's website. This program must include  
747.9 a tuberculosis infection control plan that covers all paid and unpaid employees, contractors,  
747.10 students, and volunteers. The commissioner shall provide technical assistance regarding  
747.11 implementation of the guidelines.

747.12 (b) The home care provider must maintain written evidence of compliance with this  
747.13 subdivision.

747.14 Subd. 2. **Communicable diseases.** A home care provider must follow current ~~federal~~  
747.15 ~~or state guidelines~~ state requirements for prevention, control, and reporting of ~~human~~  
747.16 ~~immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus, or other~~  
747.17 communicable diseases as defined in Minnesota Rules, part parts 4605.7040, 4605.7044,  
747.18 4605.7050, 4605.7075, 4605.7080, and 4605.7090.

747.19 Subd. 3. **Infection control program.** A home care provider must establish and maintain  
747.20 an effective infection control program that complies with accepted health care, medical,  
747.21 and nursing standards for infection control.

747.22 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4799, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

747.23 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The commissioner of health shall appoint eight persons  
747.24 to a home care and assisted living program advisory council consisting of the following:

747.25 (1) three public members as defined in section 214.02 who shall be ~~either~~ persons who  
747.26 are currently receiving home care services ~~or~~, persons who have received home care services  
747.27 within five years of the application date, persons who have family members receiving home  
747.28 care services, or persons who have family members who have received home care services  
747.29 within five years of the application date;

747.30 (2) three Minnesota home care licensees representing basic and comprehensive levels  
747.31 of licensure who may be a managerial official, an administrator, a supervising registered  
747.32 nurse, or an unlicensed personnel performing home care tasks;

747.33 (3) one member representing the Minnesota Board of Nursing; and

748.1 (4) one member representing the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care.

748.2 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4799, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

748.3 Subd. 3. **Duties.** (a) At the commissioner's request, the advisory council shall provide  
748.4 advice regarding regulations of Department of Health licensed home care providers in this  
748.5 chapter, including advice on the following:

748.6 (1) community standards for home care practices;

748.7 (2) enforcement of licensing standards and whether certain disciplinary actions are  
748.8 appropriate;

748.9 (3) ways of distributing information to licensees and consumers of home care;

748.10 (4) training standards;

748.11 (5) identifying emerging issues and opportunities in ~~the home care field, including and~~  
748.12 assisted living;

748.13 (6) identifying the use of technology in home and telehealth capabilities;

748.14 ~~(6)~~ (7) allowable home care licensing modifications and exemptions, including a method  
748.15 for an integrated license with an existing license for rural licensed nursing homes to provide  
748.16 limited home care services in an adjacent independent living apartment building owned by  
748.17 the licensed nursing home; and

748.18 ~~(7)~~ (8) recommendations for studies using the data in section 62U.04, subdivision 4,  
748.19 including but not limited to studies concerning costs related to dementia and chronic disease  
748.20 among an elderly population over 60 and additional long-term care costs, as described in  
748.21 section 62U.10, subdivision 6.

748.22 (b) The advisory council shall perform other duties as directed by the commissioner.

748.23 (c) The advisory council shall annually review the balance of the account in the state  
748.24 government special revenue fund described in section 144A.474, subdivision 11, paragraph  
748.25 (i), and make annual recommendations by January 15 directly to the chairs and ranking  
748.26 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human  
748.27 services regarding appropriations to the commissioner for the purposes in section 144A.474,  
748.28 subdivision 11, paragraph (i).



749.1 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.484, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

749.2 Subdivision 1. **Integrated licensing established.** ~~(a) From January 1, 2014, to June 30,~~  
749.3 ~~2015, the commissioner of health shall enforce the home and community-based services~~  
749.4 ~~standards under chapter 245D for those providers who also have a home care license pursuant~~  
749.5 ~~to this chapter as required under Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 8, section 60, and article~~  
749.6 ~~11, section 31. During this period, the commissioner shall provide technical assistance to~~  
749.7 ~~achieve and maintain compliance with applicable law or rules governing the provision of~~  
749.8 ~~home and community-based services, including complying with the service recipient rights~~  
749.9 ~~notice in subdivision 4, clause (4). If during the survey, the commissioner finds that the~~  
749.10 ~~licensee has failed to achieve compliance with an applicable law or rule under chapter 245D~~  
749.11 ~~and this failure does not imminently endanger the health, safety, or rights of the persons~~  
749.12 ~~served by the program, the commissioner may issue a licensing survey report with~~  
749.13 ~~recommendations for achieving and maintaining compliance.~~

749.14 ~~(b) Beginning July 1, 2015,~~ A home care provider applicant or license holder may apply  
749.15 to the commissioner of health for a home and community-based services designation for  
749.16 the provision of basic support services identified under section 245D.03, subdivision 1,  
749.17 paragraph (b). The designation allows the license holder to provide basic support services  
749.18 that would otherwise require licensure under chapter 245D, under the license holder's home  
749.19 care license governed by sections 144A.43 to ~~144A.481~~ 144A.4799.

749.20 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 145.4235, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

749.21 Subd. 2. **Eligibility for grants.** (a) The commissioner shall award grants to eligible  
749.22 applicants under paragraph (c) for the reasonable expenses of alternatives to abortion  
749.23 programs to support, encourage, and assist women in carrying their pregnancies to term and  
749.24 caring for their babies after birth by providing information on, referral to, and assistance  
749.25 with securing necessary services that enable women to carry their pregnancies to term and  
749.26 care for their babies after birth. Necessary services must include, but are not limited to:

749.27 (1) medical care;

749.28 (2) nutritional services;

749.29 (3) housing assistance;

749.30 (4) adoption services;

749.31 (5) education and employment assistance, including services that support the continuation  
749.32 and completion of high school;

750.1 (6) child care assistance; and

750.2 (7) parenting education and support services.

750.3 An applicant may not provide or assist a woman to obtain adoption services from a provider  
750.4 of adoption services that is not licensed.

750.5 (b) In addition to providing information and referral under paragraph (a), an eligible  
750.6 program may provide one or more of the necessary services under paragraph (a) that assists  
750.7 women in carrying their pregnancies to term. To avoid duplication of efforts, grantees may  
750.8 refer to other public or private programs, rather than provide the care directly, if a woman  
750.9 meets eligibility criteria for the other programs.

750.10 (c) To be eligible for a grant, an agency or organization must:

750.11 (1) be a private, nonprofit organization;

750.12 (2) demonstrate that the program is conducted under appropriate supervision;

750.13 (3) not charge women for services provided under the program;

750.14 (4) provide each pregnant woman counseled with accurate information on the  
750.15 developmental characteristics of babies and of unborn children, including offering the printed  
750.16 information described in section 145.4243;

750.17 (5) ensure that its alternatives-to-abortion program's purpose is to assist and encourage  
750.18 women in carrying their pregnancies to term and to maximize their potentials thereafter;

750.19 (6) ensure that none of the money provided is used to encourage or affirmatively counsel  
750.20 a woman to have an abortion not necessary to prevent her death, to provide her an abortion,  
750.21 or to directly refer her to an abortion provider for an abortion. The agency or organization  
750.22 may provide nondirective counseling; and

750.23 (7) have had the alternatives to abortion program in existence for at least one year as of  
750.24 July 1, 2011; or incorporated an alternative to abortion program that has been in existence  
750.25 for at least one year as of July 1, 2011.

750.26 (d) The provisions, words, phrases, and clauses of paragraph (c) are inseverable from  
750.27 this subdivision, and if any provision, word, phrase, or clause of paragraph (c) or its  
750.28 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity applies to all of this  
750.29 subdivision.

750.30 (e) An organization that provides abortions, promotes abortions, or directly refers to an  
750.31 abortion provider for an abortion is ineligible to receive a grant under this program. An  
750.32 affiliate of an organization that provides abortions, promotes abortions, or directly refers

751.1 to an abortion provider for an abortion is ineligible to receive a grant under this section  
751.2 unless the organizations are separately incorporated and independent from each other. To  
751.3 be independent, the organizations may not share any of the following:

751.4 (1) the same or a similar name;

751.5 (2) medical facilities or nonmedical facilities, including but not limited to, business  
751.6 offices, treatment rooms, consultation rooms, examination rooms, and waiting rooms;

751.7 (3) expenses;

751.8 (4) employee wages or salaries; or

751.9 (5) equipment or supplies, including but not limited to, computers, telephone systems,  
751.10 telecommunications equipment, and office supplies.

751.11 (f) An organization that receives a grant under this section and that is affiliated with an  
751.12 organization that provides abortion services must maintain financial records that demonstrate  
751.13 strict compliance with this subdivision and that demonstrate that its independent affiliate  
751.14 that provides abortion services receives no direct or indirect economic or marketing benefit  
751.15 from the grant under this section.

751.16 (g) An organization that receives a grant under this section must, in its name, signage,  
751.17 and printed materials, clearly convey to the public and to pregnant women seeking services  
751.18 that the purpose of the organization is to support, encourage, and assist women in carrying  
751.19 their pregnancies to term and caring for their babies after birth, and that the organization  
751.20 does not provide counseling for abortion services or referrals for abortion services.

751.21 (h) All written materials provided by a grantee must be medically accurate. The  
751.22 commissioner shall approve any written information provided by a grantee on the health  
751.23 risks associated with abortions to ensure that the information is medically accurate. For  
751.24 purposes of this subdivision, "medically accurate" means information that is:

751.25 (1) verified or supported by the weight of peer-reviewed medical research conducted in  
751.26 compliance with accepted scientific methods;

751.27 (2) recognized as medically sound and objective by:

751.28 (i) leading health care organizations with relevant expertise, such as the American  
751.29 Medical Association, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the  
751.30 American Public Health Association, the American Psychological Association, the American  
751.31 Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Physicians, and the American Academy  
751.32 of Family Physicians;

752.1 (ii) federal agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food  
752.2 and Drug Administration, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Institutes of Health;  
752.3 or

752.4 (iii) leading national or international scientific advisory groups such as the Health and  
752.5 Medicine Division and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; or

752.6 (3) recommended by or affirmed in the health care practice guidelines of a nationally  
752.7 recognized health care accreditation organization.

752.8 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 145.4235, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

752.9 Subd. 3. **Privacy protection.** (a) Any program receiving a grant under this section must  
752.10 have a privacy policy and procedures in place to ensure that the name, address, telephone  
752.11 number, or any other information that might identify any woman seeking the services of  
752.12 the program is not made public or shared with any other agency or organization without the  
752.13 written consent of the woman. A disclosure of individually identifiable information under  
752.14 this subdivision shall be limited to disclosures expressly permitted in the woman's written  
752.15 consent. All communications between the program and the woman must remain confidential.  
752.16 For purposes of any medical care provided by the program, including, but not limited to,  
752.17 pregnancy tests or ultrasonic scanning, the program must adhere to the requirements in  
752.18 sections 144.291 to 144.298 that apply to providers before releasing any information relating  
752.19 to the medical care provided.

752.20 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner has access to any information  
752.21 necessary to monitor and review a grantee's program as required under subdivision 4.

752.22 (c) Notwithstanding section 144.292, subdivisions 5 and 6, a program receiving a grant  
752.23 under this section must, at the request of a woman who received services from the program:

752.24 (1) if the program holds the woman's health record, make the health record held by the  
752.25 program available to the woman for examination and copying at the program site during  
752.26 the program's regular business hours, or provide the woman with a copy of the health record.  
752.27 The program must provide the woman with the opportunity to copy the woman's health  
752.28 record on site, or a copy of the woman's health record, at no cost to the woman, and must  
752.29 provide the copy or opportunity to copy promptly but no later than 15 working days after  
752.30 her request; or

752.31 (2) if the program does not hold the woman's health record, inform the woman that the  
752.32 health record does not exist or cannot be found or that the health record is held by another  
752.33 entity. If the program can identify the entity that currently holds the woman's health record,

753.1 the program must provide the woman with the name and contact information of that entity.

753.2 This information must be provided promptly after the woman's request.

753.3 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 145.4235, is amended by adding a subdivision  
753.4 to read:

753.5 Subd. 3a. **Provision of pregnancy test results.** A program receiving a grant under this  
753.6 section that provides or assists in the provision of pregnancy tests shall provide a woman  
753.7 who undergoes a pregnancy test with a written statement of the pregnancy test results, at  
753.8 no cost to the woman. This written statement must be provided in the language requested  
753.9 by the woman and must be provided to the woman immediately after the test results are  
753.10 available.

753.11 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 145.4235, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

753.12 Subd. 4. **Duties of commissioner.** The commissioner shall make grants under subdivision  
753.13 2 beginning no later than July 1, 2006. In awarding grants, the commissioner shall consider  
753.14 the program's demonstrated capacity in providing services to assist a pregnant woman in  
753.15 carrying her pregnancy to term. The commissioner shall monitor and review the programs  
753.16 of each grantee to ensure that the grantee carefully adheres to the purposes and requirements  
753.17 of subdivision 2 and shall cease funding a grantee that fails to do so. The commissioner  
753.18 shall also establish an evaluation process for grants awarded under this section, shall use  
753.19 this evaluation process to evaluate programs receiving grants each grant cycle, and shall  
753.20 use the evaluation results to inform grant award decisions for subsequent grant cycles.

753.21 Sec. 68. [145.87] **HOME VISITING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND FAMILIES**  
753.22 **WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.**

753.23 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

753.24 (b) "Evidence-based home visiting program" means a program that:

753.25 (1) is based on a clear, consistent program or model that is research-based and grounded  
753.26 in relevant, empirically based knowledge;

753.27 (2) is linked to program-determined outcomes and is associated with a national  
753.28 organization, institution of higher education, or national or state public health institute;

753.29 (3) has comprehensive home visitation standards that ensure high-quality service delivery  
753.30 and continuous quality improvement;

753.31 (4) has demonstrated significant, sustained positive outcomes; and

754.1 (5) either (i) has been evaluated using rigorous, randomized controlled research designs  
754.2 with the evaluations published in a peer-reviewed journal; or (ii) is based on  
754.3 quasi-experimental research using two or more separate, comparable client samples.

754.4 (c) "Evidence-informed home visiting program" means a program that:

754.5 (1) has data or evidence demonstrating the program's effectiveness at achieving positive  
754.6 outcomes for pregnant women and young children; and

754.7 (2) either has (i) an active evaluation of the program; or (ii) a plan and timeline for an  
754.8 active evaluation of the program to be conducted.

754.9 (d) "Health equity" means every individual has a fair opportunity to attain the individual's  
754.10 full health potential, and no individual is prevented from achieving this potential.

754.11 Subd. 2. **Grants for home visiting programs.** The commissioner shall award grants to  
754.12 community health boards, nonprofit organizations, and tribal nations to start up or expand  
754.13 home visiting programs serving pregnant women and families with young children. Home  
754.14 visiting programs supported under this section shall provide home visits by early childhood  
754.15 professionals or health professionals, including nurses, social workers, early childhood  
754.16 educators, or trained paraprofessionals. Grant funds shall be used:

754.17 (1) to start up or expand evidence-based home visiting programs that address health  
754.18 equity, or evidence-informed home visiting programs that address health equity; and

754.19 (2) to serve families with young children or pregnant women who are high risk or have  
754.20 high needs. For purposes of this clause, high risk includes but is not limited to a family with  
754.21 low income, or a parent or pregnant woman with mental illness or a substance use disorder  
754.22 or experiencing domestic abuse.

754.23 Subd. 3. **Grant prioritization.** (a) In awarding grants, the commissioner shall give  
754.24 priority to community health boards, nonprofit organizations, and tribal nations seeking to  
754.25 expand home visiting services with community or regional partnerships.

754.26 (b) The commissioner shall allocate at least 75 percent of the grant funds awarded each  
754.27 grant cycle to evidence-based home visiting programs that address health equity and up to  
754.28 25 percent of the grant funds awarded each grant cycle to evidence-informed home visiting  
754.29 programs that address health equity.

754.30 Subd. 4. **No supplanting of existing funds.** Funding awarded under this section shall  
754.31 only be used to supplement, and not to replace, funds being used for evidence-based home  
754.32 visiting programs or evidence-informed home visiting programs.

755.1 Subd. 5. **Administrative costs.** The commissioner may use up to ten percent of the  
755.2 annual appropriation under this section to provide training and technical assistance and to  
755.3 administer and evaluate the program. The commissioner may contract for training,  
755.4 capacity-building support for grantees or potential grantees, technical assistance, and  
755.5 evaluation support.

755.6 Sec. 69. **[145.9275] COMMUNITY-BASED OPIOID PREVENTION; PILOT GRANT**  
755.7 **PROGRAM.**

755.8 To the extent funds are appropriated for the purposes of this section, the commissioner  
755.9 shall establish a grant program to fund community opioid abuse prevention pilot grants to  
755.10 reduce emergency room and other health care provider visits resulting from opioid use or  
755.11 abuse and to reduce rates of opioid addiction in the community using the following six  
755.12 activities:

755.13 (1) establishing multidisciplinary controlled substance care teams that may consist of  
755.14 physicians, pharmacists, social workers, nurse care coordinators, advanced practice registered  
755.15 nurses, and mental health professionals;

755.16 (2) delivering health care services and care coordination, through controlled substance  
755.17 care teams, to reduce the inappropriate use of opioids by patients and rates of opioid  
755.18 addiction;

755.19 (3) addressing any unmet social services needs that create barriers to managing pain  
755.20 effectively and obtaining optimal health outcomes;

755.21 (4) providing prescriber and dispenser education and assistance to reduce the inappropriate  
755.22 prescribing and dispensing of opioids;

755.23 (5) promoting the adoption of best practices related to opioid disposal and reducing  
755.24 opportunities for illegal access to opioids; and

755.25 (6) engaging partners outside of the health care system, including schools, law  
755.26 enforcement, and social services, to address root causes of opioid abuse and addiction at  
755.27 the community level.

755.28 Sec. 70. **[145.9285] COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTHY CHILD**  
755.29 **DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

755.30 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish the community solutions  
755.31 for healthy child development grant program. The purposes of the program are to:

756.1 (1) improve child development outcomes as related to the well-being of children of color  
756.2 and American Indian children from prenatal to grade 3 and their families, including but not  
756.3 limited to the goals outlined by the Department of Human Service's early childhood systems  
756.4 reform effort: early learning; health and well-being; economic security; and safe, stable,  
756.5 nurturing relationships and environments by funding community-based solutions for  
756.6 challenges that are identified by the affected community;

756.7 (2) reduce racial disparities in children's health and development, from prenatal to grade  
756.8 3; and

756.9 (3) promote racial and geographic equity.

756.10 Subd. 2. Commissioner's duties. The commissioner of health shall:

756.11 (1) develop a request for proposals for the healthy child development grant program in  
756.12 consultation with the Community Solutions Advisory Council;

756.13 (2) provide outreach, technical assistance, and program development support to increase  
756.14 capacity for new and existing service providers in order to better meet statewide needs,  
756.15 particularly in greater Minnesota and areas where services to reduce health disparities have  
756.16 not been established;

756.17 (3) review responses to requests for proposals, in consultation with the Community  
756.18 Solutions Advisory Council, and award grants under this section;

756.19 (4) ensure communication with the ethnic councils, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council,  
756.20 and the governor's early learning council on the request for proposal process;

756.21 (5) establish a transparent and objective accountability process, in consultation with the  
756.22 Community Solutions Advisory Council, focused on outcomes that grantees agree to achieve;

756.23 (6) provide grantees with access to data to assist grantees in establishing and  
756.24 implementing effective community-led solutions;

756.25 (7) maintain data on outcomes reported by grantees; and

756.26 (8) contract with an independent third-party entity to evaluate the success of the grant  
756.27 program and to build the evidence base for effective community solutions in reducing health  
756.28 disparities of children of color and American Indian children from prenatal to grade 3.

756.29 Subd. 3. Community Solutions Advisory Council; establishment; duties;

756.30 compensation. (a) No later than October 1, 2019, the commissioner shall convene a  
756.31 12-member Community Solutions Advisory Council as follows:

756.32 (1) two members representing the African Heritage community;



- 757.1 (2) two members representing the Latino community;
- 757.2 (3) two members representing the Asian-Pacific Islander community;
- 757.3 (4) two members representing the American Indian community;
- 757.4 (5) two parents of children of color or that are American Indian with children under nine  
757.5 years of age;
- 757.6 (6) one member with research or academic expertise in racial equity and healthy child  
757.7 development; and
- 757.8 (7) one member representing an organization that advocates on behalf of communities  
757.9 of color or American Indians.
- 757.10 (b) At least three of the 12 members of the advisory council must come from outside  
757.11 the seven-county metropolitan area.
- 757.12 (c) The Community Solutions Advisory Council shall:
- 757.13 (1) advise the commissioner on the development of the request for proposals for  
757.14 community solutions healthy child development grants. In advising the commissioner, the  
757.15 council must consider how to build on the capacity of communities to promote child and  
757.16 family well-being and address social determinants of healthy child development;
- 757.17 (2) review responses to requests for proposals and advise the commissioner on the  
757.18 selection of grantees and grant awards;
- 757.19 (3) advise the commissioner on the establishment of a transparent and objective  
757.20 accountability process focused on outcomes the grantees agree to achieve;
- 757.21 (4) advise the commissioner on ongoing oversight and necessary support in the  
757.22 implementation of the program; and
- 757.23 (5) support the commissioner on other racial equity and early childhood grant efforts.
- 757.24 (d) Each advisory council member shall be compensated in accordance with section  
757.25 15.059, subdivision 3.
- 757.26 Subd. 4. **Eligible grantees.** Organizations eligible to receive grant funding under this  
757.27 section include:
- 757.28 (1) organizations or entities that work with communities of color and American Indian  
757.29 communities;
- 757.30 (2) tribal nations and tribal organizations as defined in section 658P of the Child Care  
757.31 and Development Block Grant Act of 1990; and

758.1 (3) organizations or entities focused on supporting healthy child development.

758.2 Subd. 5. **Strategic consideration and priority of proposals; eligible populations;**

758.3 **grant awards.** (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the Community Solutions

758.4 Advisory Council, shall develop a request for proposals for healthy child development

758.5 grants. In developing the proposals and awarding the grants, the commissioner shall consider

758.6 building on the capacity of communities to promote child and family well-being and address

758.7 social determinants of healthy child development. Proposals must focus on increasing racial

758.8 equity and healthy child development and reducing health disparities experienced by children

758.9 of color and American Indian children from prenatal to grade 3 and their families.

758.10 (b) In awarding the grants, the commissioner shall provide strategic consideration and

758.11 give priority to proposals from:

758.12 (1) organizations or entities led by people of color and serving communities of color;

758.13 (2) organizations or entities led by American Indians and serving American Indians,

758.14 including tribal nations and tribal organizations;

758.15 (3) organizations or entities with proposals focused on healthy development from prenatal

758.16 to age three;

758.17 (4) organizations or entities with proposals focusing on multigenerational solutions;

758.18 (5) organizations or entities located in or with proposals to serve communities located

758.19 in counties that are moderate to high risk according to the Wilder Research Risk and Reach

758.20 Report; and

758.21 (6) community-based organizations that have historically served communities of color

758.22 and American Indians and have not traditionally had access to state grant funding.

758.23 The advisory council may recommend additional strategic considerations and priorities to

758.24 the commissioner.

758.25 (c) The first round of grants must be awarded no later than April 15, 2020.

758.26 Subd. 6. **Geographic distribution of grants.** The commissioner and the advisory council

758.27 shall ensure that grant funds are prioritized and awarded to organizations and entities that

758.28 are within counties that have a higher proportion of people of color and American Indians

758.29 than the state average, to the extent possible.

758.30 Subd. 7. **Report.** Grantees must report grant program outcomes to the commissioner on

758.31 the forms and according to the timelines established by the commissioner.

759.1 Sec. 71. [145.987] DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT  
759.2 PREVENTION PROGRAM.

759.3 Subdivision 1. Program establishment. The commissioner of health shall administer  
759.4 the domestic violence and sexual assault prevention program as established under this  
759.5 section.

759.6 Subd. 2. Grant criteria. (a) The commissioner shall award grants to nonprofit  
759.7 organizations for the purpose of funding programs that incorporate community-driven and  
759.8 culturally relevant practices to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault. Grants made  
759.9 pursuant to this section may either (1) encourage the development and deployment of new  
759.10 prevention efforts, or (2) enhance, sustain, or expand existing prevention efforts.

759.11 (b) The commissioner of health shall award grants to nonprofit organizations supporting  
759.12 activities that:

759.13 (1) promote the general development of domestic violence and sexual assault prevention  
759.14 programs and activities;

759.15 (2) implement prevention activities through community outreach that address the root  
759.16 causes of domestic violence and sexual assault;

759.17 (3) identify risk and protective factors for developing domestic violence and sexual  
759.18 assault prevention strategies and outreach activities;

759.19 (4) provide trauma-informed domestic violence and sexual assault prevention services;

759.20 (5) educate youth and adults about healthy relationships and changing social norms;

759.21 (6) develop culturally and linguistically appropriate domestic violence and sexual assault  
759.22 prevention programs for historically underserved communities;

759.23 (7) work collaboratively with educational institutions, including school districts, to  
759.24 implement domestic violence and sexual assault prevention strategies for students, teachers,  
759.25 and administrators; or

759.26 (8) work collaboratively with other nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations,  
759.27 and other community-based organizations to implement domestic violence and sexual assault  
759.28 prevention strategies within their communities.

759.29 Subd. 3. Definition. For purposes of this section, "domestic violence and sexual assault"  
759.30 includes, but is not limited to, the following:

759.31 (1) intimate partner violence, including emotional, psychological, and economic abuse;

- 760.1 (2) sex trafficking as defined in section 609.321, subdivision 7a;  
760.2 (3) domestic abuse as defined in section 518B.01, subdivision 2;  
760.3 (4) any criminal sexual conduct crime in sections 609.342 to 609.3453;  
760.4 (5) abusive international marriage;  
760.5 (6) forced marriage; and  
760.6 (7) female genital mutilation, as defined in section 609.2245, subdivision 1.

760.7 Subd. 4. **Promotion; administration.** The commissioner may spend up to 15 percent  
760.8 of the total program funding for each fiscal year to promote and administer the program  
760.9 authorized under this section and to provide technical assistance to program grantees.

760.10 Subd. 5. **Nonstate sources.** The commissioner may accept contributions from nonstate  
760.11 sources to supplement state appropriations for the program authorized under this section.  
760.12 Contributions received under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for  
760.13 purposes of this section.

760.14 Subd. 6. **Program evaluation.** (a) The commissioner of health shall report by February  
760.15 28 of each even-numbered year to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health  
760.16 detailing the expenditures of funds authorized under this section. The commissioner shall  
760.17 use the data to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. The commissioner must include  
760.18 in the report:

- 760.19 (1) the number of organizations receiving grant money under this section;  
760.20 (2) the number of individuals served by the grant program;  
760.21 (3) a description and analysis of the practices implemented by program grantees; and  
760.22 (4) best practices recommendations to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault,  
760.23 including best practices recommendations that are culturally relevant to historically  
760.24 underserved communities.

760.25 (b) Any organization receiving grant money under this section must collect and make  
760.26 available to the commissioner of health aggregate data related to the activity funded by the  
760.27 grant program under this section.

760.28 (c) The commissioner of health shall use the information and data from the program  
760.29 evaluation under paragraph (a), including best practices and culturally specific responses,  
760.30 to inform the administration of existing Department of Health programming and the  
760.31 development of Department of Health policies, programs, and procedures.

761.1 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.22, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
761.2 read:

761.3 Subd. 5a. **Hemp.** "Hemp" has the meaning given to industrial hemp in section 18K.02,  
761.4 subdivision 3. Hemp is not marijuana as defined in section 152.01, subdivision 9.

761.5 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.22, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
761.6 read:

761.7 Subd. 5b. **Hemp grower.** "Hemp grower" means a person licensed by the commissioner  
761.8 of agriculture under chapter 18K to grow hemp for commercial purposes.

761.9 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.22, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

761.10 Subd. 6. **Medical cannabis.** (a) "Medical cannabis" means any species of the genus  
761.11 cannabis plant, or any mixture or preparation of them, including whole plant extracts and  
761.12 resins, and is delivered in the form of:

761.13 (1) liquid, including, but not limited to, oil;

761.14 (2) pill;

761.15 (3) vaporized delivery method with use of liquid or oil ~~but which does not require the~~  
761.16 ~~use of dried leaves or plant form~~, or raw cannabis; or

761.17 (4) any other method, excluding smoking, approved by the commissioner.

761.18 (b) This definition includes any part of the genus cannabis plant prior to being processed  
761.19 into a form allowed under paragraph (a), that is possessed by a person while that person is  
761.20 engaged in employment duties necessary to carry out a requirement under sections 152.22  
761.21 to 152.37 for a registered manufacturer or a laboratory under contract with a registered  
761.22 manufacturer.

761.23 Sec. 75. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.22, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

761.24 Subd. 11. **Registered designated caregiver.** "Registered designated caregiver" means  
761.25 a person who:

761.26 (1) is at least ~~24~~ 18 years old;

761.27 (2) does not have a conviction for a disqualifying felony offense;

761.28 (3) has been approved by the commissioner to assist a patient who has been identified  
761.29 by a health care practitioner as developmentally or physically disabled and therefore ~~unable~~

762.1 ~~to self-administer medication~~ requires assistance in administering medical cannabis or  
762.2 ~~acquire~~ obtaining medical cannabis from a distribution facility due to the disability; and  
762.3 (4) is authorized by the commissioner to assist the patient with the use of medical  
762.4 cannabis.

762.5 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.22, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

762.6 Subd. 13. **Registry verification.** "Registry verification" means the verification provided  
762.7 by the commissioner that a patient is enrolled in the registry program and that includes the  
762.8 patient's name, registry number, ~~and qualifying medical condition~~ and, if applicable, the  
762.9 name of the patient's registered designated caregiver or parent ~~or~~ legal guardian, or spouse.

762.10 Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.22, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

762.11 Subd. 14. **Qualifying medical condition.** "Qualifying medical condition" means a  
762.12 diagnosis of any of the following conditions:

762.13 (1) ~~cancer, if the underlying condition or treatment produces one or more of the~~  
762.14 ~~following;~~

762.15 ~~(i) severe or chronic pain;~~

762.16 ~~(ii) nausea or severe vomiting; or~~

762.17 ~~(iii) cachexia or severe wasting;~~

762.18 (2) glaucoma;

762.19 (3) human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome;

762.20 (4) Tourette's syndrome;

762.21 (5) amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;

762.22 (6) seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy;

762.23 (7) severe and persistent muscle spasms, including those characteristic of multiple  
762.24 sclerosis;

762.25 (8) inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease;

762.26 (9) ~~terminal illness, with a probable life expectancy of under one year, if the illness or~~  
762.27 ~~its treatment produces one or more of the following;~~

762.28 ~~(i) severe or chronic pain;~~

762.29 ~~(ii) nausea or severe vomiting; or~~

- 763.1 ~~(iii) cachexia or severe wasting; or~~  
763.2 (10) any chronic condition for which an opiate could otherwise be prescribed;  
763.3 (11) chronic pain or intractable pain; or  
763.4 ~~(10)~~ (12) any other medical condition or its treatment approved by the commissioner.

763.5 Sec. 78. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.25, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

763.6 Subdivision 1. **Medical cannabis manufacturer registration.** (a) The commissioner  
763.7 shall register two in-state manufacturers for the production of all medical cannabis within  
763.8 the state. A registration agreement between the commissioner and a manufacturer is  
763.9 nontransferable. The commissioner shall register new manufacturers or reregister the existing  
763.10 manufacturers by December 1 every two years, using the factors described in this subdivision.  
763.11 The commissioner shall accept applications after December 1, 2014, if one of the  
763.12 manufacturers registered before December 1, 2014, ceases to be registered as a manufacturer.  
763.13 The commissioner's determination that no manufacturer exists to fulfill the duties under  
763.14 sections 152.22 to 152.37 is subject to judicial review in Ramsey County District Court.  
763.15 Data submitted during the application process are private data on individuals or nonpublic  
763.16 data as defined in section 13.02 until the manufacturer is registered under this section. Data  
763.17 on a manufacturer that is registered are public data, unless the data are trade secret or security  
763.18 information under section 13.37.

763.19 (b) As a condition for registration, a manufacturer must agree to:

763.20 (1) begin supplying medical cannabis to patients by July 1, 2015; and

763.21 (2) comply with all requirements under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

763.22 (c) The commissioner shall consider the following factors when determining which  
763.23 manufacturer to register:

763.24 (1) the technical expertise of the manufacturer in cultivating medical cannabis and  
763.25 converting the medical cannabis into an acceptable delivery method under section 152.22,  
763.26 subdivision 6;

763.27 (2) the qualifications of the manufacturer's employees;

763.28 (3) the long-term financial stability of the manufacturer;

763.29 (4) the ability to provide appropriate security measures on the premises of the  
763.30 manufacturer;

764.1 (5) whether the manufacturer has demonstrated an ability to meet the medical cannabis  
764.2 production needs required by sections 152.22 to 152.37; and

764.3 (6) the manufacturer's projection and ongoing assessment of fees on patients with a  
764.4 qualifying medical condition.

764.5 (d) If an officer, director, or controlling person of the manufacturer pleads or is found  
764.6 guilty of intentionally diverting medical cannabis to a person other than allowed by law  
764.7 under section 152.33, subdivision 1, the commissioner may decide not to renew the  
764.8 registration of the manufacturer, provided the violation occurred while the person was an  
764.9 officer, director, or controlling person of the manufacturer.

764.10 (e) The commissioner shall require each medical cannabis manufacturer to contract with  
764.11 an independent laboratory to test medical cannabis produced by the manufacturer. The  
764.12 commissioner shall approve the laboratory chosen by each manufacturer and require that  
764.13 the laboratory report testing results to the manufacturer in a manner determined by the  
764.14 commissioner.

764.15 Sec. 79. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.25, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

764.16 Subd. 1a. **Revocation, or nonrenewal, ~~or denial of consent to transfer~~ of a medical**  
764.17 **cannabis manufacturer registration.** If the commissioner intends to revoke, or not renew,  
764.18 ~~or deny consent to transfer~~ a registration issued under this section, the commissioner must  
764.19 first notify in writing the manufacturer against whom the action is to be taken and provide  
764.20 the manufacturer with an opportunity to request a hearing under the contested case provisions  
764.21 of chapter 14. If the manufacturer does not request a hearing by notifying the commissioner  
764.22 in writing within 20 days after receipt of the notice of proposed action, the commissioner  
764.23 may proceed with the action without a hearing. For revocations, the registration of a  
764.24 manufacturer is considered revoked on the date specified in the commissioner's written  
764.25 notice of revocation.

764.26 Sec. 80. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.25, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

764.27 Subd. 1c. **Notice to patients.** Upon the revocation or nonrenewal of a manufacturer's  
764.28 registration under subdivision 1a or implementation of an enforcement action under  
764.29 subdivision 1b that may affect the ability of a registered patient, registered designated  
764.30 caregiver, or a registered patient's parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or spouse to obtain medical  
764.31 cannabis from the manufacturer subject to the enforcement action, the commissioner shall  
764.32 notify in writing each registered patient and the patient's registered designated caregiver or  
764.33 registered patient's parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or spouse about the outcome of the proceeding



765.1 and information regarding alternative registered manufacturers. This notice must be provided  
765.2 two or more business days prior to the effective date of the revocation, nonrenewal, or other  
765.3 enforcement action.

765.4 Sec. 81. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.25, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

765.5 Subd. 4. **Reports.** (a) The commissioner shall provide regular updates to the task force  
765.6 on medical cannabis therapeutic research and to the chairs and ranking minority members  
765.7 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services, public safety,  
765.8 judiciary, and civil law regarding: (1) any changes in federal law or regulatory restrictions  
765.9 regarding the use of medical cannabis or hemp; and (2) the market demand and supply in  
765.10 this state for products made from hemp that can be used for medicinal purposes.

765.11 (b) The commissioner may submit medical research based on the data collected under  
765.12 sections 152.22 to 152.37 to any federal agency with regulatory or enforcement authority  
765.13 over medical cannabis to demonstrate the effectiveness of medical cannabis for treating a  
765.14 qualifying medical condition.

765.15 Sec. 82. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.27, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

765.16 Subd. 2. **Commissioner duties.** (a) The commissioner shall:

765.17 (1) give notice of the program to health care practitioners in the state who are eligible  
765.18 to serve as health care practitioners and explain the purposes and requirements of the  
765.19 program;

765.20 (2) allow each health care practitioner who meets or agrees to meet the program's  
765.21 requirements and who requests to participate, to be included in the registry program to  
765.22 collect data for the patient registry;

765.23 (3) provide explanatory information and assistance to each health care practitioner in  
765.24 understanding the nature of therapeutic use of medical cannabis within program requirements;

765.25 (4) create and provide a certification to be used by a health care practitioner for the  
765.26 practitioner to certify whether a patient has been diagnosed with a qualifying medical  
765.27 condition and include in the certification an option for the practitioner to certify whether  
765.28 the patient, in the health care practitioner's medical opinion, is developmentally or physically  
765.29 disabled and, as a result of that disability, the patient is ~~unable to self-administer medication~~  
765.30 requires assistance in administering medical cannabis or ~~acquire~~ obtaining medical cannabis  
765.31 from a distribution facility;

766.1 (5) supervise the participation of the health care practitioner in conducting patient  
766.2 treatment and health records reporting in a manner that ensures stringent security and  
766.3 record-keeping requirements and that prevents the unauthorized release of private data on  
766.4 individuals as defined by section 13.02;

766.5 (6) develop safety criteria for patients with a qualifying medical condition as a  
766.6 requirement of the patient's participation in the program, to prevent the patient from  
766.7 undertaking any task under the influence of medical cannabis that would constitute negligence  
766.8 or professional malpractice on the part of the patient; and

766.9 (7) conduct research and studies based on data from health records submitted to the  
766.10 registry program and submit reports on intermediate or final research results to the legislature  
766.11 and major scientific journals. The commissioner may contract with a third party to complete  
766.12 the requirements of this clause. Any reports submitted must comply with section 152.28,  
766.13 subdivision 2.

766.14 (b) If the commissioner wishes to add a delivery method under section 152.22, subdivision  
766.15 6, or a qualifying medical condition under section 152.22, subdivision 14, the commissioner  
766.16 must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative policy committees  
766.17 having jurisdiction over health and public safety of the addition and the reasons for its  
766.18 addition, including any written comments received by the commissioner from the public  
766.19 and any guidance received from the task force on medical cannabis research, by January  
766.20 15 of the year in which the commissioner wishes to make the change. The change shall be  
766.21 effective on August 1 of that year, unless the legislature by law provides otherwise.

766.22 Sec. 83. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.27, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

766.23 Subd. 3. **Patient application.** (a) The commissioner shall develop a patient application  
766.24 for enrollment into the registry program. The application shall be available to the patient  
766.25 and given to health care practitioners in the state who are eligible to serve as health care  
766.26 practitioners. The application must include:

766.27 (1) the name, mailing address, and date of birth of the patient;

766.28 (2) the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the patient's health care  
766.29 practitioner;

766.30 (3) the name, mailing address, and date of birth of the patient's designated caregiver, if  
766.31 any, or the patient's parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or spouse if the parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or  
766.32 spouse will be acting as a caregiver;

767.1 (4) a copy of the certification from the patient's health care practitioner that is dated  
767.2 within 90 days prior to submitting the application which certifies that the patient has been  
767.3 diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition and, if applicable, that, in the health care  
767.4 practitioner's medical opinion, the patient is developmentally or physically disabled and,  
767.5 as a result of that disability, the patient ~~is unable to self-administer medication~~ requires  
767.6 assistance in administering medical cannabis or ~~acquire~~ obtaining medical cannabis from  
767.7 a distribution facility; and

767.8 (5) all other signed affidavits and enrollment forms required by the commissioner under  
767.9 sections 152.22 to 152.37, including, but not limited to, the disclosure form required under  
767.10 paragraph (c).

767.11 (b) The commissioner shall require a patient to resubmit a copy of the certification from  
767.12 the patient's health care practitioner on a yearly basis and shall require that the recertification  
767.13 be dated within 90 days of submission.

767.14 (c) The commissioner shall develop a disclosure form and require, as a condition of  
767.15 enrollment, all patients to sign a copy of the disclosure. The disclosure must include:

767.16 (1) a statement that, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner, or an  
767.17 employee of any state agency, may not be held civilly or criminally liable for any injury,  
767.18 loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by any act or omission while acting within  
767.19 the scope of office or employment under sections 152.22 to 152.37; and

767.20 (2) the patient's ~~acknowledgement~~ acknowledgment that enrollment in the patient registry  
767.21 program is conditional on the patient's agreement to meet all of the requirements of sections  
767.22 152.22 to 152.37.

767.23 Sec. 84. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.27, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

767.24 Subd. 4. **Registered designated caregiver.** (a) The commissioner shall register a  
767.25 designated caregiver for a patient if the patient's health care practitioner has certified that  
767.26 the patient, in the health care practitioner's medical opinion, is developmentally or physically  
767.27 disabled and, as a result of that disability, the patient ~~is unable to self-administer medication~~  
767.28 ~~or acquire~~ requires assistance in administering medical cannabis or obtaining medical  
767.29 cannabis from a distribution facility and the caregiver has agreed, in writing, to be the  
767.30 patient's designated caregiver. As a condition of registration as a designated caregiver, the  
767.31 commissioner shall require the person to:

767.32 (1) be at least ~~21~~ 18 years of age;

768.1 (2) agree to only possess ~~any~~ the patient's medical cannabis for purposes of assisting the  
768.2 patient; and

768.3 (3) agree that if the application is approved, the person will not be a registered designated  
768.4 caregiver for more than one patient, unless the patients reside in the same residence.

768.5 (b) The commissioner shall conduct a criminal background check on the designated  
768.6 caregiver prior to registration to ensure that the person does not have a conviction for a  
768.7 disqualifying felony offense. Any cost of the background check shall be paid by the person  
768.8 seeking registration as a designated caregiver. A designated caregiver must have the criminal  
768.9 background check renewed every two years.

768.10 (c) Nothing in sections 152.22 to 152.37 shall be construed to prevent a person registered  
768.11 as a designated caregiver from also being enrolled in the registry program as a patient and  
768.12 possessing and using medical cannabis as a patient.

768.13 Sec. 85. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.27, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

768.14 Subd. 5. **Parents ~~or~~, legal guardians, and spouses.** A parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or  
768.15 spouse of a patient may act as the caregiver to the patient without having to register as a  
768.16 designated caregiver. The parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or spouse shall follow all of the  
768.17 requirements of parents ~~and~~, legal guardians, and spouses listed in sections 152.22 to 152.37.  
768.18 Nothing in sections 152.22 to 152.37 limits any legal authority a parent ~~or~~, legal guardian,  
768.19 or spouse may have for the patient under any other law.

768.20 Sec. 86. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.27, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

768.21 Subd. 6. **Patient enrollment.** (a) After receipt of a patient's application, application fees,  
768.22 and signed disclosure, the commissioner shall enroll the patient in the registry program and  
768.23 issue the patient and patient's registered designated caregiver or parent ~~or~~, legal guardian,  
768.24 or spouse, if applicable, a registry verification. The commissioner shall approve or deny a  
768.25 patient's application for participation in the registry program within 30 days after the  
768.26 commissioner receives the patient's application and application fee. The commissioner may  
768.27 approve applications up to 60 days after the receipt of a patient's application and application  
768.28 fees until January 1, 2016. A patient's enrollment in the registry program shall only be  
768.29 denied if the patient:

768.30 (1) does not have certification from a health care practitioner that the patient has been  
768.31 diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition;

769.1 (2) has not signed and returned the disclosure form required under subdivision 3,  
769.2 paragraph (c), to the commissioner;

769.3 (3) does not provide the information required;

769.4 (4) has previously been removed from the registry program for violations of section  
769.5 152.30 or 152.33; or

769.6 (5) provides false information.

769.7 (b) The commissioner shall give written notice to a patient of the reason for denying  
769.8 enrollment in the registry program.

769.9 (c) Denial of enrollment into the registry program is considered a final decision of the  
769.10 commissioner and is subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act  
769.11 pursuant to chapter 14.

769.12 (d) A patient's enrollment in the registry program may only be revoked upon the death  
769.13 of the patient or if a patient violates a requirement under section 152.30 or 152.33.

769.14 (e) The commissioner shall develop a registry verification to provide to the patient, the  
769.15 health care practitioner identified in the patient's application, and to the manufacturer. The  
769.16 registry verification shall include:

769.17 (1) the patient's name and date of birth;

769.18 (2) the patient registry number assigned to the patient; and

769.19 ~~(3) the patient's qualifying medical condition as provided by the patient's health care~~  
769.20 ~~practitioner in the certification; and~~

769.21 ~~(4)~~ (3) the name and date of birth of the patient's registered designated caregiver, if any,  
769.22 or the name of the patient's parent ~~or~~ legal guardian, or spouse if the parent ~~or~~ legal guardian,  
769.23 or spouse will be acting as a caregiver.

769.24 Sec. 87. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

769.25 Subdivision 1. **Health care practitioner duties.** (a) Prior to a patient's enrollment in  
769.26 the registry program, a health care practitioner shall:

769.27 (1) determine, in the health care practitioner's medical judgment, whether a patient suffers  
769.28 from a qualifying medical condition, and, if so determined, provide the patient with a  
769.29 certification of that diagnosis;

769.30 (2) determine whether a patient is developmentally or physically disabled and, as a result  
769.31 of that disability, the patient is ~~unable to self-administer medication or acquire~~ requires

770.1 assistance in administering medical cannabis or obtaining medical cannabis from a  
770.2 distribution facility, and, if so determined, include that determination on the patient's  
770.3 certification of diagnosis;

770.4 (3) advise patients, registered designated caregivers, and parents ~~or~~ legal guardians, or  
770.5 spouses who are acting as caregivers of the existence of any nonprofit patient support groups  
770.6 or organizations;

770.7 (4) provide explanatory information from the commissioner to patients with qualifying  
770.8 medical conditions, including disclosure to all patients about the experimental nature of  
770.9 therapeutic use of medical cannabis; the possible risks, benefits, and side effects of the  
770.10 proposed treatment; the application and other materials from the commissioner; and provide  
770.11 patients with the Tennessee warning as required by section 13.04, subdivision 2; and

770.12 (5) agree to continue treatment of the patient's qualifying medical condition and report  
770.13 medical findings to the commissioner.

770.14 (b) Upon notification from the commissioner of the patient's enrollment in the registry  
770.15 program, the health care practitioner shall:

770.16 (1) participate in the patient registry reporting system under the guidance and supervision  
770.17 of the commissioner;

770.18 (2) report health records of the patient throughout the ongoing treatment of the patient  
770.19 to the commissioner in a manner determined by the commissioner and in accordance with  
770.20 subdivision 2;

770.21 (3) determine, on a yearly basis, if the patient continues to suffer from a qualifying  
770.22 medical condition and, if so, issue the patient a new certification of that diagnosis; and

770.23 (4) otherwise comply with all requirements developed by the commissioner.

770.24 (c) A health care practitioner may conduct a patient assessment to issue a recertification  
770.25 as required under paragraph (b), clause (3), via telemedicine as defined under section  
770.26 62A.671, subdivision 9.

770.27 ~~(e)~~ (d) Nothing in this section requires a health care practitioner to participate in the  
770.28 registry program.

770.29 Sec. 88. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.29, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

770.30 Subdivision 1. **Manufacturer; requirements.** (a) A manufacturer shall operate ~~four~~  
770.31 eight distribution facilities, which may include the manufacturer's single location for  
770.32 cultivation, harvesting, manufacturing, packaging, and processing but is not required to

771.1 include that location. ~~A manufacturer is required to begin distribution of medical cannabis~~  
771.2 ~~from at least one distribution facility by July 1, 2015. All distribution facilities must be~~  
771.3 ~~operational and begin distribution of medical cannabis by July 1, 2016. The distribution~~  
771.4 ~~facilities shall be located~~ The commissioner shall designate the geographical service areas  
771.5 to be served by each manufacturer based on geographical need throughout the state to  
771.6 improve patient access. A manufacturer shall disclose the proposed locations for the  
771.7 distribution facilities to the commissioner during the registration process. A manufacturer  
771.8 shall not have more than two distribution facilities in each geographical service area assigned  
771.9 to the manufacturer by the commissioner. A manufacturer shall operate only one location  
771.10 where all cultivation, harvesting, manufacturing, packaging, and processing shall be  
771.11 conducted. Any This location may be one of the manufacturer's distribution facility sites.  
771.12 The additional distribution facilities may dispense medical cannabis and medical cannabis  
771.13 products but may not contain any medical cannabis in a form other than those forms allowed  
771.14 under section 152.22, subdivision 6, and the manufacturer shall not conduct any cultivation,  
771.15 harvesting, manufacturing, packaging, or processing at an additional the other distribution  
771.16 facility site sites. Any distribution facility operated by the manufacturer is subject to all of  
771.17 the requirements applying to the manufacturer under sections 152.22 to 152.37, including,  
771.18 but not limited to, security and distribution requirements.

771.19 (b) A manufacturer may acquire hemp from a hemp grower. A manufacturer may  
771.20 manufacture or process hemp into an allowable form of medical cannabis under section  
771.21 152.22, subdivision 6. Hemp acquired by a manufacturer under this paragraph is subject to  
771.22 the same quality control program, security and testing requirements, and other requirements  
771.23 that apply to medical cannabis plant material under sections 152.22 to 152.37 and Minnesota  
771.24 Rules, chapter 4770.

771.25 ~~(b)~~ (c) A medical cannabis manufacturer shall contract with a laboratory approved by  
771.26 the commissioner, subject to any additional requirements set by the commissioner, for  
771.27 purposes of testing medical cannabis manufactured by the medical cannabis manufacturer  
771.28 as to content, contamination, and consistency to verify the medical cannabis meets the  
771.29 requirements of section 152.22, subdivision 6. The cost of laboratory testing shall be paid  
771.30 by the manufacturer.

771.31 ~~(e)~~ (d) The operating documents of a manufacturer must include:

771.32 (1) procedures for the oversight of the manufacturer and procedures to ensure accurate  
771.33 record keeping; ~~and~~

772.1 (2) procedures for the implementation of appropriate security measures to deter and  
772.2 prevent the theft of medical cannabis or hemp and unauthorized entrance into areas containing  
772.3 medical cannabis: or hemp; and

772.4 (3) procedures for the transportation and delivery of hemp from hemp growers to  
772.5 manufacturers.

772.6 ~~(d)~~ (e) A manufacturer shall implement security requirements, including requirements  
772.7 for the transportation and delivery of hemp from hemp growers to manufacturers, protection  
772.8 of each location by a fully operational security alarm system, facility access controls,  
772.9 perimeter intrusion detection systems, and a personnel identification system.

772.10 ~~(e)~~ (f) A manufacturer shall not share office space with, refer patients to a health care  
772.11 practitioner, or have any financial relationship with a health care practitioner.

772.12 ~~(f)~~ (g) A manufacturer shall not permit any person to consume medical cannabis on the  
772.13 property of the manufacturer.

772.14 ~~(g)~~ (h) A manufacturer is subject to reasonable inspection by the commissioner.

772.15 ~~(h)~~ (i) For purposes of sections 152.22 to 152.37, a medical cannabis manufacturer is  
772.16 not subject to the Board of Pharmacy licensure or regulatory requirements under chapter  
772.17 151.

772.18 ~~(i)~~ (j) A medical cannabis manufacturer may not employ any person who is under 21  
772.19 years of age or who has been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense. An employee of  
772.20 a medical cannabis manufacturer must submit a completed criminal history records check  
772.21 consent form, a full set of classifiable fingerprints, and the required fees for submission to  
772.22 the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension before an employee may begin working with the  
772.23 manufacturer. The bureau must conduct a Minnesota criminal history records check and  
772.24 the superintendent is authorized to exchange the fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of  
772.25 Investigation to obtain the applicant's national criminal history record information. The  
772.26 bureau shall return the results of the Minnesota and federal criminal history records checks  
772.27 to the commissioner.

772.28 ~~(j)~~ (k) A manufacturer may not operate in any location, whether for distribution or  
772.29 cultivation, harvesting, manufacturing, packaging, or processing, within 1,000 feet of a  
772.30 public or private school existing before the date of the manufacturer's registration with the  
772.31 commissioner.

772.32 ~~(k)~~ (l) A manufacturer shall comply with reasonable restrictions set by the commissioner  
772.33 relating to signage, marketing, display, and advertising of medical cannabis.



773.1 (m) Before a manufacturer acquires hemp from a hemp grower, the manufacturer must  
773.2 verify that the hemp grower has a valid license issued by the commissioner of agriculture  
773.3 under chapter 18K.

773.4 Sec. 89. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.29, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

773.5 Subd. 2. **Manufacturer; production.** (a) A manufacturer of medical cannabis shall  
773.6 provide a reliable and ongoing supply of all medical cannabis needed for the registry program  
773.7 through cultivation by the manufacturer and through the purchase of hemp from hemp  
773.8 growers.

773.9 (b) All cultivation, and harvesting performed by the manufacturer, and all manufacturing,  
773.10 packaging, and processing of medical cannabis and hemp, must take place in an enclosed,  
773.11 locked facility at a physical address provided to the commissioner during the registration  
773.12 process.

773.13 (c) A manufacturer must process and prepare any medical cannabis plant material or  
773.14 hemp plant material into a form allowable under section 152.22, subdivision 6, prior to  
773.15 distribution of any medical cannabis.

773.16 Sec. 90. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.29, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

773.17 Subd. 3. **Manufacturer; distribution.** (a) A manufacturer shall require that employees  
773.18 licensed as pharmacists pursuant to chapter 151 be the only employees to give final approval  
773.19 for the distribution of medical cannabis to a patient. A manufacturer may transport medical  
773.20 cannabis or medical cannabis products that have been cultivated, harvested, manufactured,  
773.21 packaged, and processed by that manufacturer to another registered manufacturer for the  
773.22 other manufacturer to distribute.

773.23 (b) A manufacturer may ~~dispense~~ distribute medical cannabis products, whether or not  
773.24 the products have been manufactured by ~~the~~ that manufacturer, ~~but is not required to dispense~~  
773.25 ~~medical cannabis products.~~

773.26 (c) Prior to distribution of any medical cannabis, the manufacturer shall:

773.27 (1) verify that the manufacturer has received the registry verification from the  
773.28 commissioner for that individual patient;

773.29 (2) verify that the person requesting the distribution of medical cannabis is the patient,  
773.30 the patient's registered designated caregiver, or the patient's parent ~~or~~ legal guardian, or  
773.31 spouse listed in the registry verification using the procedures described in section 152.11,  
773.32 subdivision 2d;

774.1 (3) assign a tracking number to any medical cannabis distributed from the manufacturer;

774.2 (4) ensure that any employee of the manufacturer licensed as a pharmacist pursuant to  
774.3 chapter 151 has consulted with the patient to determine the proper dosage for the individual  
774.4 patient after reviewing the ranges of chemical compositions of the medical cannabis and  
774.5 the ranges of proper dosages reported by the commissioner. For purposes of this clause, a  
774.6 consultation may be conducted remotely using a videoconference, so long as the employee  
774.7 providing the consultation is able to confirm the identity of the patient, the consultation  
774.8 occurs while the patient is at a distribution facility, and the consultation adheres to patient  
774.9 privacy requirements that apply to health care services delivered through telemedicine;

774.10 (5) properly package medical cannabis in compliance with the United States Poison  
774.11 Prevention Packing Act regarding child-resistant packaging and exemptions for packaging  
774.12 for elderly patients, and label distributed medical cannabis with a list of all active ingredients  
774.13 and individually identifying information, including:

774.14 (i) the patient's name and date of birth;

774.15 (ii) the name and date of birth of the patient's registered designated caregiver or, if listed  
774.16 on the registry verification, the name of the patient's parent or legal guardian, if applicable;

774.17 (iii) the patient's registry identification number;

774.18 (iv) the chemical composition of the medical cannabis; and

774.19 (v) the dosage; and

774.20 (6) ensure that the medical cannabis distributed contains a maximum of a ~~30-day~~ 90-day  
774.21 supply of the dosage determined for that patient.

774.22 (d) A manufacturer shall require any employee of the manufacturer who is transporting  
774.23 medical cannabis or medical cannabis products to a distribution facility or to another  
774.24 registered manufacturer to carry identification showing that the person is an employee of  
774.25 the manufacturer.

774.26 Sec. 91. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.31, is amended to read:

774.27 **152.31 DATA PRACTICES.**

774.28 (a) Government data in patient files maintained by the commissioner and the health care  
774.29 practitioner, and data submitted to or by a medical cannabis manufacturer, are private data  
774.30 on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, or nonpublic data, as defined in  
774.31 section 13.02, subdivision 9, but may be used for purposes of complying with chapter 13  
774.32 and complying with a request from the legislative auditor or the state auditor in the

775.1 performance of official duties. The provisions of section 13.05, subdivision 11, apply to a  
775.2 registration agreement entered between the commissioner and a medical cannabis  
775.3 manufacturer under section 152.25.

775.4 (b) Not public data maintained by the commissioner may not be used for any purpose  
775.5 not provided for in sections 152.22 to 152.37, and may not be combined or linked in any  
775.6 manner with any other list, dataset, or database.

775.7 (c) The commissioner may execute data sharing arrangements with the commissioner  
775.8 of agriculture to verify licensing, inspection, and compliance information related to hemp  
775.9 growers under chapter 18K.

775.10 Sec. 92. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.32, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

775.11 Subd. 2. **Criminal and civil protections.** (a) Subject to section 152.23, the following  
775.12 are not violations under this chapter:

775.13 (1) use or possession of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products by a patient  
775.14 enrolled in the registry program, or possession by a registered designated caregiver or the  
775.15 parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or spouse of a patient if the parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or spouse  
775.16 is listed on the registry verification;

775.17 (2) possession, dosage determination, or sale of medical cannabis or medical cannabis  
775.18 products by a medical cannabis manufacturer, employees of a manufacturer, a laboratory  
775.19 conducting testing on medical cannabis, or employees of the laboratory; and

775.20 (3) possession of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products by any person while  
775.21 carrying out the duties required under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

775.22 (b) Medical cannabis obtained and distributed pursuant to sections 152.22 to 152.37 and  
775.23 associated property is not subject to forfeiture under sections 609.531 to 609.5316.

775.24 (c) The commissioner, the commissioner's staff, the commissioner's agents or contractors,  
775.25 and any health care practitioner are not subject to any civil or disciplinary penalties by the  
775.26 Board of Medical Practice, the Board of Nursing, or by any business, occupational, or  
775.27 professional licensing board or entity, solely for the participation in the registry program  
775.28 under sections 152.22 to 152.37. A pharmacist licensed under chapter 151 is not subject to  
775.29 any civil or disciplinary penalties by the Board of Pharmacy when acting in accordance  
775.30 with the provisions of sections 152.22 to 152.37. Nothing in this section affects a professional  
775.31 licensing board from taking action in response to violations of any other section of law.

776.1 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner, the governor of  
776.2 Minnesota, or an employee of any state agency may not be held civilly or criminally liable  
776.3 for any injury, loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by any act or omission  
776.4 while acting within the scope of office or employment under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

776.5 (e) Federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities are prohibited from accessing  
776.6 the patient registry under sections 152.22 to 152.37 except when acting pursuant to a valid  
776.7 search warrant.

776.8 (f) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, neither the commissioner nor a public  
776.9 employee may release data or information about an individual contained in any report,  
776.10 document, or registry created under sections 152.22 to 152.37 or any information obtained  
776.11 about a patient participating in the program, except as provided in sections 152.22 to 152.37.

776.12 (g) No information contained in a report, document, or registry or obtained from a patient  
776.13 under sections 152.22 to 152.37 may be admitted as evidence in a criminal proceeding  
776.14 unless independently obtained or in connection with a proceeding involving a violation of  
776.15 sections 152.22 to 152.37.

776.16 (h) Notwithstanding section 13.09, any person who violates paragraph (e) or (f) is guilty  
776.17 of a gross misdemeanor.

776.18 (i) An attorney may not be subject to disciplinary action by the Minnesota Supreme  
776.19 Court or professional responsibility board for providing legal assistance to prospective or  
776.20 registered manufacturers or others related to activity that is no longer subject to criminal  
776.21 penalties under state law pursuant to sections 152.22 to 152.37.

776.22 (j) Possession of a registry verification or application for enrollment in the program by  
776.23 a person entitled to possess or apply for enrollment in the registry program does not constitute  
776.24 probable cause or reasonable suspicion, nor shall it be used to support a search of the person  
776.25 or property of the person possessing or applying for the registry verification, or otherwise  
776.26 subject the person or property of the person to inspection by any governmental agency.

776.27 Sec. 93. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

776.28 Subdivision 1. **Intentional diversion; criminal penalty.** In addition to any other  
776.29 applicable penalty in law, a manufacturer or an agent of a manufacturer who intentionally  
776.30 transfers medical cannabis to a person other than another registered manufacturer, a patient,  
776.31 a registered designated caregiver or, if listed on the registry verification, a parent ~~or~~ legal  
776.32 guardian, or spouse of a patient is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not  
776.33 more than two years or by payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both. A person

777.1 convicted under this subdivision may not continue to be affiliated with the manufacturer  
777.2 and is disqualified from further participation under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

777.3 Sec. 94. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

777.4 Subd. 2. **Diversion by patient, registered designated caregiver, ~~or parent~~, legal**  
777.5 **guardian, or patient's spouse; criminal penalty.** In addition to any other applicable penalty  
777.6 in law, a patient, registered designated caregiver or, if listed on the registry verification, a  
777.7 parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or spouse of a patient who intentionally sells or otherwise transfers  
777.8 medical cannabis to a person other than a patient, designated registered caregiver or, if listed  
777.9 on the registry verification, a parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or spouse of a patient is guilty of a  
777.10 felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years or by payment of a fine of  
777.11 not more than \$3,000, or both.

777.12 Sec. 95. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.34, is amended to read:

777.13 **152.34 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.**

777.14 (a) Health care facilities licensed under chapter 144A, hospice providers licensed under  
777.15 chapter 144A, boarding care homes or supervised living facilities licensed under section  
777.16 144.50, assisted living facilities, ~~and~~ facilities owned, controlled, managed, or under common  
777.17 control with hospitals licensed under chapter 144, and other health facilities licensed by the  
777.18 commissioner of health, may adopt reasonable restrictions on the use of medical cannabis  
777.19 by a patient enrolled in the registry program who resides at or is actively receiving treatment  
777.20 or care at the facility. The restrictions may include a provision that the facility will not store  
777.21 or maintain the patient's supply of medical cannabis, that the facility is not responsible for  
777.22 providing the medical cannabis for patients, and that medical cannabis be used only in a  
777.23 place specified by the facility.

777.24 (b) Any employee or agent of a facility listed in this section or a person licensed under  
777.25 chapter 144E is not subject to violations under this chapter for possession of medical cannabis  
777.26 while carrying out employment duties, including providing or supervising care to a registered  
777.27 patient, or distribution of medical cannabis to a registered patient who resides at or is actively  
777.28 receiving treatment or care at the facility with which the employee or agent is affiliated.  
777.29 Nothing in this section shall require the facilities to adopt such restrictions and no facility  
777.30 shall unreasonably limit a patient's access to or use of medical cannabis to the extent that  
777.31 use is authorized by the patient under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

778.1 Sec. 96. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

778.2 Subd. 2. **Impact assessment.** The task force shall hold hearings to evaluate the impact  
778.3 of the use of medical cannabis and hemp and Minnesota's activities involving medical  
778.4 cannabis and hemp, including, but not limited to:

778.5 (1) program design and implementation;

778.6 (2) the impact on the health care provider community;

778.7 (3) patient experiences;

778.8 (4) the impact on the incidence of substance abuse;

778.9 (5) access to and quality of medical cannabis, hemp, and medical cannabis products;

778.10 (6) the impact on law enforcement and prosecutions;

778.11 (7) public awareness and perception; and

778.12 (8) any unintended consequences.

778.13 Sec. 97. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.171, is amended to read:

778.14 **171.171 SUSPENSION; ILLEGAL PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO.**

778.15 The commissioner shall suspend for a period of 90 days the license of a person who:

778.16 (1) is under the age of 21 years and is convicted of purchasing or attempting to purchase  
778.17 an alcoholic beverage in violation of section 340A.503 if the person used a license, Minnesota  
778.18 identification card, or any type of false identification to purchase or attempt to purchase the  
778.19 alcoholic beverage;

778.20 (2) is convicted under section 171.22, subdivision 1, clause (2), or 340A.503, subdivision  
778.21 2, clause (3), of lending or knowingly permitting a person under the age of 21 years to use  
778.22 the person's license, Minnesota identification card, or other type of identification to purchase  
778.23 or attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage; or

778.24 ~~(3) is under the age of 18 years and is found by a court to have committed a petty~~  
778.25 ~~misdemeanor under section 609.685, subdivision 3, if the person used a license, Minnesota~~  
778.26 ~~identification card, or any type of false identification to purchase or attempt to purchase the~~  
778.27 ~~tobacco product; or~~

778.28 ~~(4)~~ (3) is convicted under section 171.22, subdivision 1, clause (2), of lending or  
778.29 knowingly permitting a person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years to use the person's license,  
778.30 Minnesota identification card, or other type of identification to purchase or attempt to

779.1 purchase a ~~tobacco product~~ tobacco, a tobacco-related device, an electronic delivery device,  
779.2 as defined in section 609.685, subdivision 1; or a nicotine or lobelia delivery product, as  
779.3 described in section 609.6855, subdivision 1.

779.4 Sec. 98. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 214.25, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

779.5 Subd. 2. **Commissioner of health data.** (a) All data collected or maintained as part of  
779.6 the commissioner of health's duties under Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 214.19, 214.23,  
779.7 and 214.24, shall be classified as investigative data under section 13.39, except that inactive  
779.8 investigative data shall be classified as private data under section 13.02, subdivision 12, or  
779.9 nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9, in the case of data not on individuals.

779.10 ~~(b) Notwithstanding section 13.05, subdivision 9, data addressed in this subdivision~~  
779.11 ~~shall not be disclosed except as provided in this subdivision or section 13.04; except that~~  
779.12 ~~the commissioner may disclose to the boards under section 214.23.~~

779.13 ~~(c) The commissioner may disclose data addressed under this subdivision as necessary:~~  
779.14 ~~to identify, establish, implement, and enforce a monitoring plan; to investigate a regulated~~  
779.15 ~~person; to alert persons who may be threatened by illness as evidenced by epidemiologic~~  
779.16 ~~data; to control or prevent the spread of HIV, HBV, or HCV disease; or to diminish an~~  
779.17 ~~imminent threat to the public health.~~

779.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective on January 1, 2020, and no new cases  
779.19 shall be investigated under this subdivision after June 1, 2019.

779.20 Sec. 99. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 461.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

779.21 Subd. 2. **Administrative penalties for sales and furnishing; licensees.** If a licensee or  
779.22 employee of a licensee sells, gives, or otherwise furnishes tobacco, tobacco-related devices,  
779.23 electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products to a person under the  
779.24 age of ~~18~~ 21 years, or violates any other provision of this chapter, the licensee shall be  
779.25 charged an administrative penalty of ~~\$75~~ \$300 for the first violation. An administrative  
779.26 penalty of ~~\$200~~ \$600 must be imposed for a second violation at the same location within  
779.27 ~~24~~ 36 months after the initial violation. For a third or any subsequent violation at the same  
779.28 location within ~~24~~ 36 months after the initial violation, an administrative penalty of ~~\$250~~  
779.29 \$1,000 must be imposed, and the licensee's authority to sell tobacco, tobacco-related devices,  
779.30 electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products at that location must be  
779.31 suspended for not less than seven days and may be revoked. No suspension, revocation, or  
779.32 other penalty may take effect until the licensee has received notice, served personally or by  
779.33 mail, of the alleged violation and an opportunity for a hearing before a person authorized

780.1 by the licensing authority to conduct the hearing. A decision that a violation has occurred  
780.2 must be in writing.

780.3 Sec. 100. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 461.12, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

780.4 Subd. 3. **Administrative penalty for sales and furnishing; individuals.** An individual  
780.5 who sells, gives, or otherwise furnishes tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery  
780.6 devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products to a person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years  
780.7 ~~must~~ may be charged an administrative penalty of \$50. No penalty may be imposed until  
780.8 the individual has received notice, served personally or by mail, of the alleged violation  
780.9 and an opportunity for a hearing before a person authorized by the licensing authority to  
780.10 conduct the hearing. A decision that a violation has occurred must be in writing.

780.11 Sec. 101. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 461.12, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

780.12 Subd. 4. **Minors Alternative penalties for use of false identification; persons under**  
780.13 **age 21.** The licensing authority shall consult with interested persons, as applicable, including  
780.14 but not limited to educators, parents, ~~children~~ guardians, persons under the age of 21 years,  
780.15 and representatives of the court system to develop alternative penalties for ~~minors~~ persons  
780.16 under the age of 21 years who purchase, ~~possess, and consume~~ or attempt to purchase,  
780.17 tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery  
780.18 products using a driver's license, permit, Minnesota identification card, or any other type  
780.19 of false identification to misrepresent the person's age, in violation of section 609.685 or  
780.20 609.6855. The licensing authority and the interested persons shall consider a variety of  
780.21 alternative civil options penalties, including, but not limited to, tobacco-free tobacco-free  
780.22 education; tobacco-cessation programs; notice to schools; and parents, or guardians;  
780.23 community service; and other court diversion programs. Alternative civil penalties developed  
780.24 under this subdivision shall not include fines or monetary penalties.

780.25 Sec. 102. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 461.12, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

780.26 Subd. 5. **Compliance checks.** (a) A licensing authority shall conduct unannounced  
780.27 compliance checks at least once each calendar year at each location where tobacco,  
780.28 tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products  
780.29 are sold to test compliance with sections 609.685 and 609.6855. Compliance checks  
780.30 conducted under this subdivision must involve ~~minors~~ persons over the age of 15 at least  
780.31 17 years of age, but under the age of ~~18~~ 21, who, with the prior written consent of a parent  
780.32 or guardian if the person is under the age of 18, attempt to purchase tobacco, tobacco-related  
780.33 devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products under the direct



781.1 supervision of a law enforcement officer or an employee of the licensing authority. The age  
781.2 requirements for persons participating in compliance checks under this subdivision shall  
781.3 not affect the age requirements in federal law for persons participating in federally required  
781.4 compliance checks of these locations.

781.5 (b) By January 15 of each year, a licensing authority must report the following  
781.6 information to the commissioner of human services:

781.7 (1) the total number of current licensees overseen by the licensing authority and the total  
781.8 number of compliance checks performed by the licensing authority in the preceding calendar  
781.9 year as required under paragraph (a); and

781.10 (2) the following information for each violation found in a retail compliance check  
781.11 required under paragraph (a) that was performed by the licensing authority in the preceding  
781.12 calendar year:

781.13 (i) the name of the licensing authority;

781.14 (ii) the date of the compliance check at which the violations were found;

781.15 (iii) the name and physical address of the licensee; and

781.16 (iv) the number of violations of sections 609.685 and 609.6855 by that licensee in the  
781.17 past 36 months.

781.18 The licensing authority may also report to the commissioner, a list of the products purchased  
781.19 during the compliance check and the penalty assessed on the licensee by the licensing  
781.20 authority. The commissioner shall compile all reports received from licensing authorities,  
781.21 make publicly available the information reported to the commissioner under this paragraph  
781.22 for the most recent five-year period, make publicly available the most recent list of licensees  
781.23 provided to the commissioner under subdivision 8, paragraph (b), and update the publicly  
781.24 available information at least annually.

781.25 Sec. 103. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 461.12, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

781.26 Subd. 6. **Defense.** It is an affirmative defense to the charge of selling tobacco,  
781.27 tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products  
781.28 to a person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years in violation of subdivision 2 or 3 that the licensee  
781.29 or individual making the sale relied in good faith upon proof of age as described in section  
781.30 340A.503, subdivision 6.

782.1 Sec. 104. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 461.12, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

782.2 Subd. 8. **Notice to commissioner; information shared with commissioner of human**  
782.3 **services.** (a) The licensing authority under this section shall, within 30 days of the issuance  
782.4 of a license, inform the commissioner of revenue of the licensee's name, address, trade  
782.5 name, and the effective and expiration dates of the license. The commissioner of revenue  
782.6 must also be informed of a license renewal, transfer, cancellation, suspension, or revocation  
782.7 during the license period.

782.8 (b) The commissioner of revenue shall, by January 15 of each year, provide the  
782.9 commissioner of human services with a list of current licensees and shall provide the  
782.10 following information for each licensee: name, address, trade name, and effective date and  
782.11 expiration date of the license.

782.12 Sec. 105. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 461.18, is amended to read:

782.13 **461.18 BAN ON SELF-SERVICE SALE OF PACKS SALES; EXCEPTIONS.**

782.14 Subdivision 1. **Except in ~~adult-only~~ facilities for persons 21 years of age and older.** (a)  
782.15 No person shall offer for sale tobacco or tobacco-related devices, or electronic delivery  
782.16 devices as defined in section 609.685, subdivision 1, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products  
782.17 as described in section 609.6855, in open displays which are accessible to the public without  
782.18 the intervention of a store employee.

782.19 (b) [~~Expired August 28, 1997~~]

782.20 (c) [~~Expired~~]

782.21 (d) (b) This subdivision shall not apply to retail stores ~~which~~ that have an entrance door  
782.22 opening directly to the outside and that derive at least 90 percent of their gross revenue from  
782.23 the sale of tobacco and, tobacco-related devices, and electronic delivery devices as defined  
782.24 in section 609.685, subdivision 1, and where the retailer ensures that no person younger  
782.25 than 18 years of age under the age of 21 years is present, or permitted to enter, at any time.

782.26 Subd. 2. **Vending machine sales prohibited.** No person shall sell tobacco products,  
782.27 electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products from vending machines.  
782.28 This subdivision does not apply to vending machines in facilities that cannot be entered at  
782.29 any time by persons ~~younger than 18~~ under the age of 21 years of age.

782.30 Subd. 3. **Federal regulations for cartons, multipacks.** Code of Federal Regulations,  
782.31 title 21, part ~~897.16(e)~~ 1140.16(c), as amended from time to time, is incorporated by reference  
782.32 with respect to cartons and other multipack units.

783.1 Sec. 106. **[461.22] AGE VERIFICATION AND SIGNAGE REQUIRED.**

783.2 Subdivision 1. **Signage.** At each location where tobacco, tobacco-related devices,  
783.3 electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products are sold, the licensee  
783.4 shall display a sign in plain view to provide public notice that selling any of these products  
783.5 to any person under the age of 21 is illegal and subject to penalties. The notice shall be  
783.6 placed in a conspicuous location in the licensed establishment and shall be readily visible  
783.7 to any person who is purchasing or attempting to purchase these products. The sign shall  
783.8 provide notice that all persons responsible for selling these products must verify, by means  
783.9 of photographic identification containing the bearer's date of birth, the age of any person  
783.10 under 30 years of age.

783.11 Subd. 2. **Age verification.** At each location where tobacco, tobacco-related devices,  
783.12 electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products are sold, the licensee  
783.13 shall verify, by means of government-issued photographic identification containing the  
783.14 bearer's date of birth, that the purchaser or person attempting to make the purchase is at  
783.15 least 21 years of age. Verification is not required if the purchaser or person attempting to  
783.16 make the purchase is 30 years of age or older. It shall not constitute a defense to a violation  
783.17 of this subdivision that the person appeared to be 30 years of age or older.

783.18 Sec. 107. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.685, is amended to read:

783.19 **609.685 SALE OF TOBACCO TO CHILDREN PERSONS UNDER AGE 21.**

783.20 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall  
783.21 have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section.

783.22 (a) "Tobacco" means cigarettes and any product containing, made, or derived from  
783.23 tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed,  
783.24 dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component,  
783.25 part, or accessory of a tobacco product including but not limited to cigars; cheroots; stogies;  
783.26 perique; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco; snuff;  
783.27 snuff flour; cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine cut and other chewing tobaccos; shorts;  
783.28 refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of  
783.29 tobacco. Tobacco excludes any ~~tobacco product that has been approved by the United States~~  
783.30 ~~Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product, as a~~  
783.31 ~~tobacco dependence product, or for other medical purposes, and is being marketed and sold~~  
783.32 ~~solely for such an approved purpose.~~ drugs, devices, or combination products, as those terms  
783.33 are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, that are authorized for sale by the  
783.34 United States Food and Drug Administration.

784.1 (b) "Tobacco-related devices" means cigarette papers or pipes for smoking or other  
 784.2 devices intentionally designed or intended to be used in a manner which enables the chewing,  
 784.3 sniffing, smoking, or inhalation of ~~vapers~~ aerosol or vapor of tobacco or tobacco products.  
 784.4 Tobacco-related devices include components of tobacco-related devices which may be  
 784.5 marketed or sold separately.

784.6 (c) "Electronic delivery device" means any product containing or delivering nicotine,  
 784.7 lobelia, or any other substance, whether natural or synthetic, intended for human consumption  
 784.8 ~~that can be used by a person to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or any other~~  
 784.9 ~~substance~~ through inhalation of aerosol or vapor from the product. Electronic delivery  
 784.10 devices includes but is not limited to devices manufactured, marketed, or sold as electronic  
 784.11 cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipe, vape pens, modes, tank systems, or under any  
 784.12 other product name or descriptor. Electronic delivery device includes any component part  
 784.13 of a product, whether or not marketed or sold separately. Electronic delivery device ~~does~~  
 784.14 ~~not include any product that has been approved or certified by the United States Food and~~  
 784.15 ~~Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco-cessation product, as a tobacco-dependence~~  
 784.16 ~~product, or for other medical purposes, and is marketed and sold for such an approved~~  
 784.17 ~~purpose.~~ excludes drugs, devices, or combination products, as those terms are defined in  
 784.18 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, that are authorized for sale by the United States  
 784.19 Food and Drug Administration.

784.20 Subd. 1a. **Penalty to sell or furnish.** (a) ~~Whoever~~ Any person 21 years of age or older  
 784.21 who sells, gives, or otherwise furnishes tobacco, tobacco-related devices, or electronic  
 784.22 delivery devices to a person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years is guilty of a petty misdemeanor  
 784.23 for the first violation. Whoever violates this subdivision a subsequent time within five years  
 784.24 of a previous conviction under this subdivision is guilty of a ~~gross~~ misdemeanor.

784.25 (b) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this subdivision if the defendant proves  
 784.26 by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant reasonably and in good faith relied  
 784.27 on proof of age as described in section 340A.503, subdivision 6.

784.28 Subd. 2. ~~Other offenses~~ **Use of false identification.** (a) ~~Whoever furnishes tobacco,~~  
 784.29 ~~tobacco-related devices, or electronic delivery devices to a person under the age of 18 years~~  
 784.30 ~~is guilty of a misdemeanor for the first violation. Whoever violates this paragraph a~~  
 784.31 ~~subsequent time is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.~~

784.32 ~~(b)~~ A person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years who purchases or attempts to purchase tobacco,  
 784.33 tobacco-related devices, or electronic delivery devices and who uses a driver's license,  
 784.34 permit, Minnesota identification card, or any type of false identification to misrepresent the

785.1 person's age, ~~is guilty of a misdemeanor~~ shall only be subject to an alternative civil penalty,  
785.2 in accordance with subdivision 2a.

785.3 Subd. 2a. **Alternative penalties.** Law enforcement and court system representatives  
785.4 shall consult, as applicable, with interested persons, including but not limited to parents,  
785.5 guardians, educators, and persons under the age of 21 years, to develop alternative civil  
785.6 penalties for persons under the age of 21 years who violate this section. Consulting  
785.7 participants shall consider a variety of alternative civil penalties including but not limited  
785.8 to tobacco-free education programs, community service, court diversion programs, and  
785.9 tobacco cessation programs, and for persons under the age of 18 years, notice to schools  
785.10 and to parents or guardians. Alternative civil penalties developed under this subdivision  
785.11 shall not include fines or monetary penalties.

785.12 ~~Subd. 3. **Petty misdemeanor.** Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 2, whoever~~  
785.13 ~~possesses, smokes, chews, or otherwise ingests, purchases, or attempts to purchase tobacco,~~  
785.14 ~~tobacco-related devices, or electronic delivery devices and is under the age of 18 years is~~  
785.15 ~~guilty of a petty misdemeanor.~~

785.16 Subd. 4. **Effect on local ordinances.** Nothing in subdivisions 1 to ~~3~~ 2a shall supersede  
785.17 or preclude the continuation or adoption of any local ordinance which provides for more  
785.18 stringent regulation of the subject matter in subdivisions 1 to ~~3~~ 2a.

785.19 Subd. 5. **Exceptions.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision ~~2~~ 1a, an Indian may furnish  
785.20 tobacco to an Indian under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years if the tobacco is furnished as part of a  
785.21 traditional Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony. For purposes of this paragraph, an Indian  
785.22 is a person who is a member of an Indian tribe as defined in section 260.755, subdivision  
785.23 12.

785.24 (b) The penalties in this section do not apply to a person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years  
785.25 who purchases or attempts to purchase tobacco, tobacco-related devices, or electronic  
785.26 delivery devices while under the direct supervision of a responsible adult for training,  
785.27 education, research, or enforcement purposes.

785.28 Subd. 6. **Seizure of false identification.** A ~~retailer~~ licensee may seize a form of  
785.29 identification listed in section 340A.503, subdivision 6, if the ~~retailer~~ licensee has reasonable  
785.30 grounds to believe that the form of identification has been altered or falsified or is being  
785.31 used to violate any law. A ~~retailer~~ licensee that seizes a form of identification as authorized  
785.32 under this subdivision shall deliver it to a law enforcement agency within 24 hours of seizing  
785.33 it.

786.1 Sec. 108. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.6855, is amended to read:

786.2 **609.6855 SALE OF NICOTINE DELIVERY PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN**  
786.3 **PERSONS UNDER AGE 21.**

786.4 Subdivision 1. **Penalty to sell or furnish.** (a) ~~Whoever~~ Any person 21 years of age or  
786.5 older who sells, gives, or otherwise furnishes to a person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years a  
786.6 product containing or delivering nicotine or lobelia, whether natural or synthetic, intended  
786.7 for human consumption, or any part of such a product, that is not tobacco or an electronic  
786.8 delivery device as defined by section 609.685, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor for the first  
786.9 violation. Whoever violates this subdivision a subsequent time within five years of a previous  
786.10 conviction under this subdivision is guilty of a ~~gross~~ misdemeanor.

786.11 (b) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this subdivision if the defendant proves  
786.12 by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant reasonably and in good faith relied  
786.13 on proof of age as described in section 340A.503, subdivision 6.

786.14 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a product containing or delivering nicotine or lobelia  
786.15 intended for human consumption, whether natural or synthetic, or any part of such a product,  
786.16 that is not tobacco or an electronic delivery device as defined by section 609.685, may be  
786.17 sold to persons under the age of ~~18~~ 21 if the product ~~has been approved or otherwise certified~~  
786.18 ~~for legal sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration for tobacco use cessation,~~  
786.19 ~~harm reduction, or for other medical purposes, and is being marketed and sold solely for~~  
786.20 ~~that approved purpose~~ is a drug, device, or combination product, as those terms are defined  
786.21 in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, that are authorized for sale by the United  
786.22 States Food and Drug Administration.

786.23 Subd. 2. ~~Other offense~~ **Use of false identification.** A person under the age of ~~18~~ 21  
786.24 years who purchases or attempts to purchase a product containing or delivering nicotine or  
786.25 lobelia intended for human consumption, or any part of such a product, that is not tobacco  
786.26 or an electronic delivery device as defined by section 609.685, and who uses a driver's  
786.27 license, permit, Minnesota identification card, or any type of false identification to  
786.28 misrepresent the person's age, ~~is guilty of a misdemeanor~~ shall only be subject to an  
786.29 alternative civil penalty in accordance with subdivision 3. No penalty shall apply to a person  
786.30 under the age of 21 years who purchases or attempts to purchase these products while under  
786.31 the direct supervision of a responsible adult for training, education, research, or enforcement  
786.32 purposes.

786.33 Subd. 3. ~~Petty misdemeanor~~ **Alternative penalties.** ~~Except as otherwise provided in~~  
786.34 ~~subdivisions 1 and 2, whoever is under the age of 18 years and possesses, purchases, or~~

787.1 ~~attempts to purchase a product containing or delivering nicotine or lobelia intended for~~  
787.2 ~~human consumption, or any part of such a product, that is not tobacco or an electronic~~  
787.3 ~~delivery device as defined by section 609.685, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. Law~~  
787.4 enforcement and court system representatives shall consult, as applicable, with interested  
787.5 persons, including but not limited to parents, guardians, educators, and persons under the  
787.6 age of 21 years, to develop alternative civil penalties for persons under the age of 21 years  
787.7 who violate this section. Consulting participants shall consider a variety of alternative civil  
787.8 penalties including but not limited to tobacco-free education programs, community service,  
787.9 court diversion programs, and tobacco cessation programs, and for persons under the age  
787.10 of 18 years, notice to schools and to parents or guardians. Alternative civil penalties  
787.11 developed under this subdivision shall not include fines or monetary penalties.

787.12 Sec. 109. **SKIN LIGHTENING PRODUCTS PUBLIC AWARENESS AND**  
787.13 **EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

787.14 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The commissioner of health shall develop a  
787.15 grant program for the purpose of increasing public awareness and education on the health  
787.16 dangers associated with using skin lightening creams and products that contain mercury  
787.17 that are manufactured in other countries and brought into this country and sold illegally  
787.18 online or in stores.

787.19 Subd. 2. **Grants authorized.** The commissioner shall award grants through a request  
787.20 for proposals process to community-based organizations serving ethnic communities, local  
787.21 public health entities, and nonprofit organizations that focus on providing health care and  
787.22 public health outreach to minorities. Priority shall be given to organizations that have  
787.23 historically served ethnic communities at significant risk from these products, but have not  
787.24 traditionally had access to state grant funding.

787.25 Subd. 3. **Grant allocation.** (a) Grantees must use the funds to conduct public awareness  
787.26 and education activities that are culturally specific and community-based and focus on:

787.27 (1) the dangers of exposure to mercury through dermal absorption, inhalation,  
787.28 hand-to-mouth contact, and through contact with individuals who have used these skin  
787.29 lightening products;

787.30 (2) the signs and symptoms of mercury poisoning;

787.31 (3) the health effects of mercury poisoning, including the permanent effects on the central  
787.32 nervous system and kidneys;

788.1 (4) the dangers of using these products or being exposed to these products during  
788.2 pregnancy and breastfeeding to the mother and to the infant;

788.3 (5) knowing how to identify products that contain mercury; and

788.4 (6) proper disposal of the product if the product contains mercury.

788.5 (b) The grant application must include:

788.6 (1) a description of the purpose or project for which the grant funds will be used;

788.7 (2) a description of the objectives, a work plan, and a timeline for implementation; and

788.8 (3) the community or group the grant proposes to focus on.

788.9 (c) The commissioner shall award 50 percent of the grant funds to community-based

788.10 organizations and nonprofit organizations and 50 percent of the funds to local public health

788.11 entities.

788.12 Sec. 110. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

788.13 The revisor of statutes shall correct any internal cross-references to sections 214.17 to

788.14 214.25 that occur as a result of the repealed language and may make changes necessary to

788.15 correct punctuation, grammar, or structure of the remaining text and preserve its meaning.

788.16 Sec. 111. **REPEALER.**

788.17 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 144.414, subdivision 5; 144A.45, subdivision 6;

788.18 and 144A.481, are repealed.

788.19 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 214.17; 214.18; 214.19; 214.20; 214.21; 214.22;

788.20 214.23; and 214.24, are repealed on January 1, 2020, and no new cases shall be investigated

788.21 under these sections after June 1, 2019.

788.22

## ARTICLE 13

788.23

### HEALTH COVERAGE

788.24 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.021, is amended by adding a subdivision

788.25 to read:

788.26 Subd. 1a. **Loss ratio standards.** (a) Health plans issued on the individual market must

788.27 return to enrollees in the form of aggregate benefits not including anticipated refunds or

788.28 credits, at least 80 percent of the aggregate amount of premiums earned.



789.1 (b) Health plans issued on the small employer market, as defined in section 62L.02,  
789.2 subdivision 27, must return to enrollees in the form of aggregate benefits not including  
789.3 anticipated refunds or credits, at least 82 percent of the aggregate amount of premiums  
789.4 earned.

789.5 (c) Health plans issued to large groups, meaning groups with 51 or more covered persons,  
789.6 must return to enrollees in the form of aggregate benefits not including anticipated refunds  
789.7 or credits, at least 85 percent of the aggregate amount of premiums earned.

789.8 (d) Short-term health plans, as defined in section 62A.65, subdivision 7, must return to  
789.9 enrollees in the form of aggregate benefits not to include anticipated refunds or credits, at  
789.10 least 80 percent of the aggregate amount of premiums earned.

789.11 (e) Health plans that are issued by a health maintenance organization or nonprofit health  
789.12 service plan corporation shall have loss ratios calculated on the basis of incurred claims  
789.13 experience or incurred health care expenses where coverage is provided on a service rather  
789.14 than reimbursement basis and earned premiums for the period and according to accepted  
789.15 actuarial principles and practices.

789.16 (f) A health carrier must submit to the commissioner a report, in a form and manner  
789.17 determined by the commissioner, evidencing compliance with this section. Information in  
789.18 the report must be aggregated and separated by individual, small employer, short-term, and  
789.19 large group market. The form must be submitted to the commissioner by June 1 of the year  
789.20 following the last calendar year during which the health carrier offered individual, small  
789.21 employer, or large group health plans.

789.22 (g) The commissioner shall review reports for actuarial reasonableness, soundness, and  
789.23 compliance with this section. If the report does not meet these requirements, the  
789.24 commissioner shall notify the health carrier in writing of the deficiency. The health carrier  
789.25 shall have 30 days from the date of the commissioner's notice to file an amended report that  
789.26 complies with this section. If the health carrier fails to file an amended report, the  
789.27 commissioner shall order the health carrier to issue a rebate calculated pursuant to subdivision  
789.28 2a.

789.29 (h) A health plan that does not comply with the loss ratio requirements of this section  
789.30 is an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance and is subject to the  
789.31 penalties in sections 72A.17 to 72A.32.

789.32 (i) The commissioners of commerce and health shall each annually issue a public report  
789.33 listing, by health carrier, the actual loss ratios experienced in the individual, small employer,  
789.34 short-term, and large group markets in this state by the health carriers that the commissioners

790.1 respectively regulate. The commissioners shall coordinate release of these reports so as to  
790.2 release them as a joint report or as separate reports issued the same day. The report or reports  
790.3 shall be released no later than September 1 for loss ratios experienced for the preceding  
790.4 calendar year. Health carriers shall provide to the commissioners any information requested  
790.5 by the commissioners for purposes of this paragraph.

790.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

790.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.021, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
790.8 read:

790.9 Subd. 2a. **Rebate.** (a) A health carrier must issue a rebate to each enrollee if the health  
790.10 carrier's loss ratio does not meet or exceed the minimum required by subdivision 1a.

790.11 (b) The rebate must be in the amount of the aggregate amount of premiums earned,  
790.12 multiplied by the difference between the loss ratio the health carrier had for the prior calendar  
790.13 year and the loss ratio required under subdivision 1a.

790.14 (c) A health carrier must issue the rebate under paragraph (b) by August 1 of the year  
790.15 following the prior calendar year during which individual, small employer, short-term, or  
790.16 large group health plans were offered.

790.17 (d) The rebate must be paid in the form of a lump-sum check or lump-sum reimbursement  
790.18 to persons who are no longer enrolled in the health plan. The rebate may be paid either as  
790.19 a lump-sum check, a lump-sum reimbursement, or a direct deduction to the current plan  
790.20 year's premiums for current enrollees.

790.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

790.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.021, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
790.23 read:

790.24 Subd. 3a. **Prohibiting subtractions from loss ratio calculations.** (a) A health carrier,  
790.25 when demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this section, shall subtract from  
790.26 incurred claims or incurred health expenses: (1) all reinsurance payments applied for or  
790.27 received under section 62E.23; and (2) all reimbursement payments made by the  
790.28 commissioner under sections 62A.25, subdivision 2, 62A.28, subdivision 2, 62A.3096, and  
790.29 62A.3097.

790.30 (b) The commissioner, in reviewing this information, shall verify that health carriers  
790.31 have complied with the requirements of this subdivision.

791.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

791.2 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.25, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

791.3 Subd. 2. **Required coverage.** (a) Every policy, plan, certificate or contract to which this  
791.4 section applies shall provide benefits for reconstructive surgery when such service is  
791.5 incidental to or follows surgery resulting from injury, sickness or other diseases of the  
791.6 involved part or when such service is performed on a covered dependent child because of  
791.7 congenital disease or anomaly which has resulted in a functional defect as determined by  
791.8 the attending physician.

791.9 (b) The coverage limitations on reconstructive surgery in paragraph (a) do not apply to  
791.10 reconstructive breast surgery: (1) following mastectomies; or (2) if the patient has been  
791.11 diagnosed with ectodermal dysplasia and has congenitally absent breast tissue or nipples.  
791.12 ~~In these cases, Coverage for reconstructive surgery must be provided if the mastectomy is~~  
791.13 ~~medically necessary as determined by the attending physician.~~

791.14 (c) Reconstructive surgery benefits include all stages of reconstruction ~~of the breast on~~  
791.15 ~~which the mastectomy has been performed,~~ including surgery and reconstruction of the  
791.16 other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, and prosthesis and physical complications  
791.17 at all stages ~~of a mastectomy,~~ including lymphedemas, in a manner determined in consultation  
791.18 with the attending physician and patient. Coverage may be subject to annual deductible,  
791.19 co-payment, and coinsurance provisions as may be deemed appropriate and as are consistent  
791.20 with those established for other benefits under the plan or coverage. Coverage may not:

791.21 (1) deny to a patient eligibility, or continued eligibility, to enroll or to renew coverage  
791.22 under the terms of the plan, solely for the purpose of avoiding the requirements of this  
791.23 section; and

791.24 (2) penalize or otherwise reduce or limit the reimbursement of an attending provider, or  
791.25 provide monetary or other incentives to an attending provider to induce the provider to  
791.26 provide care to an individual participant or beneficiary in a manner inconsistent with this  
791.27 section.

791.28 Written notice of the availability of the coverage must be delivered to the participant upon  
791.29 enrollment and annually thereafter.

791.30 (d) The commissioner of commerce shall reimburse health carriers for coverage of  
791.31 ectodermal dysplasias under this section. Reimbursement is available only for coverage that  
791.32 would not have been provided by the health carrier without the requirements of this section.  
791.33 Reimbursement from the commissioner shall be at the medical assistance rate. Health care

792.1 providers are prohibited from billing an enrollee for any amount in excess of the medical  
792.2 assistance rate. A provider is permitted to bill an enrollee for the applicable co-payment,  
792.3 deductible, or coinsurance.

792.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health  
792.5 plans offered, issued, or sold on or after that date.

792.6 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

792.7 Subd. 2. **Required coverage.** (a) Every policy, plan, certificate, or contract referred to  
792.8 in subdivision 1 ~~issued or renewed after August 1, 1987,~~ must provide coverage for scalp  
792.9 hair prostheses worn for hair loss suffered as a result of alopecia areata or ectodermal  
792.10 dysplasias.

792.11 (b) The coverage required by this section is subject to the co-payment, coinsurance,  
792.12 deductible, and other enrollee cost-sharing requirements that apply to similar types of items  
792.13 under the policy, plan, certificate, or contract and may be limited to one prosthesis per  
792.14 benefit year.

792.15 (c) The commissioner of commerce shall reimburse health carriers for coverage of  
792.16 ectodermal dysplasias under this section. Reimbursement is available only for coverage that  
792.17 would not have been provided by the health carrier without the requirements of this section.  
792.18 Reimbursement from the commissioner shall be at the medical assistance rate. Health care  
792.19 providers are prohibited from billing an enrollee for any amount in excess of the medical  
792.20 assistance rate. A provider is permitted to bill an enrollee for the applicable co-payment,  
792.21 deductible, or coinsurance.

792.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health  
792.23 plans offered, issued, or sold on or after that date.

792.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.30, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
792.25 read:

792.26 Subd. 4. **Mammograms.** (a) For purposes of subdivision 2, coverage for a preventive  
792.27 mammogram screening (1) includes digital breast tomosynthesis for enrollees at risk for  
792.28 breast cancer, and (2) is covered as a preventive item or service, as described under section  
792.29 62Q.46.

792.30 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "digital breast tomosynthesis" means a radiologic  
792.31 procedure that involves the acquisition of projection images over the stationary breast to

793.1 produce cross-sectional digital three-dimensional images of the breast. "At risk for breast  
793.2 cancer" means:

793.3 (1) having a family history with one or more first- or second-degree relatives with breast  
793.4 cancer;

793.5 (2) testing positive for BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations;

793.6 (3) having heterogeneously dense breasts or extremely dense breasts based on the Breast  
793.7 Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology; or

793.8 (4) having a previous diagnosis of breast cancer.

793.9 (c) This subdivision does not apply to coverage provided through a public health care  
793.10 program under chapter 256B or 256L.

793.11 (d) Nothing in this subdivision limits the coverage of digital breast tomosynthesis in a  
793.12 policy, plan, certificate, or contract referred to in subdivision 1 that is in effect prior to  
793.13 January 1, 2020.

793.14 (e) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits a policy, plan, certificate, or contract referred  
793.15 to in subdivision 1 from covering digital breast tomosynthesis for an enrollee who is not at  
793.16 risk for breast cancer.

793.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health  
793.18 plans issued, sold, or renewed on or after that date.

793.19 **Sec. 7. [62A.3096] COVERAGE FOR ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIAS.**

793.20 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this chapter, "ectodermal dysplasias" means  
793.21 a genetic disorder involving the absence or deficiency of tissues and structures derived from  
793.22 the embryonic ectoderm.

793.23 Subd. 2. **Coverage.** A health plan must provide coverage for the treatment of ectodermal  
793.24 dysplasias.

793.25 Subd. 3. **Dental coverage.** (a) A health plan must provide coverage for dental treatments  
793.26 related to ectodermal dysplasias. Covered dental treatments must include but are not limited  
793.27 to bone grafts, dental implants, orthodontia, dental prosthodontics, and dental maintenance.

793.28 (b) If a dental treatment is eligible for coverage under a dental insurance plan or other  
793.29 health plan, the coverage under this subdivision is secondary.

793.30 Subd. 4. **Reimbursement.** The commissioner of commerce shall reimburse health carriers  
793.31 for coverage under this section. Reimbursement is available only for coverage that would

794.1 not have been provided by the health carrier without the requirements of this section.  
794.2 Reimbursement from the commissioner shall be at the medical assistance rate. Health care  
794.3 providers are prohibited from billing an enrollee for any amount in excess of the medical  
794.4 assistance rate. A provider is permitted to bill an enrollee for the applicable co-payment,  
794.5 deductible, or coinsurance.

794.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health  
794.7 plans offered, issued, or sold on or after that date.

794.8 Sec. 8. **[62A.3097] PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC**  
794.9 **DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS (PANDAS)**  
794.10 **AND PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME (PANS)**  
794.11 **TREATMENT; COVERAGE.**

794.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

794.13 (b) "Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome" means a class of acute-onset  
794.14 obsessive compulsive or tic disorders or other behavioral changes presenting in children  
794.15 and adolescents that are not otherwise explained by another known neurologic or medical  
794.16 disorder.

794.17 (c) "Pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal  
794.18 infections" means a condition in which a streptococcal infection in a child or adolescent  
794.19 causes the abrupt onset of clinically significant obsessions, compulsions, tics, or other  
794.20 neuropsychiatric symptoms or behavioral changes, or a relapsing and remitting course of  
794.21 symptom severity.

794.22 Subd. 2. **Scope of coverage.** This section applies to all health plans that provide coverage  
794.23 to Minnesota residents.

794.24 Subd. 3. **Required coverage.** Every health plan included in subdivision 2 must provide  
794.25 coverage for treatment for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with  
794.26 streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and for treatment for pediatric acute-onset  
794.27 neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). Treatments that must be covered under this section  
794.28 must be recommended by the insured's licensed health care professional and include but  
794.29 are not limited to antibiotics, medication and behavioral therapies to manage neuropsychiatric  
794.30 symptoms, plasma exchange, and immunoglobulin.

794.31 Subd. 4. **Reimbursement.** The commissioner of commerce shall reimburse health carriers  
794.32 for coverage under this section. Reimbursement is available only for coverage that would  
794.33 not have been provided by the health carrier without the requirements of this section.

795.1 Reimbursement from the commissioner shall be at the medical assistance rate. Health care  
795.2 providers are prohibited from billing an enrollee for any amount in excess of the medical  
795.3 assistance rate. A provider is permitted to bill an enrollee for the applicable co-payment,  
795.4 deductible, or coinsurance.

795.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health  
795.6 plans offered, sold, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

795.7 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.65, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

795.8 Subd. 7. **Short-term coverage.** (a) For purposes of this section, "short-term coverage"  
795.9 means an individual health plan that:

795.10 (1) is issued to provide coverage for a period of ~~185~~ 90 days or less, except that the  
795.11 health plan may permit coverage to continue until the end of a period of hospitalization for  
795.12 a condition for which the covered person was hospitalized on the day that coverage would  
795.13 otherwise have ended;

795.14 (2) is nonrenewable, provided that the health carrier may provide coverage for one or  
795.15 more subsequent periods that satisfy clause (1), if the total of the periods of coverage do  
795.16 not exceed a total of ~~365~~ 185 days out of any 555-day period, plus any additional days  
795.17 covered as a result of hospitalization on the day that a period of coverage would otherwise  
795.18 have ended;

795.19 (3) does not cover any preexisting conditions, including ones that originated during a  
795.20 previous identical policy or contract with the same health carrier where coverage was  
795.21 continuous between the previous and the current policy or contract; and

795.22 (4) is available with an immediate effective date without underwriting upon receipt of  
795.23 a completed application indicating eligibility under the health carrier's eligibility  
795.24 requirements, provided that coverage that includes optional benefits may be offered on a  
795.25 basis that does not meet this requirement.

795.26 (b) Short-term coverage is not subject to subdivisions 2 and 5. Short-term coverage may  
795.27 exclude as a preexisting condition any injury, illness, or condition for which the covered  
795.28 person had medical treatment, symptoms, or any manifestations before the effective date  
795.29 of the coverage, but dependent children born or placed for adoption during the policy period  
795.30 must not be subject to this provision.

795.31 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, and section 62A.021, a health carrier may combine  
795.32 short-term coverage with its most commonly sold individual qualified plan, as defined in

796.1 section 62E.02, other than short-term coverage, for purposes of complying with the loss  
796.2 ratio requirement.

796.3 (d) The ~~365-day~~ 185-day coverage limitation provided in paragraph (a) applies to the  
796.4 total number of days of short-term coverage that covers a person, regardless of the number  
796.5 of policies, contracts, or health carriers that provide the coverage. A written application for  
796.6 short-term coverage must ask the applicant whether the applicant has been covered by  
796.7 short-term coverage by any health carrier within the 555 days immediately preceding the  
796.8 effective date of the coverage being applied for. Short-term coverage issued in violation of  
796.9 the ~~365-day~~ 185-day limitation is valid until the end of its term and does not lose its status  
796.10 as short-term coverage, in spite of the violation. A health carrier that knowingly issues  
796.11 short-term coverage in violation of the ~~365-day~~ 185-day limitation is subject to the  
796.12 administrative penalties otherwise available to the commissioner of commerce or the  
796.13 commissioner of health, as appropriate.

796.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to short-term  
796.15 coverage offered, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

796.16 Sec. 10. **[62C.045] APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS.**

796.17 Chapter 317B and Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 5, section 11, as  
796.18 amended by this act, apply to service plan corporations operating under this chapter.

796.19 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.02, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

796.20 Subd. 4. **Health maintenance organization.** "Health maintenance organization" means  
796.21 a ~~foreign or domestic~~ nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 317A, or a local  
796.22 governmental unit as defined in subdivision 11, controlled and operated as provided in  
796.23 sections 62D.01 to 62D.30, which provides, either directly or through arrangements with  
796.24 providers or other persons, comprehensive health maintenance services, or arranges for the  
796.25 provision of these services, to enrollees on the basis of a fixed prepaid sum without regard  
796.26 to the frequency or extent of services furnished to any particular enrollee.

796.27 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

796.28 Subdivision 1. **Certificate of authority required.** Notwithstanding any law of this state  
796.29 to the contrary, any ~~foreign or domestic~~ nonprofit corporation organized to do so or a local  
796.30 governmental unit may apply to the commissioner of health for a certificate of authority to  
796.31 establish and operate a health maintenance organization in compliance with sections 62D.01  
796.32 to 62D.30. No person shall establish or operate a health maintenance organization in this



797.1 state, nor sell or offer to sell, or solicit offers to purchase or receive advance or periodic  
797.2 consideration in conjunction with a health maintenance organization or health maintenance  
797.3 contract unless the organization has a certificate of authority under sections 62D.01 to  
797.4 62D.30.

797.5 Sec. 13. [62D.046] APPLICATION OF OTHER LAW.

797.6 Chapter 317B applies to nonprofit health maintenance organizations operating under  
797.7 this chapter.

797.8 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

797.9 Subdivision 1. **Authority granted.** Any nonprofit corporation or local governmental  
797.10 unit may, upon obtaining a certificate of authority as required in sections 62D.01 to 62D.30,  
797.11 operate as a health maintenance organization.

797.12 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

797.13 Subdivision 1. **Governing body composition; enrollee advisory body.** The governing  
797.14 body of any health maintenance organization which is a nonprofit corporation may include  
797.15 enrollees, providers, or other individuals; provided, however, that after a health maintenance  
797.16 organization which is a nonprofit corporation has been authorized under sections 62D.01  
797.17 to 62D.30 for one year, at least 40 percent of the governing body shall be composed of  
797.18 enrollees and members elected by the enrollees and members from among the enrollees and  
797.19 members. For purposes of this section, "member" means a consumer who receives health  
797.20 care services through a self-insured contract that is administered by the health maintenance  
797.21 organization or its related third-party administrator. The number of members elected to the  
797.22 governing body shall not exceed the number of enrollees elected to the governing body. An  
797.23 enrollee or member elected to the governing board may not be a person:

797.24 (1) whose occupation involves, or before retirement involved, the administration of  
797.25 health activities or the provision of health services;

797.26 (2) who is or was employed by a health care facility as a licensed health professional;  
797.27 or

797.28 (3) who has or had a direct substantial financial or managerial interest in the rendering  
797.29 of a health service, other than the payment of a reasonable expense reimbursement or  
797.30 compensation as a member of the board of a health maintenance organization.

798.1 After a health maintenance organization which is a local governmental unit has been  
798.2 authorized under sections 62D.01 to 62D.30 for one year, an enrollee advisory body shall  
798.3 be established. The enrollees who make up this advisory body shall be elected by the enrollees  
798.4 from among the enrollees.

798.5 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
798.6 read:

798.7 Subd. 8a. **Net earnings.** All net earnings of a nonprofit health maintenance organization  
798.8 must be devoted to the nonprofit purposes of the health maintenance organization in providing  
798.9 comprehensive health care. A nonprofit health maintenance organization must not provide  
798.10 for the payment, whether directly or indirectly, of any part of its net earnings to any person  
798.11 for a purpose other than providing comprehensive health care, except that the health  
798.12 maintenance organization may make payments to providers or other persons based on the  
798.13 efficient provision of services or as incentives to provide quality care. The commissioner  
798.14 of health shall, pursuant to this chapter, revoke the certificate of authority of any nonprofit  
798.15 health maintenance organization in violation of this subdivision.

798.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

798.17 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.124, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

798.18 Subdivision 1. **Emergency care; primary care; mental health services; general**  
798.19 **hospital services.** (a) Within the health maintenance organization's service area, the  
798.20 maximum travel distance or time shall be the lesser of 30 miles or 30 minutes to the nearest  
798.21 provider of each of the following services: primary care services, mental health services,  
798.22 and general hospital services. The health maintenance organization must designate which  
798.23 method is used.

798.24 (b) Emergency care must be available to enrollees 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  
798.25 Appointment wait times for primary care services must not exceed 45 calendar days from  
798.26 the date of the enrollee's request for routine and preventive care and 48 hours for urgent  
798.27 care. Appointment wait times for mental health services and substance use disorder treatment  
798.28 services must not exceed 15 calendar days from the date of the enrollee's request for routine  
798.29 care and 24 hours for urgent care.

798.30 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.124, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

798.31 Subd. 2. **Other health services.** (a) Within a health maintenance organization's service  
798.32 area, the maximum travel distance or time shall be the lesser of 60 miles or 60 minutes to

799.1 the nearest provider of specialty physician services, ancillary services, specialized hospital  
799.2 services, and all other health services not listed in subdivision 1. The health maintenance  
799.3 organization must designate which method is used.

799.4 (b) Appointment wait times for nonurgent specialty care must not exceed 60 calendar  
799.5 days from the date of the enrollee's request.

799.6 (c) Appointment wait time for dental, optometry, laboratory, and x-ray services must  
799.7 not exceed 45 calendar days from the date of the enrollee's request for regular appointments  
799.8 and 48 hours for urgent care. For purposes of this paragraph, regular appointments for dental  
799.9 care means preventive care and initial appointments for restorative care.

799.10 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.124, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

799.11 Subd. 3. ~~**Exception Waiver.** The commissioner shall grant an exception to the~~  
799.12 ~~requirements of this section according to Minnesota Rules, part 4685.1010, subpart 4, if the~~  
799.13 ~~health maintenance organization can demonstrate with specific data that the requirement~~  
799.14 ~~of subdivision 1 or 2 is not feasible in a particular service area or part of a service area. (a)~~  
799.15 A health maintenance organization may apply to the commissioner of health for a waiver  
799.16 of the requirements in subdivision 1 or 2 if it is unable to meet those requirements. A waiver  
799.17 application must be submitted on a form provided by the commissioner, must be accompanied  
799.18 by an application fee of \$1,000 per county per year, for each application to waive the  
799.19 requirements in subdivision 1 or 2 for one or more provider types in that county, and must:

799.20 (1) demonstrate with specific data that the requirements of subdivision 1 or 2 are not  
799.21 feasible in a particular service area or part of a service area; and

799.22 (2) include specific information as to the steps that were and will be taken to address  
799.23 network inadequacy, and for steps that will be taken prospectively to address network  
799.24 inadequacy, the time frame within which those steps will be taken.

799.25 (b) Using the guidelines and standards established under section 62K.10, subdivision 5,  
799.26 paragraph (b), the commissioner shall review each waiver request and shall approve a waiver  
799.27 only if:

799.28 (1) the standards for approval established by the commissioner are satisfied; and

799.29 (2) the steps that were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy and the time  
799.30 frame for implementing these steps satisfy the standards established by the commissioner.

799.31 (c) If, in its waiver application, a health maintenance organization demonstrates to the  
799.32 commissioner that there are no providers of a specific type or specialty in a county, the

800.1 commissioner may approve a waiver in which the health maintenance organization is allowed  
800.2 to address network inadequacy in that county by providing for patient access to providers  
800.3 of that type or specialty via telemedicine, as defined in section 62A.671, subdivision 9.

800.4 (d) A waiver shall automatically expire after three years. Upon or prior to expiration of  
800.5 a waiver, a health maintenance organization unable to meet the requirements in subdivision  
800.6 1 or 2 must submit a new waiver application under paragraph (a) and must also submit  
800.7 evidence of steps the organization took to address the network inadequacy. When the  
800.8 commissioner reviews a waiver application for a network adequacy requirement which has  
800.9 been waived for the organization for the most recent three-year period, the commissioner  
800.10 shall also examine the steps the organization took during that three-year period to address  
800.11 network inadequacy, and shall only approve a subsequent waiver application if it satisfies  
800.12 the requirements in paragraph (b), demonstrates that the organization took the steps it  
800.13 proposed to address network inadequacy, and explains why the organization continues to  
800.14 be unable to satisfy the requirements in subdivision 1 or 2.

800.15 (e) Application fees collected under this subdivision shall be deposited in the state  
800.16 government special revenue fund in the state treasury.

800.17 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.124, is amended by adding a subdivision  
800.18 to read:

800.19 Subd. 6. **Complaints alleging violation of network adequacy requirements;**  
800.20 **investigation.** Enrollees of a health maintenance organization may file a complaint with  
800.21 the commissioner that the health maintenance organization is not in compliance with the  
800.22 requirements of subdivision 1 or 2, using the process established under section 62K.105,  
800.23 subdivision 1. The commissioner shall investigate all complaints received under this  
800.24 subdivision and may use the program established under section 62K.105, subdivision 2, to  
800.25 investigate complaints.

800.26 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.124, is amended by adding a subdivision  
800.27 to read:

800.28 Subd. 7. **Provider network notifications.** A health maintenance organization must  
800.29 provide on the organization's website the provider network for each product offered by the  
800.30 organization, and must update the organization's website at least once a month with any  
800.31 changes to the organization's provider network, including provider changes from in-network  
800.32 status to out-of-network status. A health maintenance organization must also provide on  
800.33 the organization's website, for each product offered by the organization, a list of the current

801.1 waivers of the requirements in subdivision 1 or 2, in a format that is easily accessed and  
801.2 searchable by enrollees and prospective enrollees.

801.3 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

801.4 Subdivision 1. **Administrative penalty.** The commissioner of health may, for any  
801.5 violation of statute or rule applicable to a health maintenance organization, or in lieu of  
801.6 suspension or revocation of a certificate of authority under section 62D.15, levy an  
801.7 administrative penalty in an amount up to \$25,000 for each violation. In the case of contracts  
801.8 or agreements made pursuant to section 62D.05, subdivisions 2 to 4, each contract or  
801.9 agreement entered into or implemented in a manner which violates sections 62D.01 to  
801.10 62D.30 shall be considered a separate violation. The commissioner shall impose an  
801.11 administrative penalty of at least \$100 per day that a provider network in a county violates  
801.12 section 62D.124, subdivision 1 or 2, and may take other enforcement action authorized in  
801.13 law but shall not also impose an administrative penalty under section 62K.105, subdivision  
801.14 3, for a violation. In determining the level of an administrative penalty, the commissioner  
801.15 shall consider the following factors:

- 801.16 (1) the number of enrollees affected by the violation;
- 801.17 (2) the effect of the violation on enrollees' health and access to health services;
- 801.18 (3) if only one enrollee is affected, the effect of the violation on that enrollee's health;
- 801.19 (4) whether the violation is an isolated incident or part of a pattern of violations; and
- 801.20 (5) the economic benefits derived by the health maintenance organization or a  
801.21 participating provider by virtue of the violation.

801.22 Reasonable notice in writing to the health maintenance organization shall be given of  
801.23 the intent to levy the penalty and the reasons therefor, and the health maintenance  
801.24 organization may have 15 days within which to file a written request for an administrative  
801.25 hearing and review of the commissioner of health's determination. Such administrative  
801.26 hearing shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 14. If an administrative penalty  
801.27 is levied, the commissioner must divide 50 percent of the amount among any enrollees  
801.28 affected by the violation, unless the commissioner certifies in writing that the division and  
801.29 distribution to enrollees would be too administratively complex or that the number of  
801.30 enrollees affected by the penalty would result in a distribution of less than \$50 per enrollee.

802.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.19, is amended to read:

802.2 **62D.19 UNREASONABLE EXPENSES.**

802.3 No health maintenance organization shall incur or pay for any expense of any nature  
802.4 which is unreasonably high in relation to the value of the service or goods provided. The  
802.5 commissioner of health shall implement and enforce this section by rules adopted under  
802.6 this section.

802.7 In an effort to achieve the stated purposes of sections 62D.01 to 62D.30, in order to  
802.8 safeguard the underlying nonprofit status of nonprofit health maintenance organizations,  
802.9 and to ensure that the payment of health maintenance organization money to major  
802.10 participating entities results in a corresponding benefit to the health maintenance organization  
802.11 and its enrollees, when determining whether an organization has incurred an unreasonable  
802.12 expense in relation to a major participating entity, due consideration shall be given to, in  
802.13 addition to any other appropriate factors, whether the officers and trustees of the health  
802.14 maintenance organization have acted with good faith and in the best interests of the health  
802.15 maintenance organization in entering into, and performing under, a contract under which  
802.16 the health maintenance organization has incurred an expense. The commissioner has standing  
802.17 to sue, on behalf of a health maintenance organization, officers or trustees of the health  
802.18 maintenance organization who have breached their fiduciary duty in entering into and  
802.19 performing such contracts.

802.20 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62D.30, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

802.21 Subd. 8. **Rural demonstration project.** (a) The commissioner may permit demonstration  
802.22 projects to allow health maintenance organizations to extend coverage to a health  
802.23 improvement and purchasing coalition located in rural Minnesota, comprised of the health  
802.24 maintenance organization and members from a geographic area. For purposes of this  
802.25 subdivision, rural is defined as greater Minnesota excluding the seven-county metropolitan  
802.26 area of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington. The coalition  
802.27 must be designed in such a way that members will:

802.28 (1) become better informed about health care trends and cost increases;

802.29 (2) be actively engaged in the design of health benefit options that will meet the needs  
802.30 of their community;

802.31 (3) pool their insurance risk;

802.32 (4) purchase these products from the health maintenance organization involved in the  
802.33 demonstration project; and

803.1 (5) actively participate in health improvement decisions for their community.

803.2 (b) The commissioner must consider the following when approving applications for  
803.3 rural demonstration projects:

803.4 (1) the extent of consumer involvement in development of the project;

803.5 (2) the degree to which the project is likely to reduce the number of uninsured or to  
803.6 maintain existing coverage; and

803.7 (3) a plan to evaluate and report to the commissioner and legislature as prescribed by  
803.8 paragraph (e).

803.9 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, the commissioner must waive compliance with the  
803.10 following statutes and rules: the cost-sharing restrictions under section 62D.095, subdivisions  
803.11 2, 3, and 4, and Minnesota Rules, part 4685.0801, subparts 1 to 7; for a period of at least  
803.12 two years, participation in government programs under section 62D.04, subdivision 5, in  
803.13 the counties of the demonstration project if that compliance would have been required solely  
803.14 due to participation in the demonstration project and shall continue to waive this requirement  
803.15 beyond two years if the enrollment in the demonstration project is less than 10,000 enrollees;  
803.16 small employer marketing under section 62L.05, subdivisions 1 to 3; and small employer  
803.17 geographic premium variations under section 62L.08, subdivision 4. The commissioner  
803.18 shall approve enrollee cost-sharing features desired by the coalition that appropriately share  
803.19 costs between employers, individuals, and the health maintenance organization.

803.20 (d) The health maintenance organization may make the starting date of the project  
803.21 contingent upon a minimum number of enrollees as cited in the application, provide for an  
803.22 initial term of contract with the purchasers of a minimum of three years, and impose a  
803.23 reasonable penalty for employers who withdraw early from the project. For purposes of this  
803.24 subdivision, loss ratios are to be determined as if the policies issued under this section are  
803.25 considered individual or small employer policies pursuant to section 62A.021, subdivision  
803.26 ~~1, paragraph (f) 1a.~~ The health maintenance organization may consider businesses of one  
803.27 to be a small employer under section 62L.02, subdivision 26. The health maintenance  
803.28 organization may limit enrollment and establish enrollment criteria for businesses of one.  
803.29 Health improvement and purchasing coalitions under this subdivision are not associations  
803.30 under section 62L.045, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

803.31 (e) The health improvement and purchasing coalition must report to the commissioner  
803.32 and legislature annually on the progress of the demonstration project and, to the extent  
803.33 possible, any significant findings in the criteria listed in clauses (1), (2), and (3) for the final  
803.34 report. The coalition must submit a final report five years from the starting date of the

804.1 project. The final report must detail significant findings from the project and must include,  
804.2 to the extent available, but should not be limited to, information on the following:

804.3 (1) the extent to which the project had an impact on the number of uninsured in the  
804.4 project area;

804.5 (2) the effect on health coverage premiums for groups in the project's geographic area,  
804.6 including those purchasing health coverage outside the health improvement and purchasing  
804.7 coalition; and

804.8 (3) the degree to which health care consumers were involved in the development and  
804.9 implementation of the demonstration project.

804.10 (f) The commissioner must limit the number of demonstration projects under this  
804.11 subdivision to five projects.

804.12 (g) Approval of the application for the demonstration project is deemed to be in  
804.13 compliance with section 62E.06, subdivisions 1, paragraph (a), 2, and 3.

804.14 (h) Subdivisions 2 to 7 apply to demonstration projects under this subdivision. Waivers  
804.15 permitted under subdivision 1 do not apply to demonstration projects under this subdivision.

804.16 (i) If a demonstration project under this subdivision works in conjunction with a  
804.17 purchasing alliance formed under chapter 62T, that chapter will apply to the purchasing  
804.18 alliance except to the extent that chapter 62T is inconsistent with this subdivision.

804.19 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62E.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

804.20 Subd. 3. **Health maintenance organization.** "Health maintenance organization" means  
804.21 a nonprofit corporation licensed and operated as provided in chapter 62D.

804.22 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62E.23, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

804.23 Subd. 4. **Calculation of reinsurance payments.** (a) Each reinsurance payment must be  
804.24 calculated with respect to an eligible health carrier's incurred claims costs for an individual  
804.25 enrollee's covered benefits in the applicable benefit year. If the claims costs do not exceed  
804.26 the attachment point, the reinsurance payment is \$0. If the claims costs exceed the attachment  
804.27 point, the reinsurance payment shall be calculated as the product of the coinsurance rate  
804.28 and the lesser of:

804.29 (1) the claims costs minus the attachment point; or

804.30 (2) the reinsurance cap minus the attachment point.



805.1 (b) The board must ensure that reinsurance payments made to eligible health carriers do  
805.2 not exceed the total amount paid by the eligible health carrier for any eligible claim. "Total  
805.3 amount paid of an eligible claim" means the amount paid by the eligible health carrier based  
805.4 upon the allowed amount less any deductible, coinsurance, or co-payment, as of the time  
805.5 the data are submitted or made accessible under subdivision 5, paragraph (c).

805.6 (c) In calculating claims costs incurred for an individual enrollee's covered benefits for  
805.7 a benefit year and eligible to be reimbursed by the commissioner of commerce, an eligible  
805.8 health carrier shall not include claims costs for coverage of ectodermal dysplasias or  
805.9 PANDAS or PANS under section 62A.25, subdivision 2; 62A.28, subdivision 2; 62A.3096;  
805.10 or 62A.3097.

805.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to claims  
805.12 costs incurred on or after that date.

805.13 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62K.075, is amended to read:

805.14 **62K.075 PROVIDER NETWORK NOTIFICATIONS.**

805.15 (a) A health carrier must provide on the carrier's website the provider network for each  
805.16 product offered by the carrier, and must update the carrier's website at least once a month  
805.17 with any changes to the carrier's provider network, including provider changes from  
805.18 in-network status to out-of-network status. A health carrier must also provide on the carrier's  
805.19 website, for each product offered by the carrier, a list of the current waivers of the  
805.20 requirements in section 62K.10, subdivision 2 or 3, in a format that is easily accessed and  
805.21 searchable by enrollees and prospective enrollees.

805.22 (b) Upon notification from an enrollee, a health carrier must reprocess any claim for  
805.23 services provided by a provider whose status has changed from in-network to out-of-network  
805.24 as an in-network claim if the service was provided after the network change went into effect  
805.25 but before the change was posted as required under paragraph (a) unless the health carrier  
805.26 notified the enrollee of the network change prior to the service being provided. This paragraph  
805.27 does not apply if the health carrier is able to verify that the health carrier's website displayed  
805.28 the correct provider network status on the health carrier's website at the time the service  
805.29 was provided.

805.30 (c) The limitations of section 62Q.56, subdivision 2a, shall apply to payments required  
805.31 by paragraph (b).

806.1 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62K.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

806.2 Subd. 2. **Emergency care; primary care; mental health services; general hospital**  
806.3 **services.** (a) The maximum travel distance or time shall be the lesser of 30 miles or 30  
806.4 minutes to the nearest provider of each of the following services: primary care services,  
806.5 mental health services, and general hospital services.

806.6 (b) Emergency care must be available to enrollees 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A  
806.7 provider network must comply with the access standards for appointment wait times specified  
806.8 in section 62D.124, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), for primary care services, mental health  
806.9 services, and substance use disorder treatment services.

806.10 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62K.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

806.11 Subd. 3. **Other health services.** (a) The maximum travel distance or time shall be the  
806.12 lesser of 60 miles or 60 minutes to the nearest provider of specialty physician services,  
806.13 ancillary services, specialized hospital services, and all other health services not listed in  
806.14 subdivision 2.

806.15 (b) A provider network must comply with the access standards for appointment wait  
806.16 times specified in section 62D.124, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), for nonurgent specialty  
806.17 care.

806.18 (c) A provider network must comply with the access standards for appointment wait  
806.19 times specified in section 62D.124, subdivision 2, paragraph (c), for dental, optometry,  
806.20 laboratory, and x-ray services.

806.21 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62K.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

806.22 Subd. 4. **Network adequacy.** Each designated provider network must include a sufficient  
806.23 number and type of providers, including providers that specialize in mental health and  
806.24 substance use disorder services, to ensure that covered services are available to all enrollees  
806.25 without unreasonable delay. In determining network adequacy, the commissioner of health  
806.26 shall ensure that a provider network is sufficient to satisfy the access standards for emergency  
806.27 care and appointment wait times in subdivisions 2 and 3 and shall also consider availability  
806.28 of services, including the following:

806.29 (1) primary care physician services are available and accessible 24 hours per day, seven  
806.30 days per week, within the network area;

807.1 (2) a sufficient number of primary care physicians have hospital admitting privileges at  
807.2 one or more participating hospitals within the network area so that necessary admissions  
807.3 are made on a timely basis consistent with generally accepted practice parameters;

807.4 (3) specialty physician service is available through the network or contract arrangement;

807.5 (4) mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers are available and  
807.6 accessible through the network or contract arrangement;

807.7 (5) to the extent that primary care services are provided through primary care providers  
807.8 other than physicians, and to the extent permitted under applicable scope of practice in state  
807.9 law for a given provider, these services shall be available and accessible; and

807.10 (6) the network has available, either directly or through arrangements, appropriate and  
807.11 sufficient personnel, physical resources, and equipment to meet the projected needs of  
807.12 enrollees for covered health care services.

807.13 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62K.10, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

807.14 Subd. 5. **Waiver.** (a) A health carrier or preferred provider organization may apply to  
807.15 the commissioner of health for a waiver of the requirements in subdivision 2 or 3 if it is  
807.16 unable to meet the statutory requirements. A waiver application must be submitted on a  
807.17 form provided by the commissioner, must be accompanied by an application fee of \$1,000  
807.18 for each application to waive the requirements in subdivision 2 or 3 for one or more provider  
807.19 types per county, and must:

807.20 (1) demonstrate with specific data that the requirement of subdivision 2 or 3 is not  
807.21 feasible in a particular service area or part of a service area; and

807.22 (2) include specific information as to the steps that were and will be taken to address  
807.23 the network inadequacy, and for steps that will be taken prospectively to address network  
807.24 inadequacy, the time frame within which those steps will be taken.

807.25 (b) The commissioner shall establish guidelines for evaluating waiver applications,  
807.26 standards governing approval or denial of a waiver application, and standards for steps that  
807.27 health carriers must take to address the network inadequacy and allow the health carrier to  
807.28 meet network adequacy requirements within a reasonable time period. The commissioner  
807.29 shall review each waiver application using these guidelines and standards and shall approve  
807.30 a waiver application only if:

807.31 (1) the standards for approval established by the commissioner are satisfied; and

808.1 (2) the steps that were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy and the time  
808.2 frame for taking these steps satisfy the standards established by the commissioner.

808.3 (c) If, in its waiver application, a health carrier demonstrates to the commissioner that  
808.4 there are no providers of a specific type or specialty in a county, the commissioner may  
808.5 approve a waiver in which the health carrier is allowed to address network inadequacy in  
808.6 that county by providing for patient access to providers of that type or specialty via  
808.7 telemedicine, as defined in section 62A.671, subdivision 9.

808.8 (d) The waiver shall automatically expire after four years. If a renewal of the waiver is  
808.9 sought, the commissioner of health shall take into consideration steps that have been taken  
808.10 to address network adequacy. one year. Upon or prior to expiration of a waiver, a health  
808.11 carrier unable to meet the requirements in subdivision 2 or 3 must submit a new waiver  
808.12 application under paragraph (a) and must also submit evidence of steps the carrier took to  
808.13 address the network inadequacy. When the commissioner reviews a waiver application for  
808.14 a network adequacy requirement which has been waived for the carrier for the most recent  
808.15 one-year period, the commissioner shall also examine the steps the carrier took during that  
808.16 one-year period to address network inadequacy, and shall only approve a subsequent waiver  
808.17 application that satisfies the requirements in paragraph (b), demonstrates that the carrier  
808.18 took the steps it proposed to address network inadequacy, and explains why the carrier  
808.19 continues to be unable to satisfy the requirements in subdivision 2 or 3.

808.20 (e) Application fees collected under this subdivision shall be deposited in the state  
808.21 government special revenue fund in the state treasury.

808.22 **Sec. 32. [62K.105] NETWORK ADEQUACY COMPLAINTS AND**  
808.23 **INVESTIGATIONS.**

808.24 Subdivision 1. **Complaints.** The commissioner shall establish a clear, easily accessible  
808.25 process for accepting complaints from enrollees regarding health carrier compliance with  
808.26 section 62K.10, subdivision 2, 3, or 4. Using this process, an enrollee may file a complaint  
808.27 with the commissioner that a health carrier is not in compliance with the requirements of  
808.28 section 62K.10, subdivision 2, 3, or 4. The commissioner shall investigate all complaints  
808.29 received under this subdivision.

808.30 Subd. 2. **Commissioner investigations of provider networks.** The commissioner shall  
808.31 establish a program to examine health carrier compliance with the requirements in section  
808.32 62K.10, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4. Under this program, department employees or contractors  
808.33 shall seek to make appointments with a range of provider types in a carrier's designated  
808.34 provider network to determine whether covered services are available to enrollees within

809.1 the required appointment times, and shall examine whether the carrier's network complies  
809.2 with the maximum distance or travel time requirements for specific provider types. The  
809.3 commissioner shall develop a schedule to ensure that all health carriers are periodically  
809.4 examined under this program, and shall also use this program to investigate enrollee  
809.5 complaints filed under subdivision 1.

809.6 Subd. 3. **Administrative penalties.** The commissioner shall impose on a health carrier  
809.7 an administrative penalty of at least \$100 per day that a provider network violates section  
809.8 62K.10, subdivision 2, 3, or 4, in a county. The commissioner may also take other  
809.9 enforcement actions authorized in law for a violation, except that if the commissioner  
809.10 imposes an administrative penalty under this subdivision, the commissioner shall not also  
809.11 impose an administrative penalty under section 62D.17, subdivision 1. The commissioner  
809.12 shall use the factors in section 62D.17, subdivision 1, to determine the amount of the  
809.13 administrative penalty, and the procedures in section 62D.17, subdivision 1, apply to  
809.14 administrative penalties imposed under this subdivision.

809.15 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62Q.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
809.16 read:

809.17 Subd. 6b. **Nonquantitative treatment limitations or NQTLs.** "Nonquantitative treatment  
809.18 limitations" or "NQTLs" means processes, strategies, or evidentiary standards, or other  
809.19 factors that are not expressed numerically, but otherwise limit the scope or duration of  
809.20 benefits for treatment. NQTLs include but are not limited to:

809.21 (1) medical management standards limiting or excluding benefits based on (i) medical  
809.22 necessity or medical appropriateness, or (ii) whether the treatment is experimental or  
809.23 investigative;

809.24 (2) formulary design for prescription drugs;

809.25 (3) health plans with multiple network tiers;

809.26 (4) criteria and parameters for provider inclusion in provider networks, including  
809.27 credentialing standards and reimbursement rates;

809.28 (5) health plan methods for determining usual, customary, and reasonable charges;

809.29 (6) fail-first or step therapy protocols;

809.30 (7) exclusions based on failure to complete a course of treatment;

810.1 (8) restrictions based on geographic location, facility type, provider specialty, and other  
810.2 criteria that limit the scope or duration of benefits for services provided under the health  
810.3 plan;

810.4 (9) in- and out-of-network geographic limitations;

810.5 (10) standards for providing access to out-of-network providers;

810.6 (11) limitations on inpatient services for situations where the enrollee is a threat to self  
810.7 or others;

810.8 (12) exclusions for court-ordered and involuntary holds;

810.9 (13) experimental treatment limitations;

810.10 (14) service coding;

810.11 (15) exclusions for services provided by clinical social workers; and

810.12 (16) provider reimbursement rates, including rates of reimbursement for mental health  
810.13 and substance use disorder services in primary care.

810.14 **Sec. 34. [62Q.1841] PROHIBITION ON USE OF STEP THERAPY FOR**  
810.15 **METASTATIC CANCER.**

810.16 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions  
810.17 apply.

810.18 (b) "Health plan" has the meaning given in section 62Q.01, subdivision 3. Health plan  
810.19 includes health coverage provided by a county-based purchasing plan participating in a  
810.20 public program under chapter 256B or 256L or an integrated health partnership under section  
810.21 256B.0755.

810.22 (c) "Stage four advanced metastatic cancer" means cancer that has spread from the  
810.23 primary or original site of the cancer to nearby tissues, lymph nodes, or other parts of the  
810.24 body.

810.25 (d) "Step therapy protocol" has the meaning given in section 62Q.184, subdivision 1.

810.26 Subd. 2. **Prohibition on use of step therapy protocols.** A health plan that provides  
810.27 coverage for the treatment of stage four advanced metastatic cancer or associated conditions  
810.28 must not limit or exclude coverage for a drug approved by the United States Food and Drug  
810.29 Administration that is on the health plan's prescription drug formulary by mandating that  
810.30 an enrollee with stage four advanced metastatic cancer or associated conditions follow a  
810.31 step therapy protocol if the use of the approved drug is consistent with:

- 811.1 (1) a United States Food and Drug Administration-approved indication; and  
811.2 (2) a clinical practice guideline published by the National Comprehensive Care Network.

811.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health  
811.4 plans offered, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

811.5 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62Q.47, is amended to read:

811.6 **62Q.47 ALCOHOLISM, MENTAL HEALTH, AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY**  
811.7 **SERVICES.**

811.8 (a) All health plans, as defined in section 62Q.01, that provide coverage for alcoholism,  
811.9 mental health, or chemical dependency services, must comply with the requirements of this  
811.10 section.

811.11 (b) Cost-sharing requirements and benefit or service limitations for outpatient mental  
811.12 health and outpatient chemical dependency and alcoholism services, except for persons  
811.13 placed in chemical dependency services under Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6600 to  
811.14 9530.6655, must not place a greater financial burden on the insured or enrollee, or be more  
811.15 restrictive than those requirements and limitations for outpatient medical services.

811.16 (c) Cost-sharing requirements and benefit or service limitations for inpatient hospital  
811.17 mental health and inpatient hospital and residential chemical dependency and alcoholism  
811.18 services, except for persons placed in chemical dependency services under Minnesota Rules,  
811.19 parts 9530.6600 to 9530.6655, must not place a greater financial burden on the insured or  
811.20 enrollee, or be more restrictive than those requirements and limitations for inpatient hospital  
811.21 medical services.

811.22 (d) A health plan must not impose an NQTL with respect to mental health and substance  
811.23 use disorders in any classification of benefits unless, under the terms of the plan as written  
811.24 and in operation, any processes, strategies, evidentiary standards, or other factors used in  
811.25 applying the NQTL to mental health and substance use disorders in the classification are  
811.26 comparable to, and are applied no more stringently than, the processes, strategies, evidentiary  
811.27 standards, or other factors used in applying the NQTL with respect to medical and surgical  
811.28 benefits in the same classification.

811.29 ~~(d)~~ (e) All health plans must meet the requirements of the federal Mental Health Parity  
811.30 Act of 1996, Public Law 104-204; Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity  
811.31 and Addiction Equity Act of 2008; the Affordable Care Act; and any amendments to, and  
811.32 federal guidance or regulations issued under, those acts.

812.1 (f) The commissioner, in consultation with advocates, providers, and health plan  
812.2 companies, may require information from health plan companies to confirm that mental  
812.3 health parity is being implemented. Information required may include comparisons between  
812.4 mental health and substance use disorder treatment against other health care conditions for  
812.5 other issues, including wait times, prior authorizations, provider credentialing and  
812.6 reimbursement, drug formularies, use of out-of-network providers, out-of-pocket costs,  
812.7 medical necessity, network adequacy, claim denials, adoption of coverage for new treatments,  
812.8 in-home services, rehabilitation services, and other information the commissioner deems  
812.9 appropriate.

812.10 (g) Regardless of the care provider's professional license, if the care is consistent with  
812.11 the provider's scope of practice and the health plan's credentialing and contracting provisions,  
812.12 mental health therapy visits and medication maintenance visits are considered primary care  
812.13 visits for the purposes of applying any patient cost-sharing requirements imposed by the  
812.14 health plan. Beginning June 1, 2021, and each year thereafter, the commissioner of commerce,  
812.15 in consultation with the commissioner of health, must issue an updated report to the  
812.16 legislature. The report must:

812.17 (1) describe how the commissioners review health plan compliance with United States  
812.18 Code, title 42, section 18031(j), and any federal regulations or guidance relating to  
812.19 compliance and oversight;

812.20 (2) describe how the commissioners review compliance with this section and section  
812.21 62Q.53;

812.22 (3) identify enforcement actions taken during the preceding 12-month period regarding  
812.23 compliance with parity for mental health and substance use disorders benefits under state  
812.24 and federal law and summarize the results of such market conduct examinations. The  
812.25 summary must include:

812.26 (i) the number of formal enforcement actions taken;

812.27 (ii) the benefit classifications examined in each enforcement action;

812.28 (iii) the subject matter of each enforcement action, including quantitative and  
812.29 nonquantitative treatment limitations; and

812.30 (iv) a description of how individually identifiable information will be excluded from  
812.31 the reports, consistent with state and federal privacy protections;



813.1 (4) detail any corrective actions the commissioners have taken to ensure health plan  
813.2 compliance with this section and section 62Q.53, and United States Code, title 42, section  
813.3 18031(j);

813.4 (5) detail the approach taken by the commissioners relating to informing the public about  
813.5 alcoholism, mental health, or chemical dependency parity protections under state and federal  
813.6 law; and

813.7 (6) be written in nontechnical, readily understandable language and must be made  
813.8 available to the public by, among other means as the commissioners find appropriate, posting  
813.9 the report on department websites.

813.10 **Sec. 36. [62Q.521] COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS AND**  
813.11 **SERVICES.**

813.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

813.13 (b) "Closely held for-profit entity" means an entity that:

813.14 (1) is not a nonprofit entity;

813.15 (2) has more than 50 percent of the value of its ownership interest owned directly or  
813.16 indirectly by five or fewer individuals, or has an ownership structure that is substantially  
813.17 similar; and

813.18 (3) has no publicly traded ownership interest, having any class of common equity  
813.19 securities required to be registered under United States Code, title 15, section 781.

813.20 For purposes of this paragraph:

813.21 (i) ownership interests owned by a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust are considered  
813.22 owned proportionately by that entity's shareholders, partners, or beneficiaries;

813.23 (ii) ownership interests owned by a nonprofit entity are considered owned by a single  
813.24 owner;

813.25 (iii) ownership interests owned by an individual are considered owned, directly or  
813.26 indirectly, by or for the individual's family. For purposes of this item, "family" means  
813.27 brothers and sisters, including half-brothers and half-sisters, a spouse, ancestors, and lineal  
813.28 descendants; and

813.29 (iv) if an individual or entity holds an option to purchase an ownership interest, the  
813.30 individual or entity is considered to be the owner of those ownership interests.

814.1 (c) "Contraceptive method" means a drug, device, or other product approved by the Food  
814.2 and Drug Administration to prevent unintended pregnancy.

814.3 (d) "Contraceptive service" means consultation, examination, procedures, and medical  
814.4 services related to the prevention of unintended pregnancy. This includes but is not limited  
814.5 to voluntary sterilization procedures, patient education, counseling on contraceptives, and  
814.6 follow-up services related to contraceptive methods or services, management of side effects,  
814.7 counseling for continued adherence, and device insertion or removal.

814.8 (e) "Eligible organization" means an organization that opposes providing coverage for  
814.9 some or all contraceptive methods or services on account of religious objections and that  
814.10 is:

814.11 (1) organized as a nonprofit entity and holds itself as a religious organization; or

814.12 (2) organized and operates as a closely held for-profit entity, and the organization's  
814.13 highest governing body has adopted, under the organization's applicable rules of governance  
814.14 and consistent with state law, a resolution or similar action establishing that it objects to  
814.15 covering some or all contraceptive methods or services on account of the owners' sincerely  
814.16 held religious beliefs.

814.17 (f) "Medical necessity" includes but is not limited to considerations such as severity of  
814.18 side effects, difference in permanence and reversibility of a contraceptive method or service,  
814.19 and ability to adhere to the appropriate use of the contraceptive method or service, as  
814.20 determined by the attending provider.

814.21 (g) "Religious employer" means an organization that is organized and operates as a  
814.22 nonprofit entity and meets the requirements of section 6033(a)(3)(A)(i) or (iii) of the Internal  
814.23 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

814.24 (h) "Therapeutic equivalent version" means a drug, device, or product that can be expected  
814.25 to have the same clinical effect and safety profile when administered to a patient under the  
814.26 conditions specified in the labeling, and that:

814.27 (1) is approved as safe and effective;

814.28 (2) is a pharmaceutical equivalent, (i) containing identical amounts of the same active  
814.29 drug ingredient in the same dosage form and route of administration, and (ii) meeting  
814.30 compendial or other applicable standards of strength, quality, purity, and identity;

814.31 (3) is bioequivalent in that:

815.1 (i) the drug, device, or product does not present a known or potential bioequivalence  
815.2 problem and meet an acceptable in vitro standard; or

815.3 (ii) if the drug, device, or product does present a known or potential bioequivalence  
815.4 problem, it is shown to meet an appropriate bioequivalence standard;

815.5 (4) is adequately labeled; and

815.6 (5) is manufactured in compliance with current manufacturing practice regulations.

815.7 Subd. 2. **Required coverage; cost sharing prohibited.** (a) A health plan must provide  
815.8 coverage for contraceptive methods and services.

815.9 (b) A health plan company must not impose cost-sharing requirements, including co-pays,  
815.10 deductibles, or co-insurance, for contraceptive methods or services.

815.11 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), a health plan that is a high-deductible health plan in  
815.12 conjunction with a health savings account must include cost-sharing for contraceptive  
815.13 methods and services at the minimum level necessary to preserve the enrollee's ability to  
815.14 make tax exempt contributions and withdrawals from the health savings account, as provided  
815.15 by section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

815.16 (d) A health plan company must not impose any referral requirements, restrictions, or  
815.17 delays for contraceptive methods or services.

815.18 (e) A health plan must include at least one of each type of Food and Drug Administration  
815.19 approved contraceptive method in its formulary. If more than one therapeutic equivalent  
815.20 version of a contraceptive method is approved, a health plan must include at least one  
815.21 therapeutic equivalent version in its formulary, but is not required to include all therapeutic  
815.22 equivalent versions.

815.23 (f) For each health plan, a health plan company must list the contraceptive methods and  
815.24 services that are covered without cost-sharing in a manner that is easily accessible to  
815.25 enrollees, health care providers, and representatives of health care providers. The list for  
815.26 each health plan must be promptly updated to reflect changes to the coverage.

815.27 (g) If an enrollee's attending provider recommends a particular contraceptive method or  
815.28 service based on a determination of medical necessity for that enrollee, the health plan must  
815.29 cover that contraceptive method or service without cost-sharing. The health plan company  
815.30 issuing the health plan must defer to the attending provider's determination that the particular  
815.31 contraceptive method or service is medically necessary for the enrollee.

816.1 Subd. 3. **Religious employers; exempt** (a) A religious employer is not required to cover  
816.2 contraceptive methods or services if the employer has religious objections to the coverage.  
816.3 A religious employer that chooses to not provide coverage for contraceptive methods and  
816.4 services must notify employees as part of the hiring process and total employees at least 30  
816.5 days before:

816.6 (1) an employee enrolls in the health plan; or

816.7 (2) the effective date of the health plan, whichever occurs first.

816.8 (b) If the religious employer provides coverage for some contraceptive methods or  
816.9 services, the notice must provide a list of the contraceptive methods or services the employer  
816.10 refuses to cover.

816.11 Subd. 4. **Accommodation for eligible organizations.** (a) A health plan established or  
816.12 maintained by an eligible organization complies with the requirements of subdivision 2 to  
816.13 provide coverage of contraceptive methods and services if the eligible organization provides  
816.14 notice to any health plan company the eligible organization contracts with that it is an eligible  
816.15 organization and that the eligible organization has a religious objection to coverage for all  
816.16 or a subset of contraceptive methods or services.

816.17 (b) The notice from an eligible organization to a health plan company under paragraph  
816.18 (a) must include the name of the eligible organization, a statement that it objects to coverage  
816.19 for some or all of contraceptive methods or services, including a list of the contraceptive  
816.20 methods or services the eligible organization objects to, if applicable, and the health plan  
816.21 name. The notice must be executed by a person authorized to provide notice on behalf of  
816.22 the eligible organization.

816.23 (c) An eligible organization must provide a copy of the notice under paragraph (b) to  
816.24 prospective employees as part of the hiring process and total employees at least 30 days  
816.25 before:

816.26 (1) an employee enrolls in the health plan; or

816.27 (2) the effective date of the health plan, whichever occurs first.

816.28 (d) A health plan company that receives a copy of the notice under paragraph (a) with  
816.29 respect to a health plan established or maintained by an eligible organization must:

816.30 (1) expressly exclude coverage for some or all contraceptive methods or services from  
816.31 the health plan; and

817.1 (2) provide separate payments for any contraceptive methods or services required to be  
817.2 covered under subdivision 2 for enrollees as long as the enrollee remains enrolled in the  
817.3 health plan.

817.4 (e) The health plan company must not impose any cost-sharing requirements, including  
817.5 co-pays, deductibles, or co-insurance, or directly or indirectly impose any premium, fee, or  
817.6 other charge for contraceptive services or methods on the eligible organization, health plan,  
817.7 or enrollee.

817.8 (f) On January 1, 2021, and every year thereafter a health plan company must notify the  
817.9 commissioner, in a manner to be determined by the commissioner, regarding the number  
817.10 of eligible organizations granted an accommodation under this subdivision.

817.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021, and applies to coverage  
817.12 offered, sold, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

817.13 Sec. 37. **[62Q.522] COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION CONTRACEPTIVES;**  
817.14 **SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS.**

817.15 Subdivision 1. **Scope of coverage.** Except as otherwise provided in section 62Q.521,  
817.16 subdivision 3, all health plans that provide prescription coverage must comply with the  
817.17 requirements of this section.

817.18 Subd. 2. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "prescription contraceptive" means  
817.19 any drug or device that requires a prescription and is approved by the Food and Drug  
817.20 Administration to prevent pregnancy. Prescription contraceptive does not include an  
817.21 emergency contraceptive drug that prevents pregnancy when administered after sexual  
817.22 contact.

817.23 Subd. 3. **Required coverage.** (a) Health plan coverage for a prescription contraceptive  
817.24 must provide a 12-month supply for any prescription contraceptive, regardless of whether  
817.25 the enrollee was covered by the health plan at the time of the first dispensing.

817.26 (b) The prescribing health care provider must determine the appropriate number of  
817.27 months to prescribe the prescription contraceptives for, up to 12 months.

817.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2021, and applies to coverage  
817.29 offered, sold, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

818.1 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62Q.81, is amended to read:

818.2 **62Q.81 ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFIT PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS.**

818.3 Subdivision 1. **Essential health benefits package.** (a) Health plan companies offering  
818.4 individual and small group health plans must include the essential health benefits package  
818.5 ~~required under section 1302(a) of the Affordable Care Act~~ and as described in this  
818.6 subdivision.

818.7 (b) The essential health benefits package means coverage that:

818.8 (1) provides essential health benefits as ~~outlined in the Affordable Care Act~~ described  
818.9 in subdivision 4;

818.10 (2) limits cost-sharing for such coverage ~~in accordance with the Affordable Care Act,~~  
818.11 as described in subdivision 2; and

818.12 (3) ~~subject to subdivision 3,~~ provides bronze, silver, gold, or platinum level of coverage  
818.13 ~~in accordance with the Affordable Care Act~~ as described in subdivision 3.

818.14 Subd. 2. **Cost-sharing; coverage for enrollees under the age of 21.** (a) Cost-sharing  
818.15 includes deductibles, coinsurance, co-payments, or similar charges, and qualified medical  
818.16 expenses, as defined in section 223(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.  
818.17 It does not include premiums, balance billing from non-network providers, or spending for  
818.18 noncovered services.

818.19 (b) Cost-sharing per year for individual health plans is limited to the amount allowed  
818.20 under section 223(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, increased  
818.21 by an amount equal to the product of that amount and the premium adjustment percentage.  
818.22 The premium adjustment percentage is the percentage which the average per capita premium  
818.23 for health insurance coverage in the United States for the preceding calendar year exceeds  
818.24 the average per capita premium for 2017. If the amount of the increase is not a multiple of  
818.25 \$50, the increases shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.

818.26 (c) Cost-sharing per year for small group health plans is limited to twice the amount  
818.27 allowed under paragraph (b).

818.28 (d) If a health plan company offers health plans in any level of coverage specified under  
818.29 section 1302(d) of the Affordable Care Act, as described in subdivision 1, paragraph (b),  
818.30 clause (3) 3, the health plan company shall also offer coverage in that level to individuals  
818.31 who have not attained 21 years of age as of the beginning of a policy year.

819.1 Subd. 3. **Levels of coverage; alternative compliance for catastrophic plans.** (a) A  
819.2 health plan in the bronze level shall provide a level of coverage that is designed to provide  
819.3 benefits that are actuarially equivalent to 60 percent of the full actuarial value of the benefits  
819.4 provided under the plan.

819.5 (b) A health plan in the silver level shall provide a level of coverage that is designed to  
819.6 provide benefits that are actuarially equivalent to 70 percent of the full actuarial value of  
819.7 the benefits provided under the plan.

819.8 (c) A health plan in the gold level shall provide a level of coverage that is designed to  
819.9 provide benefits that are actuarially equivalent to 80 percent of the full actuarial value of  
819.10 the benefits provided under the plan.

819.11 (d) A health plan in the platinum level shall provide a level of coverage that is designed  
819.12 to provide benefits that are actuarially equivalent to 90 percent of the full actuarial value  
819.13 of the benefits provided under the plan.

819.14 (e) A health plan company that does not provide an individual or small group health  
819.15 plan in the bronze, silver, gold, or platinum level of coverage, as described in subdivision  
819.16 1, paragraph (b), clause (3), shall be treated as meeting the requirements of this section  
819.17 1302(d) of the Affordable Care Act with respect to any policy plan year if the health plan  
819.18 company provides a catastrophic plan that meets the following requirements of section  
819.19 1302(e) of the Affordable Care Act.:

819.20 (1) the only individuals to enroll in the health plan are those that:

819.21 (i) have not attained age 30 before the beginning of the plan year;

819.22 (ii) have an inability to access affordable coverage; or

819.23 (iii) are experiencing a hardship in reference to their capability to access coverage; and

819.24 (2) the health plan provides essential health benefits, except that the plan provides no  
819.25 benefits for any plan year until the individual has incurred cost-sharing expenses in the  
819.26 amount equal to the limitation in effect under subdivision 2 and the plan provides coverage  
819.27 for at least three primary care visits.

819.28 Subd. 4. **Essential health benefits; definition.** (a) For purposes of this section, "essential  
819.29 health benefits" ~~has the meaning given under section 1302(b) of the Affordable Care Act~~  
819.30 ~~and includes~~ means:

819.31 (1) ambulatory patient services;

819.32 (2) emergency services;

- 820.1 (3) hospitalization;
- 820.2 (4) laboratory services;
- 820.3 (5) maternity and newborn care;
- 820.4 (6) mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health
- 820.5 treatment;
- 820.6 (7) pediatric services, including oral and vision care;
- 820.7 (8) prescription drugs;
- 820.8 (9) preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management;
- 820.9 (10) rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; and
- 820.10 (11) additional essential health benefits included in the ~~EHB benchmark plan, as defined~~
- 820.11 ~~under the Affordable Care Act~~ health plan described in paragraph (c).
- 820.12 (b) Emergency services must be provided without imposing any prior authorization
- 820.13 requirement or limitation on coverage, where the provider of services does not have a
- 820.14 contractual relationship with the health plan for the providing of services, that is more
- 820.15 restrictive than the requirements or limitations that apply to emergency services received
- 820.16 from providers who have a contractual relationship with the health plan. If services are
- 820.17 provided out-of-network the cost-sharing is the same that would apply if services were
- 820.18 provided in-network.
- 820.19 (c) The scope of essential health benefits under paragraph (a) must be equal to the scope
- 820.20 of benefits provided under a typical employer plan.
- 820.21 (d) The essential health benefits must:
- 820.22 (1) reflect an appropriate balance among the categories so that benefits are not unduly
- 820.23 weighted toward any category;
- 820.24 (2) not make coverage decisions, determine reimbursement rates, establish incentive
- 820.25 programs, or design benefits in ways that discriminate against individuals because of their
- 820.26 age, disability, or expected length of life;
- 820.27 (3) take into account the health care needs of diverse segments of the population,
- 820.28 including women, children, persons with disabilities, and other groups; and
- 820.29 (4) ensure that health benefits established as essential not be subject to denial to
- 820.30 individuals against their wishes on the basis of the individuals' age or expected length of



821.1 life or of the individuals' present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency, or  
821.2 quality of life.

821.3 Subd. 5. **Exception.** This section does not apply to a dental plan ~~described in section~~  
821.4 ~~1311(d)(2)(B)(ii) of the Affordable Care Act~~ that is limited in scope and provides pediatric  
821.5 dental benefits.

821.6 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

821.7 Subd. 13. **Drugs.** (a) Medical assistance covers drugs, except for fertility drugs when  
821.8 specifically used to enhance fertility, if prescribed by a licensed practitioner and dispensed  
821.9 by a licensed pharmacist, by a physician enrolled in the medical assistance program as a  
821.10 dispensing physician, or by a physician, physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner employed  
821.11 by or under contract with a community health board as defined in section 145A.02,  
821.12 subdivision 5, for the purposes of communicable disease control.

821.13 (b) The dispensed quantity of a prescription drug must not exceed a 34-day supply,  
821.14 unless authorized by the commissioner or as provided in paragraph (g).

821.15 (c) For the purpose of this subdivision and subdivision 13d, an "active pharmaceutical  
821.16 ingredient" is defined as a substance that is represented for use in a drug and when used in  
821.17 the manufacturing, processing, or packaging of a drug becomes an active ingredient of the  
821.18 drug product. An "excipient" is defined as an inert substance used as a diluent or vehicle  
821.19 for a drug. The commissioner shall establish a list of active pharmaceutical ingredients and  
821.20 excipients which are included in the medical assistance formulary. Medical assistance covers  
821.21 selected active pharmaceutical ingredients and excipients used in compounded prescriptions  
821.22 when the compounded combination is specifically approved by the commissioner or when  
821.23 a commercially available product:

821.24 (1) is not a therapeutic option for the patient;

821.25 (2) does not exist in the same combination of active ingredients in the same strengths  
821.26 as the compounded prescription; and

821.27 (3) cannot be used in place of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the compounded  
821.28 prescription.

821.29 (d) Medical assistance covers the following over-the-counter drugs when prescribed by  
821.30 a licensed practitioner or by a licensed pharmacist who meets standards established by the  
821.31 commissioner, in consultation with the board of pharmacy: antacids, acetaminophen, family  
821.32 planning products, aspirin, insulin, products for the treatment of lice, vitamins for adults  
821.33 with documented vitamin deficiencies, vitamins for children under the age of seven and

822.1 pregnant or nursing women, and any other over-the-counter drug identified by the  
822.2 commissioner, in consultation with the formulary committee, as necessary, appropriate, and  
822.3 cost-effective for the treatment of certain specified chronic diseases, conditions, or disorders,  
822.4 and this determination shall not be subject to the requirements of chapter 14. A pharmacist  
822.5 may prescribe over-the-counter medications as provided under this paragraph for purposes  
822.6 of receiving reimbursement under Medicaid. When prescribing over-the-counter drugs under  
822.7 this paragraph, licensed pharmacists must consult with the recipient to determine necessity,  
822.8 provide drug counseling, review drug therapy for potential adverse interactions, and make  
822.9 referrals as needed to other health care professionals. Over-the-counter medications must  
822.10 be dispensed in a quantity that is the lowest of: (1) the number of dosage units contained in  
822.11 the manufacturer's original package; (2) the number of dosage units required to complete  
822.12 the patient's course of therapy; or (3) if applicable, the number of dosage units dispensed  
822.13 from a system using retrospective billing, as provided under subdivision 13e, paragraph  
822.14 (b).

822.15 (e) Effective January 1, 2006, medical assistance shall not cover drugs that are coverable  
822.16 under Medicare Part D as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and  
822.17 Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-2(e), for individuals eligible  
822.18 for drug coverage as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and  
822.19 Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-1(a)(3)(A). For these  
822.20 individuals, medical assistance may cover drugs from the drug classes listed in United States  
822.21 Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2), subject to this subdivision and subdivisions 13a to  
822.22 13g, except that drugs listed in United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2)(E), shall  
822.23 not be covered.

822.24 (f) Medical assistance covers drugs acquired through the federal 340B Drug Pricing  
822.25 Program and dispensed by 340B covered entities and ambulatory pharmacies under common  
822.26 ownership of the 340B covered entity. Medical assistance does not cover drugs acquired  
822.27 through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and dispensed by 340B contract pharmacies.

822.28 (g) Medical assistance coverage for a prescription contraceptive must provide a 12-month  
822.29 supply for any prescription contraceptive, regardless of whether the enrollee was covered  
822.30 by medical assistance or the health plan at the time of the first dispensing. The prescribing  
822.31 health care provider must determine the appropriate number of months to prescribe the  
822.32 prescription contraceptives for, up to 12 months.

822.33 For purposes of this paragraph, "prescription contraceptive" means any drug or device that  
822.34 requires a prescription and is approved by the Food and Drug Administration to prevent  
822.35 pregnancy. Prescription contraceptive does not include an emergency contraceptive drug

823.1 approved to prevent pregnancy when administered after sexual contact. For purposes of this  
823.2 paragraph, "health plan" has the meaning provided in section 62Q.01, subdivision 3.

823.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section applies to medical assistance and MinnesotaCare  
823.4 coverage effective January 1, 2021.

823.5 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13f, is amended to read:

823.6 Subd. 13f. **Prior authorization.** (a) The Formulary Committee shall review and  
823.7 recommend drugs which require prior authorization. The Formulary Committee shall  
823.8 establish general criteria to be used for the prior authorization of brand-name drugs for  
823.9 which generically equivalent drugs are available, but the committee is not required to review  
823.10 each brand-name drug for which a generically equivalent drug is available.

823.11 (b) Prior authorization may be required by the commissioner before certain formulary  
823.12 drugs are eligible for payment. The Formulary Committee may recommend drugs for prior  
823.13 authorization directly to the commissioner. The commissioner may also request that the  
823.14 Formulary Committee review a drug for prior authorization. Before the commissioner may  
823.15 require prior authorization for a drug:

823.16 (1) the commissioner must provide information to the Formulary Committee on the  
823.17 impact that placing the drug on prior authorization may have on the quality of patient care  
823.18 and on program costs, information regarding whether the drug is subject to clinical abuse  
823.19 or misuse, and relevant data from the state Medicaid program if such data is available;

823.20 (2) the Formulary Committee must review the drug, taking into account medical and  
823.21 clinical data and the information provided by the commissioner; and

823.22 (3) the Formulary Committee must hold a public forum and receive public comment for  
823.23 an additional 15 days.

823.24 The commissioner must provide a 15-day notice period before implementing the prior  
823.25 authorization.

823.26 (c) Except as provided in subdivision 13j, prior authorization shall not be required or  
823.27 utilized for any atypical antipsychotic drug prescribed for the treatment of mental illness  
823.28 if:

823.29 (1) there is no generically equivalent drug available; and

823.30 (2) the drug was initially prescribed for the recipient prior to July 1, 2003; or

823.31 (3) the drug is part of the recipient's current course of treatment.

824.1 This paragraph applies to any multistate preferred drug list or supplemental drug rebate  
824.2 program established or administered by the commissioner. Prior authorization shall  
824.3 automatically be granted for 60 days for brand name drugs prescribed for treatment of mental  
824.4 illness within 60 days of when a generically equivalent drug becomes available, provided  
824.5 that the brand name drug was part of the recipient's course of treatment at the time the  
824.6 generically equivalent drug became available.

824.7 (d) Prior authorization shall not be required or utilized for any antihemophilic factor  
824.8 drug prescribed for the treatment of hemophilia and blood disorders where there is no  
824.9 generically equivalent drug available if the prior authorization is used in conjunction with  
824.10 any supplemental drug rebate program or multistate preferred drug list established or  
824.11 administered by the commissioner.

824.12 (e) The commissioner may require prior authorization for brand name drugs whenever  
824.13 a generically equivalent product is available, even if the prescriber specifically indicates  
824.14 "dispense as written-brand necessary" on the prescription as required by section 151.21,  
824.15 subdivision 2.

824.16 (f) Notwithstanding this subdivision, the commissioner may automatically require prior  
824.17 authorization, for a period not to exceed 180 days, for any drug that is approved by the  
824.18 United States Food and Drug Administration on or after July 1, 2005. The 180-day period  
824.19 begins no later than the first day that a drug is available for shipment to pharmacies within  
824.20 the state. The Formulary Committee shall recommend to the commissioner general criteria  
824.21 to be used for the prior authorization of the drugs, but the committee is not required to  
824.22 review each individual drug. In order to continue prior authorizations for a drug after the  
824.23 180-day period has expired, the commissioner must follow the provisions of this subdivision.

824.24 (g) Any step therapy protocol requirements established by the commissioner must comply  
824.25 with section 62Q.1841.

824.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

824.27 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
824.28 to read:

824.29 **Subd. 66. Coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric**  
824.30 **disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset**  
824.31 **neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS).** Medical assistance covers treatment of pediatric  
824.32 **autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS)**  
824.33 **and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS).** Coverage shall be developed

825.1 in collaboration with the Health Services Policy Committee established under subdivision  
825.2 3c.

825.3 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
825.4 to read:

825.5 Subd. 67. **Ectodermal dysplasias.** Medical assistance covers the following services for  
825.6 the treatment of ectodermal dysplasias:

825.7 (1) scalp hair prosthesis;

825.8 (2) breast reconstruction surgery; and

825.9 (3) dental services, including bone grafts, dental implants, orthodontia, dental  
825.10 prosthodontics, and dental maintenance.

825.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

825.12 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.69, is amended by adding a subdivision  
825.13 to read:

825.14 Subd. 6e. **Access standards; appointment wait times.** Managed care and county-based  
825.15 purchasing plans must comply with the access standards for emergency care and appointment  
825.16 wait times specified in section 62D.124, subdivisions 1, paragraph (b), and 2, paragraphs  
825.17 (b) and (c).

825.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for managed care and county-based  
825.19 purchasing contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2020.

825.20 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256L.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

825.21 **Subd. 3. Coordination with state-administered health programs.** The commissioner  
825.22 shall coordinate the administration of the MinnesotaCare program with medical assistance  
825.23 to maximize efficiency and improve the continuity of care. This includes, but is not limited  
825.24 to:

825.25 (1) establishing geographic areas for MinnesotaCare that are consistent with the  
825.26 geographic areas of the medical assistance program, within which participating entities may  
825.27 offer health plans;

825.28 (2) requiring, as a condition of participation in MinnesotaCare, participating entities to  
825.29 also participate in the medical assistance program;

826.1 (3) complying with sections 256B.69, subdivision 3a; 256B.692, subdivision 1; and  
826.2 256B.694, when contracting with MinnesotaCare participating entities;

826.3 (4) providing MinnesotaCare enrollees, to the extent possible, with the option to remain  
826.4 in the same health plan and provider network, if they later become eligible for medical  
826.5 assistance or coverage through MNsure and if, in the case of becoming eligible for medical  
826.6 assistance, the enrollee's MinnesotaCare health plan is also a medical assistance health plan  
826.7 in the enrollee's county of residence; ~~and~~

826.8 (5) establishing requirements and criteria for selection that ensure that covered health  
826.9 care services will be coordinated with local public health services, social services, long-term  
826.10 care services, mental health services, and other local services affecting enrollees' health,  
826.11 access, and quality of care; and

826.12 (6) complying with the appointment wait time standards specified in section 62D.124,  
826.13 subdivisions 1, paragraph (b), and 2, paragraphs (b) and (c).

826.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for managed care, county-based  
826.15 purchasing, and participating entity contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2020.

826.16 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 317A.811, is amended by adding a subdivision  
826.17 to read:

826.18 Subd. 1a. **Nonprofit health care entity; notice and approval required.** In addition to  
826.19 the requirements of subdivision 1, a nonprofit health care entity as defined in section 317B.01,  
826.20 subdivision 12, is subject to the notice and approval requirements for certain transactions  
826.21 under chapter 317B.

826.22 Sec. 46. **[317B.01] NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE ENTITY CONVERSIONS;**  
826.23 **DEFINITIONS.**

826.24 Subdivision 1. **Application.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

826.25 Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce for a  
826.26 nonprofit health care entity that is a nonprofit health service plan corporation operating  
826.27 under chapter 62C, or the commissioner of health for a nonprofit health care entity that is  
826.28 a nonprofit health maintenance organization operating under chapter 62D.

826.29 Subd. 3. **Conversion benefit entity.** "Conversion benefit entity" means a foundation,  
826.30 corporation, limited liability company, trust, partnership, or other entity that receives, in  
826.31 connection with a conversion transaction, the value of any public benefit assets, in accordance  
826.32 with section 317B.02, subdivision 7.

827.1 Subd. 4. **Conversion transaction or transaction.** "Conversion transaction" or  
827.2 "transaction" means a transaction otherwise permitted by applicable law in which a nonprofit  
827.3 health care entity:

827.4 (1) merges, consolidates, converts, or transfers all or a material amount of its assets to  
827.5 any entity except a corporation that is also exempt under United States Code, title 26, section  
827.6 501(c)(3);

827.7 (2) makes a series of separate transfers within a 24-month period that in the aggregate  
827.8 constitute a transfer of all or a material amount of the nonprofit health care entity's assets  
827.9 to any entity except a corporation that is also exempt under United States Code, title 26,  
827.10 section 501(c)(3); or

827.11 (3) adds or substitutes one or more members that effectively transfers the control,  
827.12 responsibility for, or governance of the nonprofit health care entity to any entity except a  
827.13 corporation that is also exempt under United States Code, title 26, section 501(c)(3).

827.14 Subd. 5. **Corporation.** "Corporation" has the meaning given in section 317A.011,  
827.15 subdivision 6, and also includes a nonprofit limited liability company organized under  
827.16 section 322C.1101.

827.17 Subd. 6. **Director.** "Director" has the meaning given in section 317A.011, subdivision  
827.18 7.

827.19 Subd. 7. **Family member.** "Family member" means a spouse, parent, child, spouse of  
827.20 a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister.

827.21 Subd. 8. **Full and fair value.** "Full and fair value" means the amount that the public  
827.22 benefit assets of the nonprofit health care entity would be worth if the assets were equal to  
827.23 stock in the nonprofit health care entity, if the nonprofit health care entity was a for-profit  
827.24 corporation, and if the nonprofit health care entity had 100 percent of its stock authorized  
827.25 by the corporation and available for purchase without transfer restrictions. The valuation  
827.26 shall consider market value, investment or earning value, net asset value, goodwill, the  
827.27 amount of donations received, and a control premium, if any.

827.28 Subd. 9. **Key employee.** "Key employee" means a person, regardless of title, who:

827.29 (1) has responsibilities, power, or influence over an organization similar to those of an  
827.30 officer or director;

827.31 (2) manages a discrete segment or activity of the organization that represents ten percent  
827.32 or more of the activities, assets, income, or expenses of the organization, as compared to  
827.33 the organization as a whole; or

828.1 (3) has or shares authority to control or determine ten percent or more of the organization's  
828.2 capital expenditures, operating budget, or compensation for employees.

828.3 Subd. 10. **Material amount.** "Material amount" means the lesser of ten percent of a  
828.4 nonprofit health care entity's total net admitted assets as of December 31 of the preceding  
828.5 year, or \$10,000,000.

828.6 Subd. 11. **Member.** "Member" has the meaning given in section 317A.011, subdivision  
828.7 12.

828.8 Subd. 12. **Nonprofit health care entity.** "Nonprofit health care entity" means a nonprofit  
828.9 health service plan corporation operating under chapter 62C, a nonprofit health maintenance  
828.10 organization operating under chapter 62D, a corporation that can effectively exercise control  
828.11 over a nonprofit health service plan corporation or a nonprofit health maintenance  
828.12 organization, or any other entity that is effectively controlled by a corporation operating a  
828.13 nonprofit health service plan corporation or a nonprofit health maintenance organization.

828.14 Subd. 13. **Officer.** "Officer" has the meaning given in section 317A.011, subdivision  
828.15 15.

828.16 Subd. 14. **Public benefit assets.** "Public benefit assets" means the entirety of a nonprofit  
828.17 health care entity's assets, whether tangible or intangible, including but not limited to its  
828.18 goodwill and anticipated future revenue.

828.19 Subd. 15. **Related organization.** "Related organization" has the meaning given in section  
828.20 317A.011, subdivision 18.

828.21 Sec. 47. **[317B.02] NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE ENTITY CONVERSION**  
828.22 **TRANSACTIONS; REVIEW, NOTICE, APPROVAL.**

828.23 Subdivision 1. **Certain conversion transactions prohibited.** A nonprofit health care  
828.24 entity shall not enter into a conversion transaction if a person who has been an officer,  
828.25 director, or key employee of the nonprofit health care entity or of a related organization, or  
828.26 a family member of such a person:

828.27 (1) has received or will receive any type of compensation or other financial benefit,  
828.28 directly or indirectly, in connection with the conversion transaction;

828.29 (2) has held or will hold, whether guaranteed or contingent, an ownership stake, stock,  
828.30 securities, investment, or other financial interest in an entity to which the nonprofit health  
828.31 care entity transfers public benefit assets in connection with the conversion transaction;



829.1 (3) has received or will receive any type of compensation or other financial benefit from  
829.2 an entity to which the nonprofit health care entity transfers public benefit assets in connection  
829.3 with a conversion transaction;

829.4 (4) has held or will hold, whether guaranteed or contingent, an ownership stake, stock,  
829.5 securities, investment, or other financial interest in an entity that has or will have a business  
829.6 relationship with an entity to which the nonprofit health care entity transfers public benefit  
829.7 assets in connection with the conversion transaction; or

829.8 (5) has received or will receive any type of compensation or other financial benefit from  
829.9 an entity that has or will have a business relationship with an entity to which the nonprofit  
829.10 health care entity transfers public benefit assets in connection with the conversion transaction.

829.11 Subd. 2. **Attorney general notice required.** (a) Before entering into a conversion  
829.12 transaction, a nonprofit health care entity must notify the attorney general according to  
829.13 section 317A.811. In addition to the elements listed in section 317A.811, subdivision 1, the  
829.14 notice required by this subdivision must also include an itemization of the nonprofit health  
829.15 care entity's public benefit assets and the valuation the nonprofit health care entity attributes  
829.16 to those assets; a proposed plan for the distribution of the value of those assets to a conversion  
829.17 benefit entity that meets the requirements of subdivision 4; and other information from the  
829.18 nonprofit health care entity or the proposed conversion benefit entity that the attorney general  
829.19 reasonably considers necessary to review the proposed conversion transaction under  
829.20 subdivision 3.

829.21 (b) At the time the nonprofit health care entity provides the attorney general with the  
829.22 notice and other information required under this subdivision, the nonprofit health care entity  
829.23 must also provide a copy of the notice and other information required under this subdivision  
829.24 to the commissioner. If the attorney general requests additional information from a nonprofit  
829.25 health care entity in connection with its review of a proposed conversion transaction, the  
829.26 nonprofit health care entity must also provide a copy of this information to the commissioner,  
829.27 at the time this information is provided to the attorney general.

829.28 Subd. 3. **Review elements.** (a) The attorney general may approve, conditionally approve,  
829.29 or disapprove a proposed conversion transaction under this section. In determining whether  
829.30 to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove a proposed transaction, the attorney general,  
829.31 in consultation with the commissioner, shall consider any factors the attorney general  
829.32 considers relevant in evaluating whether the proposed transaction is in the public interest,  
829.33 including whether:

- 830.1 (1) the proposed transaction complies with chapters 317A and 501B and other applicable  
830.2 laws;
- 830.3 (2) the proposed transaction involves or constitutes a breach of charitable trust;
- 830.4 (3) the nonprofit health care entity will receive full and fair value for its public benefit  
830.5 assets;
- 830.6 (4) the value of the public benefit assets to be transferred has been manipulated in a  
830.7 manner that causes or has caused the value of the assets to decrease;
- 830.8 (5) the proceeds of the proposed transaction will be used in a manner consistent with  
830.9 the public benefit for which the assets are held by the nonprofit health care entity;
- 830.10 (6) the proposed transaction will result in a breach of fiduciary duty, as determined by  
830.11 the attorney general, including whether:
- 830.12 (i) conflicts of interest exist related to payments to or benefits conferred upon officers,  
830.13 directors, or key employees of the nonprofit health care entity or a related organization;
- 830.14 (ii) the nonprofit health care entity's directors exercised reasonable care and due diligence  
830.15 in deciding to pursue the transaction, in selecting the entity with which to pursue the  
830.16 transaction, and in negotiating the terms and conditions of the transaction; and
- 830.17 (iii) the nonprofit health care entity's directors considered all reasonably viable  
830.18 alternatives, including any competing offers for its public benefit assets, or alternative  
830.19 transactions;
- 830.20 (7) the transaction will result in financial benefit to a person, including owners, directors,  
830.21 officers, or key employees of the nonprofit health care entity or of the entity to which the  
830.22 nonprofit health care entity proposes to transfer public benefit assets;
- 830.23 (8) the conversion benefit entity meets the requirements in subdivision 4; and
- 830.24 (9) the attorney general and the commissioner have been provided with sufficient  
830.25 information by the nonprofit health care entity to adequately evaluate the proposed transaction  
830.26 and its effects on the public and enrollees, provided the attorney general or commissioner  
830.27 has notified the nonprofit health care entity or the proposed conversion benefit entity if the  
830.28 information provided is insufficient and has provided the nonprofit health care entity or  
830.29 proposed conversion benefit entity with a reasonable opportunity to remedy that insufficiency.
- 830.30 (b) In addition to the elements in paragraph (a), the attorney general shall also consider  
830.31 public comments received under subdivision 5 regarding the proposed conversion transaction

831.1 and the proposed transaction's likely effect on the availability, accessibility, and affordability  
831.2 of health care services to the public.

831.3 (c) In deciding whether to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove a transaction,  
831.4 the attorney general must consult with the commissioner.

831.5 Subd. 4. **Conversion benefit entity requirements.** (a) A conversion benefit entity shall:

831.6 (1) be an existing or new, domestic, nonprofit corporation operating under chapter 317A  
831.7 and exempt under United States Code, title 26, section 501(c)(3);

831.8 (2) have in place procedures and policies to prohibit conflicts of interest, including but  
831.9 not limited to conflicts of interest relating to any grant-making activities that may benefit:

831.10 (i) the directors, officers, or key employees of the conversion benefit entity;

831.11 (ii) any entity to which the nonprofit health care entity transfers public benefit assets in  
831.12 connection with a conversion transaction; or

831.13 (iii) any directors, officers, or key employees of an entity to which the nonprofit health  
831.14 care entity transfers public benefit assets in connection with a conversion transaction;

831.15 (3) operate to benefit the health of the people of this state; and

831.16 (4) have in place procedures and policies that prohibit:

831.17 (i) an officer, director, or key employee of the nonprofit health care entity from serving  
831.18 as an officer, director, or key employee of the conversion benefit entity for the five-year  
831.19 period following the conversion transaction;

831.20 (ii) an officer, director, or key employee of the nonprofit health care entity or of the  
831.21 conversion benefit entity from directly or indirectly benefiting from the conversion  
831.22 transaction; and

831.23 (iii) elected or appointed public officials from serving as an officer, director, or key  
831.24 employee of the conversion benefit entity.

831.25 (b) A conversion benefit entity shall not make grants or payments or otherwise provide  
831.26 financial benefit to an entity to which a nonprofit health care entity transfers public benefit  
831.27 assets as part of a conversion transaction, or to a related organization of the entity to which  
831.28 the nonprofit health care entity transfers public benefit assets as part of a conversion  
831.29 transaction.

832.1 (c) No person who has been an officer, director, or key employee of an entity that has  
832.2 received public benefit assets in connection with a conversion transaction may serve as an  
832.3 officer, director, or key employee of the conversion benefit entity.

832.4 (d) The attorney general must review and approve the governance structure of a  
832.5 conversion benefit entity before the conversion benefit entity receives the value of public  
832.6 benefit assets from a nonprofit health care entity. In order to be approved by the attorney  
832.7 general under this paragraph, the conversion benefit entity's governance must be broadly  
832.8 based in the community served by the nonprofit health care entity and must be independent  
832.9 of the entity to which the nonprofit health care entity transfers public benefit assets as part  
832.10 of the conversion transaction. As part of the review of the conversion benefit entity's  
832.11 governance, the attorney general shall hold a public hearing. If the attorney general finds  
832.12 it necessary, a portion of the value of the public benefit assets shall be used to develop a  
832.13 community-based plan for use by the conversion benefit entity.

832.14 (e) The attorney general shall establish a community advisory committee for a conversion  
832.15 benefit entity receiving the value of public benefit assets. The members of the community  
832.16 advisory committee must be selected to represent the diversity of the community previously  
832.17 served by the nonprofit health care entity. The community advisory committee shall:

832.18 (1) provide a slate of three nominees for each vacancy on the governing board of the  
832.19 conversion benefit entity, from which the remaining board members shall select new members  
832.20 to the board;

832.21 (2) provide the governing board with guidance on the health needs of the community  
832.22 previously served by the nonprofit health care entity; and

832.23 (3) promote dialogue and information sharing between the conversion benefit entity and  
832.24 the community previously served by the nonprofit health care entity.

832.25 **Subd. 5. Hearing; public comment; maintenance of record.** (a) Before issuing a  
832.26 decision under subdivision 6, the attorney general shall hold one or more hearings and solicit  
832.27 public comments regarding the proposed conversion transaction. No later than 45 days after  
832.28 the attorney general receives notice of a proposed conversion transaction, the attorney  
832.29 general shall hold at least one public hearing in the area served by the nonprofit health care  
832.30 entity, and shall hold as many hearings as necessary in various parts of the state to ensure  
832.31 that each community in the nonprofit health care entity's service area has an opportunity to  
832.32 provide comments on the conversion transaction. Any person may appear and speak at the  
832.33 hearing, file written comments, or file exhibits for the hearing. At least 14 days before the  
832.34 hearing, the attorney general shall provide written notice of the hearing through posting on

833.1 the attorney general's website, publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation,  
833.2 and notice by means of a public listserv or through other means to all persons who request  
833.3 notice from the attorney general of such hearings. A public hearing is not required if the  
833.4 waiting period under subdivision 6 is waived or is shorter than 45 days in duration. The  
833.5 attorney general may also solicit public comments through other means.

833.6 (b) The attorney general shall develop and maintain a summary of written and oral public  
833.7 comments made at a hearing and otherwise received by the attorney general, shall record  
833.8 all questions posed during the public hearing or received by the attorney general, and shall  
833.9 require answers from the appropriate parties. The summary materials, questions, and answers  
833.10 shall be maintained on the attorney general's website, and the attorney general must provide  
833.11 a copy of these materials at no cost to any person who requests them.

833.12 Subd. 6. **Approval required; period for approval or disapproval; extension.** (a)  
833.13 Notwithstanding the time periods in section 15.99 or 317A.811, a nonprofit health care  
833.14 entity shall not enter into a conversion transaction until:

833.15 (1) 150 days after the entity has given written notice to the attorney general, unless the  
833.16 attorney general waives all or a part of the waiting period. The attorney general shall establish  
833.17 guidelines for when the attorney general may waive all or part of the waiting period, and  
833.18 must provide public notice if the attorney general waives all or part of the waiting period;  
833.19 and

833.20 (2) the nonprofit health care entity obtains approval of the transaction from the attorney  
833.21 general, or obtains conditional approval from the attorney general and satisfies the required  
833.22 conditions.

833.23 (b) During the waiting period, the attorney general shall decide whether to approve,  
833.24 conditionally approve, or disapprove the conversion transaction and shall notify the nonprofit  
833.25 health care entity in writing of the attorney general's decision. If the transaction is  
833.26 disapproved, the notice must include the reasons for the decision. If the transaction is  
833.27 conditionally approved, the notice must specify the conditions that must be met and the  
833.28 reasons for these conditions. The attorney general may extend the waiting period for an  
833.29 additional 90 days by notifying the nonprofit health care entity of the extension in writing.

833.30 (c) The time periods under this subdivision shall be suspended while a request from the  
833.31 attorney general for additional information is outstanding.

833.32 Subd. 7. **Transfer of value of assets required.** If a proposed conversion transaction is  
833.33 approved or conditionally approved by the attorney general, the nonprofit health care entity

834.1 shall transfer the entirety of the full and fair value of its public benefit assets to one or more  
834.2 conversion benefit entities as part of the transaction.

834.3 Subd. 8. **Assessment of costs.** (a) The nonprofit health care entity must reimburse the  
834.4 attorney general or a state agency for all reasonable and actual costs incurred by the attorney  
834.5 general or the state agency in reviewing the proposed conversion transaction and in exercising  
834.6 enforcement remedies under this section. Costs incurred may include attorney fees at the  
834.7 rate at which the attorney general bills state agencies; costs for retaining actuarial, valuation,  
834.8 or other experts and consultants; and administrative costs. In order to receive reimbursement  
834.9 under this subdivision, the attorney general or state agency must provide the nonprofit health  
834.10 care entity with a statement of costs incurred.

834.11 (b) The nonprofit health care entity must remit the total amount listed on the statement  
834.12 to the attorney general or state agency within 30 days after the statement date, unless the  
834.13 entity disputes some or all of the submitted costs. The nonprofit health care entity may  
834.14 dispute the submitted costs by bringing an action in district court to have the court determine  
834.15 the amount of the reasonable and actual costs that must be remitted.

834.16 (c) Money remitted to the attorney general or state agency under this subdivision shall  
834.17 be deposited in the general fund in the state treasury and is appropriated to the attorney  
834.18 general or state agency, as applicable, to reimburse the attorney general or state agency for  
834.19 costs paid or incurred under this section.

834.20 Subd. 9. **Challenge to disapproval or conditional approval.** If the attorney general  
834.21 disapproves or conditionally approves a conversion transaction, a nonprofit health care  
834.22 entity may bring an action in district court to challenge the disapproval, or any condition  
834.23 of a conditional approval, as applicable. To prevail in such an action, the nonprofit health  
834.24 care entity must clearly establish that the disapproval, or each condition being challenged,  
834.25 as applicable, is arbitrary and capricious and unnecessary to protect the public interest.

834.26 Subd. 10. **Penalties; remedies.** The attorney general is authorized to bring an action to  
834.27 unwind a conversion transaction entered into in violation of this section and to recover the  
834.28 amount of any financial benefit received or held in violation of subdivision 1. In addition  
834.29 to this recovery, the officers, directors, and key employees of each entity that is a party to,  
834.30 and who materially participated in, the transaction entered into in violation of this section,  
834.31 may be subject to a civil penalty of up to the greater of the entirety of any financial benefit  
834.32 each officer, director, or key employee derived from the transaction or \$1,000,000, as  
834.33 determined by the court. The attorney general is authorized to enforce this section under  
834.34 section 8.31.

835.1 Subd. 11. **Relation to other law.** (a) This section is in addition to, and does not affect  
835.2 or limit any power, remedy, or responsibility of a health maintenance organization, a service  
835.3 plan corporation, a conversion benefit entity, the attorney general, the commissioner of  
835.4 commerce, or commissioner of health under chapter 62C, 62D, 317A, or 501B, or other  
835.5 law.

835.6 (b) Nothing in this section authorizes a nonprofit health care entity to enter into a  
835.7 conversion transaction not otherwise permitted under chapter 317A or 501B or other law.

835.8 Sec. 48. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 5, section 11, is amended to  
835.9 read:

835.10 Sec. 11. **MORATORIUM ON CONVERSION TRANSACTIONS.**

835.11 (a) Notwithstanding Laws 2017, chapter 2, article 2, a nonprofit ~~health~~ service plan  
835.12 corporation operating under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62C, ~~or~~; a nonprofit health  
835.13 maintenance organization operating under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62D, as of January  
835.14 1, 2017~~;~~; or a direct or indirect parent, subsidiary, or other affiliate of such an entity, may  
835.15 only merge or consolidate with; ~~or~~ convert~~;~~; or transfer, as part of a single transaction or a  
835.16 series of transactions within a 24-month period, all or a ~~substantial portion~~ material amount  
835.17 of its assets to an entity that is a corporation organized under Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
835.18 317A. For purposes of this section, "material amount" means the lesser of ten percent of  
835.19 such an entity's total net admitted assets as of December 31 of the preceding year, or  
835.20 \$10,000,000.

835.21 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if the nonprofit service plan corporation or nonprofit  
835.22 health maintenance organization files an intent to dissolve due to insolvency of the  
835.23 corporation in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 317A, or insolvency proceedings  
835.24 are commenced under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 60B.

835.25 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a nonprofit health maintenance  
835.26 organization or a nonprofit ~~health~~ service plan corporation to engage in any transaction or  
835.27 activities not otherwise permitted under state law.

835.28 (d) This section expires July 1, ~~2019~~ 2029.

835.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

835.30 Sec. 49. **FINDINGS.**

835.31 The Legislature of the state of Minnesota finds and declares that:

836.1 (1) nonprofit health care entities hold their assets in trust, and those assets are irrevocably  
836.2 dedicated, as a condition of their tax-exempt status, to the specific charitable purpose set  
836.3 forth in the articles of incorporation of the entities;

836.4 (2) the public is the beneficiary of that trust;

836.5 (3) nonprofit health care entities have a substantial and beneficial effect on the quality  
836.6 of life of the people of Minnesota;

836.7 (4) transfers of assets by nonprofit health care entities to for-profit entities directly affect  
836.8 the charitable uses of those assets and may adversely affect the public as the beneficiary of  
836.9 the charitable assets;

836.10 (5) it is in the best interest of the public to ensure that the public interest is fully protected  
836.11 whenever the assets or operations of a nonprofit health care entity are transferred, directly  
836.12 or indirectly, from a charitable trust to a for-profit or mutual benefit entity; and

836.13 (6) the attorney general's approval of any transfers of assets or operations by a nonprofit  
836.14 health care entity is necessary to ensure the protection of these trusts.

836.15 **Sec. 50. REPORT; DENIALS OF COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT FOR**  
836.16 **PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED**  
836.17 **WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS (PANDAS) AND PEDIATRIC**  
836.18 **ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME (PANS).**

836.19 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

836.20 (b) "Health carrier" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.011,  
836.21 subdivision 2.

836.22 (c) "Health plan" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.011,  
836.23 subdivision 3.

836.24 (d) "Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome" and "pediatric autoimmune  
836.25 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections" have the meanings  
836.26 given in Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.3097, subdivision 1.

836.27 Subd. 2. **Report required.** (a) A health carrier that offers a health plan providing coverage  
836.28 to Minnesota residents must report the following to the commissioner of health by October  
836.29 1, 2019:

836.30 (1) the number of times the health carrier has denied coverage for treatment for pediatric  
836.31 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS)  
836.32 or for treatment for pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS); and



837.1 (2) for each denial of coverage, the specific treatment for which coverage was denied.

837.2 (b) The commissioner of health must compile the information submitted under this  
837.3 subdivision into a single report and must post that report to the department's website on or  
837.4 before November 1, 2019. The posted report must identify each reporting health carrier and  
837.5 must specify, for each carrier, the number of coverage denials for each specific treatment.

837.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

837.7 **Sec. 51. COVERAGE FOR ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIAS AND PANDAS OR**  
837.8 **PANS.**

837.9 A health plan's coverage as of January 1, 2019, must be used by the health carrier as the  
837.10 basis for determining whether coverage would not have been provided by the health carrier  
837.11 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.25, subdivision 2, paragraph (d); 62A.28,  
837.12 subdivision 2, paragraph (c); 62A.3096, subdivision 4; or 62A.3097, subdivision 4.  
837.13 Treatments and services covered by the health plan as of January 1, 2019, are not eligible  
837.14 for reimbursement by the commissioner of commerce.

837.15 **Sec. 52. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

837.16 The revisor of statutes shall codify Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article  
837.17 5, section 11, as amended by this act, in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62D.

837.18 **Sec. 53. REPEALER.**

837.19 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62A.021, subdivisions 1 and 3, are repealed effective  
837.20 the day following final enactment.

## 837.21 **ARTICLE 14**

### 837.22 **RESIDENT RIGHTS AND CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

837.23 **Section 1. [144.6512] RETALIATION IN NURSING HOMES PROHIBITED.**

837.24 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section:

837.25 (1) "nursing home" means a facility licensed as a nursing home under chapter 144A;

837.26 and

837.27 (2) "resident" means a person residing in a nursing home.

838.1 Subd. 2. **Retaliation prohibited.** A nursing home or agent of the nursing home may not  
838.2 retaliate against a resident or employee if the resident, employee, or any person acting on  
838.3 behalf of the resident:

838.4 (1) files a complaint or grievance, makes an inquiry, or asserts any right;

838.5 (2) indicates an intention to file a complaint or grievance, make an inquiry, or assert any  
838.6 right;

838.7 (3) files or indicates an intention to file a maltreatment report, whether mandatory or  
838.8 voluntary, under section 626.557;

838.9 (4) seeks assistance from or reports a reasonable suspicion of a crime or systemic  
838.10 problems or concerns to the administrator or manager of the nursing home, the Office of  
838.11 Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, a regulatory or other government agency, or a legal or  
838.12 advocacy organization;

838.13 (5) advocates or seeks advocacy assistance for necessary or improved care or services  
838.14 or enforcement of rights under this section or other law;

838.15 (6) takes or indicates an intention to take civil action;

838.16 (7) participates or indicates an intention to participate in any investigation or  
838.17 administrative or judicial proceeding;

838.18 (8) contracts or indicates an intention to contract to receive services from a service  
838.19 provider of the resident's choice other than the nursing home; or

838.20 (9) places or indicates an intention to place a camera or electronic monitoring device in  
838.21 the resident's private space as provided under section 144J.05.

838.22 Subd. 3. **Retaliation against a resident.** For purposes of this section, to retaliate against  
838.23 a resident includes but is not limited to any of the following actions taken or threatened by  
838.24 a nursing home or an agent of the nursing home against a resident, or any person with a  
838.25 familial, personal, legal, or professional relationship with the resident:

838.26 (1) the discharge, eviction, transfer, or termination of services;

838.27 (2) the imposition of discipline, punishment, or a sanction or penalty;

838.28 (3) any form of discrimination;

838.29 (4) restriction or prohibition of access:

838.30 (i) of the resident to the nursing home or visitors; or

839.1 (ii) to the resident by a family member or a person with a personal, legal, or professional  
839.2 relationship with the resident;

839.3 (5) the imposition of involuntary seclusion or withholding food, care, or services;

839.4 (6) restriction of any of the rights granted to residents under state or federal law;

839.5 (7) restriction or reduction of access to or use of amenities, care, services, privileges, or  
839.6 living arrangements;

839.7 (8) an arbitrary increase in charges or fees;

839.8 (9) removing, tampering with, or deprivation of technology, communication, or electronic  
839.9 monitoring devices; or

839.10 (10) any oral or written communication of false information about a person advocating  
839.11 on behalf of the resident.

839.12 Subd. 4. **Retaliation against an employee.** For purposes of this section, to retaliate  
839.13 against an employee includes but is not limited to any of the following actions taken or  
839.14 threatened by the nursing home or an agent of the nursing home against an employee:

839.15 (1) discharge or transfer;

839.16 (2) demotion or refusal to promote;

839.17 (3) reduction in compensation, benefits, or privileges;

839.18 (4) the unwarranted imposition of discipline, punishment, or a sanction or penalty; or

839.19 (5) any form of discrimination.

839.20 Subd. 5. **Rebuttable presumption of retaliation.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs  
839.21 (b), (c), and (d), there is a rebuttable presumption that any action described in subdivision  
839.22 3 or 4 and taken within 90 days of an initial action described in subdivision 2 is retaliatory.

839.23 (b) The presumption does not apply to actions described in subdivision 3, clause (4), if  
839.24 a good faith report of maltreatment pursuant to section 626.557 is made by the nursing home  
839.25 or agent of the nursing home against the visitor, family member, or other person with a  
839.26 personal, legal, or professional relationship that is subject to the restriction or prohibition  
839.27 of access.

839.28 (c) The presumption does not apply to any oral or written communication described in  
839.29 subdivision 3, clause (10), that is associated with a good faith report of maltreatment pursuant  
839.30 to section 626.557 made by the nursing home or agent of the nursing home against the  
839.31 person advocating on behalf of the resident.

840.1 (d) The presumption does not apply to a termination of a contract of admission, as that  
840.2 term is defined under section 144.6501, subdivision 1, for a reason permitted under state  
840.3 or federal law.

840.4 Subd. 6. **Remedy.** A resident who meets the criteria under section 325F.71, subdivision  
840.5 1, has a cause of action under section 325F.71, subdivision 4, for the violation of this section,  
840.6 unless the resident otherwise has a cause of action under section 626.557, subdivision 17.

840.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019.

840.8 Sec. 2. **[144G.07] RETALIATION PROHIBITED.**

840.9 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section and section 144G.08:

840.10 (1) "facility" means a housing with services establishment registered under section  
840.11 144D.02 and operating under title protection under this chapter; and

840.12 (2) "resident" means a resident of a facility.

840.13 Subd. 2. **Retaliation prohibited.** A facility or agent of the facility may not retaliate  
840.14 against a resident or employee if the resident, employee, or any person on behalf of the  
840.15 resident:

840.16 (1) files a complaint or grievance, makes an inquiry, or asserts any right;

840.17 (2) indicates an intention to file a complaint or grievance, make an inquiry, or assert any  
840.18 right;

840.19 (3) files or indicates an intention to file a maltreatment report, whether mandatory or  
840.20 voluntary, under section 626.557;

840.21 (4) seeks assistance from or reports a reasonable suspicion of a crime or systemic  
840.22 problems or concerns to the administrator or manager of the facility, the Office of  
840.23 Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, a regulatory or other government agency, or a legal or  
840.24 advocacy organization;

840.25 (5) advocates or seeks advocacy assistance for necessary or improved care or services  
840.26 or enforcement of rights under this section or other law;

840.27 (6) takes or indicates an intention to take civil action;

840.28 (7) participates or indicates an intention to participate in any investigation or  
840.29 administrative or judicial proceeding;

840.30 (8) contracts or indicates an intention to contract to receive services from a service  
840.31 provider of the resident's choice other than the facility; or

841.1 (9) places or indicates an intention to place a camera or electronic monitoring device in  
841.2 the resident's private space as provided under section 144J.05.

841.3 Subd. 3. **Retaliation against a resident.** For purposes of this section, to retaliate against  
841.4 a resident includes but is not limited to any of the following actions taken or threatened by  
841.5 a facility or an agent of the facility against a resident, or any person with a familial, personal,  
841.6 legal, or professional relationship with the resident:

841.7 (1) the discharge, eviction, transfer, or termination of services;

841.8 (2) the imposition of discipline, punishment, or a sanction or penalty;

841.9 (3) any form of discrimination;

841.10 (4) restriction or prohibition of access:

841.11 (i) of the resident to the facility or visitors; or

841.12 (ii) to the resident by a family member or a person with a personal, legal, or professional  
841.13 relationship with the resident;

841.14 (5) the imposition of involuntary seclusion or withholding food, care, or services;

841.15 (6) restriction of any of the rights granted to residents under state or federal law;

841.16 (7) restriction or reduction of access to or use of amenities, care, services, privileges, or  
841.17 living arrangements;

841.18 (8) an arbitrary increase in charges or fees;

841.19 (9) removing, tampering with, or deprivation of technology, communication, or electronic  
841.20 monitoring devices; or

841.21 (10) any oral or written communication of false information about a person advocating  
841.22 on behalf of the resident.

841.23 Subd. 4. **Retaliation against an employee.** For purposes of this section, to retaliate  
841.24 against an employee includes but is not limited to any of the following actions taken or  
841.25 threatened by the facility or an agent of the facility against an employee:

841.26 (1) discharge or transfer;

841.27 (2) demotion or refusal to promote;

841.28 (3) reduction in compensation, benefits, or privileges;

841.29 (4) the unwarranted imposition of discipline, punishment, or a sanction or penalty; or

841.30 (5) any form of discrimination.

842.1 Subd. 5. **Rebuttable presumption of retaliation.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs  
842.2 (b), (c), and (d), there is a rebuttable presumption that any action described in subdivision  
842.3 3 or 4 and taken within 90 days of an initial action described in subdivision 2 is retaliatory.

842.4 (b) The presumption does not apply to actions described in subdivision 3, clause (4), if  
842.5 a good faith report of maltreatment pursuant to section 626.557 is made by the facility or  
842.6 agent of the facility against the visitor, family member, or other person with a personal,  
842.7 legal, or professional relationship that is subject to the restriction or prohibition of access.

842.8 (c) The presumption does not apply to any oral or written communication described in  
842.9 subdivision 3, clause (10), that is associated with a good faith report of maltreatment pursuant  
842.10 to section 626.557 made by the facility or agent of the facility against the person advocating  
842.11 on behalf of the resident.

842.12 (d) The presumption does not apply to a termination of a contract of admission, as that  
842.13 term is defined under section 144.6501, subdivision 1, for a reason permitted under state  
842.14 or federal law.

842.15 Subd. 6. **Remedy.** A resident who meets the criteria under section 325F.71, subdivision  
842.16 1, has a cause of action under section 325F.71, subdivision 4, for the violation of this section,  
842.17 unless the resident otherwise has a cause of action under section 626.557, subdivision 17.

842.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and expires July 31,  
842.19 2021.

842.20 Sec. 3. **[144G.08] DECEPTIVE MARKETING AND BUSINESS PRACTICES**  
842.21 **PROHIBITED.**

842.22 Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions.** (a) No employee or agent of any facility may make any  
842.23 false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements or representations or material omissions  
842.24 in marketing, advertising, or any other description or representation of care or services.

842.25 (b) No housing with services contract as required under section 144D.04, subdivision  
842.26 1, may include any provision that the facility knows or should know to be deceptive,  
842.27 unlawful, or unenforceable under state or federal law, nor include any provision that requires  
842.28 or implies a lesser standard of care or responsibility than is required by law.

842.29 (c) No facility may advertise or represent that the facility has a dementia care unit without  
842.30 complying with disclosure requirements under section 325F.72 and any training requirements  
842.31 required by law or rule.

843.1 Subd. 2. Remedies. (a) A violation of this section constitutes a violation of section  
843.2 325F.69, subdivision 1. The attorney general or a county attorney may enforce this section  
843.3 using the remedies in section 325F.70.

843.4 (b) A resident who meets the criteria under section 325F.71, subdivision 1, has a cause  
843.5 of action under section 325F.71, subdivision 4, for the violation of this section, unless the  
843.6 resident otherwise has a cause of action under section 626.557, subdivision 17.

843.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and expires July 31,  
843.8 2021.

843.9 Sec. 4. [144J.01] DEFINITIONS.

843.10 Subdivision 1. Applicability. For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms have  
843.11 the meanings given them unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

843.12 Subd. 2. Assisted living contract. "Assisted living contract" means the legal agreement  
843.13 between a resident and an assisted living facility for housing and assisted living services.

843.14 Subd. 3. Assisted living facility. "Assisted living facility" has the meaning given in  
843.15 section 144I.01, subdivision 6.

843.16 Subd. 4. Assisted living facility with dementia care. "Assisted living facility with  
843.17 dementia care" has the meaning given in section 144I.01, subdivision 8.

843.18 Subd. 5. Assisted living services. "Assisted living services" has the meaning given in  
843.19 section 144I.01, subdivision 7.

843.20 Subd. 6. Attorney-in-fact. "Attorney-in-fact" means a person designated by a principal  
843.21 to exercise the powers granted by a written and valid power of attorney under chapter 523.

843.22 Subd. 7. Conservator. "Conservator" means a court-appointed conservator acting in  
843.23 accordance with the powers granted to the conservator under chapter 524.

843.24 Subd. 8. Designated representative. "Designated representative" means a person  
843.25 designated in writing by the resident in an assisted living contract and identified in the  
843.26 resident's records on file with the assisted living facility.

843.27 Subd. 9. Facility. "Facility" means an assisted living facility.

843.28 Subd. 10. Guardian. "Guardian" means a court-appointed guardian acting in accordance  
843.29 with the powers granted to the guardian under chapter 524.

843.30 Subd. 11. Health care agent. "Health care agent" has the meaning given in section  
843.31 145C.01, subdivision 2.

844.1 Subd. 12. **Legal representative.** "Legal representative" means one of the following in  
844.2 the order of priority listed, to the extent the person may reasonably be identified and located:

844.3 (1) a guardian;

844.4 (2) a conservator;

844.5 (3) a health care agent; or

844.6 (4) an attorney-in-fact.

844.7 Subd. 13. **Licensed health care professional.** "Licensed health care professional" means:

844.8 (1) a physician licensed under chapter 147;

844.9 (2) an advanced practice registered nurse, as that term is defined in section 148.171,  
844.10 subdivision 3;

844.11 (3) a licensed practical nurse, as that term is defined in section 148.171, subdivision 8;

844.12 or

844.13 (4) a registered nurse, as that term is defined in section 148.171, subdivision 20.

844.14 Subd. 14. **Resident.** "Resident" means a person living in an assisted living facility.

844.15 Subd. 15. **Resident record.** "Resident record" has the meaning given in section 144I.01,  
844.16 subdivision 53.

844.17 Subd. 16. **Service plan.** "Service plan" has the meaning given in section 144I.01,  
844.18 subdivision 57.

844.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

844.20 Sec. 5. **[144J.02] RESIDENT RIGHTS.**

844.21 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** This section applies to assisted living facility residents.

844.22 Subd. 2. **Legislative intent.** The rights established under this section for the benefit of  
844.23 residents do not limit any other rights available under law. No facility may request or require  
844.24 that any resident waive any of these rights at any time for any reason, including as a condition  
844.25 of admission to the facility.

844.26 Subd. 3. **Information about rights and facility policies.** (a) Before receiving services,  
844.27 residents have the right to be informed by the facility of the rights granted under this section.  
844.28 The information must be in plain language and in terms residents can understand. The  
844.29 facility must make reasonable accommodations for residents who have communication  
844.30 disabilities and those who speak a language other than English.



845.1 (b) Every facility must:

845.2 (1) indicate what recourse residents have if their rights are violated; and

845.3 (2) provide the information required under section 144J.10.

845.4 (c) Upon request, residents and their legal representatives and designated representatives  
845.5 have the right to copies of current facility policies and inspection findings of state and local  
845.6 health authorities, and to receive further explanation of the rights provided under this section,  
845.7 consistent with chapter 13 and section 626.557.

845.8 Subd. 4. **Courteous treatment.** Residents have the right to be treated with courtesy and  
845.9 respect, and to have the resident's property treated with respect.

845.10 Subd. 5. **Appropriate care and services.** (a) Residents have the right to care and services  
845.11 that are appropriate based on the resident's needs and according to an up-to-date service  
845.12 plan. All service plans must be designed to enable residents to achieve their highest level  
845.13 of emotional, psychological, physical, medical, and functional well-being and safety.

845.14 (b) Residents have the right to receive health care and other assisted living services with  
845.15 continuity from people who are properly trained and competent to perform their duties and  
845.16 in sufficient numbers to adequately provide the services agreed to in the assisted living  
845.17 contract and the service plan.

845.18 Subd. 6. **Participation in care and service planning.** Residents have the right to actively  
845.19 participate in the planning, modification, and evaluation of their care and services. This  
845.20 right includes:

845.21 (1) the opportunity to discuss care, services, treatment, and alternatives with the  
845.22 appropriate caregivers;

845.23 (2) the opportunity to request and participate in formal care conferences;

845.24 (3) the right to include a family member or the resident's health care agent and designated  
845.25 representative, or both; and

845.26 (4) the right to be told in advance of, and take an active part in decisions regarding, any  
845.27 recommended changes in the service plan.

845.28 Subd. 7. **Information about individuals providing services.** Before receiving services,  
845.29 residents have the right to be told the type and disciplines of staff who will be providing  
845.30 the services, the frequency of visits proposed to be furnished, and other choices that are  
845.31 available for addressing the resident's needs.

846.1 Subd. 8. **Information about health care treatment.** Where applicable, residents have  
846.2 the right to be given by their attending physician complete and current information concerning  
846.3 their diagnosis, cognitive functioning level, treatment, alternatives, risks, and prognosis as  
846.4 required by the physician's legal duty to disclose. This information must be in terms and  
846.5 language the residents can reasonably be expected to understand. This information must  
846.6 include the likely medical or major psychological results of the treatment and its alternatives.

846.7 Subd. 9. **Information about other providers and services.** (a) Residents have the right  
846.8 to be informed by the assisted living facility, prior to executing an assisted living contract,  
846.9 that other public and private services may be available and the resident has the right to  
846.10 purchase, contract for, or obtain services from a provider other than the assisted living  
846.11 facility or related assisted living services provider.

846.12 (b) Assisted living facilities must make every effort to assist residents in obtaining  
846.13 information regarding whether Medicare, medical assistance, or another public program  
846.14 will pay for any of the services.

846.15 Subd. 10. **Information about charges.** Before services are initiated, residents have the  
846.16 right to be notified:

846.17 (1) of all charges for services;

846.18 (2) whether payment may be expected from health insurance, public programs, or other  
846.19 sources, if known, and the amount of such payments; and

846.20 (3) what charges the resident may be responsible for paying.

846.21 Subd. 11. **Refusal of care or services.** (a) Residents have the right to refuse care or  
846.22 services.

846.23 (b) A provider must document in the resident's record that the provider informed a  
846.24 resident who refuses care, services, treatment, medication, or dietary restrictions of the  
846.25 likely medical, health-related, or psychological consequences of the refusal.

846.26 (c) In cases where a resident lacks capacity but has not been adjudicated incompetent,  
846.27 or when legal requirements limit the right to refuse medical treatment, the conditions and  
846.28 circumstances must be fully documented by the attending physician in the resident's record.

846.29 Subd. 12. **Freedom from maltreatment.** Residents have the right to be free from  
846.30 maltreatment. For the purposes of this subdivision, "maltreatment" means conduct described  
846.31 in section 626.5572, subdivision 15, and includes the intentional and nontherapeutic infliction  
846.32 of physical pain or injury, or any persistent course of conduct intended to produce mental  
846.33 or emotional distress.

847.1 Subd. 13. **Personal and treatment privacy.** (a) Residents have the right to every  
847.2 consideration of their privacy, individuality, and cultural identity as related to their social,  
847.3 religious, and psychological well-being. Staff must respect the privacy of a resident's space  
847.4 by knocking on the door and seeking consent before entering, except in an emergency or  
847.5 where clearly inadvisable.

847.6 (b) Residents have the right to respect and privacy regarding the resident's health care  
847.7 and personal care program. Case discussion, consultation, examination, and treatment are  
847.8 confidential and must be conducted discreetly. Privacy must be respected during toileting,  
847.9 bathing, and other activities of personal hygiene, except as needed for resident safety or  
847.10 assistance.

847.11 Subd. 14. **Communication privacy.** (a) Residents have the right to communicate  
847.12 privately with persons of their choice. Assisted living facilities that are unable to provide a  
847.13 private area for communication must make reasonable arrangements to accommodate the  
847.14 privacy of residents' communications.

847.15 (b) Personal mail must be sent by the assisted living facility without interference and  
847.16 received unopened unless medically or programmatically contraindicated and documented  
847.17 by a licensed health care professional listed in the resident's record.

847.18 (c) Residents must be provided access to a telephone to make and receive calls.

847.19 Subd. 15. **Confidentiality of records.** (a) Residents have the right to have personal,  
847.20 financial, health, and medical information kept private, to approve or refuse release of  
847.21 information to any outside party, and to be advised of the assisted living facility's policies  
847.22 and procedures regarding disclosure of the information. Residents must be notified when  
847.23 personal records are requested by any outside party.

847.24 (b) Residents have the right to access their own records and written information from  
847.25 those records in accordance with sections 144.291 to 144.298.

847.26 Subd. 16. **Grievances and inquiries.** (a) Residents have the right to make and receive  
847.27 a timely response to a complaint or inquiry, without limitation. Residents have the right to  
847.28 know and every facility must provide the name and contact information of the person  
847.29 representing the facility who is designated to handle and resolve complaints and inquiries.

847.30 (b) A facility must promptly investigate, make a good faith attempt to resolve, and  
847.31 provide a timely response to the complaint or inquiry.

847.32 (c) Residents have the right to recommend changes in policies and services to staff and  
847.33 managerial officials, as that term is defined in section 144I.01, subdivision 31.

848.1 Subd. 17. **Visitors and social participation.** (a) Residents have the right to meet with  
848.2 or receive visits at any time by the resident's family, guardian, conservator, health care  
848.3 agent, attorney, advocate, or religious or social work counselor, or any person of the resident's  
848.4 choosing.

848.5 (b) Residents have the right to participate in commercial, religious, social, community,  
848.6 and political activities without interference and at their discretion if the activities do not  
848.7 infringe on the right to privacy of other residents.

848.8 Subd. 18. **Access to counsel and advocacy services.** Notwithstanding subdivision 15,  
848.9 residents have the right to the immediate access by:

848.10 (1) the resident's legal counsel;

848.11 (2) any representative of the protection and advocacy system designated by the state  
848.12 under Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 1326.21; or

848.13 (3) any representative of the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care.

848.14 Subd. 19. **Right to come and go freely.** Residents have the right to enter and leave the  
848.15 facility as they choose. This right may be restricted only as allowed by other law and  
848.16 consistent with a resident's service plan.

848.17 Subd. 20. **Access to technology.** Residents have the right to access Internet service at  
848.18 their expense, unless offered by the facility.

848.19 Subd. 21. **Resident councils.** Residents have the right to organize and participate in  
848.20 resident councils. The facility must provide a resident council with space and privacy for  
848.21 meetings, where doing so is reasonably achievable. Staff, visitors, or other guests may attend  
848.22 resident council meetings only at the council's invitation. The facility must provide a  
848.23 designated staff person who is approved by the resident council and the facility to be  
848.24 responsible for providing assistance and responding to written requests that result from  
848.25 meetings. The facility must consider the views of the resident council and must act promptly  
848.26 upon the grievances and recommendations of the council, but a facility is not required to  
848.27 implement as recommended every request of the council. The facility shall, with the approval  
848.28 of the resident council, take reasonably achievable steps to make residents aware of upcoming  
848.29 meetings in a timely manner.

848.30 Subd. 22. **Family councils.** Residents have the right to participate in family councils  
848.31 formed by families or residents. The facility must provide a family council with space and  
848.32 privacy for meetings, where doing so is reasonably achievable. The facility must provide a  
848.33 designated staff person who is approved by the family council and the facility to be

849.1 responsible for providing assistance and responding to written requests that result from  
849.2 meetings. The facility must consider the views of the family council and must act promptly  
849.3 upon the grievances and recommendations of the council, but a facility is not required to  
849.4 implement as recommended every request of the council. The facility shall, with the approval  
849.5 of the family council, take reasonably achievable steps to make residents and family members  
849.6 aware of upcoming meetings in a timely manner.

849.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019.

849.8 **Sec. 6. [144J.03] RETALIATION PROHIBITED.**

849.9 Subdivision 1. **Retaliation prohibited.** A facility or agent of a facility may not retaliate  
849.10 against a resident or employee if the resident, employee, or any person acting on behalf of  
849.11 the resident:

849.12 (1) files a complaint or grievance, makes an inquiry, or asserts any right;

849.13 (2) indicates an intention to file a complaint or grievance, make an inquiry, or assert any  
849.14 right;

849.15 (3) files or indicates an intention to file a maltreatment report, whether mandatory or  
849.16 voluntary, under section 626.557;

849.17 (4) seeks assistance from or reports a reasonable suspicion of a crime or systemic  
849.18 problems or concerns to the administrator or manager of the facility, the Office of  
849.19 Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, a regulatory or other government agency, or a legal or  
849.20 advocacy organization;

849.21 (5) advocates or seeks advocacy assistance for necessary or improved care or services  
849.22 or enforcement of rights under this section or other law;

849.23 (6) takes or indicates an intention to take civil action;

849.24 (7) participates or indicates an intention to participate in any investigation or  
849.25 administrative or judicial proceeding;

849.26 (8) contracts or indicates an intention to contract to receive services from a service  
849.27 provider of the resident's choice other than the facility; or

849.28 (9) places or indicates an intention to place a camera or electronic monitoring device in  
849.29 the resident's private space as provided under section 144J.05.

849.30 Subd. 2. **Retaliation against a resident.** For purposes of this section, to retaliate against  
849.31 a resident includes but is not limited to any of the following actions taken or threatened by

850.1 a facility or an agent of the facility against a resident, or any person with a familial, personal,  
850.2 legal, or professional relationship with the resident:

850.3 (1) the discharge, eviction, transfer, or termination of services;

850.4 (2) the imposition of discipline, punishment, or a sanction or penalty;

850.5 (3) any form of discrimination;

850.6 (4) restriction or prohibition of access:

850.7 (i) of the resident to the facility or visitors; or

850.8 (ii) to the resident by a family member or a person with a personal, legal, or professional  
850.9 relationship with the resident;

850.10 (5) the imposition of involuntary seclusion or withholding food, care, or services;

850.11 (6) restriction of any of the rights granted to residents under state or federal law;

850.12 (7) restriction or reduction of access to or use of amenities, care, services, privileges, or  
850.13 living arrangements;

850.14 (8) an arbitrary increase in charges or fees;

850.15 (9) removing, tampering with, or deprivation of technology, communication, or electronic  
850.16 monitoring devices; or

850.17 (10) any oral or written communication of false information about a person advocating  
850.18 on behalf of the resident.

850.19 Subd. 3. **Retaliation against an employee.** For purposes of this section, to retaliate  
850.20 against an employee includes but is not limited to any of the following actions taken or  
850.21 threatened by the facility or an agent of the facility against an employee:

850.22 (1) discharge or transfer;

850.23 (2) demotion or refusal to promote;

850.24 (3) reduction in compensation, benefits, or privileges;

850.25 (4) the unwarranted imposition of discipline, punishment, or a sanction or penalty; or

850.26 (5) any form of discrimination.

850.27 Subd. 4. **Rebuttable presumption of retaliation.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs  
850.28 (b), (c), and (d), there is a rebuttable presumption that any action described in subdivision  
850.29 2 or 3 and taken within 90 days of an initial action described in subdivision 1 is retaliatory.

851.1 (b) The presumption does not apply to actions described in subdivision 2, clause (4), if  
851.2 a good faith report of maltreatment pursuant to section 626.557 is made by the facility or  
851.3 agent of the facility against the visitor, family member, or other person with a personal,  
851.4 legal, or professional relationship that is subject to the restriction or prohibition of access.

851.5 (c) The presumption does not apply to any oral or written communication described in  
851.6 subdivision 2, clause (10), that is associated with a good faith report of maltreatment pursuant  
851.7 to section 626.557 made by the facility or agent of the facility against the person advocating  
851.8 on behalf of the resident.

851.9 (d) The presumption does not apply to a discharge, eviction, transfer, or termination of  
851.10 services that occurs for a reason permitted under section 144J.08, subdivision 3 or 6, provided  
851.11 the assisted living facility has complied with the applicable requirements in sections 144J.08  
851.12 and 144.10.

851.13 Subd. 5. **Other laws.** Nothing in this section affects the rights available to a resident  
851.14 under section 626.557.

851.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

851.16 Sec. 7. **[144J.04] DECEPTIVE MARKETING AND BUSINESS PRACTICES**  
851.17 **PROHIBITED.**

851.18 (a) No employee or agent of any facility may make any false, fraudulent, deceptive, or  
851.19 misleading statements or representations or material omissions in marketing, advertising,  
851.20 or any other description or representation of care or services.

851.21 (b) No assisted living contract may include any provision that the facility knows or  
851.22 should know to be deceptive, unlawful, or unenforceable under state or federal law, nor  
851.23 include any provision that requires or implies a lesser standard of care or responsibility than  
851.24 is required by law.

851.25 (c) No facility may advertise or represent that it is licensed as an assisted living facility  
851.26 with dementia care without complying with disclosure requirements under section 325F.72  
851.27 and any training requirements required under chapter 144I or in rule.

851.28 (d) A violation of this section constitutes a violation of section 325F.69, subdivision 1.  
851.29 The attorney general or a county attorney may enforce this section using the remedies in  
851.30 section 325F.70.

851.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

852.1 **Sec. 8. [144J.05] ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN CERTAIN FACILITIES.**

852.2 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this  
852.3 subdivision have the meanings given.

852.4 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

852.5 (c) "Department" means the Department of Health.

852.6 (d) "Electronic monitoring" means the placement and use of an electronic monitoring  
852.7 device by a resident in the resident's room or private living unit in accordance with this  
852.8 section.

852.9 (e) "Electronic monitoring device" means a camera or other device that captures, records,  
852.10 or broadcasts audio, video, or both, that is placed in a resident's room or private living unit  
852.11 and is used to monitor the resident or activities in the room or private living unit.

852.12 (f) "Facility" means a facility that is:

852.13 (1) licensed as a nursing home under chapter 144A;

852.14 (2) licensed as a boarding care home under sections 144.50 to 144.56;

852.15 (3) until August 1, 2021, a housing with services establishment registered under chapter  
852.16 144D that is either subject to chapter 144G or has a disclosed special unit under section  
852.17 325F.72; or

852.18 (4) on or after August 1, 2021, an assisted living facility.

852.19 (g) "Resident" means a person 18 years of age or older residing in a facility.

852.20 (h) "Resident representative" means one of the following in the order of priority listed,  
852.21 to the extent the person may reasonably be identified and located:

852.22 (1) a court-appointed guardian;

852.23 (2) a health care agent as defined in section 145C.01, subdivision 2; or

852.24 (3) a person who is not an agent of a facility or of a home care provider designated in  
852.25 writing by the resident and maintained in the resident's records on file with the facility or  
852.26 with the resident's executed housing with services contract or nursing home contract.

852.27 **Subd. 2. Electronic monitoring authorized.** (a) A resident or a resident representative  
852.28 may conduct electronic monitoring of the resident's room or private living unit through the  
852.29 use of electronic monitoring devices placed in the resident's room or private living unit as  
852.30 provided in this section.



853.1 (b) Nothing in this section precludes the use of electronic monitoring of health care  
853.2 allowed under other law.

853.3 (c) Electronic monitoring authorized under this section is not a covered service under  
853.4 home and community-based waivers under sections 256B.0913, 256B.0915, 256B.092, and  
853.5 256B.49.

853.6 (d) This section does not apply to monitoring technology authorized as a home and  
853.7 community-based service under section 256B.0913, 256B.0915, 256B.092, or 256B.49.

853.8 Subd. 3. **Consent to electronic monitoring.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this  
853.9 subdivision, a resident must consent to electronic monitoring in the resident's room or private  
853.10 living unit in writing on a notification and consent form. If the resident has not affirmatively  
853.11 objected to electronic monitoring and the resident's medical professional determines that  
853.12 the resident currently lacks the ability to understand and appreciate the nature and  
853.13 consequences of electronic monitoring, the resident representative may consent on behalf  
853.14 of the resident. For purposes of this subdivision, a resident affirmatively objects when the  
853.15 resident orally, visually, or through the use of auxiliary aids or services declines electronic  
853.16 monitoring. The resident's response must be documented on the notification and consent  
853.17 form.

853.18 (b) Prior to a resident representative consenting on behalf of a resident, the resident must  
853.19 be asked if the resident wants electronic monitoring to be conducted. The resident  
853.20 representative must explain to the resident:

853.21 (1) the type of electronic monitoring device to be used;

853.22 (2) the standard conditions that may be placed on the electronic monitoring device's use,  
853.23 including those listed in subdivision 6;

853.24 (3) with whom the recording may be shared under subdivision 10 or 11; and

853.25 (4) the resident's ability to decline all recording.

853.26 (c) A resident, or resident representative when consenting on behalf of the resident, may  
853.27 consent to electronic monitoring with any conditions of the resident's or resident  
853.28 representative's choosing, including the list of standard conditions provided in subdivision  
853.29 6. A resident, or resident representative when consenting on behalf of the resident, may  
853.30 request that the electronic monitoring device be turned off or the visual or audio recording  
853.31 component of the electronic monitoring device be blocked at any time.

853.32 (d) Prior to implementing electronic monitoring, a resident, or resident representative  
853.33 when acting on behalf of the resident, must obtain the written consent on the notification

854.1 and consent form of any other resident residing in the shared room or shared private living  
854.2 unit. A roommate's or roommate's resident representative's written consent must comply  
854.3 with the requirements of paragraphs (a) to (c). Consent by a roommate or a roommate's  
854.4 resident representative under this paragraph authorizes the resident's use of any recording  
854.5 obtained under this section, as provided under subdivision 10 or 11.

854.6 (e) Any resident conducting electronic monitoring must immediately remove or disable  
854.7 an electronic monitoring device prior to a new roommate moving into a shared room or  
854.8 shared private living unit, unless the resident obtains the roommate's or roommate's resident  
854.9 representative's written consent as provided under paragraph (d) prior to the roommate  
854.10 moving into the shared room or shared private living unit. Upon obtaining the new  
854.11 roommate's signed notification and consent form and submitting the form to the facility as  
854.12 required under subdivision 5, the resident may resume electronic monitoring.

854.13 (f) The resident or roommate, or the resident representative or roommate's resident  
854.14 representative if the representative is consenting on behalf of the resident or roommate, may  
854.15 withdraw consent at any time and the withdrawal of consent must be documented on the  
854.16 original consent form as provided under subdivision 5, paragraph (d).

854.17 Subd. 4. **Refusal of roommate to consent.** If a resident of a facility who is residing in  
854.18 a shared room or shared living unit, or the resident representative of such a resident when  
854.19 acting on behalf of the resident, wants to conduct electronic monitoring and another resident  
854.20 living in or moving into the same shared room or shared living unit refuses to consent to  
854.21 the use of an electronic monitoring device, the facility shall make a reasonable attempt to  
854.22 accommodate the resident who wants to conduct electronic monitoring. A facility has met  
854.23 the requirement to make a reasonable attempt to accommodate a resident or resident  
854.24 representative who wants to conduct electronic monitoring when, upon notification that a  
854.25 roommate has not consented to the use of an electronic monitoring device in the resident's  
854.26 room, the facility offers to move the resident to another shared room or shared living unit  
854.27 that is available at the time of the request. If a resident chooses to reside in a private room  
854.28 or private living unit in a facility in order to accommodate the use of an electronic monitoring  
854.29 device, the resident must pay either the private room rate in a nursing home setting, or the  
854.30 applicable rent in a housing with services establishment or assisted living facility. If a facility  
854.31 is unable to accommodate a resident due to lack of space, the facility must reevaluate the  
854.32 request every two weeks until the request is fulfilled. A facility is not required to provide  
854.33 a private room, a single-bed room, or a private living unit to a resident who is unable to  
854.34 pay.

855.1 Subd. 5. Notice to facility; exceptions. (a) Electronic monitoring may begin only after  
855.2 the resident or resident representative who intends to place an electronic monitoring device  
855.3 and any roommate or roommate's resident representative completes the notification and  
855.4 consent form and submits the form to the facility.

855.5 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the resident or resident representative who intends  
855.6 to place an electronic monitoring device may do so without submitting a notification and  
855.7 consent form to the facility for up to 30 days:

855.8 (1) if the resident or the resident representative reasonably fears retaliation against the  
855.9 resident by the facility, timely submits the completed notification and consent form to the  
855.10 Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, and timely submits a Minnesota Adult Abuse  
855.11 Reporting Center report or police report, or both, upon evidence from the electronic  
855.12 monitoring device that suspected maltreatment has occurred;

855.13 (2) if there has not been a timely written response from the facility to a written  
855.14 communication from the resident or resident representative expressing a concern prompting  
855.15 the desire for placement of an electronic monitoring device and if the resident or a resident  
855.16 representative timely submits a completed notification and consent form to the Office of  
855.17 Ombudsman for Long-Term Care; or

855.18 (3) if the resident or resident representative has already submitted a Minnesota Adult  
855.19 Abuse Reporting Center report or police report regarding the resident's concerns prompting  
855.20 the desire for placement and if the resident or a resident representative timely submits a  
855.21 completed notification and consent form to the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care.

855.22 (c) Upon receipt of any completed notification and consent form, the facility must place  
855.23 the original form in the resident's file or file the original form with the resident's housing  
855.24 with services contract. The facility must provide a copy to the resident and the resident's  
855.25 roommate, if applicable.

855.26 (d) In the event that a resident or roommate, or the resident representative or roommate's  
855.27 resident representative if the representative is consenting on behalf of the resident or  
855.28 roommate, chooses to alter the conditions under which consent to electronic monitoring is  
855.29 given or chooses to withdraw consent to electronic monitoring, the facility must make  
855.30 available the original notification and consent form so that it may be updated. Upon receipt  
855.31 of the updated form, the facility must place the updated form in the resident's file or file the  
855.32 original form with the resident's signed housing with services contract. The facility must  
855.33 provide a copy of the updated form to the resident and the resident's roommate, if applicable.

856.1 (e) If a new roommate, or the new roommate's resident representative when consenting  
856.2 on behalf of the new roommate, does not submit to the facility a completed notification and  
856.3 consent form and the resident conducting the electronic monitoring does not remove or  
856.4 disable the electronic monitoring device, the facility must remove the electronic monitoring  
856.5 device.

856.6 (f) If a roommate, or the roommate's resident representative when withdrawing consent  
856.7 on behalf of the roommate, submits an updated notification and consent form withdrawing  
856.8 consent and the resident conducting electronic monitoring does not remove or disable the  
856.9 electronic monitoring device, the facility must remove the electronic monitoring device.

856.10 Subd. 6. **Form requirements.** (a) The notification and consent form completed by the  
856.11 resident must include, at a minimum, the following information:

856.12 (1) the resident's signed consent to electronic monitoring or the signature of the resident  
856.13 representative, if applicable. If a person other than the resident signs the consent form, the  
856.14 form must document the following:

856.15 (i) the date the resident was asked if the resident wants electronic monitoring to be  
856.16 conducted;

856.17 (ii) who was present when the resident was asked;

856.18 (iii) an acknowledgment that the resident did not affirmatively object; and

856.19 (iv) the source of authority allowing the resident representative to sign the notification  
856.20 and consent form on the resident's behalf;

856.21 (2) the resident's roommate's signed consent or the signature of the roommate's resident  
856.22 representative, if applicable. If a roommate's resident representative signs the consent form,  
856.23 the form must document the following:

856.24 (i) the date the roommate was asked if the roommate wants electronic monitoring to be  
856.25 conducted;

856.26 (ii) who was present when the roommate was asked;

856.27 (iii) an acknowledgment that the roommate did not affirmatively object; and

856.28 (iv) the source of authority allowing the resident representative to sign the notification  
856.29 and consent form on the roommate's behalf;

856.30 (3) the type of electronic monitoring device to be used;

- 857.1 (4) a list of standard conditions or restrictions that the resident or a roommate may elect  
857.2 to place on the use of the electronic monitoring device, including but not limited to:
- 857.3 (i) prohibiting audio recording;  
857.4 (ii) prohibiting video recording;  
857.5 (iii) prohibiting broadcasting of audio or video;  
857.6 (iv) turning off the electronic monitoring device or blocking the visual recording  
857.7 component of the electronic monitoring device for the duration of an exam or procedure by  
857.8 a health care professional;  
857.9 (v) turning off the electronic monitoring device or blocking the visual recording  
857.10 component of the electronic monitoring device while dressing or bathing is performed; and  
857.11 (vi) turning off the electronic monitoring device for the duration of a visit with a spiritual  
857.12 adviser, ombudsman, attorney, financial planner, intimate partner, or other visitor;
- 857.13 (5) any other condition or restriction elected by the resident or roommate on the use of  
857.14 an electronic monitoring device;
- 857.15 (6) a statement of the circumstances under which a recording may be disseminated under  
857.16 subdivision 10;
- 857.17 (7) a signature box for documenting that the resident or roommate has withdrawn consent;  
857.18 and
- 857.19 (8) an acknowledgment that the resident, in accordance with subdivision 3, consents to  
857.20 the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care and its representatives disclosing information  
857.21 about the form. Disclosure under this clause shall be limited to:
- 857.22 (i) the fact that the form was received from the resident or resident representative;  
857.23 (ii) if signed by a resident representative, the name of the resident representative and  
857.24 the source of authority allowing the resident representative to sign the notification and  
857.25 consent form on the resident's behalf; and  
857.26 (iii) the type of electronic monitoring device placed.
- 857.27 (b) Facilities must make the notification and consent form available to the residents and  
857.28 inform residents of their option to conduct electronic monitoring of their rooms or private  
857.29 living unit.
- 857.30 (c) Notification and consent forms received by the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term  
857.31 Care are classified under section 256.9744.

858.1 Subd. 7. **Costs and installation.** (a) A resident or resident representative choosing to  
858.2 conduct electronic monitoring must do so at the resident's own expense, including paying  
858.3 purchase, installation, maintenance, and removal costs.

858.4 (b) If a resident chooses to place an electronic monitoring device that uses Internet  
858.5 technology for visual or audio monitoring, the resident may be responsible for contracting  
858.6 with an Internet service provider.

858.7 (c) The facility shall make a reasonable attempt to accommodate the resident's installation  
858.8 needs, including allowing access to the facility's public-use Internet or Wi-Fi systems when  
858.9 available for other public uses. A facility has the burden of proving that a requested  
858.10 accommodation is not reasonable.

858.11 (d) All electronic monitoring device installations and supporting services must be  
858.12 UL-listed.

858.13 Subd. 8. **Notice to visitors.** (a) A facility must post a sign at each facility entrance  
858.14 accessible to visitors that states: "Electronic monitoring devices, including security cameras  
858.15 and audio devices, may be present to record persons and activities."

858.16 (b) The facility is responsible for installing and maintaining the signage required in this  
858.17 subdivision.

858.18 Subd. 9. **Obstruction of electronic monitoring devices.** (a) A person must not knowingly  
858.19 hamper, obstruct, tamper with, or destroy an electronic monitoring device placed in a  
858.20 resident's room or private living unit without the permission of the resident or resident  
858.21 representative.

858.22 (b) It is not a violation of paragraph (a) if a person turns off the electronic monitoring  
858.23 device or blocks the visual recording component of the electronic monitoring device at the  
858.24 direction of the resident or resident representative, or if consent has been withdrawn.

858.25 Subd. 10. **Dissemination of recordings.** (a) No person may access any video or audio  
858.26 recording created through authorized electronic monitoring without the written consent of  
858.27 the resident or resident representative.

858.28 (b) Except as required under other law, a recording or copy of a recording made as  
858.29 provided in this section may only be disseminated for the purpose of addressing health,  
858.30 safety, or welfare concerns of one or more residents.

858.31 (c) A person disseminating a recording or copy of a recording made as provided in this  
858.32 section in violation of paragraph (b) may be civilly or criminally liable.

859.1 Subd. 11. **Admissibility of evidence.** Subject to applicable rules of evidence and  
859.2 procedure, any video or audio recording created through electronic monitoring under this  
859.3 section may be admitted into evidence in a civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding.

859.4 Subd. 12. **Liability.** (a) For the purposes of state law, the mere presence of an electronic  
859.5 monitoring device in a resident's room or private living unit is not a violation of the resident's  
859.6 right to privacy under section 144.651 or 144A.44.

859.7 (b) For the purposes of state law, a facility or home care provider is not civilly or  
859.8 criminally liable for the mere disclosure by a resident or a resident representative of a  
859.9 recording.

859.10 Subd. 13. **Immunity from liability.** The Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care  
859.11 and representatives of the office are immune from liability for conduct described in section  
859.12 256.9742, subdivision 2.

859.13 Subd. 14. **Resident protections.** (a) A facility must not:

859.14 (1) refuse to admit a potential resident or remove a resident because the facility disagrees  
859.15 with the decision of the potential resident, the resident, or a resident representative acting  
859.16 on behalf of the resident regarding electronic monitoring;

859.17 (2) retaliate or discriminate against any resident for consenting or refusing to consent  
859.18 to electronic monitoring, as provided in section 144.6512, 144G.07, or 144J.03; or

859.19 (3) prevent the placement or use of an electronic monitoring device by a resident who  
859.20 has provided the facility or the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care with notice and  
859.21 consent as required under this section.

859.22 (b) Any contractual provision prohibiting, limiting, or otherwise modifying the rights  
859.23 and obligations in this section is contrary to public policy and is void and unenforceable.

859.24 Subd. 15. **Employee discipline.** (a) An employee of the facility or an employee of a  
859.25 contractor providing services at the facility who is the subject of proposed corrective or  
859.26 disciplinary action based upon evidence obtained by electronic monitoring must be given  
859.27 access to that evidence for purposes of defending against the proposed action.

859.28 (b) An employee who obtains a recording or a copy of the recording must treat the  
859.29 recording or copy confidentially and must not further disseminate it to any other person  
859.30 except as required under law. Any copy of the recording must be returned to the facility or  
859.31 resident who provided the copy when it is no longer needed for purposes of defending  
859.32 against a proposed action.

860.1 Subd. 16. **Penalties.** (a) The commissioner may issue a correction order as provided  
860.2 under section 144A.10, 144A.45, or 144A.474, upon a finding that the facility has failed to  
860.3 comply with:

860.4 (1) subdivision 5, paragraphs (c) to (f);

860.5 (2) subdivision 6, paragraph (b);

860.6 (3) subdivision 7, paragraph (c); and

860.7 (4) subdivisions 8 to 10 and 14.

860.8 (b) The commissioner may exercise the commissioner's authority under section 144D.05  
860.9 to compel a housing with services establishment to meet the requirements of this section.

860.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to all contracts  
860.11 in effect, entered into, or renewed on or after that date.

860.12 **Sec. 9. [144J.06] NO DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SOURCE OF PAYMENT.**

860.13 All facilities must, regardless of the source of payment and for all persons seeking to  
860.14 reside or residing in the facility:

860.15 (1) provide equal access to quality care; and

860.16 (2) establish, maintain, and implement identical policies and practices regarding residency,  
860.17 transfer, and provision and termination of services.

860.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

860.19 **Sec. 10. [144J.07] CONSUMER ADVOCACY AND LEGAL SERVICES.**

860.20 Upon execution of an assisted living contract, every facility must provide the resident  
860.21 and the resident's legal and designated representatives with the names and contact  
860.22 information, including telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, of:

860.23 (1) nonprofit organizations that provide advocacy or legal services to residents including  
860.24 but not limited to the designated protection and advocacy organization in Minnesota that  
860.25 provides advice and representation to individuals with disabilities; and

860.26 (2) the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, including both the state and regional  
860.27 contact information.

860.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.



861.1 Sec. 11. **[144J.08] INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGES AND SERVICE**

861.2 **TERMINATIONS.**

861.3 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section and sections 144J.09 and  
861.4 144J.10, the following terms have the meanings given them.

861.5 (b) "Facility" means:

861.6 (1) a housing with services establishment registered under section 144D.02 and operating  
861.7 under title protection provided under chapter 144G; or

861.8 (2) on or after August 1, 2021, an assisted living facility.

861.9 (c) "Refusal to readmit" means a refusal by an assisted living facility, upon a request  
861.10 from a resident or an agent of the resident, to allow the resident to return to the facility,  
861.11 whether or not a notice of termination of housing or services has been issued.

861.12 (d) "Termination of housing or services" or "termination" means an involuntary  
861.13 facility-initiated discharge, eviction, transfer, or service termination not initiated at the oral  
861.14 or written request of the resident or to which the resident objects.

861.15 Subd. 2. **Prerequisite to termination of housing or services.** Before issuing a notice  
861.16 of termination, a facility must explain in person and in detail the reasons for the termination,  
861.17 and must convene a conference with the resident, the resident's legal representatives, the  
861.18 resident's designated representative, the resident's family, applicable state and social services  
861.19 agencies, and relevant health professionals to identify and offer reasonable accommodations  
861.20 and modifications, interventions, or alternatives to avoid the termination.

861.21 Subd. 3. **Permissible reasons to terminate housing or services.** (a) A facility is  
861.22 prohibited from terminating housing or services for grounds other than those specified in  
861.23 paragraphs (b) and (c). A facility initiating a termination under paragraph (b) or (c) must  
861.24 comply with subdivision 2.

861.25 (b) A facility may not initiate a termination unless the termination is necessary and the  
861.26 facility produces a written determination, supported by documentation, of the necessity of  
861.27 the termination. A termination is necessary only if:

861.28 (1) the resident has engaged in documented conduct that substantially interferes with  
861.29 the rights, health, or safety of other residents;

861.30 (2) the resident has committed any of the acts enumerated under section 504B.171 that  
861.31 substantially interfere with the rights, health, or safety of other residents; or

862.1 (3) the facility can demonstrate that the resident's needs exceed the scope of services for  
862.2 which the resident contracted or which are included in the resident's service plan.

862.3 (c) A facility may initiate a termination for nonpayment, provided the facility:

862.4 (1) makes reasonable efforts to accommodate temporary financial hardship;

862.5 (2) informs the resident of private subsidies and public benefits options that may be  
862.6 available, including but not limited to benefits available under sections 256B.0915 and  
862.7 256B.49; and

862.8 (3) if the resident applies for public benefits, timely responds to state or county agency  
862.9 questions regarding the application.

862.10 (d) A facility may not initiate a termination of housing or services to a resident receiving  
862.11 public benefits in the event of a temporary interruption in benefits. A temporary interruption  
862.12 of benefits does not constitute nonpayment.

862.13 Subd. 4. **Notice of termination required.** (a) A facility initiating a termination of housing  
862.14 or services must issue a written notice that complies with subdivision 5 at least 30 days  
862.15 prior to the effective date of the termination to the resident, to the resident's legal  
862.16 representative and designated representative, or if none, to a family member if known, and  
862.17 to the Ombudsman for Long-Term Care.

862.18 (b) A facility may relocate a resident with less than 30 days' notice only in the event of  
862.19 emergencies, as provided in subdivision 6.

862.20 (c) The notice requirements in paragraph (a) do not apply if the facility's license is  
862.21 restricted by the commissioner or the facility ceases operations. In the event of a license  
862.22 restriction or cessation of operations, the facility must follow the commissioner's directions  
862.23 for resident relocations contained in section 144J.10.

862.24 Subd. 5. **Content of notice.** The notice required under subdivision 4 must contain, at a  
862.25 minimum:

862.26 (1) the effective date of the termination;

862.27 (2) a detailed explanation of the basis for the termination, including, but not limited to,  
862.28 clinical or other supporting rationale;

862.29 (3) contact information for, and a statement that the resident has the right to appeal the  
862.30 termination to, the Office of Administrative Hearings;

862.31 (4) contact information for the Ombudsman for Long-Term Care;

863.1 (5) the name and contact information of a person employed by the facility with whom  
863.2 the resident may discuss the notice of termination of housing or services;

863.3 (6) if the termination is for services, a statement that the notice of termination of services  
863.4 does not constitute a termination of housing or an eviction from the resident's home, and  
863.5 that the resident has the right to remain in the facility if the resident can secure necessary  
863.6 services from another provider of the resident's choosing; and

863.7 (7) if the resident must relocate:

863.8 (i) a statement that the facility must actively participate in a coordinated transfer of the  
863.9 resident's care to a safe and appropriate service provider; and

863.10 (ii) the name of and contact information for the new location or provider, or a statement  
863.11 that the location or provider must be identified prior to the effective date of the termination.

863.12 Subd. 6. **Exception for emergencies.** (a) A facility may relocate a resident from a facility  
863.13 with less than 30 days' notice if relocation is required:

863.14 (1) due to a resident's urgent medical needs and is ordered by a licensed health care  
863.15 professional; or

863.16 (2) because of an imminent risk to the health or safety of another resident or a staff  
863.17 member of the facility.

863.18 (b) A facility relocating a resident under this subdivision must:

863.19 (1) remove the resident to an appropriate location. A private home where the occupant  
863.20 is unwilling or unable to care for the resident, a homeless shelter, a hotel, or a motel is not  
863.21 an appropriate location; and

863.22 (2) provide notice of the contact information for and location to which the resident has  
863.23 been relocated, contact information for any new service provider and for the Ombudsman  
863.24 for Long-Term Care, the reason for the relocation, a statement that, if the resident is refused  
863.25 readmission to the facility, the resident has the right to appeal any refusal to readmit to the  
863.26 Office of Administrative Hearings, and, if ascertainable, the approximate date or range of  
863.27 dates when the resident is expected to return to the facility or a statement that such date is  
863.28 not currently ascertainable, to:

863.29 (i) the resident, the resident's legal representative and designated representative, or if  
863.30 none, a family member if known immediately upon relocation of the resident; and

863.31 (ii) the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care as soon as practicable if the resident  
863.32 has been relocated from the facility for more than 48 hours.

864.1 (c) The resident has the right to return to the facility if the conditions under paragraph  
864.2 (a) no longer exist.

864.3 (d) If the facility determines that the resident cannot return to the facility or the facility  
864.4 cannot provide the necessary services to the resident upon return, the facility must as soon  
864.5 as practicable but in no event later than 24 hours after the refusal or determination, comply  
864.6 with subdivision 4, and section 144J.10.

864.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** (a) This section is effective August 1, 2019, and expires July 31,  
864.8 2021, for housing with services establishments registered under section 144D.02 and  
864.9 operating under title protection provided by and subject to chapter 144G.

864.10 (b) This section is effective for assisted living facilities August 1, 2021.

864.11 Sec. 12. **[144J.09] APPEAL OF TERMINATION OF HOUSING OR SERVICES.**

864.12 Subdivision 1. **Right to appeal termination of housing or services.** A resident, the  
864.13 resident's legal representative or designated representative, or a family member, has the  
864.14 right to appeal a termination of housing or services or a facility's refusal to readmit the  
864.15 resident after an emergency relocation and to request a contested case hearing with the  
864.16 Office of Administrative Hearings.

864.17 Subd. 2. **Appeals process.** (a) An appeal and request for a contested case hearing must  
864.18 be filed in writing or electronically as authorized by the chief administrative law judge.

864.19 (b) The Office of Administrative Hearings must conduct an expedited hearing as soon  
864.20 as practicable, and in any event no later than 14 calendar days after the office receives the  
864.21 request and within three business days in the event of an appeal of a refusal to readmit. The  
864.22 hearing must be held at the facility where the resident lives, unless it is impractical or the  
864.23 parties agree to a different place. The hearing is not a formal evidentiary hearing. The hearing  
864.24 may also be attended by telephone as allowed by the administrative law judge, after  
864.25 considering how a telephonic hearing will affect the resident's ability to participate. The  
864.26 hearing shall be limited to the amount of time necessary for the participants to expeditiously  
864.27 present the facts about the proposed termination or refusal to readmit. The administrative  
864.28 law judge shall issue a recommendation to the commissioner as soon as practicable, and in  
864.29 any event no later than ten calendar days after the hearing or within two calendar days after  
864.30 the hearing in the case of a refusal to readmit.

864.31 (c) The facility bears the burden of proof to establish by a preponderance of the evidence  
864.32 that the termination of housing or services or the refusal to readmit is permissible under law  
864.33 and does not constitute retaliation under section 144G.07 or 144J.03.

865.1 (d) Appeals from final determinations issued by the Office of Administrative Hearings  
865.2 shall be as provided in sections 14.63 to 14.68.

865.3 (e) The Office of Administrative Hearings must grant the appeal and the commissioner  
865.4 of health may order the assisted living facility to rescind the termination of housing and  
865.5 services or readmit the resident if:

865.6 (1) the termination or refusal to readmit was in violation of state or federal law;

865.7 (2) the resident cures or demonstrates the ability to cure the reason for the termination  
865.8 or refusal to readmit, or has identified any reasonable accommodation or modification,  
865.9 intervention, or alternative to the termination;

865.10 (3) termination would result in great harm or potential great harm to the resident as  
865.11 determined by a totality of the circumstances; or

865.12 (4) the facility has failed to identify a safe and appropriate location to which the resident  
865.13 is to be relocated as required under section 144J.10.

865.14 (f) The Office of Administrative Hearings has the authority to make any other  
865.15 determinations or orders regarding any conditions that may be placed upon the resident's  
865.16 readmission or continued residency, including but not limited to changes to the service plan  
865.17 or required increases in services.

865.18 (g) Nothing in this section limits the right of a resident or the resident's designated  
865.19 representative to request or receive assistance from the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term  
865.20 Care and the protection and advocacy agency protection and advocacy system designated  
865.21 by the state under Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 1326.21, concerning the  
865.22 termination of housing or services.

865.23 Subd. 3. **Representation at the hearing.** Parties may, but are not required to, be  
865.24 represented by counsel at a contested case hearing on an appeal. The appearance of a party  
865.25 without counsel does not constitute the unauthorized practice of law.

865.26 Subd. 4. **Service provision while appeal pending.** Housing or services may not be  
865.27 terminated during the pendency of an appeal and until a final determination is made by the  
865.28 Office of Administrative Hearings.

865.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** (a) This section is effective August 1, 2019, and expires July 31,  
865.30 2021, for housing with services establishments registered under section 144D.02 and  
865.31 operating under title protection provided by and subject to chapter 144G.

865.32 (b) This section is effective for assisted living facilities August 1, 2021.

866.1 Sec. 13. **[144J.10] HOUSING AND SERVICE TERMINATION; RELOCATION**  
866.2 **PLANNING.**

866.3 **Subdivision 1. Duties of the facility.** If a facility terminates housing or services, if a  
866.4 facility intends to cease operations, or if a facility's license is restricted by the commissioner  
866.5 requiring termination of housing or services to residents, the facility:

866.6 (1) in the event of a termination of housing, has an affirmative duty to ensure a  
866.7 coordinated and orderly transfer of the resident to a safe location that is appropriate for the  
866.8 resident. The facility must identify that location prior to any appeal hearing;

866.9 (2) in the event of a termination of services, has an affirmative duty to ensure a  
866.10 coordinated and orderly transfer of the resident to an appropriate service provider, if services  
866.11 are still needed and desired by the resident. The facility must identify the provider prior to  
866.12 any appeal hearing; and

866.13 (3) must consult and cooperate with the resident; the resident's legal representatives,  
866.14 designated representative, and family members; any interested professionals, including case  
866.15 managers; and applicable agencies to consider the resident's goals and make arrangements  
866.16 to relocate the resident.

866.17 **Subd. 2. Safe location.** A safe location is not a private home where the occupant is  
866.18 unwilling or unable to care for the resident, a homeless shelter, a hotel, or a motel. A facility  
866.19 may not terminate a resident's housing or services if the resident will, as a result of the  
866.20 termination, become homeless, as that term is defined in section 116L.361, subdivision 5,  
866.21 or if an adequate and safe discharge location or adequate and needed service provider has  
866.22 not been identified.

866.23 **Subd. 3. Written relocation plan required.** The facility must prepare a written relocation  
866.24 plan for a resident being relocated. The plan must:

866.25 (1) contain all the necessary steps to be taken to reduce transfer trauma; and

866.26 (2) specify the measures needed until relocation that protect the resident and meet the  
866.27 resident's health and safety needs.

866.28 **Subd. 4. No relocation without receiving setting accepting.** A facility may not relocate  
866.29 the resident unless the place to which the resident will be relocated indicates acceptance of  
866.30 the resident.

866.31 **Subd. 5. No termination of services without another provider.** If a resident continues  
866.32 to need and desire the services provided by the facility, the facility may not terminate services  
866.33 unless another service provider has indicated that it will provide those services.

867.1 Subd. 6. **Information that must be conveyed.** If a resident is relocated to another facility  
867.2 or to a nursing home, or if care is transferred to another provider, the facility must timely  
867.3 convey to that facility, nursing home, or provider:

867.4 (1) the resident's full name, date of birth, and insurance information;

867.5 (2) the name, telephone number, and address of the resident's designated representatives  
867.6 and legal representatives, if any;

867.7 (3) the resident's current documented diagnoses that are relevant to the services being  
867.8 provided;

867.9 (4) the resident's known allergies that are relevant to the services being provided;

867.10 (5) the name and telephone number of the resident's physician, if known, and the current  
867.11 physician orders that are relevant to the services being provided;

867.12 (6) all medication administration records that are relevant to the services being provided;

867.13 (7) the most recent resident assessment, if relevant to the services being provided; and

867.14 (8) copies of health care directives, "do not resuscitate" orders, and any guardianship  
867.15 orders or powers of attorney.

867.16 Subd. 7. **Final accounting; return of money and property.** (a) Within 30 days of the  
867.17 effective date of the termination of housing or services, the facility must:

867.18 (1) provide to the resident, resident's legal representatives, and the resident's designated  
867.19 representative a final statement of account;

867.20 (2) provide any refunds due;

867.21 (3) return any money, property, or valuables held in trust or custody by the facility; and

867.22 (4) as required under section 504B.178, refund the resident's security deposit unless it  
867.23 is applied to the first month's charges.

867.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** (a) This section is effective August 1, 2019, and expires July 31,  
867.25 2021, for housing with services establishments registered under section 144D.02 and  
867.26 operating under title protection provided by and subject to chapter 144G.

867.27 (b) This section is effective for assisted living facilities August 1, 2021.

868.1 Sec. 14. **[144J.11] FORCED ARBITRATION.**

868.2 (a) An assisted living facility must affirmatively disclose, orally and conspicuously in  
868.3 writing in an assisted living contract, any arbitration provision in the contract that precludes,  
868.4 limits, or delays the ability of a resident from taking a civil action.

868.5 (b) A forced arbitration requirement must not include a choice of law or choice of venue  
868.6 provision. Assisted living contracts must adhere to Minnesota law and any other applicable  
868.7 federal or local law. Any civil actions by any litigant must be taken in Minnesota judicial  
868.8 or administrative courts.

868.9 (c) A forced arbitration provision must not be unconscionable. All or the portion of a  
868.10 forced arbitration provision found by a court to be unconscionable shall have no effect on  
868.11 the remaining provisions, terms, or conditions of the contract.

868.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, for contracts entered  
868.13 into on or after that date.

868.14 Sec. 15. **[144J.12] VIOLATION OF RIGHTS.**

868.15 (a) A resident who meets the criteria under section 325F.71, subdivision 1, has a cause  
868.16 of action under section 325F.71, subdivision 4, for the violation of section 144J.02,  
868.17 subdivisions 12, 15, and 18, or section 144J.04.

868.18 (b) A resident who meets the criteria under section 325F.71, subdivision 1, has a cause  
868.19 of action under section 325F.71, subdivision 4, for the violation of section 144J.03, unless  
868.20 the resident otherwise has a cause of action under section 626.557, subdivision 17.

868.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

868.22 Sec. 16. **[144J.13] APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.**

868.23 Assisted living facilities:

868.24 (1) are subject to and must comply with chapter 504B;

868.25 (2) must comply with section 325F.72; and

868.26 (3) are not required to obtain a lodging license under chapter 157 and related rules.

868.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.



869.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 325F.72, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

869.2 Subd. 4. **Remedy.** The attorney general may seek the remedies set forth in section 8.31  
869.3 for repeated and intentional violations of this section. ~~However, no private right of action~~  
869.4 ~~may be maintained as provided under section 8.31, subdivision 3a.~~

## 869.5 ARTICLE 15

### 869.6 INDEPENDENT SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES

869.7 Section 1. [144K.01] DEFINITIONS.

869.8 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions in this  
869.9 section have the meanings given.

869.10 Subd. 2. **Dementia.** "Dementia" has the meaning given in section 144I.01, subdivision  
869.11 16.

869.12 Subd. 3. **Designated representative.** "Designated representative" means a person  
869.13 designated in writing by the resident in a residency and service contract and identified in  
869.14 the resident's records on file with the independent senior living facility.

869.15 Subd. 4. **Facility.** "Facility" means an independent senior living facility.

869.16 Subd. 5. **Independent senior living facility.** "Independent senior living facility" means  
869.17 a facility that, for a fee, provides sleeping accommodations to one or more adults and offers  
869.18 or provides one or more supportive services directly or through a related supportive services  
869.19 provider. For purposes of this chapter, independent senior living facility does not include:

869.20 (1) emergency shelter, transitional housing, or any other residential units serving  
869.21 exclusively or primarily homeless individuals, as defined under section 116L.361;

869.22 (2) a nursing home licensed under chapter 144A;

869.23 (3) a hospital, certified boarding care home, or supervised living facility licensed under  
869.24 sections 144.50 to 144.56;

869.25 (4) a lodging establishment licensed under chapter 157 and Minnesota Rules, parts  
869.26 9520.0500 to 9520.0670, or under chapter 245D or 245G;

869.27 (5) a lodging establishment serving as a shelter for individuals fleeing domestic violence;

869.28 (6) services and residential settings licensed under chapter 245A, including adult foster  
869.29 care and services and settings governed under the standards in chapter 245D;

870.1 (7) private homes where the residents own or rent the home and control all aspects of  
870.2 the property and building;

870.3 (8) a duly organized condominium, cooperative, and common interest community, or  
870.4 owners' association of the condominium, cooperative, and common interest community  
870.5 where at least 80 percent of the units that comprise the condominium, cooperative, or  
870.6 common interest community are occupied by individuals who are the owners, members, or  
870.7 shareholders of the units;

870.8 (9) temporary family health care dwellings as defined in sections 394.307 and 462.3593;

870.9 (10) settings offering services conducted by and for the adherents of any recognized  
870.10 church or religious denomination for its members through spiritual means or by prayer for  
870.11 healing;

870.12 (11) housing financed pursuant to sections 462A.37 and 462A.375, units financed with  
870.13 low-income housing tax credits pursuant to United States Code, title 26, section 42, and  
870.14 units financed by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency that are intended to serve  
870.15 individuals with disabilities or individuals who are homeless;

870.16 (12) rental housing developed under United States Code, title 42, section 1437, or United  
870.17 States Code, title 12, section 1701q;

870.18 (13) rental housing designated for occupancy by only elderly or elderly and disabled  
870.19 residents under United States Code, title 42, section 1437e, or rental housing for qualifying  
870.20 families under Code of Federal Regulations, title 24, section 983.56;

870.21 (14) rental housing funded under United States Code, title 42, chapter 89, or United  
870.22 States Code, title 42, section 8011; or

870.23 (15) an assisted living facility or assisted living facility with dementia care licensed  
870.24 under chapter 144I.

870.25 Subd. 6. **Manager.** "Manager" means a manager of an independent senior living facility.

870.26 Subd. 7. **Residency and services contract or contract.** "Residency and services contract"  
870.27 or "contract" means the legal agreement between an independent senior living facility and  
870.28 a resident for the provision of housing and supportive services.

870.29 Subd. 8. **Related supportive services provider.** "Related supportive services provider"  
870.30 means a service provider that provides supportive services to a resident under a business  
870.31 relationship or other affiliation with the independent senior living facility.

871.1 Subd. 9. **Resident.** "Resident" means a person residing in an independent senior living  
871.2 facility.

871.3 Subd. 10. **Supportive services.** "Supportive services" means:

871.4 (1) assistance with laundry, shopping, and household chores;

871.5 (2) housekeeping services;

871.6 (3) provision of meals or assistance with meals or food preparation;

871.7 (4) help with arranging, or arranging transportation to, medical, social, recreational,  
871.8 personal, or social services appointments; or

871.9 (5) provision of social or recreational services.

871.10 Arranging for services does not include making referrals or contacting a service provider  
871.11 in an emergency.

871.12 Subd. 11. **Wellness check services.** "Wellness check services" means having,  
871.13 maintaining, and documenting a system to, by any means, check on the health, safety, and  
871.14 well-being of a resident.

871.15 Sec. 2. **[144K.02] DECEPTIVE MARKETING AND BUSINESS PRACTICES**  
871.16 **PROHIBITED.**

871.17 (a) No employee or agent of any independent senior living facility may make any false,  
871.18 fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements or representations or material omissions in  
871.19 marketing, advertising, or any other description or representation of care or services.

871.20 (b) No residency and services contract required under section 144K.03, subdivision 1,  
871.21 may include any provision that the facility knows or should know to be deceptive, unlawful,  
871.22 or unenforceable under state or federal law.

871.23 (c) No facility may advertise or represent that the facility is an assisted living facility as  
871.24 defined in section 144I.01, subdivision 6, or an assisted living facility with dementia care  
871.25 as defined in section 144I.01, subdivision 8.

871.26 Sec. 3. **[144K.025] REQUIRED DISCLOSURE BY FACILITY.**

871.27 An independent senior living facility must disclose to prospective residents and residents  
871.28 that the facility is not licensed as an assisted living facility and is not permitted to provide  
871.29 assisted living services, as defined in section 144I.01, subdivision 7, either directly or through  
871.30 a provider under a business relationship or other affiliation with the facility.

872.1 Sec. 4. **[144K.03] RESIDENCY AND SERVICES CONTRACT.**

872.2 Subdivision 1. **Contract required.** (a) No independent senior living facility may operate  
872.3 in this state unless a written contract that meets the requirements of subdivision 2 is executed  
872.4 between the facility and each resident and unless the establishment operates in accordance  
872.5 with the terms of the contract.

872.6 (b) The facility must give a complete copy of any signed contract and any addendums,  
872.7 and all supporting documents and attachments, to the resident promptly after a contract and  
872.8 any addendums have been signed by the resident.

872.9 (c) The contract must contain all the terms concerning the provision of housing and  
872.10 supportive services, whether the services are provided directly or through a related supportive  
872.11 services provider.

872.12 Subd. 2. **Contents of contract.** A residency and services contract must include at least  
872.13 the following elements in itself or through supporting documents or attachments:

872.14 (1) the name, telephone number, and physical mailing address, which may not be a  
872.15 public or private post office box, of:

872.16 (i) the facility and, where applicable, the related supportive services provider;

872.17 (ii) the managing agent of the facility, if applicable; and

872.18 (iii) at least one natural person who is authorized to accept service of process on behalf  
872.19 of the facility;

872.20 (2) the term of the contract;

872.21 (3) a description of all the terms and conditions of the contract, including a description  
872.22 of the services to be provided and any limitations to the services provided to the resident  
872.23 for the contracted amount;

872.24 (4) a delineation of the grounds under which the resident may be evicted or have services  
872.25 terminated;

872.26 (5) billing and payment procedures and requirements;

872.27 (6) a statement regarding the ability of a resident to receive services from service  
872.28 providers with whom the facility does not have a business relationship;

872.29 (7) a description of the facility's complaint resolution process available to residents,  
872.30 including the name and contact information of the person representing the facility who is  
872.31 designated to handle and resolve complaints;

873.1 (8) the toll-free complaint line for the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care; and  
873.2 (9) a statement regarding the availability of and contact information for long-term care  
873.3 consultation services under section 256B.0911 in the county in which the facility is located.

873.4 Subd. 3. **Designation of representative.** (a) Before or at the time of execution of a  
873.5 residency and services contract, every facility must offer the resident the opportunity to  
873.6 identify a designated representative in writing in the contract and provide the following  
873.7 verbatim notice on a document separate from the contract:

873.8 **RIGHT TO DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.**

873.9 You have the right to name anyone as your "Designated Representative" to assist you  
873.10 or, if you are unable, advocate on your behalf. A "Designated Representative" does not take  
873.11 the place of your guardian, conservator, power of attorney ("attorney-in-fact"), or health  
873.12 care power of attorney ("health care agent").

873.13 (b) The contract must contain a page or space for the name and contact information of  
873.14 the designated representative and a box the resident must initial if the resident declines to  
873.15 name a designated representative. Notwithstanding subdivision 5, the resident has the right  
873.16 at any time to add or change the name and contact information of the designated  
873.17 representative.

873.18 Subd. 4. **Contracts are consumer contracts.** A contract under this section is a consumer  
873.19 contract under sections 325G.29 to 325G.37.

873.20 Subd. 5. **Additions and amendments to contract.** The resident must agree in writing  
873.21 to any additions or amendments to the contract. Upon agreement between the resident or  
873.22 resident's designated representative and the facility, a new contract or an addendum to the  
873.23 existing contract must be executed and signed and provided to the resident and the resident's  
873.24 legal representative.

873.25 Subd. 6. **Contracts in permanent files.** Residency and services contracts and related  
873.26 documents executed by each resident must be maintained by the facility in files from the  
873.27 date of execution until three years after the contract is terminated.

873.28 Subd. 7. **Waivers of liability prohibited.** The contract must not include a waiver of  
873.29 facility liability for the health and safety or personal property of a resident. The contract  
873.30 must not include any provision that the facility knows or should know to be deceptive,  
873.31 unlawful, or unenforceable under state or federal law, and must not include any provision  
873.32 that requires or implies a lesser standard of responsibility than is required by law.

874.1 Subd. 8. **Contract restriction.** No independent senior living facility may offer wellness  
874.2 check services.

874.3 **Sec. 5. [144K.04] TERMINATION OF RESIDENCY AND SERVICES CONTRACT.**

874.4 Subdivision 1. **Notice required.** An independent senior living facility must provide at  
874.5 least 30 days prior notice of a termination of the residency and services contract.

874.6 Subd. 2. **Content of notice.** The notice required under subdivision 1 must contain, at a  
874.7 minimum:

874.8 (1) the effective date of termination of the contract;

874.9 (2) a detailed explanation of the basis for the termination;

874.10 (3) a list of known facilities in the immediate geographic area;

874.11 (4) information on how to contact the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care and  
874.12 the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities;

874.13 (6) a statement of any steps the resident can take to avoid termination;

874.14 (7) the name and contact information of a person employed by the facility with whom  
874.15 the resident may discuss the notice of termination and, without extending the termination  
874.16 notice period, an affirmative offer to meet with the resident and any person or persons of  
874.17 the resident's choosing to discuss the termination;

874.18 (8) a statement that, with respect to the notice of termination, reasonable accommodation  
874.19 is available for a resident with a disability; and

874.20 (9) an explanation that:

874.21 (i) the resident must vacate the apartment, along with all personal possessions, on or  
874.22 before the effective date of termination;

874.23 (ii) failure to vacate the apartment by the date of termination may result in the filing of  
874.24 an eviction action in court by the facility, and that the resident may present a defense, if  
874.25 any, to the court at that time; and

874.26 (iii) the resident may seek legal counsel in connection with the notice of termination.

874.27 **Sec. 6. [144K.05] MANAGER REQUIREMENTS.**

874.28 (a) The manager of an independent senior living facility must obtain at least 30 hours  
874.29 of continuing education every two years of employment as the manager in topics relevant  
874.30 to the operations of the facility and the needs of its residents. Continuing education earned

875.1 to maintain a professional license, such as a nursing home administrator license, nursing  
875.2 license, social worker license, or real estate license, may be used to satisfy this requirement.  
875.3 The continuing education must include at least four hours of documented training on dementia  
875.4 and related disorders, activities of daily living, problem solving with challenging behaviors,  
875.5 and communication skills within 160 working hours of hire and two hours of training on  
875.6 these topics for each 12 months of employment thereafter.

875.7 (b) The facility must maintain records for at least three years demonstrating that the  
875.8 manager has attended educational programs as required by this section. New managers may  
875.9 satisfy the initial dementia training requirements by producing written proof of having  
875.10 previously completed required training within the past 18 months.

875.11 **Sec. 7. [144K.06] FIRE PROTECTION AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.**

875.12 Subdivision 1. **Comprehensive fire protection system required.** Every independent  
875.13 senior living facility must have a comprehensive fire protection system that includes:

875.14 (1) protection throughout the facility by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler  
875.15 system according to building code requirements established in Minnesota Rules, part  
875.16 1305.0903, or smoke detectors in each occupied room installed and maintained in accordance  
875.17 with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 72;

875.18 (2) portable fire extinguishers installed and tested in accordance with the NFPA Standard  
875.19 10; and

875.20 (3) the physical environment, including walls, floors, ceiling, all furnishings, grounds,  
875.21 systems, and equipment kept in a continuous state of good repair and operation with regard  
875.22 to the health, safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents in accordance with a  
875.23 maintenance and repair program.

875.24 Subd. 2. **Fire drills.** Fire drills shall be conducted in accordance with the residential  
875.25 board and care requirements in the Life Safety Code.

875.26 **Sec. 8. [144K.07] EMERGENCY PLANNING.**

875.27 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** Each independent senior living facility must meet the  
875.28 following requirements:

875.29 (1) have a written emergency disaster plan that contains a plan for evacuation, addresses  
875.30 elements of sheltering in-place, identifies temporary relocation sites, and details staff  
875.31 assignments in the event of a disaster or an emergency;

- 876.1 (2) post an emergency disaster plan prominently;  
876.2 (3) provide building emergency exit diagrams to all residents upon signing a residency  
876.3 and services contract;  
876.4 (4) post emergency exit diagrams on each floor; and  
876.5 (5) have a written policy and procedure regarding missing residents.

876.6 Subd. 2. **Emergency and disaster training.** Each independent senior living facility  
876.7 must provide emergency and disaster training to all staff during the initial staff orientation  
876.8 and annually thereafter and must make emergency and disaster training available to all  
876.9 residents annually. Staff who have not received emergency and disaster training are allowed  
876.10 to work only when trained staff are also working on site.

876.11 **Sec. 9. [144K.08] OTHER LAWS.**

876.12 An independent senior living facility must comply with chapter 504B and must obtain  
876.13 and maintain all other licenses, permits, registrations, or other governmental approvals  
876.14 required of it. No independent senior living facility shall be required to be licensed as a  
876.15 boarding establishment, food and beverage service establishment, hotel or motel, lodging  
876.16 establishment, or resort or restaurant as defined in section 157.15.

876.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

876.18 **Sec. 10. [144K.09] ENFORCEMENT.**

876.19 (a) A violation of this chapter constitutes a violation of section 325F.69, subdivision 1.  
876.20 The attorney general may enforce this section using the remedies in section 325F.70.

876.21 (b) A resident who meets the criteria in section 325F.71, subdivision 1, has a cause of  
876.22 action under section 325F.71, subdivision 4, for a violation of this chapter.

876.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

876.24 **ARTICLE 16**  
876.25 **ASSISTED LIVING LICENSURE**

876.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.122, is amended to read:

876.27 **144.122 LICENSE, PERMIT, AND SURVEY FEES.**

876.28 (a) The state commissioner of health, by rule, may prescribe procedures and fees for  
876.29 filing with the commissioner as prescribed by statute and for the issuance of original and  
876.30 renewal permits, licenses, registrations, and certifications issued under authority of the



877.1 commissioner. The expiration dates of the various licenses, permits, registrations, and  
 877.2 certifications as prescribed by the rules shall be plainly marked thereon. Fees may include  
 877.3 application and examination fees and a penalty fee for renewal applications submitted after  
 877.4 the expiration date of the previously issued permit, license, registration, and certification.  
 877.5 The commissioner may also prescribe, by rule, reduced fees for permits, licenses,  
 877.6 registrations, and certifications when the application therefor is submitted during the last  
 877.7 three months of the permit, license, registration, or certification period. Fees proposed to  
 877.8 be prescribed in the rules shall be first approved by the Department of Management and  
 877.9 Budget. All fees proposed to be prescribed in rules shall be reasonable. The fees shall be  
 877.10 in an amount so that the total fees collected by the commissioner will, where practical,  
 877.11 approximate the cost to the commissioner in administering the program. All fees collected  
 877.12 shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state government special revenue  
 877.13 fund unless otherwise specifically appropriated by law for specific purposes.

877.14 (b) The commissioner may charge a fee for voluntary certification of medical laboratories  
 877.15 and environmental laboratories, and for environmental and medical laboratory services  
 877.16 provided by the department, without complying with paragraph (a) or chapter 14. Fees  
 877.17 charged for environment and medical laboratory services provided by the department must  
 877.18 be approximately equal to the costs of providing the services.

877.19 (c) The commissioner may develop a schedule of fees for diagnostic evaluations  
 877.20 conducted at clinics held by the services for children with disabilities program. All receipts  
 877.21 generated by the program are annually appropriated to the commissioner for use in the  
 877.22 maternal and child health program.

877.23 (d) The commissioner shall set license fees for hospitals and nursing homes that are not  
 877.24 boarding care homes at the following levels:

877.25	Joint Commission on Accreditation of	\$7,655 plus \$16 per bed
877.26	Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and	
877.27	American Osteopathic Association (AOA)	
877.28	hospitals	
877.29	Non-JCAHO and non-AOA hospitals	\$5,280 plus \$250 per bed
877.30	Nursing home	\$183 plus \$91 per bed until June 30, 2018.
877.31		\$183 plus \$100 per bed between July 1, 2018,
877.32		and June 30, 2020. \$183 plus \$105 per bed
877.33		beginning July 1, 2020.

877.34 The commissioner shall set license fees for outpatient surgical centers, boarding care  
 877.35 homes, ~~and supervised living facilities,~~ assisted living facilities, and assisted living facilities  
 877.36 with dementia care at the following levels:

878.1	Outpatient surgical centers	\$3,712
878.2	Boarding care homes	\$183 plus \$91 per bed
878.3	Supervised living facilities	\$183 plus \$91 per bed.
878.4	<u>Assisted living facilities with dementia care</u>	<u>\$..... plus \$..... per bed.</u>
878.5	<u>Assisted living facilities</u>	<u>\$..... plus \$..... per bed.</u>

878.6 Fees collected under this paragraph are nonrefundable. The fees are nonrefundable even if  
 878.7 received before July 1, 2017, for licenses or registrations being issued effective July 1, 2017,  
 878.8 or later.

878.9 (e) Unless prohibited by federal law, the commissioner of health shall charge applicants  
 878.10 the following fees to cover the cost of any initial certification surveys required to determine  
 878.11 a provider's eligibility to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid program:

878.12	Prospective payment surveys for hospitals	\$	900
878.13	Swing bed surveys for nursing homes	\$	1,200
878.14	Psychiatric hospitals	\$	1,400
878.15	Rural health facilities	\$	1,100
878.16	Portable x-ray providers	\$	500
878.17	Home health agencies	\$	1,800
878.18	Outpatient therapy agencies	\$	800
878.19	End stage renal dialysis providers	\$	2,100
878.20	Independent therapists	\$	800
878.21	Comprehensive rehabilitation outpatient facilities	\$	1,200
878.22	Hospice providers	\$	1,700
878.23	Ambulatory surgical providers	\$	1,800
878.24	Hospitals	\$	4,200
878.25	Other provider categories or additional	Actual surveyor costs: average	
878.26	resurveys required to complete initial	surveyor cost x number of hours for	
878.27	certification	the survey process.	

878.28 These fees shall be submitted at the time of the application for federal certification and  
 878.29 shall not be refunded. All fees collected after the date that the imposition of fees is not  
 878.30 prohibited by federal law shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state  
 878.31 government special revenue fund.

878.32 **Sec. 2. [144I.01] DEFINITIONS.**

878.33 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions in this  
 878.34 section have the meanings given.

878.35 Subd. 2. **Adult.** "Adult" means a natural person who has attained the age of 18 years.

879.1 Subd. 3. **Agent.** "Agent" means the person upon whom all notices and orders shall be  
879.2 served and who is authorized to accept service of notices and orders on behalf of the facility.

879.3 Subd. 4. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means an individual, legal entity, controlling individual,  
879.4 or other organization that has applied for licensure under this chapter.

879.5 Subd. 5. **Assisted living administrator.** "Assisted living administrator" means a person  
879.6 who administers, manages, supervises, or is in general administrative charge of an assisted  
879.7 living facility, whether or not the individual has an ownership interest in the facility, and  
879.8 whether or not the person's functions or duties are shared with one or more individuals and  
879.9 who is licensed by the Board of Executives for Long Term Services and Supports pursuant  
879.10 to section 144I.31.

879.11 Subd. 6. **Assisted living facility.** "Assisted living facility" means a licensed facility that:  
879.12 (1) provides sleeping accommodations to one or more adults; and (2) provides basic care  
879.13 services and comprehensive assisted living services. For purposes of this chapter, assisted  
879.14 living facility does not include:

879.15 (i) emergency shelter, transitional housing, or any other residential units serving  
879.16 exclusively or primarily homeless individuals, as defined under section 116L.361;

879.17 (ii) a nursing home licensed under chapter 144A;

879.18 (iii) a hospital, certified boarding care, or supervised living facility licensed under sections  
879.19 144.50 to 144.56;

879.20 (iv) a lodging establishment licensed under chapter 157 and Minnesota Rules, parts  
879.21 9520.0500 to 9520.0670, or under chapter 245D or 245G, except lodging establishments  
879.22 that provide dementia care services;

879.23 (v) a lodging establishment serving as a shelter for individuals fleeing domestic violence;

879.24 (vi) services and residential settings licensed under chapter 245A, including adult foster  
879.25 care and services and settings governed under the standards in chapter 245D;

879.26 (vii) private homes where the residents own or rent the home and control all aspects of  
879.27 the property and building;

879.28 (viii) a duly organized condominium, cooperative, and common interest community, or  
879.29 owners' association of the condominium, cooperative, and common interest community  
879.30 where at least 80 percent of the units that comprise the condominium, cooperative, or  
879.31 common interest community are occupied by individuals who are the owners, members, or  
879.32 shareholders of the units;

- 880.1 (ix) temporary family health care dwellings as defined in sections 394.307 and 462.3593;
- 880.2 (x) settings offering services conducted by and for the adherents of any recognized
- 880.3 church or religious denomination for its members through spiritual means or by prayer for
- 880.4 healing;
- 880.5 (xi) housing financed pursuant to sections 462A.37 and 462A.375, units financed with
- 880.6 low-income housing tax credits pursuant to United States Code, title 26, section 42, and
- 880.7 units financed by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency that are intended to serve
- 880.8 individuals with disabilities or individuals who are homeless;
- 880.9 (xii) rental housing developed under United States Code, title 42, section 1437, or United
- 880.10 States Code, title 12, section 1701q;
- 880.11 (xiii) rental housing designated for occupancy by only elderly or elderly and disabled
- 880.12 residents under United States Code, title 42, section 1437e, or rental housing for qualifying
- 880.13 families under Code of Federal Regulations, title 24, section 983.56; or
- 880.14 (xiv) rental housing funded under United States Code, title 42, chapter 89, or United
- 880.15 States Code, title 42, section 8011.
- 880.16 Subd. 7. **Assisted living services.** "Assisted living services" include any of the basic
- 880.17 care services and one or more of the following:
- 880.18 (1) services of an advanced practice nurse, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,
- 880.19 physical therapist, respiratory therapist, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist,
- 880.20 dietitian or nutritionist, or social worker;
- 880.21 (2) tasks delegated to unlicensed personnel by a registered nurse or assigned by a licensed
- 880.22 health professional within the person's scope of practice;
- 880.23 (3) medication management services;
- 880.24 (4) hands-on assistance with transfers and mobility;
- 880.25 (5) treatment and therapies;
- 880.26 (6) assisting residents with eating when the clients have complicated eating problems
- 880.27 as identified in the resident record or through an assessment such as difficulty swallowing,
- 880.28 recurrent lung aspirations, or requiring the use of a tube or parenteral or intravenous
- 880.29 instruments to be fed; or
- 880.30 (7) providing other complex or specialty health care services.

881.1 Subd. 8. **Assisted living facility with dementia care.** "Assisted living facility with  
881.2 dementia care" means a licensed assisted living facility that also provides dementia care  
881.3 services. An assisted living facility with dementia care may also have a secured dementia  
881.4 care unit.

881.5 Subd. 9. **Assisted living facility contract.** "Assisted living facility contract" means the  
881.6 legal agreement between an assisted living facility and a resident for the provision of housing  
881.7 and services.

881.8 Subd. 10. **Basic care services.** "Basic care services" means assistive tasks provided by  
881.9 licensed or unlicensed personnel that include:

881.10 (1) assisting with dressing, self-feeding, oral hygiene, hair care, grooming, toileting, and  
881.11 bathing;

881.12 (2) providing standby assistance;

881.13 (3) providing verbal or visual reminders to the resident to take regularly scheduled  
881.14 medication, which includes bringing the client previously set-up medication, medication in  
881.15 original containers, or liquid or food to accompany the medication;

881.16 (4) providing verbal or visual reminders to the client to perform regularly scheduled  
881.17 treatments and exercises;

881.18 (5) preparing modified diets ordered by a licensed health professional;

881.19 (6) having, maintaining, and documenting a system to, by any means, check on the  
881.20 health, safety, and well-being of a resident; and

881.21 (7) supportive services in addition to the provision of at least one of the activities in  
881.22 clauses (1) to (5).

881.23 Subd. 11. **Change of ownership.** "Change of ownership" means a change in the individual  
881.24 or legal entity that is responsible for the operation of a facility.

881.25 Subd. 12. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

881.26 Subd. 13. **Compliance officer.** "Compliance officer" means a designated individual  
881.27 who is qualified by knowledge, training, and experience in health care or risk management  
881.28 to promote, implement, and oversee the facility's compliance program. The compliance  
881.29 officer shall also exhibit knowledge of relevant regulations; provide expertise in compliance  
881.30 processes; and address fraud, abuse, and waste under this chapter and state and federal law.

881.31 Subd. 14. **Controlled substance.** "Controlled substance" has the meaning given in  
881.32 section 152.01, subdivision 4.

882.1 Subd. 15. **Controlling individual.** (a) "Controlling individual" means an owner of a  
882.2 facility licensed under this chapter and the following individuals, if applicable:

882.3 (1) each officer of the organization, including the chief executive officer and chief  
882.4 financial officer;

882.5 (2) the individual designated as the authorized agent under section 245A.04, subdivision  
882.6 1, paragraph (b);

882.7 (3) the individual designated as the compliance officer under section 256B.04, subdivision  
882.8 21, paragraph (b); and

882.9 (4) each managerial official whose responsibilities include the direction of the  
882.10 management or policies of the facility.

882.11 (b) Controlling individual also means any owner who directly or indirectly owns five  
882.12 percent or more interest in:

882.13 (1) the land on which the facility is located, including a real estate investment trust  
882.14 (REIT);

882.15 (2) the structure in which a facility is located;

882.16 (3) any mortgage, contract for deed, or other obligation secured in whole or part by the  
882.17 land or structure comprising the facility; or

882.18 (4) any lease or sublease of the land, structure, or facilities comprising the facility.

882.19 (c) Controlling individual does not include:

882.20 (1) a bank, savings bank, trust company, savings association, credit union, industrial  
882.21 loan and thrift company, investment banking firm, or insurance company unless the entity  
882.22 operates a program directly or through a subsidiary;

882.23 (2) government and government-sponsored entities such as the U.S. Department of  
882.24 Housing and Urban Development, Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Minnesota  
882.25 Housing Finance Agency which provide loans, financing, and insurance products for housing  
882.26 sites;

882.27 (3) an individual who is a state or federal official, or a state or federal employee, or a  
882.28 member or employee of the governing body of a political subdivision of the state or federal  
882.29 government that operates one or more facilities, unless the individual is also an officer,  
882.30 owner, or managerial official of the facility, receives remuneration from the facility, or  
882.31 owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision;

883.1 (4) an individual who owns less than five percent of the outstanding common shares of  
883.2 a corporation:

883.3 (i) whose securities are exempt under section 80A.45, clause (6); or

883.4 (ii) whose transactions are exempt under section 80A.46, clause (2);

883.5 (5) an individual who is a member of an organization exempt from taxation under section  
883.6 290.05, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the license  
883.7 or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision. This clause does  
883.8 not exclude from the definition of controlling individual an organization that is exempt from  
883.9 taxation; or

883.10 (6) an employee stock ownership plan trust, or a participant or board member of an  
883.11 employee stock ownership plan, unless the participant or board member is a controlling  
883.12 individual.

883.13 Subd. 16. **Dementia.** "Dementia" means the loss of intellectual function of sufficient  
883.14 severity that interferes with an individual's daily functioning. Dementia affects an individual's  
883.15 memory and ability to think, reason, speak, and move. Symptoms may also include changes  
883.16 in personality, mood, and behavior. Irreversible dementias include but are not limited to:

883.17 (1) Alzheimer's disease;

883.18 (2) vascular dementia;

883.19 (3) Lewy body dementia;

883.20 (4) frontal-temporal lobe dementia;

883.21 (5) alcohol dementia;

883.22 (6) Huntington's disease; and

883.23 (7) Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

883.24 Subd. 17. **Dementia care services.** "Dementia care services" means a distinct form of  
883.25 long-term care designed to meet the specific needs of an individual with dementia.

883.26 Subd. 18. **Dementia-trained staff.** "Dementia-trained staff" means any employee that  
883.27 has completed the minimum training requirements and has demonstrated knowledge and  
883.28 understanding in supporting individuals with dementia.

883.29 Subd. 19. **Designated representative.** "Designated representative" means one of the  
883.30 following in the order of priority listed, to the extent the person may reasonably be identified  
883.31 and located:

884.1 (1) a court-appointed guardian acting in accordance with the powers granted to the  
884.2 guardian under chapter 524;

884.3 (2) a conservator acting in accordance with the powers granted to the conservator under  
884.4 chapter 524;

884.5 (3) a health care agent acting in accordance with the powers granted to the health care  
884.6 agent under chapter 145C;

884.7 (4) a power of attorney acting in accordance with the powers granted to the  
884.8 attorney-in-fact under chapter 523; or

884.9 (5) the resident representative.

884.10 Subd. 20. **Dietary supplement.** "Dietary supplement" means a product taken by mouth  
884.11 that contains a dietary ingredient intended to supplement the diet. Dietary ingredients may  
884.12 include vitamins, minerals, herbs or other botanicals, amino acids, and substances such as  
884.13 enzymes, organ tissue, glandulars, or metabolites.

884.14 Subd. 21. **Direct contact.** "Direct contact" means providing face-to-face care, training,  
884.15 supervision, counseling, consultation, or medication assistance to residents of a facility.

884.16 Subd. 22. **Direct ownership interest.** "Direct ownership interest" means an individual  
884.17 or organization with the possession of at least five percent equity in capital, stock, or profits  
884.18 of an organization, or who is a member of a limited liability company. An individual with  
884.19 a five percent or more direct ownership is presumed to have an effect on the operation of  
884.20 the facility with respect to factors affecting the care or training provided.

884.21 Subd. 23. **Facility.** "Facility" means an assisted living facility and an assisted living  
884.22 facility with dementia care.

884.23 Subd. 24. **Hands-on assistance.** "Hands-on assistance" means physical help by another  
884.24 person without which the resident is not able to perform the activity.

884.25 Subd. 25. **Indirect ownership interest.** "Indirect ownership interest" means an individual  
884.26 or organization with a direct ownership interest in an entity that has a direct or indirect  
884.27 ownership interest in a facility of at least five percent or more. An individual with a five  
884.28 percent or more indirect ownership is presumed to have an effect on the operation of the  
884.29 facility with respect to factors affecting the care or training provided.

884.30 Subd. 26. **Licensed health professional.** "Licensed health professional" means a person  
884.31 licensed in Minnesota to practice the professions described in section 214.01, subdivision  
884.32 2.



885.1 Subd. 27. **Licensed resident bed capacity.** "Licensed resident bed capacity" means the  
885.2 resident occupancy level requested by a licensee and approved by the commissioner.

885.3 Subd. 28. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means a person or legal entity to whom the commissioner  
885.4 issues a license for a facility and who is responsible for the management, control, and  
885.5 operation of a facility. A facility must be managed, controlled, and operated in a manner  
885.6 that enables it to use its resources effectively and efficiently to attain or maintain the highest  
885.7 practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident.

885.8 Subd. 29. **Maltreatment.** "Maltreatment" means conduct described in section 626.5572,  
885.9 subdivision 15, or the intentional and nontherapeutic infliction of physical pain or injury or  
885.10 any persistent course of conduct intended to produce mental or emotional distress.

885.11 Subd. 30. **Management agreement.** "Management agreement" means a written, executed  
885.12 agreement between a licensee and manager regarding the provision of certain services on  
885.13 behalf of the licensee.

885.14 Subd. 31. **Managerial official.** "Managerial official" means an individual who has the  
885.15 decision-making authority related to the operation of the facility and the responsibility for  
885.16 the ongoing management or direction of the policies, services, or employees of the facility.

885.17 Subd. 32. **Medication.** "Medication" means a prescription or over-the-counter drug. For  
885.18 purposes of this chapter only, medication includes dietary supplements.

885.19 Subd. 33. **Medication administration.** "Medication administration" means performing  
885.20 a set of tasks that includes the following:

885.21 (1) checking the client's medication record;

885.22 (2) preparing the medication as necessary;

885.23 (3) administering the medication to the client;

885.24 (4) documenting the administration or reason for not administering the medication; and

885.25 (5) reporting to a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional any concerns  
885.26 about the medication, the resident, or the resident's refusal to take the medication.

885.27 Subd. 34. **Medication management.** "Medication management" means the provision  
885.28 of any of the following medication-related services to a resident:

885.29 (1) performing medication setup;

885.30 (2) administering medications;

885.31 (3) storing and securing medications;

886.1 (4) documenting medication activities;

886.2 (5) verifying and monitoring the effectiveness of systems to ensure safe handling and  
886.3 administration;

886.4 (6) coordinating refills;

886.5 (7) handling and implementing changes to prescriptions;

886.6 (8) communicating with the pharmacy about the resident's medications; and

886.7 (9) coordinating and communicating with the prescriber.

886.8 Subd. 35. **Medication reconciliation.** "Medication reconciliation" means the process  
886.9 of identifying the most accurate list of all medications the resident is taking, including the  
886.10 name, dosage, frequency, and route by comparing the resident record to an external list of  
886.11 medications obtained from the resident, hospital, prescriber or other provider.

886.12 Subd. 36. **Medication setup.** "Medication setup" means arranging medications by a  
886.13 nurse, pharmacy, or authorized prescriber for later administration by the resident or by  
886.14 facility staff.

886.15 Subd. 37. **New construction.** "New construction" means a new building, renovation,  
886.16 modification, reconstruction, physical changes altering the use of occupancy, or an addition  
886.17 to a building.

886.18 Subd. 38. **Nurse.** "Nurse" means a person who is licensed under sections 148.171 to  
886.19 148.285.

886.20 Subd. 39. **Occupational therapist.** "Occupational therapist" means a person who is  
886.21 licensed under sections 148.6401 to 148.6449.

886.22 Subd. 40. **Ombudsman.** "Ombudsman" means the ombudsman for long-term care.

886.23 Subd. 41. **Owner.** "Owner" means an individual or organization that has a direct or  
886.24 indirect ownership interest of five percent or more in a facility. For purposes of this chapter,  
886.25 "owner of a nonprofit corporation" means the president and treasurer of the board of directors  
886.26 or, for an entity owned by an employee stock ownership plan, means the president and  
886.27 treasurer of the entity. A government entity that is issued a license under this chapter shall  
886.28 be designated the owner. An individual with a five percent or more direct or indirect  
886.29 ownership is presumed to have an effect on the operation of the facility with respect to  
886.30 factors affecting the care or training provided.

886.31 Subd. 42. **Over-the-counter drug.** "Over-the-counter drug" means a drug that is not  
886.32 required by federal law to bear the symbol "Rx only."

887.1 Subd. 43. **Person-centered planning and service delivery.** "Person-centered planning  
887.2 and service delivery" means services as defined in section 245D.07, subdivision 1a, paragraph  
887.3 (b).

887.4 Subd. 44. **Pharmacist.** "Pharmacist" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision  
887.5 3.

887.6 Subd. 45. **Physical therapist.** "Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed under  
887.7 sections 148.65 to 148.78.

887.8 Subd. 46. **Physician.** "Physician" means a person who is licensed under chapter 147.

887.9 Subd. 47. **Prescriber.** "Prescriber" means a person who is authorized by sections 148.235;  
887.10 151.01, subdivision 23; and 151.37 to prescribe prescription drugs.

887.11 Subd. 48. **Prescription.** "Prescription" has the meaning given in section 151.01,  
887.12 subdivision 16a.

887.13 Subd. 49. **Provisional license.** "Provisional license" means the initial license the  
887.14 department issues after approval of a complete written application and before the department  
887.15 completes the provisional license survey and determines that the provisional licensee is in  
887.16 substantial compliance.

887.17 Subd. 50. **Regularly scheduled.** "Regularly scheduled" means ordered or planned to be  
887.18 completed at predetermined times or according to a predetermined routine.

887.19 Subd. 51. **Reminder.** "Reminder" means providing a verbal or visual reminder to a  
887.20 resident.

887.21 Subd. 52. **Resident.** "Resident" means a person living in an assisted living facility.

887.22 Subd. 53. **Resident record.** "Resident record" means all records that document  
887.23 information about the services provided to the resident.

887.24 Subd. 54. **Resident representative.** "Resident representative" means a person designated  
887.25 in writing by the resident and identified in the resident's records on file with the facility.

887.26 Subd. 55. **Respiratory therapist.** "Respiratory therapist" means a person who is licensed  
887.27 under chapter 147C.

887.28 Subd. 56. **Revenues.** "Revenues" means all money received by a licensee derived from  
887.29 the provision of home care services, including fees for services and appropriations of public  
887.30 money for home care services.

888.1 Subd. 57. **Service plan.** "Service plan" means the written plan between the resident or  
888.2 the resident's representative and the provisional licensee or licensee about the services that  
888.3 will be provided to the resident.

888.4 Subd. 58. **Social worker.** "Social worker" means a person who is licensed under chapter  
888.5 148D or 148E.

888.6 Subd. 59. **Speech-language pathologist.** "Speech-language pathologist" has the meaning  
888.7 given in section 148.512.

888.8 Subd. 60. **Standby assistance.** "Standby assistance" means the presence of another  
888.9 person within arm's reach to minimize the risk of injury while performing daily activities  
888.10 through physical intervention or cueing to assist a resident with an assistive task by providing  
888.11 cues, oversight, and minimal physical assistance.

888.12 Subd. 61. **Substantial compliance.** "Substantial compliance" means complying with  
888.13 the requirements in this chapter sufficiently to prevent unacceptable health or safety risks  
888.14 to residents.

888.15 Subd. 62. **Supportive services.** "Supportive services" means:

888.16 (1) assistance with laundry, shopping, and household chores;

888.17 (2) housekeeping services;

888.18 (3) provision or assistance with meals or food preparation;

888.19 (4) help with arranging for, or arranging transportation to medical, social, recreational,  
888.20 personal, or social services appointments; or

888.21 (5) provision of social or recreational services.

888.22 Arranging for services does not include making referrals, or contacting a service provider  
888.23 in an emergency.

888.24 Subd. 63. **Survey.** "Survey" means an inspection of a licensee or applicant for licensure  
888.25 for compliance with this chapter.

888.26 Subd. 64. **Surveyor.** "Surveyor" means a staff person of the department who is authorized  
888.27 to conduct surveys of assisted living facilities and applicants.

888.28 Subd. 65. **Termination of housing or services.** "Termination of housing or services"  
888.29 means a discharge, eviction, transfer, or service termination initiated by the facility. A  
888.30 facility-initiated termination is one which the resident objects to and did not originate through  
888.31 a resident's verbal or written request. A resident-initiated termination is one where a resident

889.1 or, if appropriate, a designated representative provided a verbal or written notice of intent  
889.2 to leave the facility. A resident-initiated termination does not include the general expression  
889.3 of a desire to return home or the elopement of residents with cognitive impairment.

889.4 Subd. 66. **Treatment or therapy.** "Treatment" or "therapy" means the provision of care,  
889.5 other than medications, ordered or prescribed by a licensed health professional and provided  
889.6 to a resident to cure, rehabilitate, or ease symptoms.

889.7 Subd. 67. **Unit of government.** "Unit of government" means a city, county, town, school  
889.8 district, other political subdivision of the state, or an agency of the state or federal  
889.9 government, that includes any instrumentality of a unit of government.

889.10 Subd. 68. **Unlicensed personnel.** "Unlicensed personnel" means individuals not otherwise  
889.11 licensed or certified by a governmental health board or agency who provide services to a  
889.12 resident.

889.13 Subd. 69. **Verbal.** "Verbal" means oral and not in writing.

889.14 Sec. 3. **[144I.02] ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY LICENSE.**

889.15 Subdivision 1. **License required.** Beginning August 1, 2021, an entity may not operate  
889.16 an assisted living facility in Minnesota unless it is licensed under this chapter.

889.17 Subd. 2. **Licensure categories.** (a) The categories in this subdivision are established for  
889.18 assisted living facility licensure.

889.19 (b) An assisted living category is an assisted living facility that provides basic care  
889.20 services and comprehensive assisted living services.

889.21 (c) An assisted living facility with dementia care category is an assisted living facility  
889.22 that provides basic care services, comprehensive assisted living services, and dementia care  
889.23 services. An assisted living facility with dementia care may also provide dementia care  
889.24 services in a secure dementia care unit.

889.25 Subd. 3. **Violations; penalty.** (a) Operating a facility without a license is a misdemeanor  
889.26 punishable by a fine imposed by the commissioner.

889.27 (b) A controlling individual of the facility in violation of this section is guilty of a  
889.28 misdemeanor. This paragraph shall not apply to any controlling individual who had no legal  
889.29 authority to affect or change decisions related to the operation of the facility.

889.30 (c) The sanctions in this section do not restrict other available sanctions in law.

890.1 Sec. 4. **[144I.03] PROVISIONAL LICENSE.**

890.2 Subdivision 1. **Provisional license.** (a) Beginning August 1, 2021, for new applicants,  
890.3 the commissioner shall issue a provisional license to each of the licensure categories specified  
890.4 in section 144I.02, subdivision 2, which is effective for up to one year from the license  
890.5 effective date, except that a provisional license may be extended according to subdivision  
890.6 2, paragraph (c).

890.7 (b) Assisted living facilities are subject to evaluation and approval by the commissioner  
890.8 of the facility's physical environment and its operational aspects before a change in ownership  
890.9 or capacity, or an addition of services which necessitates a change in the facility's physical  
890.10 environment.

890.11 Subd. 2. **Initial survey; licensure.** (a) During the provisional license period, the  
890.12 commissioner shall survey the provisional licensee after the commissioner is notified or  
890.13 has evidence that the provisional licensee has residents and is providing services.

890.14 (b) Within two days of beginning to provide services, the provisional licensee must  
890.15 provide notice to the commissioner that it is serving residents by sending an e-mail to the  
890.16 e-mail address provided by the commissioner. If the provisional licensee does not provide  
890.17 services during the provisional license year period, then the provisional license expires at  
890.18 the end of the period and the applicant must reapply for the provisional facility license.

890.19 (c) If the provisional licensee notifies the commissioner that the licensee has residents  
890.20 within 45 days prior to the provisional license expiration, the commissioner may extend the  
890.21 provisional license for up to 60 days in order to allow the commissioner to complete the  
890.22 on-site survey required under this section and follow-up survey visits.

890.23 (d) If the provisional licensee is in substantial compliance with the survey, the  
890.24 commissioner shall issue a facility license. If the provisional licensee is not in substantial  
890.25 compliance with the initial survey, the commissioner shall either: (1) not issue the facility  
890.26 license and terminate the provisional license; or (2) extend the provisional license for a  
890.27 period not to exceed 90 days and apply conditions necessary to bring the facility into  
890.28 substantial compliance. If the provisional licensee is not in substantial compliance with the  
890.29 survey within the time period of the extension or if the provisional licensee does not satisfy  
890.30 the license conditions, the commissioner may deny the license.

890.31 Subd. 3. **Reconsideration.** (a) If a provisional licensee whose facility license has been  
890.32 denied or extended with conditions disagrees with the conclusions of the commissioner,  
890.33 then the provisional licensee may request a reconsideration by the commissioner or

891.1 commissioner's designee. The reconsideration request process must be conducted internally  
891.2 by the commissioner or designee and chapter 14 does not apply.

891.3 (b) The provisional licensee requesting the reconsideration must make the request in  
891.4 writing and must list and describe the reasons why the provisional licensee disagrees with  
891.5 the decision to deny the facility license or the decision to extend the provisional license  
891.6 with conditions.

891.7 (c) The reconsideration request and supporting documentation must be received by the  
891.8 commissioner within 15 calendar days after the date the provisional licensee receives the  
891.9 denial or provisional license with conditions.

891.10 Subd. 4. **Continued operation.** A provisional licensee whose license is denied is  
891.11 permitted to continue operating during the period of time when:

891.12 (1) a reconsideration is in process;

891.13 (2) an extension of the provisional license and terms associated with it is in active  
891.14 negotiation between the commissioner and the licensee and the commissioner confirms the  
891.15 negotiation is active; or

891.16 (3) a transfer of residents to a new facility is underway and not all of the residents have  
891.17 relocated.

891.18 Subd. 5. **Requirements for notice and transfer.** A provisional licensee whose license  
891.19 is denied must comply with the requirements for notification and transfer of residents in  
891.20 section 144J.08.

891.21 Subd. 6. **Fines.** The fee for failure to comply with the notification requirements in section  
891.22 144J.08, subdivision 6, paragraph (b), is \$1,000.

891.23 Sec. 5. **[144I.04] APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE.**

891.24 Subdivision 1. **License applications.** (a) Each application for a facility license, including  
891.25 a provisional license, must include information sufficient to show that the applicant meets  
891.26 the requirements of licensure, including:

891.27 (1) the business name and legal entity name of the operating entity; street address and  
891.28 mailing address of the facility; and the names, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and  
891.29 mailing addresses of all owners, controlling individuals, managerial officials, and the assisted  
891.30 living administrator;

891.31 (2) the name and e-mail address of the managing agent, if applicable;

- 892.1 (3) the licensed bed capacity and the license category;
- 892.2 (4) the license fee in the amount specified in section 144.122;
- 892.3 (5) any judgments, private or public litigation, tax liens, written complaints, administrative  
892.4 actions, or investigations by any government agency against the applicant, owner, controlling  
892.5 individual, managerial official, or assisted living administrator that are unresolved or  
892.6 otherwise filed or commenced within the preceding ten years;
- 892.7 (6) documentation of compliance with the background study requirements in section  
892.8 144I.06 for the owner, controlling individuals, and managerial officials. Each application  
892.9 for a new license must include documentation for the applicant and for each individual with  
892.10 five percent or more direct or indirect ownership in the applicant;
- 892.11 (7) evidence of workers' compensation coverage as required by sections 176.181 and  
892.12 176.182;
- 892.13 (8) disclosure that the provider has no liability coverage or, if the provider has coverage,  
892.14 documentation of coverage;
- 892.15 (9) a copy of the executed lease agreement if applicable;
- 892.16 (10) a copy of the management agreement if applicable;
- 892.17 (11) a copy of the operations transfer agreement or similar agreement if applicable;
- 892.18 (12) a copy of the executed agreement if the facility has contracted services with another  
892.19 organization or individual for services such as managerial, billing, consultative, or medical  
892.20 personnel staffing;
- 892.21 (13) a copy of the organizational chart that identifies all organizations and individuals  
892.22 with any ownership interests in the facility;
- 892.23 (14) whether any applicant, owner, controlling individual, managerial official, or assisted  
892.24 living administrator of the facility has ever been convicted of a crime or found civilly liable  
892.25 for an offense involving moral turpitude, including forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money  
892.26 under false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or any other similar offense  
892.27 or violation; any violation of section 626.557 or any other similar law in any other state; or  
892.28 any violation of a federal or state law or regulation in connection with activities involving  
892.29 any consumer fraud, false advertising, deceptive trade practices, or similar consumer  
892.30 protection law;



893.1 (15) whether the applicant or any owner, controlling individual, managerial official, or  
893.2 assisted living administrator of the facility has a record of defaulting in the payment of  
893.3 money collected for others, including the discharge of debts through bankruptcy proceedings;

893.4 (16) documentation that the applicant has designated one or more owners, controlling  
893.5 individuals, or employees as an agent or agents, which shall not affect the legal responsibility  
893.6 of any other owner or controlling individual under this chapter;

893.7 (17) the signature of the owner or owners, or an authorized agent of the owner or owners  
893.8 of the facility applicant. An application submitted on behalf of a business entity must be  
893.9 signed by at least two owners or controlling individuals;

893.10 (18) identification of all states where the applicant or individual having a five percent  
893.11 or more ownership, currently or previously has been licensed as owner or operator of a  
893.12 long-term care, community-based, or health care facility or agency where its license or  
893.13 federal certification has been denied, suspended, restricted, conditioned, or revoked under  
893.14 a private or state-controlled receivership, or where these same actions are pending under  
893.15 the laws of any state or federal authority; and

893.16 (19) any other information required by the commissioner.

893.17 Subd. 2. **Agents.** (a) An application for a facility license or for renewal of a facility  
893.18 license must specify one or more owners, controlling individuals, or employees as agents:

893.19 (1) who shall be responsible for dealing with the commissioner on all requirements of  
893.20 this chapter; and

893.21 (2) on whom personal service of all notices and orders shall be made and who shall be  
893.22 authorized to accept service on behalf of all of the controlling individuals of the facility in  
893.23 proceedings under this chapter.

893.24 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, personal service on the designated person  
893.25 or persons named in the application is deemed to be service on all of the controlling  
893.26 individuals or managerial employees of the facility and it is not a defense to any action  
893.27 arising under this chapter that personal service was not made on each controlling individual  
893.28 or managerial official of the facility. The designation of one or more controlling individuals  
893.29 or managerial officials under this subdivision shall not affect the legal responsibility of any  
893.30 other controlling individual or managerial official under this chapter.

893.31 Subd. 3. **Fees.** (a) An initial applicant, renewal applicant, or applicant filing a change  
893.32 of ownership for assisted living facility licensure must submit the application fee required  
893.33 in section 144I.122 to the commissioner along with a completed application.

894.1 (b) The penalty for late submission of the renewal application after expiration of the  
894.2 license is \$200. The penalty for operating a facility after expiration of the license and before  
894.3 a renewal license is issued, is \$250 each day after expiration of the license until the renewal  
894.4 license issuance date. The facility is still subject to the criminal gross misdemeanor penalties  
894.5 for operating after license expiration.

894.6 (c) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited  
894.7 to the state government special revenue fund. All fees are nonrefundable.

894.8 (d) Fines collected under this subdivision shall be deposited in a dedicated special revenue  
894.9 account. On an annual basis, the balance in the special revenue account shall be appropriated  
894.10 to the commissioner to implement the recommendations of the advisory council established  
894.11 in section 144A.4799.

894.12 **Sec. 6. [144I.05] TRANSFER OF LICENSE PROHIBITED.**

894.13 Subdivision 1. **Transfers prohibited.** Any facility license issued by the commissioner  
894.14 may not be transferred to another party.

894.15 Subd. 2. **New license required.** (a) Before acquiring ownership of a facility, a prospective  
894.16 applicant must apply for a new license. The licensee of an assisted living facility must  
894.17 change whenever the following events occur, including but not limited to:

894.18 (1) the licensee's form of legal organization is changed;

894.19 (2) the licensee transfers ownership of the facility business enterprise to another party  
894.20 regardless of whether ownership of some or all of the real property or personal property  
894.21 assets of the assisted living facility is also transferred;

894.22 (3) the licensee dissolves, consolidates, or merges with another legal organization and  
894.23 the licensee's legal organization does not survive;

894.24 (4) during any continuous 24-month period, 50 percent or more of the licensed entity is  
894.25 transferred, whether by a single transaction or multiple transactions, to:

894.26 (i) a different person; or

894.27 (ii) a person who had less than a five percent ownership interest in the facility at the  
894.28 time of the first transaction; or

894.29 (5) any other event or combination of events that results in a substitution, elimination,  
894.30 or withdrawal of the licensee's control of the facility.

895.1 (b) As used in this section, "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the  
895.2 power to direct the management, operation, and policies of the licensee or facility, whether  
895.3 through ownership, voting control, by agreement, by contract, or otherwise.

895.4 (c) The current facility licensee must provide written notice to the department and  
895.5 residents, or designated representatives, at least 60 calendar days prior to the anticipated  
895.6 date of the change of licensee.

895.7 Subd. 3. **Survey required.** For all new licensees after a change in ownership, the  
895.8 commissioner shall complete a survey within six months after the new license is issued.

895.9 Sec. 7. **[144I.06] BACKGROUND STUDIES.**

895.10 Subdivision 1. **Background studies required.** (a) Before the commissioner issues a  
895.11 provisional license, issues a license as a result of an approved change of ownership, or  
895.12 renews a license, a controlling individual or managerial official is required to complete a  
895.13 background study under section 144.057. No person may be involved in the management,  
895.14 operation, or control of a facility if the person has been disqualified under chapter 245C.  
895.15 For the purposes of this section, managerial officials subject to the background check  
895.16 requirement are individuals who provide direct contact.

895.17 (b) The commissioner shall not issue a license if the controlling individual or managerial  
895.18 official has been unsuccessful in having a background study disqualification set aside under  
895.19 section 144.057 and chapter 245C.

895.20 (c) Employees, contractors, and volunteers of the facility are subject to the background  
895.21 study required by section 144.057 and may be disqualified under chapter 245C. Nothing in  
895.22 this section shall be construed to prohibit the facility from requiring self-disclosure of  
895.23 criminal conviction information.

895.24 Subd. 2. **Reconsideration.** If an individual is disqualified under section 144.057 or  
895.25 chapter 245C, the individual may request reconsideration of the disqualification. If the  
895.26 individual requests reconsideration and the commissioner sets aside or rescinds the  
895.27 disqualification, the individual is eligible to be involved in the management, operation, or  
895.28 control of the facility. If an individual has a disqualification under section 245C.15,  
895.29 subdivision 1, and the disqualification is affirmed, the individual's disqualification is barred  
895.30 from a set aside, and the individual must not be involved in the management, operation, or  
895.31 control of the facility.

895.32 Subd. 3. **Data classification.** Data collected under this subdivision shall be classified  
895.33 as private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12.

896.1 Subd. 4. **Termination in good faith.** Termination of an employee in good faith reliance  
896.2 on information or records obtained under this section regarding a confirmed conviction does  
896.3 not subject the assisted living facility to civil liability or liability for unemployment benefits.

896.4 **Sec. 8. [144I.07] LICENSE RENEWAL.**

896.5 Except as provided in section ....., a license that is not a provisional license may be  
896.6 renewed for a period of up to one year if the licensee satisfies the following:

896.7 (1) submits an application for renewal in the format provided by the commissioner at  
896.8 least 60 days before expiration of the license;

896.9 (2) submits the renewal fee under section 144I.04, subdivision 3;

896.10 (3) submits the late fee under section 144I.04, subdivision 3, if the renewal application  
896.11 is received less than 30 days before the expiration date of the license;

896.12 (4) provides information sufficient to show that the applicant meets the requirements of  
896.13 licensure, including items required under section 144I.04, subdivision 1; and

896.14 (5) provides any other information deemed necessary by the commissioner.

896.15 **Sec. 9. [144I.08] NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN INFORMATION.**

896.16 A provisional licensee or licensee shall notify the commissioner in writing prior to any  
896.17 financial or contractual change and within 60 calendar days after any change in the  
896.18 information required in section 144I.04, subdivision 1.

896.19 **Sec. 10. [144I.09] CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.**

896.20 (a) The commissioner shall consider an applicant's performance history in Minnesota  
896.21 and in other states, including repeat violations or rule violations, before issuing a provisional  
896.22 license, license, or renewal license.

896.23 (b) An applicant must not have a history within the last five years in Minnesota or in  
896.24 any other state of a license or certification involuntarily suspended or voluntarily terminated  
896.25 during any enforcement process in a facility that provides care to children, the elderly or ill  
896.26 individuals, or individuals with disabilities.

896.27 (c) Failure to provide accurate information or demonstrate required performance history  
896.28 may result in the denial of a license.

896.29 (d) The commissioner may deny, revoke, suspend, restrict, or refuse to renew the license  
896.30 or impose conditions if:

897.1 (1) the applicant fails to provide complete and accurate information on the application  
897.2 and the commissioner concludes that the missing or corrected information is needed to  
897.3 determine if a license shall be granted;

897.4 (2) the applicant, knowingly or with reason to know, made a false statement of a material  
897.5 fact in an application for the license or any data attached to the application or in any matter  
897.6 under investigation by the department;

897.7 (3) the applicant refused to allow representatives or agents of the department to inspect  
897.8 its books, records, and files, or any portion of the premises;

897.9 (4) willfully prevented, interfered with, or attempted to impede in any way: (i) the work  
897.10 of any authorized representative of the department, the ombudsman for long-term care, or  
897.11 the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities; or (ii) the duties of the  
897.12 commissioner, local law enforcement, city or county attorneys, adult protection, county  
897.13 case managers, or other local government personnel;

897.14 (5) the applicant has a history of noncompliance with federal or state regulations that  
897.15 were detrimental to the health, welfare, or safety of a resident or a client; and

897.16 (6) the applicant violates any requirement in this chapter.

897.17 (e) For all new licensees after a change in ownership, the commissioner shall complete  
897.18 a survey within six months after the new license is issued.

897.19 **Sec. 11. [144I.10] MINIMUM ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

897.20 **Subdivision 1. Minimum requirements. All licensed facilities shall:**

897.21 (1) distribute to residents, families, and resident representatives the assisted living bill  
897.22 of rights in section 144J.02;

897.23 (2) provide health-related services in a manner that complies with the Nurse Practice  
897.24 Act in sections 148.171 to 148.285;

897.25 (3) utilize person-centered planning and service delivery process as defined in section  
897.26 245D.07;

897.27 (4) have and maintain a system for delegation of health care activities to unlicensed  
897.28 personnel by a registered nurse, including supervision and evaluation of the delegated  
897.29 activities as required by the Nurse Practice Act in sections 148.171 to 148.285;

897.30 (5) provide a means for residents to request assistance for health and safety needs 24  
897.31 hours per day, seven days per week;

- 898.1 (6) allow residents the ability to furnish and decorate the resident's unit within the terms  
898.2 of the lease;
- 898.3 (7) permit residents access to food at any time;
- 898.4 (8) allow residents to choose the resident's visitors and times of visits;
- 898.5 (9) allow the resident the right to choose a roommate if sharing a unit;
- 898.6 (10) notify the resident of the resident's right to have and use a lockable door to the  
898.7 resident's unit. The licensee shall provide the locks on the unit. Only a staff member with  
898.8 a specific need to enter the unit shall have keys, and advance notice must be given to the  
898.9 resident before entrance, when possible;
- 898.10 (11) develop and implement a staffing plan for determining its staffing level that:
- 898.11 (i) includes an evaluation, to be conducted at least twice a year, of the appropriateness  
898.12 of staffing levels in the facility;
- 898.13 (ii) ensures sufficient staffing at all times to meet the scheduled and reasonably  
898.14 foreseeable unscheduled needs of each resident as required by the residents' assessments  
898.15 and service plans on a 24-hour per day basis; and
- 898.16 (iii) ensures that the facility can respond promptly and effectively to individual resident  
898.17 emergencies and to emergency, life safety, and disaster situations affecting staff or residents  
898.18 in the facility;
- 898.19 (12) ensures that a person or persons are available 24 hours per day, seven days per  
898.20 week, who are responsible for responding to the requests of residents for assistance with  
898.21 health or safety needs, who shall be:
- 898.22 (i) awake;
- 898.23 (ii) located in the same building, in an attached building, or on a contiguous campus  
898.24 with the facility in order to respond within a reasonable amount of time;
- 898.25 (iii) capable of communicating with residents;
- 898.26 (iv) capable of providing or summoning the appropriate assistance; and
- 898.27 (v) capable of following directions. For an assisted living facility providing dementia  
898.28 care, the awake person must be physically present in the locked or secure unit; and
- 898.29 (13) offer to provide or make available at least the following services to residents:
- 898.30 (i) at least three daily nutritious meals with snacks available seven days per week,  
898.31 according to the recommended dietary allowances in the United States Department of

899.1 Agriculture (USDA) guidelines, including seasonal fresh fruit and fresh vegetables. The  
899.2 following apply:

899.3 (A) modified special diets that are appropriate to residents' needs and choices;

899.4 (B) menus prepared at least one week in advance, and made available to all residents.

899.5 The facility must encourage residents' involvement in menu planning. Meal substitutions  
899.6 must be of similar nutritional value if a resident refuses a food that is served. Residents  
899.7 must be informed in advance of menu changes;

899.8 (C) food must be prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code, Minnesota  
899.9 Rules, chapter 4626; and

899.10 (D) the facility cannot require a resident to include and pay for meals in their contract;

899.11 (ii) weekly housekeeping;

899.12 (iii) weekly laundry service;

899.13 (iv) upon the request of the resident, provide direct or reasonable assistance with arranging  
899.14 for transportation to medical and social services appointments, shopping, and other recreation,  
899.15 and provide the name of or other identifying information about the person or persons  
899.16 responsible for providing this assistance;

899.17 (v) upon the request of the resident, provide reasonable assistance with accessing  
899.18 community resources and social services available in the community, and provide the name  
899.19 of or other identifying information about the person or persons responsible for providing  
899.20 this assistance; and

899.21 (vi) have a daily program of social and recreational activities that are based upon  
899.22 individual and group interests, physical, mental, and psychosocial needs, and that creates  
899.23 opportunities for active participation in the community at large.

899.24 Subd. 2. **Policies and procedures.** (a) Each facility must have policies and procedures  
899.25 in place to address the following and keep them current:

899.26 (1) requirements in section 626.557, reporting of maltreatment of vulnerable adults;

899.27 (2) conducting and handling background studies on employees;

899.28 (3) orientation, training, and competency evaluations of staff, and a process for evaluating  
899.29 staff performance;

899.30 (4) handling complaints from residents, family members, or designated representatives  
899.31 regarding staff or services provided by staff;

900.1 (5) conducting initial evaluation of residents' needs and the providers' ability to provide  
900.2 those services;

900.3 (6) conducting initial and ongoing resident evaluations and assessments and how changes  
900.4 in a resident's condition are identified, managed, and communicated to staff and other health  
900.5 care providers as appropriate;

900.6 (7) orientation to and implementation of the assisted living bill of rights;

900.7 (8) infection control practices;

900.8 (9) reminders for medications, treatments, or exercises, if provided; and

900.9 (10) conducting appropriate screenings, or documentation of prior screenings, to show  
900.10 that staff are free of tuberculosis, consistent with current United States Centers for Disease  
900.11 Control and Prevention standards.

900.12 (b) For assisted living facilities and assisted living facilities with dementia care, the  
900.13 following are also required:

900.14 (1) conducting initial and ongoing assessments of the resident's needs by a registered  
900.15 nurse or appropriate licensed health professional, including how changes in the resident's  
900.16 conditions are identified, managed, and communicated to staff and other health care  
900.17 providers, as appropriate;

900.18 (2) ensuring that nurses and licensed health professionals have current and valid licenses  
900.19 to practice;

900.20 (3) medication and treatment management;

900.21 (4) delegation of tasks by registered nurses or licensed health professionals;

900.22 (5) supervision of registered nurses and licensed health professionals; and

900.23 (6) supervision of unlicensed personnel performing delegated tasks.

900.24 **Subd. 3. Infection control program.** The facility shall establish and maintain an infection  
900.25 control program.

900.26 **Subd. 4. Clinical nurse supervision.** All assisted living facilities must have a clinical  
900.27 nurse supervisor who is a registered nurse licensed in Minnesota.

900.28 **Subd. 5. Resident and family or resident representative councils.** (a) If a resident,  
900.29 family, or designated representative chooses to establish a council, the licensee shall support  
900.30 the council's establishment. The facility must provide assistance and space for meetings and  
900.31 afford privacy. Staff or visitors may attend meetings only upon the council's invitation. A



901.1 staff person must be designated the responsibility of providing this assistance and responding  
901.2 to written requests that result from council meetings. Resident council minutes are public  
901.3 data and shall be available to all residents in the facility. Family or resident representatives  
901.4 may attend resident councils upon invitation by a resident on the council.

901.5 (b) All assisted living facilities shall engage their residents and families or designated  
901.6 representatives in the operation of their community and document the methods and results  
901.7 of this engagement.

901.8 Subd. 6. **Resident grievances.** All facilities must post in a conspicuous place information  
901.9 about the facilities' grievance procedure, and the name, telephone number, and e-mail contact  
901.10 information for the individuals who are responsible for handling resident grievances. The  
901.11 notice must also have the contact information for the state and applicable regional Office  
901.12 of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care.

901.13 Subd. 7. **Protecting resident rights.** A facility shall ensure that every resident has access  
901.14 to consumer advocacy or legal services by:

901.15 (1) providing names and contact information, including telephone numbers and e-mail  
901.16 addresses of at least three organizations that provide advocacy or legal services to residents;

901.17 (2) providing the name and contact information for the Minnesota Office of Ombudsman  
901.18 for Long-Term Care and the Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental  
901.19 Disabilities, including both the state and regional contact information;

901.20 (3) assisting residents in obtaining information on whether Medicare or medical assistance  
901.21 under chapter 256B will pay for services;

901.22 (4) making reasonable accommodations for people who have communication disabilities  
901.23 and those who speak a language other than English; and

901.24 (5) providing all information and notices in plain language and in terms the residents  
901.25 can understand.

901.26 Subd. 8. **Protection-related rights.** (a) In addition to the rights required in the assisted  
901.27 living bill of rights under section 144J.02, the following rights must be provided to all  
901.28 residents. The facility must promote and protect these rights for each resident by making  
901.29 residents aware of these rights and ensuring staff are trained to support these rights:

901.30 (1) the right to furnish and decorate the resident's unit within the terms of the lease;

901.31 (2) the right to access food at any time;

901.32 (3) the right to choose visitors and the times of visits;

902.1 (4) the right to choose a roommate if sharing a unit;

902.2 (5) the right to personal privacy including the right to have and use a lockable door on  
902.3 the resident's unit. The facility shall provide the locks on the resident's unit. Only a staff  
902.4 member with a specific need to enter the unit shall have keys, and advance notice must be  
902.5 given to the resident before entrance, when possible;

902.6 (6) the right to engage in chosen activities;

902.7 (7) the right to engage in community life;

902.8 (8) the right to control personal resources; and

902.9 (9) the right to individual autonomy, initiative, and independence in making life choices  
902.10 including a daily schedule and with whom to interact.

902.11 (b) The resident's rights in paragraph (a), clauses (2), (3), and (5), may be restricted for  
902.12 an individual resident only if determined necessary for health and safety reasons identified  
902.13 by the facility through an initial assessment or reassessment under section 144I.15,  
902.14 subdivision 9, and documented in the written service plan under section 144I.15, subdivision  
902.15 10. Any restrictions of those rights for people served under sections 256B.0915 and 256B.49  
902.16 must be documented by the case manager in the resident's coordinated service and support  
902.17 plan (CSSP), as defined in sections 256B.0915, subdivision 6, and 256B.49, subdivision  
902.18 15.

902.19 Subd. 9. **Payment for services under disability waivers.** For new facilities, home and  
902.20 community-based services under section 256B.49 are not available when the new facility  
902.21 setting is adjoined to, or on the same property as, an institution as defined in Code of Federal  
902.22 Regulations, title 42, section 441.301(c).

902.23 Subd. 10. **No discrimination based on source of payment.** All facilities must, regardless  
902.24 of the source of payment and for all persons seeking to reside or residing in the facility:

902.25 (1) provide equal access to quality care; and

902.26 (2) establish, maintain, and implement identical policies and practices regarding residency,  
902.27 transfer, and provision and termination of services.

902.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

903.1 Sec. 12. [144I.11] FACILITY RESPONSIBILITIES; HOUSING AND  
903.2 SERVICE-RELATED MATTERS.

903.3 Subdivision 1. Responsibility for housing and services. The facility is directly  
903.4 responsible to the resident for all housing and service-related matters provided, irrespective  
903.5 of a management contract. Housing and service-related matters include but are not limited  
903.6 to the handling of complaints, the provision of notices, and the initiation of any adverse  
903.7 action against the resident involving housing or services provided by the facility.

903.8 Subd. 2. Uniform checklist disclosure of services. (a) On and after August 1, 2021, a  
903.9 facility must provide to prospective residents, the prospective resident's designated  
903.10 representative, and any other person or persons the resident chooses:

903.11 (1) a written checklist listing all services permitted under the facility's license, identifying  
903.12 all services the facility offers to provide under the assisted living facility contract, and  
903.13 identifying all services allowed under the license that the facility does not provide; and

903.14 (2) an oral explanation of the services offered under the contract.

903.15 (b) The requirements of paragraph (a) must be completed prior to the execution of the  
903.16 resident contract.

903.17 (c) The commissioner must, in consultation with all interested stakeholders, design the  
903.18 uniform checklist disclosure form for use as provided under paragraph (a).

903.19 Subd. 3. Reservation of rights. Nothing in this chapter:

903.20 (1) requires a resident to utilize any service provided by or through, or made available  
903.21 in, a facility;

903.22 (2) prevents a facility from requiring, as a condition of the contract, that the resident pay  
903.23 for a package of services even if the resident does not choose to use all or some of the  
903.24 services in the package. For residents who are eligible for home and community-based  
903.25 waiver services under sections 256B.0915 and 256B.49, payment for services will follow  
903.26 the policies of those programs;

903.27 (3) requires a facility to fundamentally alter the nature of the operations of the facility  
903.28 in order to accommodate a resident's request; or

903.29 (4) affects the duty of a facility to grant a resident's request for reasonable  
903.30 accommodations.

904.1 **Sec. 13. [144I.12] TRANSFER OF RESIDENTS WITHIN FACILITY.**

904.2 (a) A facility must provide for the safe, orderly, and appropriate transfer of residents  
904.3 within the facility.

904.4 (b) If an assisted living contract permits resident transfers within the facility, the facility  
904.5 must provide at least 30 days' advance notice of the transfer to the resident and the resident's  
904.6 designated representative.

904.7 (c) In situations where there is a curtailment, reduction, capital improvement, or change  
904.8 in operations within a facility, the facility must minimize the number of transfers needed  
904.9 to complete the project or change in operations, consider individual resident needs and  
904.10 preferences, and provide reasonable accommodation for individual resident requests regarding  
904.11 the room transfer. The facility must provide notice to the Office of Ombudsman for  
904.12 Long-Term Care and, when appropriate, the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and  
904.13 Developmental Disabilities in advance of any notice to residents, residents' designated  
904.14 representatives, and families when all of the following circumstances apply:

904.15 (1) the transfers of residents within the facility are being proposed due to curtailment,  
904.16 reduction, capital improvements, or change in operations;

904.17 (2) the transfers of residents within the facility are not temporary moves to accommodate  
904.18 physical plan upgrades or renovation; and

904.19 (3) the transfers involve multiple residents being moved simultaneously.

904.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

904.21 **Sec. 14. [144I.13] FACILITY RESPONSIBILITIES; BUSINESS OPERATION.**

904.22 Subdivision 1. **Display of license.** The original current license must be displayed at the  
904.23 main entrance of the facility. The facility must provide a copy of the license to any person  
904.24 who requests it.

904.25 Subd. 2. **Quality management.** The facility shall engage in quality management  
904.26 appropriate to the size of the facility and relevant to the type of services provided. The  
904.27 quality management activity means evaluating the quality of care by periodically reviewing  
904.28 resident services, complaints made, and other issues that have occurred and determining  
904.29 whether changes in services, staffing, or other procedures need to be made in order to ensure  
904.30 safe and competent services to residents. Documentation about quality management activity  
904.31 must be available for two years. Information about quality management must be available  
904.32 to the commissioner at the time of the survey, investigation, or renewal.

905.1 Subd. 3. **Facility restrictions.** (a) This subdivision does not apply to licensees that are  
905.2 Minnesota counties or other units of government.

905.3 (b) A facility or staff person cannot accept a power-of-attorney from residents for any  
905.4 purpose, and may not accept appointments as guardians or conservators of residents.

905.5 (c) A facility cannot serve as a resident's representative.

905.6 Subd. 4. **Handling resident's finances and property.** (a) A facility may assist residents  
905.7 with household budgeting, including paying bills and purchasing household goods, but may  
905.8 not otherwise manage a resident's property. A facility must provide a resident with receipts  
905.9 for all transactions and purchases paid with the resident's funds. When receipts are not  
905.10 available, the transaction or purchase must be documented. A facility must maintain records  
905.11 of all such transactions.

905.12 (b) A facility or staff person may not borrow a resident's funds or personal or real  
905.13 property, nor in any way convert a resident's property to the facility's or staff person's  
905.14 possession.

905.15 (c) Nothing in this section precludes a facility or staff from accepting gifts of minimal  
905.16 value or precludes the acceptance of donations or bequests made to a facility that are exempt  
905.17 from income tax under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

905.18 Subd. 5. **Reporting maltreatment of vulnerable adults; abuse prevention plan.** (a)  
905.19 All facilities must comply with the requirements for the reporting of maltreatment of  
905.20 vulnerable adults in section 626.557. Each facility must establish and implement a written  
905.21 procedure to ensure that all cases of suspected maltreatment are reported.

905.22 (b) Each facility must develop and implement an individual abuse prevention plan for  
905.23 each vulnerable adult. The plan shall contain an individualized review or assessment of the  
905.24 person's susceptibility to abuse by another individual, including other vulnerable adults; the  
905.25 person's risk of abusing other vulnerable adults; and statements of the specific measures to  
905.26 be taken to minimize the risk of abuse to that person and other vulnerable adults. For purposes  
905.27 of the abuse prevention plan, abuse includes self-abuse.

905.28 Subd. 6. **Reporting suspected crime and maltreatment.** (a) A facility shall support  
905.29 protection and safety through access to the state's systems for reporting suspected criminal  
905.30 activity and suspected vulnerable adult maltreatment by:

905.31 (1) posting the 911 emergency number in common areas and near telephones provided  
905.32 by the assisted living facility;

906.1 (2) posting information and the reporting number for the Minnesota Adult Abuse  
906.2 Reporting Center under section 626.557 to report suspected maltreatment of a vulnerable  
906.3 adult; and

906.4 (3) providing reasonable accommodations with information and notices in plain language.

906.5 Subd. 7. **Employee records.** (a) The facility must maintain current records of each paid  
906.6 employee, regularly scheduled volunteers providing services, and each individual contractor  
906.7 providing services. The records must include the following information:

906.8 (1) evidence of current professional licensure, registration, or certification if licensure,  
906.9 registration, or certification is required by this statute or other rules;

906.10 (2) records of orientation, required annual training and infection control training, and  
906.11 competency evaluations;

906.12 (3) current job description, including qualifications, responsibilities, and identification  
906.13 of staff persons providing supervision;

906.14 (4) documentation of annual performance reviews that identify areas of improvement  
906.15 needed and training needs;

906.16 (5) for individuals providing facility services, verification that required health screenings  
906.17 under section 144I.034, subdivision 7, have taken place and the dates of those screenings;  
906.18 and

906.19 (6) documentation of the background study as required under section 144.057.

906.20 (b) Each employee record must be retained for at least three years after a paid employee,  
906.21 volunteer, or contractor ceases to be employed by, provide services at, or be under contract  
906.22 with the facility. If a facility ceases operation, employee records must be maintained for  
906.23 three years after facility operations cease.

906.24 Subd. 8. **Compliance officer.** Every assisted living facility shall have a compliance  
906.25 officer who is a licensed assisted living administrator. An individual licensed as a nursing  
906.26 home administrator, an assisted living administrator, or a health services executive shall  
906.27 automatically meet the qualifications of a compliance officer.

906.28 Sec. 15. **[144I.14] FACILITY RESPONSIBILITIES; STAFF.**

906.29 Subdivision 1. **Qualifications, training, and competency.** All staff persons providing  
906.30 services must be trained and competent in the provision of services consistent with current  
906.31 practice standards appropriate to the resident's needs and be informed of the assisted living  
906.32 bill of rights under section 144J.02.

907.1 Subd. 2. Licensed health professionals and nurses. (a) Licensed health professionals  
907.2 and nurses providing services as employees of a licensed facility must possess a current  
907.3 Minnesota license or registration to practice.

907.4 (b) Licensed health professionals and registered nurses must be competent in assessing  
907.5 resident needs, planning appropriate services to meet resident needs, implementing services,  
907.6 and supervising staff if assigned.

907.7 (c) Nothing in this section limits or expands the rights of nurses or licensed health  
907.8 professionals to provide services within the scope of their licenses or registrations, as  
907.9 provided by law.

907.10 Subd. 3. Unlicensed personnel. (a) Unlicensed personnel providing services must have:

907.11 (1) successfully completed a training and competency evaluation appropriate to the  
907.12 services provided by the facility and the topics listed in subdivision 6, paragraph (b); or

907.13 (2) demonstrated competency by satisfactorily completing a written or oral test on the  
907.14 tasks the unlicensed personnel will perform and on the topics listed in subdivision 6,  
907.15 paragraph (b); and successfully demonstrated competency of topics in subdivision 6,  
907.16 paragraph (b), clauses (5), (7), and (8), by a practical skills test.

907.17 Unlicensed personnel providing basic care services shall not perform delegated nursing or  
907.18 therapy tasks.

907.19 (b) Unlicensed personnel performing delegated nursing tasks in an assisted living facility  
907.20 must:

907.21 (1) have successfully completed training and demonstrated competency by successfully  
907.22 completing a written or oral test of the topics in subdivision 6, paragraphs (b) and (c), and  
907.23 a practical skills test on tasks listed in subdivision 6, paragraphs (b), clauses (5) and (7),  
907.24 and (c), clauses (3), (5), (6), and (7), and all the delegated tasks they will perform;

907.25 (2) satisfy the current requirements of Medicare for training or competency of home  
907.26 health aides or nursing assistants, as provided by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42,  
907.27 section 483 or 484.36; or

907.28 (3) have, before April 19, 1993, completed a training course for nursing assistants that  
907.29 was approved by the commissioner.

907.30 (c) Unlicensed personnel performing therapy or treatment tasks delegated or assigned  
907.31 by a licensed health professional must meet the requirements for delegated tasks in  
907.32 subdivision 4 and any other training or competency requirements within the licensed health

908.1 professional's scope of practice relating to delegation or assignment of tasks to unlicensed  
908.2 personnel.

908.3 Subd. 4. **Delegation of assisted living services.** A registered nurse or licensed health  
908.4 professional may delegate tasks only to staff who are competent and possess the knowledge  
908.5 and skills consistent with the complexity of the tasks and according to the appropriate  
908.6 Minnesota practice act. The assisted living facility must establish and implement a system  
908.7 to communicate up-to-date information to the registered nurse or licensed health professional  
908.8 regarding the current available staff and their competency so the registered nurse or licensed  
908.9 health professional has sufficient information to determine the appropriateness of delegating  
908.10 tasks to meet individual resident needs and preferences.

908.11 Subd. 5. **Temporary staff.** When a facility contracts with a temporary staffing agency,  
908.12 those individuals must meet the same requirements required by this section for personnel  
908.13 employed by the facility and shall be treated as if they are staff of the facility.

908.14 Subd. 6. **Requirements for instructors, training content, and competency evaluations**  
908.15 for unlicensed personnel. (a) Instructors and competency evaluators must meet the following  
908.16 requirements:

908.17 (1) training and competency evaluations of unlicensed personnel providing basic care  
908.18 services must be conducted by individuals with work experience and training in providing  
908.19 basic care services; and

908.20 (2) training and competency evaluations of unlicensed personnel providing comprehensive  
908.21 assisted living services must be conducted by a registered nurse, or another instructor may  
908.22 provide training in conjunction with the registered nurse.

908.23 (b) Training and competency evaluations for all unlicensed personnel must include the  
908.24 following:

908.25 (1) documentation requirements for all services provided;

908.26 (2) reports of changes in the resident's condition to the supervisor designated by the  
908.27 facility;

908.28 (3) basic infection control, including blood-borne pathogens;

908.29 (4) maintenance of a clean and safe environment;

908.30 (5) appropriate and safe techniques in personal hygiene and grooming, including:

908.31 (i) hair care and bathing;

908.32 (ii) care of teeth, gums, and oral prosthetic devices;



- 909.1 (iii) care and use of hearing aids; and
- 909.2 (iv) dressing and assisting with toileting;
- 909.3 (6) training on the prevention of falls;
- 909.4 (7) standby assistance techniques and how to perform them;
- 909.5 (8) medication, exercise, and treatment reminders;
- 909.6 (9) basic nutrition, meal preparation, food safety, and assistance with eating;
- 909.7 (10) preparation of modified diets as ordered by a licensed health professional;
- 909.8 (11) communication skills that include preserving the dignity of the resident and showing
- 909.9 respect for the resident and the resident's preferences, cultural background, and family;
- 909.10 (12) awareness of confidentiality and privacy;
- 909.11 (13) understanding appropriate boundaries between staff and residents and the resident's
- 909.12 family;
- 909.13 (14) procedures to use in handling various emergency situations; and
- 909.14 (15) awareness of commonly used health technology equipment and assistive devices.
- 909.15 (c) In addition to paragraph (b), training and competency evaluation for unlicensed
- 909.16 personnel providing comprehensive assisted living services must include:
- 909.17 (1) observing, reporting, and documenting resident status;
- 909.18 (2) basic knowledge of body functioning and changes in body functioning, injuries, or
- 909.19 other observed changes that must be reported to appropriate personnel;
- 909.20 (3) reading and recording temperature, pulse, and respirations of the resident;
- 909.21 (4) recognizing physical, emotional, cognitive, and developmental needs of the resident;
- 909.22 (5) safe transfer techniques and ambulation;
- 909.23 (6) range of motioning and positioning; and
- 909.24 (7) administering medications or treatments as required.
- 909.25 (d) When the registered nurse or licensed health professional delegates tasks, that person
- 909.26 must ensure that prior to the delegation the unlicensed personnel is trained in the proper
- 909.27 methods to perform the tasks or procedures for each resident and are able to demonstrate
- 909.28 the ability to competently follow the procedures and perform the tasks. If an unlicensed
- 909.29 personnel has not regularly performed the delegated assisted living task for a period of 24

910.1 consecutive months, the unlicensed personnel must demonstrate competency in the task to  
910.2 the registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional. The registered nurse or  
910.3 licensed health professional must document instructions for the delegated tasks in the  
910.4 resident's record.

910.5 Subd. 7. **Tuberculosis prevention and control.** A facility must establish and maintain  
910.6 a comprehensive tuberculosis infection control program according to the most current  
910.7 tuberculosis infection control guidelines issued by the United States Centers for Disease  
910.8 Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, as published in the  
910.9 CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). The program must include a  
910.10 tuberculosis infection control plan that covers all paid and unpaid employees, contractors,  
910.11 students, and volunteers. The Department of Health shall provide technical assistance  
910.12 regarding implementation of the guidelines.

910.13 Subd. 8. **Disaster planning and emergency preparedness plan.** (a) Each facility must  
910.14 meet the following requirements:

910.15 (1) have a written emergency disaster plan that contains a plan for evacuation, addresses  
910.16 elements of sheltering in place, identifies temporary relocation sites, and details staff  
910.17 assignments in the event of a disaster or an emergency;

910.18 (2) post an emergency disaster plan prominently;

910.19 (3) provide building emergency exit diagrams to all residents;

910.20 (4) post emergency exit diagrams on each floor; and

910.21 (5) have a written policy and procedure regarding missing tenant residents.

910.22 (b) Each facility must provide emergency and disaster training to all staff during the  
910.23 initial staff orientation and annually thereafter and must make emergency and disaster  
910.24 training annually available to all residents. Staff who have not received emergency and  
910.25 disaster training are allowed to work only when trained staff are also working on site.

910.26 (c) Each facility must meet any additional requirements adopted in rule.

910.27 Sec. 16. **[144L.15] FACILITY RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO**  
910.28 **RESIDENTS.**

910.29 Subdivision 1. **Assisted living bill of rights; notification to resident.** (a) A facility  
910.30 shall provide the resident and the designated representative a written notice of the rights  
910.31 under section 144J.02 before the initiation of services to that resident. The facility shall

911.1 make all reasonable efforts to provide notice of the rights to the resident and the designated  
911.2 representative in a language the resident and designated representative can understand.

911.3 (b) In addition to the text of the bill of rights in section 144J.02, the notice shall also  
911.4 contain the following statement describing how to file a complaint.

911.5 "If you want to report suspected maltreatment of a vulnerable adult, you may call the  
911.6 Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center at 1-844-880-1574. If you have a complaint about  
911.7 the facility or person providing your services, you may contact the Office of Health Facility  
911.8 Complaints, Minnesota Department of Health. You may also contact the Office of  
911.9 Ombudsman for Long-Term Care or the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and  
911.10 Developmental Disabilities."

911.11 (c) The statement must include the telephone number, website address, e-mail address,  
911.12 mailing address, and street address of the Office of Health Facility Complaints at the  
911.13 Minnesota Department of Health, the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, and the  
911.14 Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. The statement  
911.15 must include the facility's name, address, e-mail, telephone number, and name or title of  
911.16 the person at the facility to whom problems or complaints may be directed. It must also  
911.17 include a statement that the facility will not retaliate because of a complaint.

911.18 (d) A facility must obtain written acknowledgment of the resident's receipt of the bill of  
911.19 rights or shall document why an acknowledgment cannot be obtained. The acknowledgment  
911.20 may be obtained from the resident and the designated representative. Acknowledgment of  
911.21 receipt shall be retained in the resident's record.

911.22 Subd. 2. **Notices in plain language; language accommodations.** A facility must provide  
911.23 all notices in plain language that residents can understand and make reasonable  
911.24 accommodations for residents who have communication disabilities and those whose primary  
911.25 language is a language other than English.

911.26 Subd. 3. **Notice of services for dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or related disorders.** A  
911.27 facility that provides services to residents with dementia shall provide in written or electronic  
911.28 form, to residents and families or other persons who request it, a description of the training  
911.29 program and related training it provides, including the categories of employees trained, the  
911.30 frequency of training, and the basic topics covered.

911.31 Subd. 4. **Services oversight and information.** A facility shall provide each resident  
911.32 with identifying and contact information about the persons who can assist with health care  
911.33 or supportive services being provided. A facility shall keep each resident informed of changes  
911.34 in the personnel referenced in this subdivision.

912.1 Subd. 5. **Notice to residents; change in ownership or management.** A facility must  
912.2 provide prompt written notice to the resident or designated representative of any change of  
912.3 legal name, telephone number, and physical mailing address, which may not be a public or  
912.4 private post office box, of:

912.5 (1) the licensee of the facility;

912.6 (2) the manager of the facility, if applicable; and

912.7 (3) the agent authorized to accept legal process on behalf of the facility.

912.8 Subd. 6. **Acceptance of residents.** A facility may not accept a person as a resident unless  
912.9 the facility has staff, sufficient in qualifications, competency, and numbers, to adequately  
912.10 provide the services agreed to in the service plan and that are within the facility's scope of  
912.11 practice.

912.12 Subd. 7. **Referrals.** If a facility reasonably believes that a resident is in need of another  
912.13 medical or health service, including a licensed health professional, or social service provider,  
912.14 the facility shall:

912.15 (1) determine the resident's preferences with respect to obtaining the service; and

912.16 (2) inform the resident of the resources available, if known, to assist the resident in  
912.17 obtaining services.

912.18 Subd. 8. **Initiation of services.** When a facility initiates services and the individualized  
912.19 assessment required in subdivision 9 has not been completed, the facility must complete a  
912.20 temporary plan and agreement with the resident for services.

912.21 Subd. 9. **Initial assessments and monitoring.** (a) An assisted living facility shall conduct  
912.22 a nursing assessment by a registered nurse of the physical and cognitive needs of the  
912.23 prospective resident and propose a temporary service plan prior to the date on which a  
912.24 prospective resident executes a contract with a facility or the date on which a prospective  
912.25 resident moves in, whichever is earlier. If necessitated by either the geographic distance  
912.26 between the prospective resident and the facility, or urgent or unexpected circumstances,  
912.27 the assessment may be conducted using telecommunication methods based on practice  
912.28 standards that meet the resident's needs and reflect person-centered planning and care  
912.29 delivery. The nursing assessment must be completed within five days of the start of services.

912.30 (b) Resident reassessment and monitoring must be conducted no more than 14 days after  
912.31 initiation of services. Ongoing resident reassessment and monitoring must be conducted as  
912.32 needed based on changes in the needs of the resident and cannot exceed 90 days from the  
912.33 last date of the assessment.

913.1 (c) Residents who are not receiving any services shall not be required to undergo an  
913.2 initial nursing assessment.

913.3 (d) A facility must inform the prospective resident of the availability of and contact  
913.4 information for long-term care consultation services under section 256B.0911, prior to the  
913.5 date on which a prospective resident executes a contract with a facility or the date on which  
913.6 a prospective resident moves in, whichever is earlier.

913.7 **Subd. 10. Service plan, implementation, and revisions to service plan.** (a) No later  
913.8 than 14 days after the date that services are first provided, a facility shall finalize a current  
913.9 written service plan.

913.10 (b) The service plan and any revisions must include a signature or other authentication  
913.11 by the facility and by the resident or the designated representative documenting agreement  
913.12 on the services to be provided. The service plan must be revised, if needed, based on resident  
913.13 reassessment under subdivision 9. The facility must provide information to the resident  
913.14 about changes to the facility's fee for services and how to contact the Office of Ombudsman  
913.15 for Long-Term Care.

913.16 (c) The facility must implement and provide all services required by the current service  
913.17 plan.

913.18 (d) The service plan and the revised service plan must be entered into the resident's  
913.19 record, including notice of a change in a resident's fees when applicable.

913.20 (e) Staff providing services must be informed of the current written service plan.

913.21 (f) The service plan must include:

913.22 (1) a description of the services to be provided, the fees for services, and the frequency  
913.23 of each service, according to the resident's current assessment and resident preferences;

913.24 (2) the identification of staff or categories of staff who will provide the services;

913.25 (3) the schedule and methods of monitoring assessments of the resident;

913.26 (4) the schedule and methods of monitoring staff providing services; and

913.27 (5) a contingency plan that includes:

913.28 (i) the action to be taken by the facility and by the resident and the designated  
913.29 representative if the scheduled service cannot be provided;

913.30 (ii) information and a method for a resident and the designated representative to contact  
913.31 the facility;

914.1 (iii) the names and contact information of persons the resident wishes to have notified  
914.2 in an emergency or if there is a significant adverse change in the resident's condition,  
914.3 including identification of and information as to who has authority to sign for the resident  
914.4 in an emergency; and

914.5 (iv) the circumstances in which emergency medical services are not to be summoned  
914.6 consistent with chapters 145B and 145C, and declarations made by the resident under those  
914.7 chapters.

914.8 Subd. 11. **Use of restraints.** Residents of assisted living facilities must be free from any  
914.9 physical or chemical restraints. Restraints are only permissible if determined necessary for  
914.10 health and safety reasons identified by the facility through an initial assessment or  
914.11 reassessment, under subdivision 9, and documented in the written service plan under  
914.12 subdivision 10.

914.13 Subd. 12. **Request for discontinuation of life-sustaining treatment.** (a) If a resident,  
914.14 family member, or other caregiver of the resident requests that an employee or other agent  
914.15 of the facility discontinue a life-sustaining treatment, the employee or agent receiving the  
914.16 request:

914.17 (1) shall take no action to discontinue the treatment; and

914.18 (2) shall promptly inform the supervisor or other agent of the facility of the resident's  
914.19 request.

914.20 (b) Upon being informed of a request for discontinuance of treatment, the facility shall  
914.21 promptly:

914.22 (1) inform the resident that the request will be made known to the physician or advanced  
914.23 practice registered nurse who ordered the resident's treatment;

914.24 (2) inform the physician or advanced practice registered nurse of the resident's request;  
914.25 and

914.26 (3) work with the resident and the resident's physician or advanced practice registered  
914.27 nurse to comply with chapter 145C.

914.28 (c) This section does not require the facility to discontinue treatment, except as may be  
914.29 required by law or court order.

914.30 (d) This section does not diminish the rights of residents to control their treatments,  
914.31 refuse services, or terminate their relationships with the facility.

915.1 (e) This section shall be construed in a manner consistent with chapter 145B or 145C,  
915.2 whichever applies, and declarations made by residents under those chapters.

915.3 Subd. 13. **Medical cannabis.** Facilities may exercise the authority and are subject to  
915.4 the protections in section 152.34.

915.5 Subd. 14. **Landlord and tenant.** Facilities are subject to and must comply with chapter  
915.6 504B.

915.7 Sec. 17. **[144L.16] PROVISION OF SERVICES.**

915.8 Subdivision 1. **Availability of contact person to staff.** (a) Assisted living facilities and  
915.9 assisted living facilities that provide dementia care must have a registered nurse available  
915.10 for consultation to staff performing delegated nursing tasks and must have an appropriate  
915.11 licensed health professional available if performing other delegated services such as therapies.

915.12 (b) The appropriate contact person must be readily available either in person, by  
915.13 telephone, or by other means to the staff at times when the staff is providing services.

915.14 Subd. 2. **Supervision of staff; basic care services.** (a) Staff who perform basic care  
915.15 services must be supervised periodically where the services are being provided to verify  
915.16 that the work is being performed competently and to identify problems and solutions to  
915.17 address issues relating to the staff's ability to provide the services. The supervision of the  
915.18 unlicensed personnel must be done by staff of the facility having the authority, skills, and  
915.19 ability to provide the supervision of unlicensed personnel and who can implement changes  
915.20 as needed, and train staff.

915.21 (b) Supervision includes direct observation of unlicensed personnel while the unlicensed  
915.22 personnel are providing the services and may also include indirect methods of gaining input  
915.23 such as gathering feedback from the resident. Supervisory review of staff must be provided  
915.24 at a frequency based on the staff person's competency and performance.

915.25 Subd. 3. **Supervision of staff providing delegated nursing or therapy tasks.** (a) Staff  
915.26 who perform delegated nursing or therapy tasks must be supervised by an appropriate  
915.27 licensed health professional or a registered nurse per the assisted living facility's policy  
915.28 where the services are being provided to verify that the work is being performed competently  
915.29 and to identify problems and solutions related to the staff person's ability to perform the  
915.30 tasks. Supervision of staff performing medication or treatment administration shall be  
915.31 provided by a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional and must include  
915.32 observation of the staff administering the medication or treatment and the interaction with  
915.33 the resident.

916.1 (b) The direct supervision of staff performing delegated tasks must be provided within  
916.2 30 days after the date on which the individual begins working for the facility and first  
916.3 performs the delegated tasks for residents and thereafter as needed based on performance.  
916.4 This requirement also applies to staff who have not performed delegated tasks for one year  
916.5 or longer.

916.6 Subd. 4. **Documentation.** A facility must retain documentation of supervision activities  
916.7 in the personnel records.

916.8 **Sec. 18. [144I.17] MEDICATION MANAGEMENT.**

916.9 Subdivision 1. **Medication management services.** (a) This section applies only to  
916.10 assisted living facilities that provide medication management services.

916.11 (b) An assisted living facility that provides medication management services must  
916.12 develop, implement, and maintain current written medication management policies and  
916.13 procedures. The policies and procedures must be developed under the supervision and  
916.14 direction of a registered nurse, licensed health professional, or pharmacist consistent with  
916.15 current practice standards and guidelines.

916.16 (c) The written policies and procedures must address requesting and receiving  
916.17 prescriptions for medications; preparing and giving medications; verifying that prescription  
916.18 drugs are administered as prescribed; documenting medication management activities;  
916.19 controlling and storing medications; monitoring and evaluating medication use; resolving  
916.20 medication errors; communicating with the prescriber, pharmacist, and resident and  
916.21 designated representative, if any; disposing of unused medications; and educating residents  
916.22 and designated representatives about medications. When controlled substances are being  
916.23 managed, the policies and procedures must also identify how the provider will ensure security  
916.24 and accountability for the overall management, control, and disposition of those substances  
916.25 in compliance with state and federal regulations and with subdivision 23.

916.26 Subd. 2. **Provision of medication management services.** (a) For each resident who  
916.27 requests medication management services, the assisted living facility shall, prior to providing  
916.28 medication management services, have a registered nurse, licensed health professional, or  
916.29 authorized prescriber under section 151.37 conduct an assessment to determine what  
916.30 medication management services will be provided and how the services will be provided.  
916.31 This assessment must be conducted face-to-face with the resident. The assessment must  
916.32 include an identification and review of all medications the resident is known to be taking.  
916.33 The review and identification must include indications for medications, side effects,  
916.34 contraindications, allergic or adverse reactions, and actions to address these issues.



917.1 (b) The assessment must identify interventions needed in management of medications  
917.2 to prevent diversion of medication by the resident or others who may have access to the  
917.3 medications and provide instructions to the resident and designated representative on  
917.4 interventions to manage the resident's medications and prevent diversion of medications.  
917.5 For purposes of this section, "diversion of medication" means misuse, theft, or illegal or  
917.6 improper disposition of medications.

917.7 Subd. 3. **Individualized medication monitoring and reassessment.** The assisted living  
917.8 facility must monitor and reassess the resident's medication management services as needed  
917.9 under subdivision 2 when the resident presents with symptoms or other issues that may be  
917.10 medication-related and, at a minimum, annually.

917.11 Subd. 4. **Resident refusal.** The assisted living facility must document in the resident's  
917.12 record any refusal for an assessment for medication management by the resident. The assisted  
917.13 living facility must discuss with the resident the possible consequences of the resident's  
917.14 refusal and document the discussion in the resident's record.

917.15 Subd. 5. **Individualized medication management plan.** (a) For each resident receiving  
917.16 medication management services, the assisted living facility must prepare and include in  
917.17 the service plan a written statement of the medication management services that will be  
917.18 provided to the resident. The assisted living facility must develop and maintain a current  
917.19 individualized medication management record for each resident based on the resident's  
917.20 assessment that must contain the following:

917.21 (1) a statement describing the medication management services that will be provided;

917.22 (2) a description of storage of medications based on the resident's needs and preferences,  
917.23 risk of diversion, and consistent with the manufacturer's directions;

917.24 (3) documentation of specific resident instructions relating to the administration of  
917.25 medications;

917.26 (4) identification of persons responsible for monitoring medication supplies and ensuring  
917.27 that medication refills are ordered on a timely basis;

917.28 (5) identification of medication management tasks that may be delegated to unlicensed  
917.29 personnel;

917.30 (6) procedures for staff notifying a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health  
917.31 professional when a problem arises with medication management services; and

918.1 (7) any resident-specific requirements relating to documenting medication administration,  
918.2 verifications that all medications are administered as prescribed, and monitoring of  
918.3 medication use to prevent possible complications or adverse reactions.

918.4 (b) The medication management record must be current and updated when there are any  
918.5 changes.

918.6 (c) Medication reconciliation must be completed when a licensed nurse, licensed health  
918.7 professional, or authorized prescriber is providing medication management.

918.8 Subd. 6. **Administration of medication.** Medications may be administered by a nurse,  
918.9 physician, or other licensed health practitioner authorized to administer medications or by  
918.10 unlicensed personnel who have been delegated medication administration tasks by a  
918.11 registered nurse.

918.12 Subd. 7. **Delegation of medication administration.** When administration of medications  
918.13 is delegated to unlicensed personnel, the assisted living facility must ensure that the registered  
918.14 nurse has:

918.15 (1) instructed the unlicensed personnel in the proper methods to administer the  
918.16 medications, and the unlicensed personnel has demonstrated the ability to competently  
918.17 follow the procedures;

918.18 (2) specified, in writing, specific instructions for each resident and documented those  
918.19 instructions in the resident's records; and

918.20 (3) communicated with the unlicensed personnel about the individual needs of the  
918.21 resident.

918.22 Subd. 8. **Documentation of administration of medications.** Each medication  
918.23 administered by the assisted living facility staff must be documented in the resident's record.  
918.24 The documentation must include the signature and title of the person who administered the  
918.25 medication. The documentation must include the medication name, dosage, date and time  
918.26 administered, and method and route of administration. The staff must document the reason  
918.27 why medication administration was not completed as prescribed and document any follow-up  
918.28 procedures that were provided to meet the resident's needs when medication was not  
918.29 administered as prescribed and in compliance with the resident's medication management  
918.30 plan.

918.31 Subd. 9. **Documentation of medication setup.** Documentation of dates of medication  
918.32 setup, name of medication, quantity of dose, times to be administered, route of administration,  
918.33 and name of person completing medication setup must be done at the time of setup.

919.1 Subd. 10. Medication management for residents who will be away from home. (a)  
919.2 An assisted living facility that is providing medication management services to the resident  
919.3 must develop and implement policies and procedures for giving accurate and current  
919.4 medications to residents for planned or unplanned times away from home according to the  
919.5 resident's individualized medication management plan. The policies and procedures must  
919.6 state that:

919.7 (1) for planned time away, the medications must be obtained from the pharmacy or set  
919.8 up by the licensed nurse according to appropriate state and federal laws and nursing standards  
919.9 of practice;

919.10 (2) for unplanned time away, when the pharmacy is not able to provide the medications,  
919.11 a licensed nurse or unlicensed personnel shall give the resident and designated representative  
919.12 medications in amounts and dosages needed for the length of the anticipated absence, not  
919.13 to exceed seven calendar days;

919.14 (3) the resident or designated representative must be provided written information on  
919.15 medications, including any special instructions for administering or handling the medications,  
919.16 including controlled substances;

919.17 (4) the medications must be placed in a medication container or containers appropriate  
919.18 to the provider's medication system and must be labeled with the resident's name and the  
919.19 dates and times that the medications are scheduled; and

919.20 (5) the resident and designated representative must be provided in writing the facility's  
919.21 name and information on how to contact the facility.

919.22 (b) For unplanned time away when the licensed nurse is not available, the registered  
919.23 nurse may delegate this task to unlicensed personnel if:

919.24 (1) the registered nurse has trained the unlicensed staff and determined the unlicensed  
919.25 staff is competent to follow the procedures for giving medications to residents; and

919.26 (2) the registered nurse has developed written procedures for the unlicensed personnel,  
919.27 including any special instructions or procedures regarding controlled substances that are  
919.28 prescribed for the resident. The procedures must address:

919.29 (i) the type of container or containers to be used for the medications appropriate to the  
919.30 provider's medication system;

919.31 (ii) how the container or containers must be labeled;

920.1 (iii) written information about the medications to be given to the resident or designated  
920.2 representative;

920.3 (iv) how the unlicensed staff must document in the resident's record that medications  
920.4 have been given to the resident and the designated representative, including documenting  
920.5 the date the medications were given to the resident or the designated representative and who  
920.6 received the medications, the person who gave the medications to the resident, the number  
920.7 of medications that were given to the resident, and other required information;

920.8 (v) how the registered nurse shall be notified that medications have been given to the  
920.9 resident or designated representative and whether the registered nurse needs to be contacted  
920.10 before the medications are given to the resident or the designated representative;

920.11 (vi) a review by the registered nurse of the completion of this task to verify that this task  
920.12 was completed accurately by the unlicensed personnel; and

920.13 (vii) how the unlicensed personnel must document in the resident's record any unused  
920.14 medications that are returned to the facility, including the name of each medication and the  
920.15 doses of each returned medication.

920.16 Subd. 11. **Prescribed and nonprescribed medication.** The assisted living facility must  
920.17 determine whether the facility shall require a prescription for all medications the provider  
920.18 manages. The assisted living facility must inform the resident or the designated representative  
920.19 whether the facility requires a prescription for all over-the-counter and dietary supplements  
920.20 before the facility agrees to manage those medications.

920.21 Subd. 12. **Medications; over-the-counter drugs; dietary supplements not**  
920.22 **prescribed.** An assisted living facility providing medication management services for  
920.23 over-the-counter drugs or dietary supplements must retain those items in the original labeled  
920.24 container with directions for use prior to setting up for immediate or later administration.  
920.25 The facility must verify that the medications are up to date and stored as appropriate.

920.26 Subd. 13. **Prescriptions.** There must be a current written or electronically recorded  
920.27 prescription as defined in section 151.01, subdivision 16a, for all prescribed medications  
920.28 that the assisted living facility is managing for the resident.

920.29 Subd. 14. **Renewal of prescriptions.** Prescriptions must be renewed at least every 12  
920.30 months or more frequently as indicated by the assessment in subdivision 2. Prescriptions  
920.31 for controlled substances must comply with chapter 152.

921.1 Subd. 15. **Verbal prescription orders.** Verbal prescription orders from an authorized  
921.2 prescriber must be received by a nurse or pharmacist. The order must be handled according  
921.3 to Minnesota Rules, part 6800.6200.

921.4 Subd. 16. **Written or electronic prescription.** When a written or electronic prescription  
921.5 is received, it must be communicated to the registered nurse in charge and recorded or placed  
921.6 in the resident's record.

921.7 Subd. 17. **Records confidential.** A prescription or order received verbally, in writing,  
921.8 or electronically must be kept confidential according to sections 144.291 to 144.298 and  
921.9 144A.44.

921.10 Subd. 18. **Medications provided by resident or family members.** When the assisted  
921.11 living facility is aware of any medications or dietary supplements that are being used by  
921.12 the resident and are not included in the assessment for medication management services,  
921.13 the staff must advise the registered nurse and document that in the resident's record.

921.14 Subd. 19. **Storage of medications.** An assisted living facility must store all prescription  
921.15 medications in securely locked and substantially constructed compartments according to  
921.16 the manufacturer's directions and permit only authorized personnel to have access.

921.17 Subd. 20. **Prescription drugs.** A prescription drug, prior to being set up for immediate  
921.18 or later administration, must be kept in the original container in which it was dispensed by  
921.19 the pharmacy bearing the original prescription label with legible information including the  
921.20 expiration or beyond-use date of a time-dated drug.

921.21 Subd. 21. **Prohibitions.** No prescription drug supply for one resident may be used or  
921.22 saved for use by anyone other than the resident.

921.23 Subd. 22. **Disposition of medications.** (a) Any current medications being managed by  
921.24 the assisted living facility must be given to the resident or the designated representative  
921.25 when the resident's service plan ends or medication management services are no longer part  
921.26 of the service plan. Medications for a resident who is deceased or that have been discontinued  
921.27 or have expired may be given to the resident or the designated representative for disposal.

921.28 (b) The assisted living facility shall dispose of any medications remaining with the  
921.29 facility that are discontinued or expired or upon the termination of the service contract or  
921.30 the resident's death according to state and federal regulations for disposition of medications  
921.31 and controlled substances.

921.32 (c) Upon disposition, the facility must document in the resident's record the disposition  
921.33 of the medication including the medication's name, strength, prescription number as

922.1 applicable, quantity, to whom the medications were given, date of disposition, and names  
922.2 of staff and other individuals involved in the disposition.

922.3 Subd. 23. **Loss or spillage.** (a) Assisted living facilities providing medication  
922.4 management must develop and implement procedures for loss or spillage of all controlled  
922.5 substances defined in Minnesota Rules, part 6800.4220. These procedures must require that  
922.6 when a spillage of a controlled substance occurs, a notation must be made in the resident's  
922.7 record explaining the spillage and the actions taken. The notation must be signed by the  
922.8 person responsible for the spillage and include verification that any contaminated substance  
922.9 was disposed of according to state or federal regulations.

922.10 (b) The procedures must require that the facility providing medication management  
922.11 investigate any known loss or unaccounted for prescription drugs and take appropriate action  
922.12 required under state or federal regulations and document the investigation in required records.

922.13 Sec. 19. **[144I.18] TREATMENT AND THERAPY MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

922.14 Subdivision 1. **Treatment and therapy management services.** This section applies  
922.15 only to assisted living facilities that provide comprehensive assisted living services.

922.16 Subd. 2. **Policies and procedures.** (a) An assisted living facility that provides treatment  
922.17 and therapy management services must develop, implement, and maintain up-to-date written  
922.18 treatment or therapy management policies and procedures. The policies and procedures  
922.19 must be developed under the supervision and direction of a registered nurse or appropriate  
922.20 licensed health professional consistent with current practice standards and guidelines.

922.21 (b) The written policies and procedures must address requesting and receiving orders  
922.22 or prescriptions for treatments or therapies, providing the treatment or therapy, documenting  
922.23 treatment or therapy activities, educating and communicating with residents about treatments  
922.24 or therapies they are receiving, monitoring and evaluating the treatment or therapy, and  
922.25 communicating with the prescriber.

922.26 Subd. 3. **Individualized treatment or therapy management plan.** For each resident  
922.27 receiving management of ordered or prescribed treatments or therapy services, the assisted  
922.28 living facility must prepare and include in the service plan a written statement of the treatment  
922.29 or therapy services that will be provided to the resident. The facility must also develop and  
922.30 maintain a current individualized treatment and therapy management record for each resident  
922.31 which must contain at least the following:

922.32 (1) a statement of the type of services that will be provided;

923.1 (2) documentation of specific resident instructions relating to the treatments or therapy  
923.2 administration;

923.3 (3) identification of treatment or therapy tasks that will be delegated to unlicensed  
923.4 personnel;

923.5 (4) procedures for notifying a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional  
923.6 when a problem arises with treatments or therapy services; and

923.7 (5) any resident-specific requirements relating to documentation of treatment and therapy  
923.8 received, verification that all treatment and therapy was administered as prescribed, and  
923.9 monitoring of treatment or therapy to prevent possible complications or adverse reactions.  
923.10 The treatment or therapy management record must be current and updated when there are  
923.11 any changes.

923.12 Subd. 4. **Administration of treatments and therapy.** Ordered or prescribed treatments  
923.13 or therapies must be administered by a nurse, physician, or other licensed health professional  
923.14 authorized to perform the treatment or therapy, or may be delegated or assigned to unlicensed  
923.15 personnel by the licensed health professional according to the appropriate practice standards  
923.16 for delegation or assignment. When administration of a treatment or therapy is delegated  
923.17 or assigned to unlicensed personnel, the facility must ensure that the registered nurse or  
923.18 authorized licensed health professional has:

923.19 (1) instructed the unlicensed personnel in the proper methods with respect to each resident  
923.20 and the unlicensed personnel has demonstrated the ability to competently follow the  
923.21 procedures;

923.22 (2) specified, in writing, specific instructions for each resident and documented those  
923.23 instructions in the resident's record; and

923.24 (3) communicated with the unlicensed personnel about the individual needs of the  
923.25 resident.

923.26 Subd. 5. **Documentation of administration of treatments and therapies.** Each treatment  
923.27 or therapy administered by an assisted living facility must be in the resident's record. The  
923.28 documentation must include the signature and title of the person who administered the  
923.29 treatment or therapy and must include the date and time of administration. When treatment  
923.30 or therapies are not administered as ordered or prescribed, the provider must document the  
923.31 reason why it was not administered and any follow-up procedures that were provided to  
923.32 meet the resident's needs.

924.1 Subd. 6. Treatment and therapy orders. There must be an up-to-date written or  
924.2 electronically recorded order from an authorized prescriber for all treatments and therapies.  
924.3 The order must contain the name of the resident, a description of the treatment or therapy  
924.4 to be provided, and the frequency, duration, and other information needed to administer the  
924.5 treatment or therapy. Treatment and therapy orders must be renewed at least every 12  
924.6 months.

924.7 Subd. 7. Right to outside service provider; other payors. Under section 144J.02, a  
924.8 resident is free to retain therapy and treatment services from an off-site service provider.  
924.9 Assisted living facilities must make every effort to assist residents in obtaining information  
924.10 regarding whether the Medicare program, the medical assistance program under chapter  
924.11 256B, or another public program will pay for any or all of the services.

924.12 **Sec. 20. [144I.19] RESIDENT RECORD REQUIREMENTS.**

924.13 Subdivision 1. Resident record. (a) The facility must maintain records for each resident  
924.14 for whom it is providing services. Entries in the resident records must be current, legible,  
924.15 permanently recorded, dated, and authenticated with the name and title of the person making  
924.16 the entry.

924.17 (b) Resident records, whether written or electronic, must be protected against loss,  
924.18 tampering, or unauthorized disclosure in compliance with chapter 13 and other applicable  
924.19 relevant federal and state laws. The facility shall establish and implement written procedures  
924.20 to control use, storage, and security of resident's records and establish criteria for release  
924.21 of resident information.

924.22 (c) The facility may not disclose to any other person any personal, financial, or medical  
924.23 information about the resident, except:

924.24 (1) as may be required by law;

924.25 (2) to employees or contractors of the facility, another facility, other health care  
924.26 practitioner or provider, or inpatient facility needing information in order to provide services  
924.27 to the resident, but only the information that is necessary for the provision of services;

924.28 (3) to persons authorized in writing by the resident or the resident's representative to  
924.29 receive the information, including third-party payers; and

924.30 (4) to representatives of the commissioner authorized to survey or investigate facilities  
924.31 under this chapter or federal laws.



925.1 Subd. 2. Access to records. The facility must ensure that the appropriate records are  
925.2 readily available to employees and contractors authorized to access the records. Resident  
925.3 records must be maintained in a manner that allows for timely access, printing, or  
925.4 transmission of the records. The records must be made readily available to the commissioner  
925.5 upon request.

925.6 Subd. 3. Contents of resident record. Contents of a resident record include the following  
925.7 for each resident:

925.8 (1) identifying information, including the resident's name, date of birth, address, and  
925.9 telephone number;

925.10 (2) the name, address, and telephone number of an emergency contact, family members,  
925.11 designated representative, if any, or others as identified;

925.12 (3) names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the resident's health and medical service  
925.13 providers, if known;

925.14 (4) health information, including medical history, allergies, and when the provider is  
925.15 managing medications, treatments or therapies that require documentation, and other relevant  
925.16 health records;

925.17 (5) the resident's advance directives, if any;

925.18 (6) copies of any health care directives, guardianships, powers of attorney, or  
925.19 conservatorships;

925.20 (7) the facility's current and previous assessments and service plans;

925.21 (8) all records of communications pertinent to the resident's services;

925.22 (9) documentation of significant changes in the resident's status and actions taken in  
925.23 response to the needs of the resident, including reporting to the appropriate supervisor or  
925.24 health care professional;

925.25 (10) documentation of incidents involving the resident and actions taken in response to  
925.26 the needs of the resident, including reporting to the appropriate supervisor or health care  
925.27 professional;

925.28 (11) documentation that services have been provided as identified in the service plan;

925.29 (12) documentation that the resident has received and reviewed the assisted living bill  
925.30 of rights;

925.31 (13) documentation of complaints received and any resolution;

926.1 (14) a discharge summary, including service termination notice and related  
926.2 documentation, when applicable; and

926.3 (15) other documentation required under this chapter and relevant to the resident's  
926.4 services or status.

926.5 Subd. 4. **Transfer of resident records.** If a resident transfers to another facility or  
926.6 another health care practitioner or provider, or is admitted to an inpatient facility, the facility,  
926.7 upon request of the resident or the resident's representative, shall take steps to ensure a  
926.8 coordinated transfer including sending a copy or summary of the resident's record to the  
926.9 new facility or the resident, as appropriate.

926.10 Subd. 5. **Record retention.** Following the resident's discharge or termination of services,  
926.11 a facility must retain a resident's record for at least five years or as otherwise required by  
926.12 state or federal regulations. Arrangements must be made for secure storage and retrieval of  
926.13 resident records if the facility ceases to operate.

926.14 Sec. 21. **[144I.20] ORIENTATION AND ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

926.15 Subdivision 1. **Orientation of staff and supervisors.** All staff providing and supervising  
926.16 direct services must complete an orientation to facility licensing requirements and regulations  
926.17 before providing services to residents. The orientation may be incorporated into the training  
926.18 required under subdivision 6. The orientation need only be completed once for each staff  
926.19 person and is not transferable to another facility.

926.20 Subd. 2. **Content.** (a) The orientation must contain the following topics:

926.21 (1) an overview of this chapter;

926.22 (2) an introduction and review of the facility's policies and procedures related to the  
926.23 provision of assisted living services by the individual staff person;

926.24 (3) handling of emergencies and use of emergency services;

926.25 (4) compliance with and reporting of the maltreatment of vulnerable adults under section  
926.26 626.557, including information on the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center;

926.27 (5) assisted living bill of rights under section 144J.02;

926.28 (6) protection-related rights under section 144I.10, subdivision 8, and staff responsibilities  
926.29 related to ensuring the exercise and protection of those rights;

926.30 (7) the principles of person-centered service planning and delivery and how they apply  
926.31 to direct support services provided by the staff person;

927.1 (8) handling of residents' complaints, reporting of complaints, and where to report  
927.2 complaints, including information on the Office of Health Facility Complaints;

927.3 (9) consumer advocacy services of the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care,  
927.4 Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Managed Care  
927.5 Ombudsman at the Department of Human Services, county-managed care advocates, or  
927.6 other relevant advocacy services; and

927.7 (10) a review of the types of assisted living services the employee will be providing and  
927.8 the facility's category of licensure.

927.9 (b) In addition to the topics in paragraph (a), orientation may also contain training on  
927.10 providing services to residents with hearing loss. Any training on hearing loss provided  
927.11 under this subdivision must be high quality and research based, may include online training,  
927.12 and must include training on one or more of the following topics:

927.13 (1) an explanation of age-related hearing loss and how it manifests itself, its prevalence,  
927.14 and the challenges it poses to communication;

927.15 (2) health impacts related to untreated age-related hearing loss, such as increased  
927.16 incidence of dementia, falls, hospitalizations, isolation, and depression; or

927.17 (3) information about strategies and technology that may enhance communication and  
927.18 involvement, including communication strategies, assistive listening devices, hearing aids,  
927.19 visual and tactile alerting devices, communication access in real time, and closed captions.

927.20 Subd. 3. **Verification and documentation of orientation.** Each facility shall retain  
927.21 evidence in the employee record of each staff person having completed the orientation  
927.22 required by this section.

927.23 Subd. 4. **Orientation to resident.** Staff providing services must be oriented specifically  
927.24 to each individual resident and the services to be provided. This orientation may be provided  
927.25 in person, orally, in writing, or electronically.

927.26 Subd. 5. **Training required relating to dementia.** All direct care staff and supervisors  
927.27 providing direct services must receive training that includes a current explanation of  
927.28 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, effective approaches to use to problem solve  
927.29 when working with a resident's challenging behaviors, and how to communicate with  
927.30 residents who have dementia or related memory disorders.

927.31 Subd. 6. **Required annual training.** (a) All staff that perform direct services must  
927.32 complete at least eight hours of annual training for each 12 months of employment. The

928.1 training may be obtained from the facility or another source and must include topics relevant  
928.2 to the provision of assisted living services. The annual training must include:

928.3 (1) training on reporting of maltreatment of vulnerable adults under section 626.557;

928.4 (2) review of the assisted living bill of rights in section 144J.02;

928.5 (3) review of infection control techniques used in the home and implementation of

928.6 infection control standards including a review of hand washing techniques; the need for and

928.7 use of protective gloves, gowns, and masks; appropriate disposal of contaminated materials

928.8 and equipment, such as dressings, needles, syringes, and razor blades; disinfecting reusable

928.9 equipment; disinfecting environmental surfaces; and reporting communicable diseases;

928.10 (4) effective approaches to use to problem solve when working with a resident's

928.11 challenging behaviors, and how to communicate with residents who have Alzheimer's

928.12 disease or related disorders;

928.13 (5) review of the facility's policies and procedures relating to the provision of assisted

928.14 living services and how to implement those policies and procedures;

928.15 (6) review of protection-related rights as stated in section 144I.10, subdivision 8, and

928.16 staff responsibilities related to ensuring the exercise and protection of those rights; and

928.17 (7) the principles of person-centered service planning and delivery and how they apply

928.18 to direct support services provided by the staff person.

928.19 (b) In addition to the topics in paragraph (a), annual training may also contain training

928.20 on providing services to residents with hearing loss. Any training on hearing loss provided

928.21 under this subdivision must be high quality and research based, may include online training,

928.22 and must include training on one or more of the following topics:

928.23 (1) an explanation of age-related hearing loss and how it manifests itself, its prevalence,

928.24 and challenges it poses to communication;

928.25 (2) the health impacts related to untreated age-related hearing loss, such as increased

928.26 incidence of dementia, falls, hospitalizations, isolation, and depression; or

928.27 (3) information about strategies and technology that may enhance communication and

928.28 involvement, including communication strategies, assistive listening devices, hearing aids,

928.29 visual and tactile alerting devices, communication access in real time, and closed captions.

928.30 Subd. 7. **Documentation.** A facility must retain documentation in the employee records

928.31 of staff who have satisfied the orientation and training requirements of this section.

929.1 Subd. 8. **Implementation.** A facility must implement all orientation and training topics  
929.2 covered in this section.

929.3 Sec. 22. **[144I.21] TRAINING IN DEMENTIA CARE REQUIRED.**

929.4 (a) Assisted living facilities and assisted living facilities with dementia care must meet  
929.5 the following training requirements:

929.6 (1) supervisors of direct-care staff must have at least eight hours of initial training on  
929.7 topics specified under paragraph (b) within 120 working hours of the employment start  
929.8 date, and must have at least two hours of training on topics related to dementia care for each  
929.9 12 months of employment thereafter;

929.10 (2) direct-care employees must have completed at least eight hours of initial training on  
929.11 topics specified under paragraph (b) within 160 working hours of the employment start  
929.12 date. Until this initial training is complete, an employee must not provide direct care unless  
929.13 there is another employee on site who has completed the initial eight hours of training on  
929.14 topics related to dementia care and who can act as a resource and assist if issues arise. A  
929.15 trainer of the requirements under paragraph (b) or a supervisor meeting the requirements  
929.16 in clause (1) must be available for consultation with the new employee until the training  
929.17 requirement is complete. Direct-care employees must have at least two hours of training on  
929.18 topics related to dementia for each 12 months of employment thereafter;

929.19 (3) staff who do not provide direct care, including maintenance, housekeeping, and food  
929.20 service staff, must have at least four hours of initial training on topics specified under  
929.21 paragraph (b) within 160 working hours of the employment start date, and must have at  
929.22 least two hours of training on topics related to dementia care for each 12 months of  
929.23 employment thereafter; and

929.24 (4) new employees may satisfy the initial training requirements by producing written  
929.25 proof of previously completed required training within the past 18 months.

929.26 (b) Areas of required training include:

929.27 (1) an explanation of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;

929.28 (2) assistance with activities of daily living;

929.29 (3) problem solving with challenging behaviors; and

929.30 (4) communication skills.

930.1 (c) The facility shall provide to consumers in written or electronic form a description of  
930.2 the training program, the categories of employees trained, the frequency of training, and  
930.3 the basic topics covered.

930.4 Sec. 23. [144I.22] CONTROLLING INDIVIDUAL RESTRICTIONS.

930.5 Subdivision 1. **Restrictions.** The controlling individual of a facility may not include  
930.6 any person who was a controlling individual of any other nursing home, assisted living  
930.7 facility, or assisted living facility with dementia care during any period of time in the previous  
930.8 two-year period:

930.9 (1) during which time of control the nursing home, assisted living facility, or assisted  
930.10 living facility with dementia care incurred the following number of uncorrected or repeated  
930.11 violations:

930.12 (i) two or more uncorrected violations or one or more repeated violations that created  
930.13 an imminent risk to direct resident care or safety; or

930.14 (ii) four or more uncorrected violations or two or more repeated violations of any nature,  
930.15 including Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 violations as defined in section 144I.31; or

930.16 (2) who, during that period, was convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor that relates  
930.17 to the operation of the nursing home, assisted living facility, or assisted living facility with  
930.18 dementia care, or directly affects resident safety or care.

930.19 Subd. 2. **Exception.** Subdivision 1 does not apply to any controlling individual of the  
930.20 facility who had no legal authority to affect or change decisions related to the operation of  
930.21 the nursing home, assisted living facility, or assisted living facility with dementia care that  
930.22 incurred the uncorrected violations.

930.23 Subd. 3. **Stay of adverse action required by controlling individual restrictions.** (a)  
930.24 In lieu of revoking, suspending, or refusing to renew the license of a facility where a  
930.25 controlling individual was disqualified by subdivision 1, clause (1), the commissioner may  
930.26 issue an order staying the revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of the facility's license.

930.27 The order may but need not be contingent upon the facility's compliance with restrictions  
930.28 and conditions imposed on the license to ensure the proper operation of the facility and to  
930.29 protect the health, safety, comfort, treatment, and well-being of the residents in the facility.

930.30 The decision to issue an order for a stay must be made within 90 days of the commissioner's  
930.31 determination that a controlling individual of the facility is disqualified by subdivision 1,  
930.32 clause (1), from operating a facility.

931.1 (b) In determining whether to issue a stay and to impose conditions and restrictions, the  
931.2 commissioner must consider the following factors:

931.3 (1) the ability of the controlling individual to operate other facilities in accordance with  
931.4 the licensure rules and laws;

931.5 (2) the conditions in the nursing home, assisted living facility, or assisted living facility  
931.6 with dementia care that received the number and type of uncorrected or repeated violations  
931.7 described in subdivision 1, clause (1); and

931.8 (3) the conditions and compliance history of each of the nursing homes, assisted living  
931.9 facilities, and assisted living facilities with dementia care owned or operated by the  
931.10 controlling individuals.

931.11 (c) The commissioner's decision to exercise the authority under this subdivision in lieu  
931.12 of revoking, suspending, or refusing to renew the license of the facility is not subject to  
931.13 administrative or judicial review.

931.14 (d) The order for the stay of revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of the facility license  
931.15 must include any conditions and restrictions on the license that the commissioner deems  
931.16 necessary based on the factors listed in paragraph (b).

931.17 (e) Prior to issuing an order for stay of revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal, the  
931.18 commissioner shall inform the controlling individual in writing of any conditions and  
931.19 restrictions that will be imposed. The controlling individual shall, within ten working days,  
931.20 notify the commissioner in writing of a decision to accept or reject the conditions and  
931.21 restrictions. If the facility rejects any of the conditions and restrictions, the commissioner  
931.22 must either modify the conditions and restrictions or take action to suspend, revoke, or not  
931.23 renew the facility's license.

931.24 (f) Upon issuance of the order for a stay of revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal, the  
931.25 controlling individual shall be responsible for compliance with the conditions and restrictions.  
931.26 Any time after the conditions and restrictions have been in place for 180 days, the controlling  
931.27 individual may petition the commissioner for removal or modification of the conditions and  
931.28 restrictions. The commissioner must respond to the petition within 30 days of receipt of the  
931.29 written petition. If the commissioner denies the petition, the controlling individual may  
931.30 request a hearing under the provisions of chapter 14. Any hearing shall be limited to a  
931.31 determination of whether the conditions and restrictions shall be modified or removed. At  
931.32 the hearing, the controlling individual bears the burden of proof.

932.1 (g) The failure of the controlling individual to comply with the conditions and restrictions  
932.2 contained in the order for stay shall result in the immediate removal of the stay and the  
932.3 commissioner shall take action to suspend, revoke, or not renew the license.

932.4 (h) The conditions and restrictions are effective for two years after the date they are  
932.5 imposed.

932.6 (i) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to limit in any way the commissioner's  
932.7 ability to impose other sanctions against a facility licensee under the standards in state or  
932.8 federal law whether or not a stay of revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal is issued.

932.9 **Sec. 24. [144I.23] MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

932.10 Subdivision 1. **Notification.** (a) If the proposed or current licensee uses a manager, the  
932.11 licensee must have a written management agreement that is consistent with this chapter.

932.12 (b) The proposed or current licensee must notify the commissioner of its use of a manager  
932.13 upon:

932.14 (1) initial application for a license;

932.15 (2) retention of a manager following initial application;

932.16 (3) change of managers; and

932.17 (4) modification of an existing management agreement.

932.18 (c) The proposed or current licensee must provide to the commissioner a written  
932.19 management agreement, including an organizational chart showing the relationship between  
932.20 the proposed or current licensee, management company, and all related organizations.

932.21 (d) The written management agreement must be submitted:

932.22 (1) 60 days before:

932.23 (i) the initial licensure date;

932.24 (ii) the proposed change of ownership date; or

932.25 (iii) the effective date of the management agreement; or

932.26 (2) 30 days before the effective date of any amendment to an existing management  
932.27 agreement.

932.28 (e) The proposed licensee or the current licensee must notify the residents and their  
932.29 representatives 60 days before entering into a new management agreement.

932.30 (f) A proposed licensee must submit a management agreement.



- 933.1 Subd. 2. **Management agreement; licensee.** (a) The licensee is legally responsible for:
- 933.2 (1) the daily operations and provisions of services in the facility;
- 933.3 (2) ensuring the facility is operated in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and
- 933.4 rules;
- 933.5 (3) ensuring the manager acts in conformance with the management agreement; and
- 933.6 (4) ensuring the manager does not present as, or give the appearance that the manager
- 933.7 is the licensee.
- 933.8 (b) The licensee must not give the manager responsibilities that are so extensive that the
- 933.9 licensee is relieved of daily responsibility for the daily operations and provision of services
- 933.10 in the assisted living facility. If the licensee does so, the commissioner must determine that
- 933.11 a change of ownership has occurred.
- 933.12 (c) The licensee and manager must act in accordance with the terms of the management
- 933.13 agreement. If the commissioner determines they are not, then the department may impose
- 933.14 enforcement remedies.
- 933.15 (d) The licensee may enter into a management agreement only if the management
- 933.16 agreement creates a principal/agent relationship between the licensee and manager.
- 933.17 (e) The manager shall not subcontract the manager's responsibilities to a third party.
- 933.18 Subd. 3. **Terms of agreement.** A management agreement at a minimum must:
- 933.19 (1) describe the responsibilities of the licensee and manager, including items, services,
- 933.20 and activities to be provided;
- 933.21 (2) require the licensee's governing body, board of directors, or similar authority to
- 933.22 appoint the administrator;
- 933.23 (3) provide for the maintenance and retention of all records in accordance with this
- 933.24 chapter and other applicable laws;
- 933.25 (4) allow unlimited access by the commissioner to documentation and records according
- 933.26 to applicable laws or regulations;
- 933.27 (5) require the manager to immediately send copies of inspections and notices of
- 933.28 noncompliance to the licensee;
- 933.29 (6) state that the licensee is responsible for reviewing, acknowledging, and signing all
- 933.30 facility initial and renewal license applications;

934.1 (7) state that the manager and licensee shall review the management agreement annually  
934.2 and notify the commissioner of any change according to applicable regulations;

934.3 (8) acknowledge that the licensee is the party responsible for complying with all laws  
934.4 and rules applicable to the facility;

934.5 (9) require the licensee to maintain ultimate responsibility over personnel issues relating  
934.6 to the operation of the facility and care of the residents including but not limited to staffing  
934.7 plans, hiring, and performance management of employees, orientation, and training;

934.8 (10) state the manager will not present as, or give the appearance that the manager is  
934.9 the licensee; and

934.10 (11) state that a duly authorized manager may execute resident leases or agreements on  
934.11 behalf of the licensee, but all such resident leases or agreements must be between the licensee  
934.12 and the resident.

934.13 Subd. 4. **Commissioner review.** The commissioner may review a management agreement  
934.14 at any time. Following the review, the department may require:

934.15 (1) the proposed or current licensee or manager to provide additional information or  
934.16 clarification;

934.17 (2) any changes necessary to:

934.18 (i) bring the management agreement into compliance with this chapter; and

934.19 (ii) ensure that the licensee has not been relieved of the legal responsibility for the daily  
934.20 operations of the facility; and

934.21 (3) the licensee to participate in monthly meetings and quarterly on-site visits to the  
934.22 facility.

934.23 Subd. 5. **Resident funds.** (a) If the management agreement delegates day-to-day  
934.24 management of resident funds to the manager, the licensee:

934.25 (1) retains all fiduciary and custodial responsibility for funds that have been deposited  
934.26 with the facility by the resident;

934.27 (2) is directly accountable to the resident for such funds; and

934.28 (3) must ensure any party responsible for holding or managing residents' personal funds  
934.29 is bonded or obtains insurance in sufficient amounts to specifically cover losses of resident  
934.30 funds and provides proof of bond or insurance.

935.1 (b) If responsibilities for the day-to-day management of the resident funds are delegated  
935.2 to the manager, the manager must:

935.3 (1) provide the licensee with a monthly accounting of the resident funds; and

935.4 (2) meet all legal requirements related to holding and accounting for resident funds.

935.5 **Sec. 25. [144I.24] MINIMUM SITE, PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, AND FIRE**  
935.6 **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.**

935.7 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) Effective August 1, 2021, the following are required  
935.8 for all assisted living facilities and assisted living facilities with dementia care:

935.9 (1) public utilities must be available, and working or inspected and approved water and  
935.10 septic systems are in place;

935.11 (2) the location is publicly accessible to fire department services and emergency medical  
935.12 services;

935.13 (3) the location's topography provides sufficient natural drainage and is not subject to  
935.14 flooding;

935.15 (4) all-weather roads and walks must be provided within the lot lines to the primary  
935.16 entrance and the service entrance, including employees' and visitors' parking at the site; and

935.17 (5) the location must include space for outdoor activities for residents.

935.18 (b) An assisted living facility with a dementia care unit must also meet the following  
935.19 requirements:

935.20 (1) a hazard vulnerability assessment or safety risk must be performed on and around  
935.21 the property. The hazards indicated on the assessment must be assessed and mitigated to  
935.22 protect the residents from harm; and

935.23 (2) the facility shall be protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic  
935.24 sprinkler system by August 1, 2029.

935.25 **Subd. 2. Fire protection and physical environment. (a) Effective December 31, 2019,**  
935.26 **each assisted living facility and assisted living facility with dementia care must have a**  
935.27 **comprehensive fire protection system that includes:**

935.28 (1) protection throughout by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system according  
935.29 to building code requirements established in Minnesota Rules, part 1305.0903, or smoke  
935.30 detectors in each occupied room installed and maintained in accordance with the National  
935.31 Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 72;

936.1 (2) portable fire extinguishers installed and tested in accordance with the NFPA Standard  
936.2 10; and

936.3 (3) the physical environment, including walls, floors, ceiling, all furnishings, grounds,  
936.4 systems, and equipment must be kept in a continuous state of good repair and operation  
936.5 with regard to the health, safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents in accordance  
936.6 with a maintenance and repair program.

936.7 (b) Beginning August 1, 2021, fire drills shall be conducted in accordance with the  
936.8 residential board and care requirements in the Life Safety Code.

936.9 Subd. 3. **Local laws apply.** Assisted living facilities shall comply with all applicable  
936.10 state and local governing laws, regulations, standards, ordinances, and codes for fire safety,  
936.11 building, and zoning requirements.

936.12 Subd. 4. **Assisted living facilities; design.** (a) After July 31, 2021, all assisted living  
936.13 facilities with six or more residents must meet the provisions relevant to assisted living  
936.14 facilities of the most current edition of the Facility Guidelines Institute "Guidelines for  
936.15 Design and Construction of Residential Health, Care and Support Facilities" and of adopted  
936.16 rules. This minimum design standard shall be met for all new licenses, new construction,  
936.17 modifications, renovations, alterations, change of use, or additions. In addition to the  
936.18 guidelines, assisted living facilities, and assisted living facilities with dementia care shall  
936.19 provide the option of a bath in addition to a shower for all residents.

936.20 (b) The commissioner shall establish an implementation timeline for mandatory usage  
936.21 of the latest published guidelines. However, the commissioner shall not enforce the latest  
936.22 published guidelines before six months after the date of publication.

936.23 Subd. 5. **Assisted living facilities; life safety code.** (a) After August 1, 2021, all assisted  
936.24 living facilities with six or more residents shall meet the applicable provisions of the most  
936.25 current edition of the NFPA Standard 101, Life Safety Code, Residential Board and Care  
936.26 Occupancies chapter. This minimum design standard shall be met for all new licenses, new  
936.27 construction, modifications, renovations, alterations, change of use, or additions.

936.28 (b) The commissioner shall establish an implementation timeline for mandatory usage  
936.29 of the latest published Life Safety Code. However, the commissioner shall not enforce the  
936.30 latest published guidelines before six months after the date of publication.

936.31 Subd. 6. **Assisted living facilities with dementia care units; life safety code.** (a)  
936.32 Beginning August 1, 2021, all assisted living facilities with dementia care units shall meet  
936.33 the applicable provisions of the most current edition of the NFPA Standard 101, Life Safety

937.1 Code, Healthcare (limited care) chapter. This minimum design standard shall be met for all  
937.2 new licenses, new construction, modifications, renovations, alterations, change of use or  
937.3 additions.

937.4 (b) The commissioner shall establish an implementation timeline for mandatory usage  
937.5 of the newest-published Life Safety Code. However, the commissioner shall not enforce  
937.6 the newly-published guidelines before 6 months after the date of publication.

937.7 Subd. 7. **New construction; plans.** (a) For all new licensure and construction beginning  
937.8 on or after August 1, 2021, the following must be provided to the commissioner:

937.9 (1) architectural and engineering plans and specifications for new construction must be  
937.10 prepared and signed by architects and engineers who are registered in Minnesota. Final  
937.11 working drawings and specifications for proposed construction must be submitted to the  
937.12 commissioner for review and approval;

937.13 (2) final architectural plans and specifications must include elevations and sections  
937.14 through the building showing types of construction, and must indicate dimensions and  
937.15 assignments of rooms and areas, room finishes, door types and hardware, elevations and  
937.16 details of nurses' work areas, utility rooms, toilet and bathing areas, and large-scale layouts  
937.17 of dietary and laundry areas. Plans must show the location of fixed equipment and sections  
937.18 and details of elevators, chutes, and other conveying systems. Fire walls and smoke partitions  
937.19 must be indicated. The roof plan must show all mechanical installations. The site plan must  
937.20 indicate the proposed and existing buildings, topography, roadways, walks and utility service  
937.21 lines; and

937.22 (3) final mechanical and electrical plans and specifications must address the complete  
937.23 layout and type of all installations, systems, and equipment to be provided. Heating plans  
937.24 must include heating elements, piping, thermostatic controls, pumps, tanks, heat exchangers,  
937.25 boilers, breeching and accessories. Ventilation plans must include room air quantities, ducts,  
937.26 fire and smoke dampers, exhaust fans, humidifiers, and air handling units. Plumbing plans  
937.27 must include the fixtures and equipment fixture schedule; water supply and circulating  
937.28 piping, pumps, tanks, riser diagrams, and building drains; the size, location, and elevation  
937.29 of water and sewer services; and the building fire protection systems. Electrical plans must  
937.30 include fixtures and equipment, receptacles, switches, power outlets, circuits, power and  
937.31 light panels, transformers, and service feeders. Plans must show location of nurse call signals,  
937.32 cable lines, fire alarm stations, and fire detectors and emergency lighting.

937.33 (b) Unless construction is begun within one year after approval of the final working  
937.34 drawing and specifications, the drawings must be resubmitted for review and approval.

938.1 (c) The commissioner must be notified within 30 days before completion of construction  
938.2 so that the commissioner can make arrangements for a final inspection by the commissioner.

938.3 (d) At least one set of complete life safety plans, including changes resulting from  
938.4 remodeling or alterations, must be kept on file in the facility.

938.5 Subd. 8. **Variances or waivers.** (a) A facility may request that the commissioner grant  
938.6 a variance or waiver from the provisions of this section. A request for a waiver must be  
938.7 submitted to the commissioner in writing. Each request must contain:

938.8 (1) the specific requirement for which the variance or waiver is requested;

938.9 (2) the reasons for the request;

938.10 (3) the alternative measures that will be taken if a variance or waiver is granted;

938.11 (4) the length of time for which the variance or waiver is requested; and

938.12 (5) other relevant information deemed necessary by the commissioner to properly evaluate  
938.13 the request for the waiver.

938.14 (b) The decision to grant or deny a variance or waiver must be based on the  
938.15 commissioner's evaluation of the following criteria:

938.16 (1) whether the waiver will adversely affect the health, treatment, comfort, safety, or  
938.17 well-being of a patient;

938.18 (2) whether the alternative measures to be taken, if any, are equivalent to or superior to  
938.19 those prescribed in this section; and

938.20 (3) whether compliance with the requirements would impose an undue burden on the  
938.21 applicant.

938.22 (c) The commissioner must notify the applicant in writing of the decision. If a variance  
938.23 or waiver is granted, the notification must specify the period of time for which the variance  
938.24 or waiver is effective and the alternative measures or conditions, if any, to be met by the  
938.25 applicant.

938.26 (d) Alternative measures or conditions attached to a variance or waiver have the force  
938.27 and effect of this chapter and are subject to the issuance of correction orders and fines in  
938.28 accordance with sections 144I.30, subdivision 7, and 144I.31. The amount of fines for a  
938.29 violation of this section is that specified for the specific requirement for which the variance  
938.30 or waiver was requested.

939.1 (e) A request for the renewal of a variance or waiver must be submitted in writing at  
939.2 least 45 days before its expiration date. Renewal requests must contain the information  
939.3 specified in paragraph (b). A variance or waiver must be renewed by the department if the  
939.4 applicant continues to satisfy the criteria in paragraph (a) and demonstrates compliance  
939.5 with the alternative measures or conditions imposed at the time the original variance or  
939.6 waiver was granted.

939.7 (f) The department must deny, revoke, or refuse to renew a variance or waiver if it is  
939.8 determined that the criteria in paragraph (a) are not met. The applicant must be notified in  
939.9 writing of the reasons for the decision and informed of the right to appeal the decision.

939.10 (g) An applicant may contest the denial, revocation, or refusal to renew a variance or  
939.11 waiver by requesting a contested case hearing under chapter 14. The applicant must submit,  
939.12 within 15 days of the receipt of the department's decision, a written request for a hearing.  
939.13 The request for hearing must set forth in detail the reasons why the applicant contends the  
939.14 decision of the department should be reversed or modified. At the hearing, the applicant  
939.15 has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the applicant satisfied  
939.16 the criteria specified in paragraph (b), except in a proceeding challenging the revocation of  
939.17 a variance or waiver.

939.18 **Sec. 26. [144I.25] RESIDENCY AND SERVICES CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.**

939.19 Subdivision 1. **Contract required.** (a) An assisted living facility or assisted living facility  
939.20 with dementia care may not offer or provide housing or services to a resident unless it has  
939.21 executed a written contract with the resident.

939.22 (b) The contract must:

939.23 (1) be signed by both:

939.24 (i) the resident or the designated representative; and

939.25 (ii) the licensee or an agent of the facility; and

939.26 (2) contain all the terms concerning the provision of:

939.27 (i) housing; and

939.28 (ii) services, whether provided directly by the facility or by management agreement.

939.29 (c) A facility must:

939.30 (1) offer to prospective residents and provide to the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term  
939.31 Care a complete unsigned copy of its contract; and

940.1 (2) give a complete copy of any signed contract and any addendums, and all supporting  
940.2 documents and attachments, to the resident or the designated representative promptly after  
940.3 a contract and any addendum has been signed by the resident or the designated representative.

940.4 (d) A contract under this section is a consumer contract under sections 325G.29 to  
940.5 325G.37.

940.6 (e) Before or at the time of execution of the contract, the facility must offer the resident  
940.7 the opportunity to identify a designated or resident representative or both in writing in the  
940.8 contract. The contract must contain a page or space for the name and contact information  
940.9 of the designated or resident representative or both and a box the resident must initial if the  
940.10 resident declines to name a designated or resident representative. Notwithstanding paragraph  
940.11 (f), the resident has the right at any time to rescind the declination or add or change the  
940.12 name and contact information of the designated or resident representative.

940.13 (f) The resident must agree in writing to any additions or amendments to the contract.  
940.14 Upon agreement between the resident or resident's designated representative and the facility,  
940.15 a new contract or an addendum to the existing contract must be executed and signed.

940.16 Subd. 2. **Contents and contract; contact information.** (a) The contract must include  
940.17 in a conspicuous place and manner on the contract the legal name and the license number  
940.18 of the facility.

940.19 (b) The contract must include the name, telephone number, and physical mailing address,  
940.20 which may not be a public or private post office box, of:

940.21 (1) the facility and contracted service provider when applicable;

940.22 (2) the licensee of the facility;

940.23 (3) the managing agent of the facility, if applicable; and

940.24 (4) at least one natural person who is authorized to accept service of process on behalf  
940.25 of the facility.

940.26 (c) The contract must include:

940.27 (1) a description of all the terms and conditions of the contract, including a description  
940.28 of and any limitations to the housing and/or services to be provided for the contracted  
940.29 amount;

940.30 (2) a delineation of the cost and nature of any other services to be provided for an  
940.31 additional fee;



941.1 (3) a delineation and description of any additional fees the resident may be required to  
941.2 pay if the resident's condition changes during the term of the contract;

941.3 (4) a delineation of the grounds under which the resident may be discharged, evicted,  
941.4 or transferred or have services terminated; and

941.5 (5) billing and payment procedures and requirements.

941.6 (d) The contract must include a description of the facility's complaint resolution process  
941.7 available to residents, including the name and contact information of the person representing  
941.8 the facility who is designated to handle and resolve complaints.

941.9 (e) The contract must include a clear and conspicuous notice of:

941.10 (1) the right under section 144J.09 to challenge a discharge, eviction, or transfer or  
941.11 service termination;

941.12 (2) the facility's policy regarding transfer of residents within the facility, under what  
941.13 circumstances a transfer may occur, and whether or not consent of the resident being asked  
941.14 to transfer is required;

941.15 (3) contact information for the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, the  
941.16 Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the Office of Health  
941.17 Facility Complaints;

941.18 (4) the resident's right to obtain services from an unaffiliated service provider;

941.19 (5) a description of the assisted living facility's policies related to medical assistance  
941.20 waivers under sections 256B.0915 and 256B.49, including:

941.21 (i) whether the provider is enrolled with the commissioner of human services to provide  
941.22 customized living services under medical assistance waivers;

941.23 (ii) whether there is a limit on the number of people residing at the assisted living facility  
941.24 who can receive customized living services at any point in time. If so, the limit must be  
941.25 provided;

941.26 (iii) whether the assisted living facility requires a resident to pay privately for a period  
941.27 of time prior to accepting payment under medical assistance waivers, and if so, the length  
941.28 of time that private payment is required;

941.29 (iv) a statement that medical assistance waivers provide payment for services, but do  
941.30 not cover the cost of rent;

942.1 (v) a statement that residents may be eligible for assistance with rent through the housing  
942.2 support program; and

942.3 (vi) a description of the rent requirements for people who are eligible for medical  
942.4 assistance waivers but who are not eligible for assistance through the housing support  
942.5 program;

942.6 (6) the contact information to obtain long-term care consulting services under section  
942.7 256B.0911; and

942.8 (7) the toll-free phone number for the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center.

942.9 (f) The contract must include a description of the facility's complaint resolution process  
942.10 available to residents, including the name and contact information of the person representing  
942.11 the facility who is designated to handle and resolve complaints.

942.12 Subd. 3. **Additional contract requirements.** (a) A restriction of a resident's rights under  
942.13 this subdivision is allowed only if determined necessary for health and safety reasons  
942.14 identified by the facility's registered nurse in an initial assessment or reassessment, under  
942.15 section 144I.15, subdivision 9, and documented in the written service plan under section  
942.16 144I.15, subdivision 10. Any restrictions of those rights for individuals served under sections  
942.17 256B.0915 and 256B.49 must be documented in the resident's coordinated service and  
942.18 support plan (CSSP), as defined under sections 256B.0915, subdivision 6, and 256B.49,  
942.19 subdivision 15.

942.20 (b) The contract must include a statement:

942.21 (1) regarding the ability of a resident to furnish and decorate the resident's unit within  
942.22 the terms of the lease;

942.23 (2) regarding the resident's right to access food at any time;

942.24 (3) regarding a resident's right to choose the resident's visitors and times of visits;

942.25 (4) regarding the resident's right to choose a roommate if sharing a unit; and

942.26 (5) notifying the resident of the resident's right to have and use a lockable door to the  
942.27 resident's unit. The landlord shall provide the locks on the unit. Only a staff member with  
942.28 a specific need to enter the unit shall have keys, and advance notice must be given to the  
942.29 resident before entrance, when possible.

942.30 Subd. 4. **Filing.** The contract and related documents executed by each resident or the  
942.31 designated representative must be maintained by the facility in files from the date of execution  
942.32 until three years after the contract is terminated or expires. The contracts and all associated

943.1 documents will be available for on-site inspection by the commissioner at any time. The  
943.2 documents shall be available for viewing or copies shall be made available to the resident  
943.3 and the designated representative at any time.

943.4 Subd. 5. **Waivers of liability prohibited.** The contract must not include a waiver of  
943.5 facility liability for the health and safety or personal property of a resident. The contract  
943.6 must not include any provision that the facility knows or should know to be deceptive,  
943.7 unlawful, or unenforceable under state or federal law, nor include any provision that requires  
943.8 or implies a lesser standard of care or responsibility than is required by law.

943.9 Sec. 27. **[144I.27] PLANNED CLOSURES.**

943.10 Subdivision 1. **Closure plan required.** In the event that a facility elects to voluntarily  
943.11 close the facility, the facility must notify the commissioner and the Office of Ombudsman  
943.12 for Long-Term Care in writing by submitting a proposed closure plan.

943.13 Subd. 2. **Content of closure plan.** The facility's proposed closure plan must include:

943.14 (1) the procedures and actions the facility will implement to notify residents of the  
943.15 closure, including a copy of the written notice to be given to residents, designated  
943.16 representatives, resident representatives, or family;

943.17 (2) the procedures and actions the facility will implement to ensure all residents receive  
943.18 appropriate termination planning in accordance with section 144J.10, subdivisions 1 to 6,  
943.19 and final accountings and returns under section 144J.10, subdivision 7;

943.20 (3) assessments of the needs and preferences of individual residents; and

943.21 (4) procedures and actions the facility will implement to maintain compliance with this  
943.22 chapter until all residents have relocated.

943.23 Subd. 3. **Commissioner's approval required prior to implementation.** (a) The plan  
943.24 shall be subject to the commissioner's approval and subdivision 6. The facility shall take  
943.25 no action to close the residence prior to the commissioner's approval of the plan. The  
943.26 commissioner shall approve or otherwise respond to the plan as soon as practicable.

943.27 (b) The commissioner of health may require the facility to work with a transitional team  
943.28 comprised of department staff, staff of the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, and  
943.29 other professionals the commissioner deems necessary to assist in the proper relocation of  
943.30 residents.

943.31 Subd. 4. **Termination planning and final accounting requirements.** Prior to  
943.32 termination, the facility must follow the termination planning requirements under section

944.1 144J.10, subdivisions 1 to 6, and final accounting and return requirements under section  
944.2 144J.10, subdivision 7, for residents. The facility must implement the plan approved by the  
944.3 commissioner and ensure that arrangements for relocation and continued care that meet  
944.4 each resident's social, emotional, and health needs are effectuated prior to closure.

944.5 Subd. 5. **Notice to residents.** After the commissioner has approved the relocation plan  
944.6 and at least 60 calendar days before closing, except as provided under subdivision 6, the  
944.7 facility must notify residents, designated representatives, and resident representatives or, if  
944.8 a resident has no designated representative or resident representative, a family member, if  
944.9 known, of the closure, the proposed date of closure, the contact information of the  
944.10 ombudsman for long-term care, and that the facility will follow the termination planning  
944.11 requirements under section 144J.10, subdivisions 1 to 6, and final accounting and return  
944.12 requirements under section 144J.10, subdivision 7.

944.13 Subd. 6. **Emergency closures.** (a) In the event the facility must close because the  
944.14 commissioner deems the facility can no longer remain open, the facility must meet all  
944.15 requirements in subdivisions 1 to 5, except for any requirements the commissioner finds  
944.16 would endanger the health and safety of residents. In the event the commissioner determines  
944.17 a closure must occur with less than 60 calendar days' notice, the facility shall provide notice  
944.18 to residents as soon as practicable or as directed by the commissioner.

944.19 (b) Upon request from the commissioner, a facility must provide the commissioner with  
944.20 any documentation related to the appropriateness of its relocation plan, or to any assertion  
944.21 that the facility lacks the funds to comply with subdivision 1 to 5, or that remaining open  
944.22 would otherwise endanger the health and safety of residents pursuant to paragraph (a).

944.23 Subd. 7. **Other rights.** Nothing in this section or section 144J.08 or 144J.10 affects the  
944.24 rights and remedies available under chapter 504B, except to the extent those rights or  
944.25 remedies are inconsistent with this section.

944.26 Subd. 8. **Fine.** The commissioner may impose a fine for failure to follow the requirements  
944.27 of this section or section 144J.08 or 144J.10.

944.28 **Sec. 28. [144I.28] RELOCATIONS WITHIN ASSISTED LIVING LOCATION.**

944.29 Subdivision 1. **Notice required before relocation within location.** (a) A facility must:

944.30 (1) notify a resident and the resident's representative, if any, at least 14 calendar days  
944.31 prior to a proposed nonemergency relocation to a different room at the same location; and

944.32 (2) obtain consent from the resident and the resident's representative, if any.

945.1 (b) A resident must be allowed to stay in the resident's room. If a resident consents to a  
945.2 move, any needed reasonable modifications must be made to the new room to accommodate  
945.3 the resident's disabilities.

945.4 Subd. 2. **Evaluation.** A facility shall evaluate the resident's individual needs before  
945.5 deciding whether the room the resident will be moved to fits the resident's psychological,  
945.6 cognitive, and health care needs, including the accessibility of the bathroom.

945.7 Subd. 3. **Restriction on relocation.** A person who has been a private-pay resident for  
945.8 at least one year and resides in a private room, and whose payments subsequently will be  
945.9 made under the medical assistance program under chapter 256B, may not be relocated to a  
945.10 shared room without the consent of the resident or the resident's representative, if any.

945.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

945.12 Sec. 29. **[144I.29] COMMISSIONER OVERSIGHT AND AUTHORITY.**

945.13 Subdivision 1. **Regulations.** The commissioner shall regulate facilities pursuant to this  
945.14 chapter. The regulations shall include the following:

945.15 (1) provisions to assure, to the extent possible, the health, safety, well-being, and  
945.16 appropriate treatment of residents while respecting individual autonomy and choice;

945.17 (2) requirements that facilities furnish the commissioner with specified information  
945.18 necessary to implement this chapter;

945.19 (3) standards of training of facility personnel;

945.20 (4) standards for provision of services;

945.21 (5) standards for medication management;

945.22 (6) standards for supervision of services;

945.23 (7) standards for resident evaluation or assessment;

945.24 (8) standards for treatments and therapies;

945.25 (9) requirements for the involvement of a resident's health care provider, the  
945.26 documentation of the health care provider's orders, if required, and the resident's service  
945.27 plan;

945.28 (10) the maintenance of accurate, current resident records;

945.29 (11) the establishment of levels of licenses based on services provided; and

945.30 (12) provisions to enforce these regulations and the assisted living bill of rights.

946.1 Subd. 2. **Regulatory functions.** (a) The commissioner shall:

946.2 (1) license, survey, and monitor without advance notice facilities in accordance with  
946.3 this chapter;

946.4 (2) survey every provisional licensee within one year of the provisional license issuance  
946.5 date subject to the provisional licensee providing licensed services to residents;

946.6 (3) survey facility licensees annually;

946.7 (4) investigate complaints of facilities;

946.8 (5) issue correction orders and assess civil penalties;

946.9 (6) take action as authorized in section 144I.33; and

946.10 (7) take other action reasonably required to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

946.11 (b) Beginning August 1, 2021, the commissioner shall review blueprints for all new  
946.12 facility construction and must approve the plans before construction may be commenced.

946.13 (c) The commissioner shall provide on-site review of the construction to ensure that all  
946.14 physical environment standards are met before the facility license is complete.

946.15 Sec. 30. **[144I.30] SURVEYS AND INVESTIGATIONS.**

946.16 Subdivision 1. **Regulatory powers.** (a) The Department of Health is the exclusive state  
946.17 agency charged with the responsibility and duty of surveying and investigating all facilities  
946.18 required to be licensed under this chapter. The commissioner of health shall enforce all  
946.19 sections of this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter.

946.20 (b) The commissioner, upon request of the facility, must be given access to relevant  
946.21 information, records, incident reports, and other documents in the possession of the facility  
946.22 if the commissioner considers them necessary for the discharge of responsibilities. For  
946.23 purposes of surveys and investigations and securing information to determine compliance  
946.24 with licensure laws and rules, the commissioner need not present a release, waiver, or  
946.25 consent to the individual. The identities of residents must be kept private as defined in  
946.26 section 13.02, subdivision 12.

946.27 Subd. 2. **Surveys.** The commissioner shall conduct surveys of each assisted living facility  
946.28 and assisted living facility with dementia care. The commissioner shall conduct a survey  
946.29 of each facility on a frequency of at least once each year. The commissioner may conduct  
946.30 surveys more frequently than once a year based on the license level, the provider's compliance  
946.31 history, the number of clients served, or other factors as determined by the department

947.1 deemed necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents and compliance with  
947.2 the law.

947.3 Subd. 3. **Follow-up surveys.** The commissioner may conduct follow-up surveys to  
947.4 determine if the facility has corrected deficient issues and systems identified during a survey  
947.5 or complaint investigation. Follow-up surveys may be conducted via phone, e-mail, fax,  
947.6 mail, or onsite reviews. Follow-up surveys, other than complaint investigations, shall be  
947.7 concluded with an exit conference and written information provided on the process for  
947.8 requesting a reconsideration of the survey results.

947.9 Subd. 4. **Scheduling surveys.** Surveys and investigations shall be conducted without  
947.10 advance notice to the facilities. Surveyors may contact the facility on the day of a survey  
947.11 to arrange for someone to be available at the survey site. The contact does not constitute  
947.12 advance notice. The surveyor must provide presurvey notification to the Office of  
947.13 Ombudsman for Long-Term Care.

947.14 Subd. 5. **Information provided by facility.** The facility shall provide accurate and  
947.15 truthful information to the department during a survey, investigation, or other licensing  
947.16 activities.

947.17 Subd. 6. **Providing resident records.** Upon request of a surveyor, facilities shall provide  
947.18 a list of current and past residents or designated representatives that includes addresses and  
947.19 telephone numbers and any other information requested about the services to residents  
947.20 within a reasonable period of time.

947.21 Subd. 7. **Correction orders.** (a) A correction order may be issued whenever the  
947.22 commissioner finds upon survey or during a complaint investigation that a facility, a  
947.23 managerial official, or an employee of the provider is not in compliance with this chapter.  
947.24 The correction order shall cite the specific statute and document areas of noncompliance  
947.25 and the time allowed for correction.

947.26 (b) The commissioner shall mail or e-mail copies of any correction order to the facility  
947.27 within 30 calendar days after the survey exit date. A copy of each correction order and  
947.28 copies of any documentation supplied to the commissioner shall be kept on file by the  
947.29 facility and public documents shall be made available for viewing by any person upon  
947.30 request. Copies may be kept electronically.

947.31 (c) By the correction order date, the facility must document in the facility's records any  
947.32 action taken to comply with the correction order. The commissioner may request a copy of  
947.33 this documentation and the facility's action to respond to the correction order in future  
947.34 surveys, upon a complaint investigation, and as otherwise needed.

948.1 Subd. 8. **Required follow-up surveys.** For facilities that have Level 3 or Level 4  
948.2 violations under section 144I.31, the department shall conduct a follow-up survey within  
948.3 90 calendar days of the survey. When conducting a follow-up survey, the surveyor shall  
948.4 focus on whether the previous violations have been corrected and may also address any  
948.5 new violations that are observed while evaluating the corrections that have been made.

948.6 Sec. 31. [144I.31] VIOLATIONS AND FINES.

948.7 Subdivision 1. **Fine amounts.** (a) Fines and enforcement actions under this subdivision  
948.8 may be assessed based on the level and scope of the violations described in subdivision 2  
948.9 as follows and imposed immediately with no opportunity to correct the violation prior to  
948.10 imposition:

948.11 (1) Level 1, no fines or enforcement;

948.12 (2) Level 2, a fine of \$500 per violation;

948.13 (3) Level 3, a fine of \$3,000 per violation per incident plus \$100 for each resident affected  
948.14 by the violation;

948.15 (4) Level 4, a fine of \$5,000 per incident plus \$200 for each resident; and

948.16 (5) for maltreatment violations as defined in the Minnesota Vulnerable Adults Act in  
948.17 section 626.557 including abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and drug diversion that are  
948.18 determined against the facility, an immediate fine shall be imposed of \$5,000 per incident,  
948.19 plus \$200 for each resident affected by the violation.

948.20 Subd. 2. **Level and scope of violation.** Correction orders for violations are categorized  
948.21 by both level and scope, and fines shall be assessed as follows:

948.22 (1) level of violation:

948.23 (i) Level 1 is a violation that has no potential to cause more than a minimal impact on  
948.24 the resident and does not affect health or safety;

948.25 (ii) Level 2 is a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the  
948.26 potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious  
948.27 injury, impairment, or death;

948.28 (iii) Level 3 is a violation that harmed a resident's health or safety, not including serious  
948.29 injury, impairment, or death, or a violation that has the potential to lead to serious injury,  
948.30 impairment, or death; and

948.31 (iv) Level 4 is a violation that results in serious injury, impairment, or death; and



949.1 (2) scope of violation:

949.2 (i) isolated, when one or a limited number of residents are affected or one or a limited  
949.3 number of staff are involved or the situation has occurred only occasionally;

949.4 (ii) pattern, when more than a limited number of residents are affected, more than a  
949.5 limited number of staff are involved, or the situation has occurred repeatedly but is not  
949.6 found to be pervasive; and

949.7 (iii) widespread, when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has  
949.8 affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents.

949.9 Subd. 3. **Notice of noncompliance.** If the commissioner finds that the applicant or a  
949.10 facility has not corrected violations by the date specified in the correction order or conditional  
949.11 license resulting from a survey or complaint investigation, the commissioner shall provide  
949.12 a notice of noncompliance with a correction order by e-mailing the notice of noncompliance  
949.13 to the facility. The noncompliance notice must list the violations not corrected.

949.14 Subd. 4. **Immediate fine; payment.** (a) For every violation, the commissioner may  
949.15 issue an immediate fine. The licensee must still correct the violation in the time specified.  
949.16 The issuance of an immediate fine may occur in addition to any enforcement mechanism  
949.17 authorized under section 144I.33. The immediate fine may be appealed as allowed under  
949.18 this section.

949.19 (b) The licensee must pay the fines assessed on or before the payment date specified. If  
949.20 the licensee fails to fully comply with the order, the commissioner may issue a second fine  
949.21 or suspend the license until the licensee complies by paying the fine. A timely appeal shall  
949.22 stay payment of the fine until the commissioner issues a final order.

949.23 (c) A licensee shall promptly notify the commissioner in writing when a violation  
949.24 specified in the order is corrected. If upon reinspection the commissioner determines that  
949.25 a violation has not been corrected as indicated by the order, the commissioner may issue  
949.26 an additional fine. The commissioner shall notify the licensee by mail to the last known  
949.27 address in the licensing record that a second fine has been assessed. The licensee may appeal  
949.28 the second fine as provided under this subdivision.

949.29 (d) A facility that has been assessed a fine under this section has a right to a  
949.30 reconsideration or hearing under this section and chapter 14.

949.31 Subd. 5. **Facility cannot avoid payment.** When a fine has been assessed, the licensee  
949.32 may not avoid payment by closing, selling, or otherwise transferring the license to a third  
949.33 party. In such an event, the licensee shall be liable for payment of the fine.

950.1 Subd. 6. **Additional penalties.** In addition to any fine imposed under this section, the  
950.2 commissioner may assess a penalty amount based on costs related to an investigation that  
950.3 results in a final order assessing a fine or other enforcement action authorized by this chapter.

950.4 Subd. 7. **Deposit of fines.** Fines collected under this section shall be deposited in the  
950.5 state government special revenue fund and credited to an account separate from the revenue  
950.6 collected under section 144A.472. Subject to an appropriation by the legislature, the revenue  
950.7 from the fines collected must be used by the commissioner for special projects to improve  
950.8 home care in Minnesota as recommended by the advisory council established in section  
950.9 144A.4799.

950.10 Sec. 32. [144I.32] RECONSIDERATION OF CORRECTION ORDERS AND FINES.

950.11 Subdivision 1. **Reconsideration process required.** The commissioner shall make  
950.12 available to facilities a correction order reconsideration process. This process may be used  
950.13 to challenge the correction order issued, including the level and scope described in section  
950.14 144I.31, and any fine assessed. When a licensee requests reconsideration of a correction  
950.15 order, the correction order is not stayed while it is under reconsideration. The department  
950.16 shall post information on its website that the licensee requested reconsideration of the  
950.17 correction order and that the review is pending.

950.18 Subd. 2. **Reconsideration process.** A facility may request from the commissioner, in  
950.19 writing, a correction order reconsideration regarding any correction order issued to the  
950.20 facility. The written request for reconsideration must be received by the commissioner  
950.21 within 15 calendar days of the correction order receipt date. The correction order  
950.22 reconsideration shall not be reviewed by any surveyor, investigator, or supervisor that  
950.23 participated in writing or reviewing the correction order being disputed. The correction  
950.24 order reconsiderations may be conducted in person, by telephone, by another electronic  
950.25 form, or in writing, as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall respond  
950.26 in writing to the request from a facility for a correction order reconsideration within 60 days  
950.27 of the date the facility requests a reconsideration. The commissioner's response shall identify  
950.28 the commissioner's decision regarding each citation challenged by the facility.

950.29 Subd. 3. **Findings.** The findings of a correction order reconsideration process shall be  
950.30 one or more of the following:

950.31 (1) supported in full: the correction order is supported in full, with no deletion of findings  
950.32 to the citation;

951.1 (2) supported in substance: the correction order is supported, but one or more findings  
951.2 are deleted or modified without any change in the citation;

951.3 (3) correction order cited an incorrect licensing requirement: the correction order is  
951.4 amended by changing the correction order to the appropriate statute and/or rule;

951.5 (4) correction order was issued under an incorrect citation: the correction order is amended  
951.6 to be issued under the more appropriate correction order citation;

951.7 (5) the correction order is rescinded;

951.8 (6) fine is amended: it is determined that the fine assigned to the correction order was  
951.9 applied incorrectly; or

951.10 (7) the level or scope of the citation is modified based on the reconsideration.

951.11 Subd. 4. **Updating the correction order website.** If the correction order findings are  
951.12 changed by the commissioner, the commissioner shall update the correction order website.

951.13 Subd. 5. **Provisional licensees.** This section does not apply to provisional licensees.

951.14 **Sec. 33. [144I.33] ENFORCEMENT.**

951.15 Subdivision 1. **Conditions.** (a) The commissioner may refuse to grant a provisional  
951.16 license, refuse to grant a license as a result of a change in ownership, renew a license,  
951.17 suspend or revoke a license, or impose a conditional license if the owner, controlling  
951.18 individual, or employee of an assisted living facility or assisted living facility with dementia  
951.19 care:

951.20 (1) is in violation of, or during the term of the license has violated, any of the requirements  
951.21 in this chapter or adopted rules;

951.22 (2) permits, aids, or abets the commission of any illegal act in the provision of assisted  
951.23 living services;

951.24 (3) performs any act detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of a resident;

951.25 (4) obtains the license by fraud or misrepresentation;

951.26 (5) knowingly made or makes a false statement of a material fact in the application for  
951.27 a license or in any other record or report required by this chapter;

951.28 (6) denies representatives of the department access to any part of the facility's books,  
951.29 records, files, or employees;

952.1 (7) interferes with or impedes a representative of the department in contacting the facility's  
952.2 residents;

952.3 (8) interferes with or impedes a representative of the department in the enforcement of  
952.4 this chapter or has failed to fully cooperate with an inspection, survey, or investigation by  
952.5 the department;

952.6 (9) destroys or makes unavailable any records or other evidence relating to the assisted  
952.7 living facility's compliance with this chapter;

952.8 (10) refuses to initiate a background study under section 144.057 or 245A.04;

952.9 (11) fails to timely pay any fines assessed by the commissioner;

952.10 (12) violates any local, city, or township ordinance relating to housing or services;

952.11 (13) has repeated incidents of personnel performing services beyond their competency  
952.12 level; or

952.13 (14) has operated beyond the scope of the facility's license category.

952.14 (b) A violation by a contractor providing the services of the facility is a violation by  
952.15 facility.

952.16 Subd. 2. **Terms to suspension or conditional license.** (a) A suspension or conditional  
952.17 license designation may include terms that must be completed or met before a suspension  
952.18 or conditional license designation is lifted. A conditional license designation may include  
952.19 restrictions or conditions that are imposed on the facility. Terms for a suspension or  
952.20 conditional license may include one or more of the following and the scope of each will be  
952.21 determined by the commissioner:

952.22 (1) requiring a consultant to review, evaluate, and make recommended changes to the  
952.23 facility's practices and submit reports to the commissioner at the cost of the facility;

952.24 (2) requiring supervision of the facility or staff practices at the cost of the facility by an  
952.25 unrelated person who has sufficient knowledge and qualifications to oversee the practices  
952.26 and who will submit reports to the commissioner;

952.27 (3) requiring the facility or employees to obtain training at the cost of the facility;

952.28 (4) requiring the facility to submit reports to the commissioner;

952.29 (5) prohibiting the facility from admitting any new residents for a specified period of  
952.30 time; or

953.1 (6) any other action reasonably required to accomplish the purpose of this subdivision  
953.2 and subdivision 1.

953.3 (b) A facility subject to this subdivision may continue operating during the period of  
953.4 time residents are being transferred to another service provider.

953.5 Subd. 3. **Immediate temporary suspension.** (a) In addition to any other remedies  
953.6 provided by law, the commissioner may, without a prior contested case hearing, immediately  
953.7 temporarily suspend a license or prohibit delivery of housing or services by a facility for  
953.8 not more than 90 calendar days or issue a conditional license, if the commissioner determines  
953.9 that there are:

953.10 (1) Level 4 violations; or

953.11 (2) violations that pose an imminent risk of harm to the health or safety of residents.

953.12 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "Level 4" has the meaning given in section 144I.31.

953.13 (c) A notice stating the reasons for the immediate temporary suspension or conditional  
953.14 license and informing the licensee of the right to an expedited hearing under subdivision  
953.15 11 must be delivered by personal service to the address shown on the application or the last  
953.16 known address of the licensee. The licensee may appeal an order immediately temporarily  
953.17 suspending a license or issuing a conditional license. The appeal must be made in writing  
953.18 by certified mail or personal service. If mailed, the appeal must be postmarked and sent to  
953.19 the commissioner within five calendar days after the licensee receives notice. If an appeal  
953.20 is made by personal service, it must be received by the commissioner within five calendar  
953.21 days after the licensee received the order.

953.22 (d) A licensee whose license is immediately temporarily suspended must comply with  
953.23 the requirements for notification and transfer of residents in subdivision 9. The requirements  
953.24 in subdivision 9 remain if an appeal is requested.

953.25 Subd. 4. **Mandatory revocation.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 7,  
953.26 paragraph (a), the commissioner must revoke a license if a controlling individual of the  
953.27 facility is convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor that relates to operation of the facility  
953.28 or directly affects resident safety or care. The commissioner shall notify the facility and the  
953.29 Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care 30 calendar days in advance of the date of  
953.30 revocation.

953.31 Subd. 5. **Mandatory proceedings.** (a) The commissioner must initiate proceedings  
953.32 within 60 calendar days of notification to suspend or revoke a facility's license or must

954.1 refuse to renew a facility's license if within the preceding two years the facility has incurred  
954.2 the following number of uncorrected or repeated violations:

954.3 (1) two or more uncorrected violations or one or more repeated violations that created  
954.4 an imminent risk to direct resident care or safety; or

954.5 (2) four or more uncorrected violations or two or more repeated violations of any nature  
954.6 for which the fines are in the four highest daily fine categories prescribed in rule.

954.7 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner is not required to revoke, suspend,  
954.8 or refuse to renew a facility's license if the facility corrects the violation.

954.9 Subd. 6. **Notice to residents.** (a) Within five business days after proceedings are initiated  
954.10 by the commissioner to revoke or suspend a facility's license, or a decision by the  
954.11 commissioner not to renew a living facility's license, the controlling individual of the facility  
954.12 or a designee must provide to the commissioner and the ombudsman for long-term care the  
954.13 names of residents and the names and addresses of the residents' guardians, designated  
954.14 representatives, and family contacts.

954.15 (b) The controlling individual or designees of the facility must provide updated  
954.16 information each month until the proceeding is concluded. If the controlling individual or  
954.17 designee of the facility fails to provide the information within this time, the facility is subject  
954.18 to the issuance of:

954.19 (1) a correction order; and

954.20 (2) a penalty assessment by the commissioner in rule.

954.21 (c) Notwithstanding subdivisions 16 and 17, any correction order issued under this  
954.22 subdivision must require that the facility immediately comply with the request for information  
954.23 and that, as of the date of the issuance of the correction order, the facility shall forfeit to the  
954.24 state a \$500 fine the first day of noncompliance and an increase in the \$500 fine by \$100  
954.25 increments for each day the noncompliance continues.

954.26 (d) Information provided under this subdivision may be used by the commissioner or  
954.27 the ombudsman for long-term care only for the purpose of providing affected consumers  
954.28 information about the status of the proceedings.

954.29 (e) Within ten business days after the commissioner initiates proceedings to revoke,  
954.30 suspend, or not renew a facility license, the commissioner must send a written notice of the  
954.31 action and the process involved to each resident of the facility and the resident's designated  
954.32 representative or, if there is no designated representative and if known, a family member  
954.33 or interested person.

955.1 (f) The commissioner shall provide the ombudsman for long-term care with monthly  
955.2 information on the department's actions and the status of the proceedings.

955.3 Subd. 7. **Notice to facility.** (a) Prior to any suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew  
955.4 a license, the facility shall be entitled to notice and a hearing as provided by sections 14.57  
955.5 to 14.69. The hearing must commence within 60 calendar days after the proceedings are  
955.6 initiated. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the commissioner may, without  
955.7 a prior contested case hearing, temporarily suspend a license or prohibit delivery of services  
955.8 by a provider for not more than 90 calendar days, or issue a conditional license if the  
955.9 commissioner determines that there are Level 3 violations that do not pose an imminent  
955.10 risk of harm to the health or safety of the facility residents, provided:

955.11 (1) advance notice is given to the facility;

955.12 (2) after notice, the facility fails to correct the problem;

955.13 (3) the commissioner has reason to believe that other administrative remedies are not  
955.14 likely to be effective; and

955.15 (4) there is an opportunity for a contested case hearing within 30 calendar days unless  
955.16 there is an extension granted by an administrative law judge.

955.17 (b) If the commissioner determines there are Level 4 violations or violations that pose  
955.18 an imminent risk of harm to the health or safety of the facility residents, the commissioner  
955.19 may immediately temporarily suspend a license, prohibit delivery of services by a facility,  
955.20 or issue a conditional license without meeting the requirements of paragraph (a), clauses  
955.21 (1) to (4).

955.22 For the purposes of this subdivision, "Level 3" and "Level 4" have the meanings given in  
955.23 section 144I.31.

955.24 Subd. 8. **Request for hearing.** A request for hearing must be in writing and must:

955.25 (1) be mailed or delivered to the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

955.26 (2) contain a brief and plain statement describing every matter or issue contested; and

955.27 (3) contain a brief and plain statement of any new matter that the applicant or assisted  
955.28 living facility believes constitutes a defense or mitigating factor.

955.29 Subd. 9. **Plan required.** (a) The process of suspending, revoking, or refusing to renew  
955.30 a license must include a plan for transferring affected residents' cares to other providers by  
955.31 the facility that will be monitored by the commissioner. Within three calendar days of being  
955.32 notified of the final revocation, refusal to renew, or suspension, the licensee shall provide

956.1 the commissioner, the lead agencies as defined in section 256B.0911, county adult protection  
956.2 and case managers, and the ombudsman for long-term care with the following information:

956.3 (1) a list of all residents, including full names and all contact information on file;

956.4 (2) a list of each resident's representative or emergency contact person, including full  
956.5 names and all contact information on file;

956.6 (3) the location or current residence of each resident;

956.7 (4) the payor sources for each resident, including payor source identification numbers;

956.8 and

956.9 (5) for each resident, a copy of the resident's service plan and a list of the types of services  
956.10 being provided.

956.11 (b) The revocation, refusal to renew, or suspension notification requirement is satisfied  
956.12 by mailing the notice to the address in the license record. The licensee shall cooperate with  
956.13 the commissioner and the lead agencies, county adult protection and county managers, and  
956.14 the ombudsman for long-term care during the process of transferring care of residents to  
956.15 qualified providers. Within three calendar days of being notified of the final revocation,  
956.16 refusal to renew, or suspension action, the facility must notify and disclose to each of the  
956.17 residents, or the resident's representative or emergency contact persons, that the commissioner  
956.18 is taking action against the facility's license by providing a copy of the revocation or  
956.19 suspension notice issued by the commissioner. If the facility does not comply with the  
956.20 disclosure requirements in this section, the commissioner shall notify the residents, designated  
956.21 representatives, or emergency contact persons about the actions being taken. Lead agencies,  
956.22 county adult protection and county managers, and the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term  
956.23 Care may also provide this information. The revocation, refusal to renew, or suspension  
956.24 notice is public data except for any private data contained therein.

956.25 (c) A facility subject to this subdivision may continue operating while residents are being  
956.26 transferred to other service providers.

956.27 Subd. 10. **Hearing.** Within 15 business days of receipt of the licensee's timely appeal  
956.28 of a sanction under this section, other than for a temporary suspension, the commissioner  
956.29 shall request assignment of an administrative law judge. The commissioner's request must  
956.30 include a proposed date, time, and place of hearing. A hearing must be conducted by an  
956.31 administrative law judge pursuant to Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8505 to 1400.8612, within  
956.32 90 calendar days of the request for assignment, unless an extension is requested by either  
956.33 party and granted by the administrative law judge for good cause or for purposes of discussing



957.1 settlement. In no case shall one or more extensions be granted for a total of more than 90  
957.2 calendar days unless there is a criminal action pending against the licensee. If, while a  
957.3 licensee continues to operate pending an appeal of an order for revocation, suspension, or  
957.4 refusal to renew a license, the commissioner identifies one or more new violations of law  
957.5 that meet the requirements of Level 3 or Level 4 violations as defined in section 144I.31,  
957.6 the commissioner shall act immediately to temporarily suspend the license.

957.7 Subd. 11. **Expedited hearing.** (a) Within five business days of receipt of the licensee's  
957.8 timely appeal of a temporary suspension or issuance of a conditional license, the  
957.9 commissioner shall request assignment of an administrative law judge. The request must  
957.10 include a proposed date, time, and place of a hearing. A hearing must be conducted by an  
957.11 administrative law judge pursuant to Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8505 to 1400.8612, within  
957.12 30 calendar days of the request for assignment, unless an extension is requested by either  
957.13 party and granted by the administrative law judge for good cause. The commissioner shall  
957.14 issue a notice of hearing by certified mail or personal service at least ten business days  
957.15 before the hearing. Certified mail to the last known address is sufficient. The scope of the  
957.16 hearing shall be limited solely to the issue of whether the temporary suspension or issuance  
957.17 of a conditional license should remain in effect and whether there is sufficient evidence to  
957.18 conclude that the licensee's actions or failure to comply with applicable laws are Level 3  
957.19 or Level 4 violations as defined in section 144I.31, or that there were violations that posed  
957.20 an imminent risk of harm to the resident's health and safety.

957.21 (b) The administrative law judge shall issue findings of fact, conclusions, and a  
957.22 recommendation within ten business days from the date of hearing. The parties shall have  
957.23 ten calendar days to submit exceptions to the administrative law judge's report. The record  
957.24 shall close at the end of the ten-day period for submission of exceptions. The commissioner's  
957.25 final order shall be issued within ten business days from the close of the record. When an  
957.26 appeal of a temporary immediate suspension or conditional license is withdrawn or dismissed,  
957.27 the commissioner shall issue a final order affirming the temporary immediate suspension  
957.28 or conditional license within ten calendar days of the commissioner's receipt of the  
957.29 withdrawal or dismissal. The licensee is prohibited from operation during the temporary  
957.30 suspension period.

957.31 (c) When the final order under paragraph (b) affirms an immediate suspension, and a  
957.32 final licensing sanction is issued under subdivisions 1 and 2 and the licensee appeals that  
957.33 sanction, the licensee is prohibited from operation pending a final commissioner's order  
957.34 after the contested case hearing conducted under chapter 14.

958.1 (d) A licensee whose license is temporarily suspended must comply with the requirements  
958.2 for notification and transfer of residents under subdivision 9. These requirements remain if  
958.3 an appeal is requested.

958.4 Subd. 12. **Time limits for appeals.** To appeal the assessment of civil penalties under  
958.5 section 144I.31, and an action against a license under this section, a licensee must request  
958.6 a hearing no later than 15 business days after the licensee receives notice of the action.

958.7 Subd. 13. **Owners and managerial officials; refusal to grant license.** (a) The owner  
958.8 and managerial officials of a facility whose Minnesota license has not been renewed or that  
958.9 has been revoked because of noncompliance with applicable laws or rules shall not be  
958.10 eligible to apply for nor will be granted an assisted living facility license or an assisted  
958.11 living facility with dementia care license, or be given status as an enrolled personal care  
958.12 assistance provider agency or personal care assistant by the Department of Human Services  
958.13 under section 256B.0659, for five years following the effective date of the nonrenewal or  
958.14 revocation. If the owner and/or managerial officials already have enrollment status, the  
958.15 enrollment will be terminated by the Department of Human Services.

958.16 (b) The commissioner shall not issue a license to a facility for five years following the  
958.17 effective date of license nonrenewal or revocation if the owner or managerial official,  
958.18 including any individual who was an owner or managerial official of another licensed  
958.19 provider, had a Minnesota license that was not renewed or was revoked as described in  
958.20 paragraph (a).

958.21 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, the commissioner shall not renew, or shall suspend  
958.22 or revoke, the license of a facility that includes any individual as an owner or managerial  
958.23 official who was an owner or managerial official of a facility whose Minnesota license was  
958.24 not renewed or was revoked as described in paragraph (a) for five years following the  
958.25 effective date of the nonrenewal or revocation.

958.26 (d) The commissioner shall notify the facility 30 calendar days in advance of the date  
958.27 of nonrenewal, suspension, or revocation of the license. Within ten business days after the  
958.28 receipt of the notification, the facility may request, in writing, that the commissioner stay  
958.29 the nonrenewal, revocation, or suspension of the license. The facility shall specify the  
958.30 reasons for requesting the stay; the steps that will be taken to attain or maintain compliance  
958.31 with the licensure laws and regulations; any limits on the authority or responsibility of the  
958.32 owners or managerial officials whose actions resulted in the notice of nonrenewal, revocation,  
958.33 or suspension; and any other information to establish that the continuing affiliation with  
958.34 these individuals will not jeopardize resident health, safety, or well-being. The commissioner

959.1 shall determine whether the stay will be granted within 30 calendar days of receiving the  
959.2 facility's request. The commissioner may propose additional restrictions or limitations on  
959.3 the facility's license and require that granting the stay be contingent upon compliance with  
959.4 those provisions. The commissioner shall take into consideration the following factors when  
959.5 determining whether the stay should be granted:

959.6 (1) the threat that continued involvement of the owners and managerial officials with  
959.7 the facility poses to resident health, safety, and well-being;

959.8 (2) the compliance history of the facility; and

959.9 (3) the appropriateness of any limits suggested by the facility.

959.10 If the commissioner grants the stay, the order shall include any restrictions or limitation on  
959.11 the provider's license. The failure of the facility to comply with any restrictions or limitations  
959.12 shall result in the immediate removal of the stay and the commissioner shall take immediate  
959.13 action to suspend, revoke, or not renew the license.

959.14 Subd. 14. **Relicensing.** If a facility license is revoked, a new application for license may  
959.15 be considered by the commissioner when the conditions upon which the revocation was  
959.16 based have been corrected and satisfactory evidence of this fact has been furnished to the  
959.17 commissioner. A new license may be granted after an inspection has been made and the  
959.18 facility has complied with all provisions of this chapter and adopted rules.

959.19 Subd. 15. **Informal conference.** At any time, the applicant or facility and the  
959.20 commissioner may hold an informal conference to exchange information, clarify issues, or  
959.21 resolve issues.

959.22 Subd. 16. **Injunctive relief.** In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the  
959.23 commissioner may bring an action in district court to enjoin a person who is involved in  
959.24 the management, operation, or control of a facility or an employee of the facility from  
959.25 illegally engaging in activities regulated by sections under this chapter. The commissioner  
959.26 may bring an action under this subdivision in the district court in Ramsey County or in the  
959.27 district in which the facility is located. The court may grant a temporary restraining order  
959.28 in the proceeding if continued activity by the person who is involved in the management,  
959.29 operation, or control of a facility, or by an employee of the facility, would create an imminent  
959.30 risk of harm to a resident.

959.31 Subd. 17. **Subpoena.** In matters pending before the commissioner under this chapter,  
959.32 the commissioner may issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses and the  
959.33 production of all necessary papers, books, records, documents, and other evidentiary material.

960.1 If a person fails or refuses to comply with a subpoena or order of the commissioner to appear  
960.2 or testify regarding any matter about which the person may be lawfully questioned or to  
960.3 produce any papers, books, records, documents, or evidentiary materials in the matter to be  
960.4 heard, the commissioner may apply to the district court in any district, and the court shall  
960.5 order the person to comply with the commissioner's order or subpoena. The commissioner  
960.6 of health may administer oaths to witnesses or take their affirmation. Depositions may be  
960.7 taken in or outside the state in the manner provided by law for taking depositions in civil  
960.8 actions. A subpoena or other process or paper may be served on a named person anywhere  
960.9 in the state by an officer authorized to serve subpoenas in civil actions, with the same fees  
960.10 and mileage and in the same manner as prescribed by law for a process issued out of a  
960.11 district court. A person subpoenaed under this subdivision shall receive the same fees,  
960.12 mileage, and other costs that are paid in proceedings in district court.

960.13 Sec. 34. [144I.34] INNOVATION VARIANCE.

960.14 Subdivision 1. **Definition; granting variances.** (a) For purposes of this section,  
960.15 "innovation variance" means a specified alternative to a requirement of this chapter.

960.16 (b) An innovation variance may be granted to allow a facility to offer services of a type  
960.17 or in a manner that is innovative, will not impair the services provided, will not adversely  
960.18 affect the health, safety, or welfare of the residents, and is likely to improve the services  
960.19 provided. The innovative variance cannot change any of the resident's rights under the  
960.20 assisted living bill of rights under section 144J.02.

960.21 Subd. 2. **Conditions.** The commissioner may impose conditions on granting an innovation  
960.22 variance that the commissioner considers necessary.

960.23 Subd. 3. **Duration and renewal.** The commissioner may limit the duration of any  
960.24 innovation variance and may renew a limited innovation variance.

960.25 Subd. 4. **Applications; innovation variance.** An application for innovation variance  
960.26 from the requirements of this chapter may be made at any time, must be made in writing to  
960.27 the commissioner, and must specify the following:

960.28 (1) the statute or rule from which the innovation variance is requested;

960.29 (2) the time period for which the innovation variance is requested;

960.30 (3) the specific alternative action that the licensee proposes;

960.31 (4) the reasons for the request; and

961.1 (5) justification that an innovation variance will not impair the services provided, will  
961.2 not adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of residents, and is likely to improve the  
961.3 services provided.

961.4 The commissioner may require additional information from the facility before acting on  
961.5 the request.

961.6 Subd. 5. **Grants and denials.** The commissioner shall grant or deny each request for  
961.7 an innovation variance in writing within 45 days of receipt of a complete request. Notice  
961.8 of a denial shall contain the reasons for the denial. The terms of a requested innovation  
961.9 variance may be modified upon agreement between the commissioner and the facility.

961.10 Subd. 6. **Violation of innovation variances.** A failure to comply with the terms of an  
961.11 innovation variance shall be deemed to be a violation of this chapter.

961.12 Subd. 7. **Revocation or denial of renewal.** The commissioner shall revoke or deny  
961.13 renewal of an innovation variance if:

961.14 (1) it is determined that the innovation variance is adversely affecting the health, safety,  
961.15 or welfare of the residents;

961.16 (2) the facility has failed to comply with the terms of the innovation variance;

961.17 (3) the facility notifies the commissioner in writing that it wishes to relinquish the  
961.18 innovation variance and be subject to the statute previously varied; or

961.19 (4) the revocation or denial is required by a change in law.

961.20 Sec. 35. **[144L.35] RESIDENT QUALITY OF CARE AND OUTCOMES**  
961.21 **IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE.**

961.22 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish a resident quality of  
961.23 care and outcomes improvement task force to examine and make recommendations, on an  
961.24 ongoing basis, on how to apply proven safety and quality improvement practices and  
961.25 infrastructure to settings and providers that provide long-term services and supports.

961.26 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The task force shall include representation from:

961.27 (1) nonprofit Minnesota-based organizations dedicated to patient safety or innovation  
961.28 in health care safety and quality;

961.29 (2) Department of Health staff with expertise in issues related to safety and adverse  
961.30 health events;

961.31 (3) consumer organizations;

962.1 (4) direct care providers or their representatives;

962.2 (5) organizations representing long-term care providers and home care providers in  
962.3 Minnesota;

962.4 (6) the ombudsman for long-term care or a designee;

962.5 (7) national patient safety experts; and

962.6 (8) other experts in the safety and quality improvement field.

962.7 The task force shall have at least one public member who either is or has been a resident in  
962.8 an assisted living setting and one public member who has or had a family member living  
962.9 in an assisted living setting. The membership shall be voluntary except that public members  
962.10 may be reimbursed under section 15.059, subdivision 3.

962.11 Subd. 3. **Recommendations.** The task force shall periodically provide recommendations  
962.12 to the commissioner and the legislature on changes needed to promote safety and quality  
962.13 improvement practices in long-term care settings and with long-term care providers. The  
962.14 task force shall meet no fewer than four times per year. The task force shall be established  
962.15 by July 1, 2020.

962.16 Sec. 36. **[144I.36] EXPEDITED RULEMAKING AUTHORIZED.**

962.17 (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules for all assisted living facilities that promote  
962.18 person-centered planning and service and optimal quality of life, and that ensure resident  
962.19 rights are protected, resident choice is allowed, and public health and safety is ensured.

962.20 (b) On July 1, 2019, the commissioner shall begin expedited rulemaking using the process  
962.21 in section 14.389, except that the rulemaking process is exempt from section 14.389,  
962.22 subdivision 5.

962.23 (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules that include but are not limited to the following:

962.24 (1) staffing minimums and ratios for each level of licensure to best protect the health  
962.25 and safety of residents no matter their vulnerability;

962.26 (2) training prerequisites and ongoing training for administrators and caregiving staff;

962.27 (3) requirements for licensees to ensure minimum nutrition and dietary standards required  
962.28 by section 144I.10 are provided;

962.29 (4) procedures for discharge planning and ensuring resident appeal rights;

962.30 (5) core dementia care requirements and training in all levels of licensure;

963.1 (6) requirements for assisted living facilities with dementia care in terms of training,  
963.2 care standards, noticing changes of condition, assessments, and health care;

963.3 (7) preadmission criteria, initial assessments, and continuing assessments;

963.4 (8) emergency disaster and preparedness plans;

963.5 (9) uniform checklist disclosure of services;

963.6 (10) uniform consumer information guide elements and other data collected; and

963.7 (11) uniform assessment tool.

963.8 (d) The commissioner shall publish the proposed rules by December 31, 2019, and shall  
963.9 publish final rules by December 31, 2020.

963.10 Sec. 37. **TRANSITION PERIOD.**

963.11 (a) From July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, the commissioner shall engage in the expedited  
963.12 rulemaking process.

963.13 (b) From July 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021, the commissioner shall prepare for the new  
963.14 assisted living facility and assisted living facility with dementia care licensure by hiring  
963.15 staff, developing forms, and communicating with stakeholders about the new facility  
963.16 licensing.

963.17 (c) Effective August 1, 2021, all existing housing with services establishments providing  
963.18 home care services under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144A, must convert their registration  
963.19 to licensure under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144I.

963.20 (d) Effective August 1, 2021, all new assisted living facilities and assisted living facilities  
963.21 with dementia care must be licensed by the commissioner.

963.22 (e) Effective August 1, 2021, all assisted living facilities and assisted living facilities  
963.23 with dementia care must be licensed by the commissioner.

963.24 Sec. 38. **REPEALER.**

963.25 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 144D.01; 144D.015; 144D.02; 144D.025; 144D.03;  
963.26 144D.04; 144D.045; 144D.05; 144D.06; 144D.065; 144D.066; 144D.07; 144D.08; 144D.09;  
963.27 144D.10; 144D.11; 144G.01; 144G.02; 144G.03; 144G.04; 144G.05; and 144G.06, are  
963.28 repealed effective August 1, 2021.

## ARTICLE 17

**DEMENTIA CARE SERVICES FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES WITH  
DEMENTIA CARE****Section 1. [144I.37] ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTED LIVING  
FACILITIES WITH DEMENTIA CARE.**

**Subdivision 1. Applicability.** This section applies only to assisted living facilities with dementia care.

**Subd. 2. Demonstrated capacity.** (a) The applicant must have the ability to provide services in a manner that is consistent with the requirements in this section. The commissioner shall consider the following criteria, including, but not limited to:

(1) the experience of the applicant in managing residents with dementia or previous long-term care experience; and

(2) the compliance history of the applicant in the operation of any care facility licensed, certified, or registered under federal or state law.

(b) If the applicant does not have experience in managing residents with dementia, the applicant must employ a consultant for at least the first six months of operation. The consultant must meet the requirements in paragraph (a), clause (1), and make recommendations on providing dementia care services consistent with the requirements of this chapter. The consultant must have experience in dementia care operations. The applicant must implement the recommendations of the consultant and document an acceptable plan which may be reviewed by the commissioner upon request to address the consultant's identified concerns. The commissioner may review and approve the selection of the consultant.

(c) The commissioner shall conduct an on-site inspection prior to the issuance of an assisted living facility with dementia care license to ensure compliance with the physical environment requirements.

(d) The label "Assisted Living Facility with Dementia Care" must be identified on the license.

**Subd. 3. Relinquishing license.** The licensee must notify the commissioner in writing at least 60 calendar days prior to the voluntary relinquishment of an assisted living facility with dementia care license. For voluntary relinquishment, the facility must:

(1) give all residents and their designated representatives 45 calendar days' notice. The notice must include:



- 965.1 (i) the proposed effective date of the relinquishment;
- 965.2 (ii) changes in staffing;
- 965.3 (iii) changes in services including the elimination or addition of services; and
- 965.4 (iv) staff training that shall occur when the relinquishment becomes effective;
- 965.5 (2) submit a transitional plan to the commissioner demonstrating how the current residents
- 965.6 shall be evaluated and assessed to reside in other housing settings that are not an assisted
- 965.7 living facility with dementia care, that are physically unsecured, or that would require
- 965.8 move-out or transfer to other settings;
- 965.9 (3) change service or care plans as appropriate to address any needs the residents may
- 965.10 have with the transition;
- 965.11 (4) notify the commissioner when the relinquishment process has been completed; and
- 965.12 (5) revise advertising materials and disclosure information to remove any reference that
- 965.13 the facility is an assisted living facility with dementia care.

965.14 **Sec. 2. [144I.38] RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADMINISTRATION FOR ASSISTED**

965.15 **LIVING FACILITIES WITH DEMENTIA CARE.**

965.16 Subdivision 1. **General.** The licensee of an assisted living facility with dementia care

965.17 is responsible for the care and housing of the persons with dementia and the provision of

965.18 person-centered care that promotes each resident's dignity, independence, and comfort. This

965.19 includes the supervision, training, and overall conduct of the staff.

965.20 Subd. 2. **Additional requirements.** (a) The licensee must follow the assisted living

965.21 license requirements and the criteria in this section.

965.22 (b) The administrator of an assisted living facility with dementia care license must

965.23 complete and document that at least ten hours of the required annual continuing educational

965.24 requirements relate to the care of individuals with dementia. Continuing education credits

965.25 must be obtained through commissioner-approved sources that may include college courses,

965.26 preceptor credits, self-directed activities, course instructor credits, corporate training,

965.27 in-service training, professional association training, web-based training, correspondence

965.28 courses, telecourses, seminars, and workshops.

965.29 Subd. 3. **Policies.** (a) In addition to the policies and procedures required in the licensing

965.30 of assisted living facilities, the assisted living facility with dementia care licensee must

965.31 develop and implement policies and procedures that address the:

966.1 (1) philosophy of how services are provided based upon the assisted living facility  
966.2 licensee's values, mission, and promotion of person-centered care and how the philosophy  
966.3 shall be implemented;

966.4 (2) evaluation of behavioral symptoms and design of supports for intervention plans;

966.5 (3) wandering and egress prevention that provides detailed instructions to staff in the  
966.6 event a resident elopes;

966.7 (4) assessment of residents for the use and effects of medications, including psychotropic  
966.8 medications;

966.9 (5) staff training specific to dementia care;

966.10 (6) description of life enrichment programs and how activities are implemented;

966.11 (7) description of family support programs and efforts to keep the family engaged;

966.12 (8) limiting the use of public address and intercom systems for emergencies and  
966.13 evacuation drills only;

966.14 (9) transportation coordination and assistance to and from outside medical appointments;  
966.15 and

966.16 (10) safekeeping of resident's possessions.

966.17 (b) The policies and procedures must be provided to residents and the resident's  
966.18 representative at the time of move-in.

966.19 **Sec. 3. [144I.39] STAFFING AND STAFF TRAINING.**

966.20 Subdivision 1. **General.** (a) An assisted living facility with dementia care must provide  
966.21 residents with dementia-trained staff who have been instructed in the person-centered care  
966.22 approach. All direct care and other community staff assigned to care for dementia residents  
966.23 must be specially trained to work with residents with Alzheimer's disease and other  
966.24 dementias.

966.25 (b) Only staff trained as specified in subdivisions 2 and 3 shall be assigned to care for  
966.26 dementia residents.

966.27 (c) Staffing levels must be sufficient to meet the scheduled and unscheduled needs of  
966.28 residents. Staffing levels during nighttime hours shall be based on the sleep patterns and  
966.29 needs of residents.

967.1 (d) In an emergency situation when trained staff are not available to provide services,  
967.2 the facility may assign staff who have not completed the required training. The particular  
967.3 emergency situation must be documented and must address:

967.4 (1) the nature of the emergency;

967.5 (2) how long the emergency lasted; and

967.6 (3) the names and positions of staff that provided coverage.

967.7 Subd. 2. **Staffing requirements.** (a) The licensee must ensure that staff who provide  
967.8 support to residents with dementia have a basic understanding and fundamental knowledge  
967.9 of the residents' emotional and unique health care needs using person-centered planning  
967.10 delivery. Direct care dementia-trained staff and other staff must be trained on the topics  
967.11 identified during the expedited rulemaking process. These requirements are in addition to  
967.12 the licensing requirements for training.

967.13 (b) Failure to comply with paragraph (a) or subdivision 1 will result in a fine under  
967.14 section 144I.31.

967.15 Subd. 3. **Supervising staff training.** Persons providing or overseeing staff training must  
967.16 have experience and knowledge in the care of individuals with dementia.

967.17 Subd. 4. **Preservice and in-service training.** Preservice and in-service training may  
967.18 include various methods of instruction, such as classroom style, web-based training, video,  
967.19 or one-to-one training. The licensee must have a method for determining and documenting  
967.20 each staff person's knowledge and understanding of the training provided. All training must  
967.21 be documented.

967.22 Sec. 4. **[144I.40] SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS WITH DEMENTIA.**

967.23 Subdivision 1. **Dementia care services.** (a) In addition to the minimum services required  
967.24 of assisted living facilities, an assisted living facility with dementia care must also provide  
967.25 the following services:

967.26 (1) assistance with activities of daily living that address the needs of each resident with  
967.27 dementia due to cognitive or physical limitations. These services must meet or be in addition  
967.28 to the requirements in the licensing rules for the facility. Services must be provided in a  
967.29 person-centered manner that promotes resident choice, dignity, and sustains the resident's  
967.30 abilities;

967.31 (2) health care services provided according to the licensing statutes and rules of the  
967.32 facility;

968.1 (3) a daily meal program for nutrition and hydration must be provided and available  
968.2 throughout each resident's waking hours. The individualized nutritional plan for each resident  
968.3 must be documented in the resident's service or care plan. In addition, an assisted living  
968.4 facility with dementia care must provide meaningful activities that promote or help sustain  
968.5 the physical and emotional well-being of residents. The activities must be person-directed  
968.6 and available during residents' waking hours.

968.7 (b) Each resident must be evaluated for activities according to the licensing rules of the  
968.8 facility. In addition, the evaluation must address the following:

968.9 (1) past and current interests;

968.10 (2) current abilities and skills;

968.11 (3) emotional and social needs and patterns;

968.12 (4) physical abilities and limitations;

968.13 (5) adaptations necessary for the resident to participate; and

968.14 (6) identification of activities for behavioral interventions.

968.15 (c) An individualized activity plan must be developed for each resident based on their  
968.16 activity evaluation. The plan must reflect the resident's activity preferences and needs.

968.17 (d) A selection of daily structured and non-structured activities must be provided and  
968.18 included on the resident's activity service or care plan as appropriate. Daily activity options  
968.19 based on resident evaluation may include but are not limited to:

968.20 (1) occupation or chore related tasks;

968.21 (2) scheduled and planned events such as entertainment or outings;

968.22 (3) spontaneous activities for enjoyment or those that may help defuse a behavior;

968.23 (4) one-to-one activities that encourage positive relationships between residents and  
968.24 staff such as telling a life story, reminiscing, or playing music;

968.25 (5) spiritual, creative, and intellectual activities;

968.26 (6) sensory stimulation activities;

968.27 (7) physical activities that enhance or maintain a resident's ability to ambulate or move;

968.28 and

968.29 (8) outdoor activities.

969.1 (e) Behavioral symptoms that negatively impact the resident and others in the assisted  
969.2 living facility must be evaluated and included on the service or care plan. The staff must  
969.3 initiate and coordinate outside consultation or acute care when indicated.

969.4 (f) Support must be offered to family and other significant relationships on a regularly  
969.5 scheduled basis but not less than quarterly.

969.6 (g) Access to secured outdoor space and walkways that allow residents to enter and  
969.7 return without staff assistance must be provided.

## 969.8 **ARTICLE 18**

### 969.9 **ASSISTED LIVING LICENSURE CONFORMING CHANGES**

969.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.051, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

969.11 Subd. 4. **Data classification; public data.** For providers regulated pursuant to sections  
969.12 144A.43 to 144A.482 and chapter 1444I, the following data collected, created, or maintained  
969.13 by the commissioner are classified as public data as defined in section 13.02, subdivision  
969.14 15:

969.15 (1) all application data on licensees, license numbers, and license status;

969.16 (2) licensing information about licenses previously held under this chapter;

969.17 (3) correction orders, including information about compliance with the order and whether  
969.18 the fine was paid;

969.19 (4) final enforcement actions pursuant to chapter 14;

969.20 (5) orders for hearing, findings of fact, and conclusions of law; and

969.21 (6) when the licensee and department agree to resolve the matter without a hearing, the  
969.22 agreement and specific reasons for the agreement are public data.

969.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.051, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

969.24 Subd. 5. **Data classification; confidential data.** For providers regulated pursuant to  
969.25 sections 144A.43 to 144A.482 and chapter 144I, the following data collected, created, or  
969.26 maintained by the Department of Health are classified as confidential data on individuals  
969.27 as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 3: active investigative data relating to the  
969.28 investigation of potential violations of law by a licensee including data from the survey  
969.29 process before the correction order is issued by the department.

970.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.051, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

970.2 Subd. 6. **Release of private or confidential data.** For providers regulated pursuant to  
970.3 sections 144A.43 to 144A.482 and chapter 144I, the department may release private or  
970.4 confidential data, except Social Security numbers, to the appropriate state, federal, or local  
970.5 agency and law enforcement office to enhance investigative or enforcement efforts or further  
970.6 a public health protective process. Types of offices include Adult Protective Services, Office  
970.7 of the Ombudsman for Long-Term Care and Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health  
970.8 and Developmental Disabilities, the health licensing boards, Department of Human Services,  
970.9 county or city attorney's offices, police, and local or county public health offices.

970.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.057, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

970.11 Subdivision 1. **Background studies required.** The commissioner of health shall contract  
970.12 with the commissioner of human services to conduct background studies of:

970.13 (1) individuals providing services ~~which~~ that have direct contact, as defined under section  
970.14 245C.02, subdivision 11, with patients and residents in hospitals, boarding care homes,  
970.15 outpatient surgical centers licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58; nursing homes and  
970.16 home care agencies licensed under chapter 144A; ~~residential care homes licensed under~~  
970.17 ~~chapter 144B~~; assisted living facilities, and assisted living facilities with dementia care  
970.18 licensed under chapter 144I, and board and lodging establishments that are registered to  
970.19 provide supportive or health supervision services under section 157.17;

970.20 (2) individuals specified in section 245C.03, subdivision 1, who perform direct contact  
970.21 services in a nursing home, assisted living facilities, and assisted living facilities with  
970.22 dementia care licensed under chapter 144I, or a home care agency licensed under chapter  
970.23 144A or a boarding care home licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58. If the individual  
970.24 under study resides outside Minnesota, the study must include a check for substantiated  
970.25 findings of maltreatment of adults and children in the individual's state of residence when  
970.26 the information is made available by that state, and must include a check of the National  
970.27 Crime Information Center database;

970.28 (3) ~~beginning July 1, 1999~~, all other employees in assisted living facilities licensed under  
970.29 chapter 144I, nursing homes licensed under chapter 144A, and boarding care homes licensed  
970.30 under sections 144.50 to 144.58. A disqualification of an individual in this section shall  
970.31 disqualify the individual from positions allowing direct contact or access to patients or  
970.32 residents receiving services. "Access" means physical access to a client or the client's  
970.33 personal property without continuous, direct supervision as defined in section 245C.02,

971.1 subdivision 8, when the employee's employment responsibilities do not include providing  
971.2 direct contact services;

971.3 (4) individuals employed by a supplemental nursing services agency, as defined under  
971.4 section 144A.70, who are providing services in health care facilities; and

971.5 (5) controlling persons of a supplemental nursing services agency, as defined under  
971.6 section 144A.70.

971.7 If a facility or program is licensed by the Department of Human Services and subject to  
971.8 the background study provisions of chapter 245C and is also licensed by the Department  
971.9 of Health, the Department of Human Services is solely responsible for the background  
971.10 studies of individuals in the jointly licensed programs.

971.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

971.12 Subd. 5. **Administrators.** ~~(a)~~ Each nursing home must employ an administrator who  
971.13 must be licensed or permitted as a nursing home administrator by the Board of ~~Examiners~~  
971.14 ~~for Nursing Home Administrators~~ Executives for Long Term Services and Supports. The  
971.15 nursing home may share the services of a licensed administrator. The administrator must  
971.16 maintain a ~~sufficient~~ an on-site presence in the facility to effectively manage the facility in  
971.17 compliance with applicable rules and regulations. The administrator must establish procedures  
971.18 and delegate authority for on-site operations in the administrator's absence, but is ultimately  
971.19 responsible for the management of the facility. Each nursing home must have posted at all  
971.20 times the name of the administrator and the name of the person in charge on the premises  
971.21 in the absence of the licensed administrator.

971.22 ~~(b) Notwithstanding sections 144A.18 to 144A.27, a nursing home with a director of~~  
971.23 ~~nursing serving as an unlicensed nursing home administrator as of March 1, 2001, may~~  
971.24 ~~continue to have a director of nursing serve in that capacity, provided the director of nursing~~  
971.25 ~~has passed the state law and rules examination administered by the Board of Examiners for~~  
971.26 ~~Nursing Home Administrators and maintains evidence of completion of 20 hours of~~  
971.27 ~~continuing education each year on topics pertinent to nursing home administration.~~

971.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

971.29 Subdivision 1. **Criteria.** The Board of ~~Examiners~~ Executives may issue licenses to  
971.30 qualified persons as nursing home administrators, and shall establish qualification criteria  
971.31 for nursing home administrators. No license shall be issued to a person as a nursing home  
971.32 administrator unless that person:

972.1 (1) is at least 21 years of age ~~and otherwise suitably qualified;~~

972.2 (2) has satisfactorily met standards set by the Board of ~~Examiners~~ Executives, which  
972.3 standards shall be designed to assure that nursing home administrators will be individuals  
972.4 who, by training or experience are qualified to serve as nursing home administrators; and

972.5 (3) has passed an examination approved by the board and designed to test for competence  
972.6 in the ~~subject matters~~ standards referred to in clause (2), or has been approved by the Board  
972.7 of ~~Examiners~~ Executives through the development and application of other appropriate  
972.8 techniques.

972.9 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.24, is amended to read:

972.10 **144A.24 DUTIES OF THE BOARD.**

972.11 The Board of ~~Examiners~~ Executives shall:

972.12 (1) develop and enforce standards for nursing home administrator licensing, which  
972.13 standards shall be designed to assure that nursing home administrators will be individuals  
972.14 of good character who, by training or experience, are suitably qualified to serve as nursing  
972.15 home administrators;

972.16 (2) develop appropriate techniques, including examinations and investigations, for  
972.17 determining whether applicants and licensees meet the board's standards;

972.18 (3) issue licenses and permits to those individuals who are found to meet the board's  
972.19 standards;

972.20 (4) establish and implement procedures designed to assure that individuals licensed as  
972.21 nursing home administrators will comply with the board's standards;

972.22 (5) receive and investigate complaints and take appropriate action consistent with chapter  
972.23 214, to revoke or suspend the license or permit of a nursing home administrator or acting  
972.24 administrator who fails to comply with sections 144A.18 to 144A.27 or the board's standards;

972.25 (6) conduct a continuing study and investigation of nursing homes, and the administrators  
972.26 of nursing homes within the state, with a view to the improvement of the standards imposed  
972.27 for the licensing of administrators and improvement of the procedures and methods used  
972.28 for enforcement of the board's standards; and

972.29 (7) approve or conduct courses of instruction or training designed to prepare individuals  
972.30 for licensing in accordance with the board's standards. ~~Courses designed to meet license  
972.31 renewal requirements shall be designed solely to improve professional skills and shall not~~



973.1 ~~include classroom attendance requirements exceeding 50 hours per year.~~ The board may  
973.2 approve courses conducted within or without this state.

973.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.26, is amended to read:

973.4 **144A.26 RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER STATES AND EQUIVALENCY OF**  
973.5 **HEALTH SERVICES EXECUTIVE.**

973.6 Subdivision 1. **Reciprocity.** The Board of ~~Examiners~~ Executives may issue a nursing  
973.7 home administrator's license, without examination, to any person who holds a current license  
973.8 as a nursing home administrator from another jurisdiction if the board finds that the standards  
973.9 for licensure in the other jurisdiction are at least the substantial equivalent of those prevailing  
973.10 in this state and that the applicant is otherwise qualified.

973.11 Subd. 2. **Health services executive license.** The Board of Executives may issue a health  
973.12 services executive license to any person who (1) has been validated by the National  
973.13 Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards as a health services executive, and  
973.14 (2) has met the education and practice requirements for the minimum qualifications of a  
973.15 nursing home administrator, assisted living administrator, and home and community-based  
973.16 service provider. Licensure decisions made by the board under this subdivision are final.

973.17 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.44, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

973.18 Subdivision 1. **Statement of rights.** (a) A ~~person~~ client who receives home care services  
973.19 in the community or in an assisted living facility licensed under chapter 144I has these  
973.20 rights:

973.21 (1) ~~the right to~~ receive written information, in plain language, about rights before  
973.22 receiving services, including what to do if rights are violated;

973.23 (2) ~~the right to~~ receive care and services according to a suitable and up-to-date plan, and  
973.24 subject to accepted health care, medical or nursing standards and person-centered care, to  
973.25 take an active part in developing, modifying, and evaluating the plan and services;

973.26 (3) ~~the right to~~ be told before receiving services the type and disciplines of staff who  
973.27 will be providing the services, the frequency of visits proposed to be furnished, other choices  
973.28 that are available for addressing home care needs, and the potential consequences of refusing  
973.29 these services;

973.30 (4) ~~the right to~~ be told in advance of any recommended changes by the provider in the  
973.31 service plan and to take an active part in any decisions about changes to the service plan;

- 974.1 (5) ~~the right to~~ refuse services or treatment;
- 974.2 (6) ~~the right to~~ know, before receiving services or during the initial visit, any limits to  
974.3 the services available from a home care provider;
- 974.4 (7) ~~the right to~~ be told before services are initiated what the provider charges for the  
974.5 services; to what extent payment may be expected from health insurance, public programs,  
974.6 or other sources, if known; and what charges the client may be responsible for paying;
- 974.7 (8) ~~the right to~~ know that there may be other services available in the community,  
974.8 including other home care services and providers, and to know where to find information  
974.9 about these services;
- 974.10 (9) ~~the right to~~ choose freely among available providers and to change providers after  
974.11 services have begun, within the limits of health insurance, long-term care insurance, medical  
974.12 assistance, ~~or other health programs,~~ or public programs;
- 974.13 (10) ~~the right to~~ have personal, financial, and medical information kept private, and to  
974.14 be advised of the provider's policies and procedures regarding disclosure of such information;
- 974.15 (11) ~~the right to~~ access the client's own records and written information from those  
974.16 records in accordance with sections 144.291 to 144.298;
- 974.17 (12) ~~the right to~~ be served by people who are properly trained and competent to perform  
974.18 their duties;
- 974.19 (13) ~~the right to~~ be treated with courtesy and respect, and to have the client's property  
974.20 treated with respect;
- 974.21 (14) ~~the right to~~ be free from physical and verbal abuse, neglect, financial exploitation,  
974.22 and all forms of maltreatment covered under the Vulnerable Adults Act and the Maltreatment  
974.23 of Minors Act;
- 974.24 (15) ~~the right to~~ reasonable, advance notice of changes in services or charges;
- 974.25 (16) ~~the right to~~ know the provider's reason for termination of services;
- 974.26 (17) ~~the right to~~ at least ~~ten~~ 30 calendar days' advance notice of the termination of a  
974.27 service or housing by a provider, except in cases where:
- 974.28 (i) the client engages in conduct that significantly alters the terms of the service plan  
974.29 with the home care provider;
- 974.30 (ii) the client, person who lives with the client, or others create an abusive or unsafe  
974.31 work environment for the person providing home care services; or

975.1 (iii) an emergency or a significant change in the client's condition has resulted in service  
975.2 needs that exceed the current service plan and that cannot be safely met by the home care  
975.3 provider;

975.4 (18) ~~the right to~~ a coordinated transfer when there will be a change in the provider of  
975.5 services;

975.6 (19) ~~the right to~~ complain to staff and others of the client's choice about services that  
975.7 are provided, or fail to be provided, and the lack of courtesy or respect to the client or the  
975.8 client's property and the right to recommend changes in policies and services, free from  
975.9 retaliation including the threat of termination of services;

975.10 (20) ~~the right to~~ know how to contact an individual associated with the home care provider  
975.11 who is responsible for handling problems and to have the home care provider investigate  
975.12 and attempt to resolve the grievance or complaint;

975.13 (21) ~~the right to~~ know the name and address of the state or county agency to contact for  
975.14 additional information or assistance; ~~and~~

975.15 (22) ~~the right to~~ assert these rights personally, or have them asserted by the client's  
975.16 representative or by anyone on behalf of the client, without retaliation; and

975.17 (23) place an electronic monitoring device in the client's or resident's space in compliance  
975.18 with state requirements.

975.19 (b) When providers violate the rights in this section, they are subject to the fines and  
975.20 license actions in sections 144A.474, subdivision 11, and 144A.475.

975.21 (c) Providers must do all of the following:

975.22 (1) encourage and assist in the fullest possible exercise of these rights;

975.23 (2) provide the names and telephone numbers of individuals and organizations that  
975.24 provide advocacy and legal services for clients and residents seeking to assert their rights;

975.25 (3) make every effort to assist clients or residents in obtaining information regarding  
975.26 whether Medicare, medical assistance, other health programs, or public programs will pay  
975.27 for services;

975.28 (4) make reasonable accommodations for people who have communication disabilities,  
975.29 or those who speak a language other than English; and

975.30 (5) provide all information and notices in plain language and in terms the client or  
975.31 resident can understand.

976.1 (d) No provider may require or request a client or resident to waive any of the rights  
976.2 listed in this section at any time or for any reasons, including as a condition of initiating  
976.3 services or entering into an assisted living facility contract.

976.4 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.471, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

976.5 Subd. 7. **Comprehensive home care license provider.** Home care services that may  
976.6 be provided with a comprehensive home care license include any of the basic home care  
976.7 services listed in subdivision 6, and one or more of the following:

976.8 (1) services of an advanced practice nurse, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,  
976.9 physical therapist, respiratory therapist, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist,  
976.10 dietitian or nutritionist, or social worker;

976.11 (2) tasks delegated to unlicensed personnel by a registered nurse or assigned by a licensed  
976.12 health professional within the person's scope of practice;

976.13 (3) medication management services;

976.14 (4) hands-on assistance with transfers and mobility;

976.15 (5) treatment and therapies;

976.16 (6) assisting clients with eating when the clients have complicating eating problems as  
976.17 identified in the client record or through an assessment such as difficulty swallowing,  
976.18 recurrent lung aspirations, or requiring the use of a tube or parenteral or intravenous  
976.19 instruments to be fed; or

976.20 ~~(6)~~ (7) providing other complex or specialty health care services.

976.21 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.471, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

976.22 Subd. 9. **Exclusions from home care licensure.** The following are excluded from home  
976.23 care licensure and are not required to provide the home care bill of rights:

976.24 (1) an individual or business entity providing only coordination of home care that includes  
976.25 one or more of the following:

976.26 (i) determination of whether a client needs home care services, or assisting a client in  
976.27 determining what services are needed;

976.28 (ii) referral of clients to a home care provider;

976.29 (iii) administration of payments for home care services; or

976.30 (iv) administration of a health care home established under section 256B.0751;

977.1 (2) an individual who is not an employee of a licensed home care provider if the  
977.2 individual:

977.3 (i) only provides services as an independent contractor to one or more licensed home  
977.4 care providers;

977.5 (ii) provides no services under direct agreements or contracts with clients; and

977.6 (iii) is contractually bound to perform services in compliance with the contracting home  
977.7 care provider's policies and service plans;

977.8 (3) a business that provides staff to home care providers, such as a temporary employment  
977.9 agency, if the business:

977.10 (i) only provides staff under contract to licensed or exempt providers;

977.11 (ii) provides no services under direct agreements with clients; and

977.12 (iii) is contractually bound to perform services under the contracting home care provider's  
977.13 direction and supervision;

977.14 (4) any home care services conducted by and for the adherents of any recognized church  
977.15 or religious denomination for its members through spiritual means, or by prayer for healing;

977.16 (5) an individual who only provides home care services to a relative;

977.17 (6) an individual not connected with a home care provider that provides assistance with  
977.18 basic home care needs if the assistance is provided primarily as a contribution and not as a  
977.19 business;

977.20 (7) an individual not connected with a home care provider that shares housing with and  
977.21 provides primarily housekeeping or homemaking services to an elderly or disabled person  
977.22 in return for free or reduced-cost housing;

977.23 (8) an individual or provider providing home-delivered meal services;

977.24 (9) an individual providing senior companion services and other older American volunteer  
977.25 programs (OAVP) established under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, United  
977.26 States Code, title 42, chapter 66;

977.27 ~~(10) an employee of a nursing home or home care provider licensed under this chapter~~  
977.28 ~~or an employee of a boarding care home licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56 when~~  
977.29 ~~responding to occasional emergency calls from individuals residing in a residential setting~~  
977.30 ~~that is attached to or located on property contiguous to the nursing home, boarding care~~  
977.31 ~~home, or location where home care services are also provided;~~

978.1 ~~(11) an employee of a nursing home or home care provider licensed under this chapter~~  
978.2 ~~or an employee of a boarding care home licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56 when~~  
978.3 ~~providing occasional minor services free of charge to individuals residing in a residential~~  
978.4 ~~setting that is attached to or located on property contiguous to the nursing home, boarding~~  
978.5 ~~care home, or location where home care services are also provided;~~

978.6 (12) a member of a professional corporation organized under chapter 319B that does  
978.7 not regularly offer or provide home care services as defined in section 144A.43, subdivision  
978.8 3;

978.9 (13) the following organizations established to provide medical or surgical services that  
978.10 do not regularly offer or provide home care services as defined in section 144A.43,  
978.11 subdivision 3: a business trust organized under sections 318.01 to 318.04, a nonprofit  
978.12 corporation organized under chapter 317A, a partnership organized under chapter 323, or  
978.13 any other entity determined by the commissioner;

978.14 (14) an individual or agency that provides medical supplies or durable medical equipment,  
978.15 except when the provision of supplies or equipment is accompanied by a home care service;

978.16 (15) a physician licensed under chapter 147;

978.17 (16) an individual who provides home care services to a person with a developmental  
978.18 disability who lives in a place of residence with a family, foster family, or primary caregiver;

978.19 (17) a business that only provides services that are primarily instructional and not medical  
978.20 services or health-related support services;

978.21 (18) an individual who performs basic home care services for no more than 14 hours  
978.22 each calendar week to no more than one client;

978.23 (19) an individual or business licensed as hospice as defined in sections 144A.75 to  
978.24 144A.755 who is not providing home care services independent of hospice service;

978.25 (20) activities conducted by the commissioner of health or a community health board  
978.26 as defined in section 145A.02, subdivision 5, including communicable disease investigations  
978.27 or testing; or

978.28 (21) administering or monitoring a prescribed therapy necessary to control or prevent a  
978.29 communicable disease, or the monitoring of an individual's compliance with a health directive  
978.30 as defined in section 144.4172, subdivision 6.

978.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to clauses (10) and (11) are effective July 1,  
978.32 2021.

979.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.472, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

979.2 Subd. 7. **Fees; application, change of ownership, ~~and~~ renewal, and failure to**  
 979.3 **notify.** (a) An initial applicant seeking temporary home care licensure must submit the  
 979.4 following application fee to the commissioner along with a completed application:

979.5 (1) for a basic home care provider, \$2,100; or

979.6 (2) for a comprehensive home care provider, \$4,200.

979.7 (b) A home care provider who is filing a change of ownership as required under  
 979.8 subdivision 5 must submit the following application fee to the commissioner, along with  
 979.9 the documentation required for the change of ownership:

979.10 (1) for a basic home care provider, \$2,100; or

979.11 (2) for a comprehensive home care provider, \$4,200.

979.12 (c) For the period ending June 30, 2018, a home care provider who is seeking to renew  
 979.13 the provider's license shall pay a fee to the commissioner based on revenues derived from  
 979.14 the provision of home care services during the calendar year prior to the year in which the  
 979.15 application is submitted, according to the following schedule:

979.16 **License Renewal Fee**

979.17 <b>Provider Annual Revenue</b>	<b>Fee</b>
979.18 greater than \$1,500,000	\$6,625
979.19 greater than \$1,275,000 and no more than 979.20 \$1,500,000	\$5,797
979.21 greater than \$1,100,000 and no more than 979.22 \$1,275,000	\$4,969
979.23 greater than \$950,000 and no more than 979.24 \$1,100,000	\$4,141
979.25 greater than \$850,000 and no more than \$950,000	\$3,727
979.26 greater than \$750,000 and no more than \$850,000	\$3,313
979.27 greater than \$650,000 and no more than \$750,000	\$2,898
979.28 greater than \$550,000 and no more than \$650,000	\$2,485
979.29 greater than \$450,000 and no more than \$550,000	\$2,070
979.30 greater than \$350,000 and no more than \$450,000	\$1,656
979.31 greater than \$250,000 and no more than \$350,000	\$1,242
979.32 greater than \$100,000 and no more than \$250,000	\$828
979.33 greater than \$50,000 and no more than \$100,000	\$500
979.34 greater than \$25,000 and no more than \$50,000	\$400
979.35 no more than \$25,000	\$200

980.1 (d) For the period between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2020, a home care provider who  
 980.2 is seeking to renew the provider's license shall pay a fee to the commissioner in an amount  
 980.3 that is ten percent higher than the applicable fee in paragraph (c). A home care provider's  
 980.4 fee shall be based on revenues derived from the provision of home care services during the  
 980.5 calendar year prior to the year in which the application is submitted.

980.6 (e) Beginning July 1, 2020, a home care provider who is seeking to renew the provider's  
 980.7 license shall pay a fee to the commissioner based on revenues derived from the provision  
 980.8 of home care services during the calendar year prior to the year in which the application is  
 980.9 submitted, according to the following schedule:

980.10 **License Renewal Fee**

980.11 <b>Provider Annual Revenue</b>	980.11 <b>Fee</b>
980.12 greater than \$1,500,000	\$7,651
980.13 greater than \$1,275,000 and no more than 980.14 \$1,500,000	\$6,695
980.15 greater than \$1,100,000 and no more than 980.16 \$1,275,000	\$5,739
980.17 greater than \$950,000 and no more than 980.18 \$1,100,000	\$4,783
980.19 greater than \$850,000 and no more than \$950,000	\$4,304
980.20 greater than \$750,000 and no more than \$850,000	\$3,826
980.21 greater than \$650,000 and no more than \$750,000	\$3,347
980.22 greater than \$550,000 and no more than \$650,000	\$2,870
980.23 greater than \$450,000 and no more than \$550,000	\$2,391
980.24 greater than \$350,000 and no more than \$450,000	\$1,913
980.25 greater than \$250,000 and no more than \$350,000	\$1,434
980.26 greater than \$100,000 and no more than \$250,000	\$957
980.27 greater than \$50,000 and no more than \$100,000	\$577
980.28 greater than \$25,000 and no more than \$50,000	\$462
980.29 no more than \$25,000	\$231

980.30 (f) If requested, the home care provider shall provide the commissioner information to  
 980.31 verify the provider's annual revenues or other information as needed, including copies of  
 980.32 documents submitted to the Department of Revenue.

980.33 (g) At each annual renewal, a home care provider may elect to pay the highest renewal  
 980.34 fee for its license category, and not provide annual revenue information to the commissioner.

980.35 (h) A temporary license or license applicant, or temporary licensee or licensee that  
 980.36 knowingly provides the commissioner incorrect revenue amounts for the purpose of paying



981.1 a lower license fee, shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount of double the fee the  
981.2 provider should have paid.

981.3 (i) The fee for failure to comply with the notification requirements in section 144A.473,  
981.4 subdivision 2, paragraph (c), is \$1,000.

981.5 ~~(i)~~ (j) Fees and penalties collected under this section shall be deposited in the state  
981.6 treasury and credited to the state government special revenue fund. All fees are  
981.7 nonrefundable. Fees collected under paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) are nonrefundable even if  
981.8 received before July 1, 2017, for temporary licenses or licenses being issued effective July  
981.9 1, 2017, or later.

981.10 (k) Fines collected under this subdivision shall be deposited in a dedicated special revenue  
981.11 account. On an annual basis, the balance in the special revenue account will be appropriated  
981.12 to the commissioner to implement the recommendations of the advisory council established  
981.13 in section 144A.4799. Fines collected in state fiscal years 2018 and 2019 shall be deposited  
981.14 in the dedicated special revenue account as described in this section.

981.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

981.16 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.474, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

981.17 Subd. 9. **Follow-up surveys.** For providers that have Level 3 or Level 4 violations under  
981.18 subdivision 11, or any violations determined to be widespread, the department shall conduct  
981.19 a follow-up survey within 90 calendar days of the survey. When conducting a follow-up  
981.20 survey, the surveyor will focus on whether the previous violations have been corrected and  
981.21 may also address any new violations that are observed while evaluating the corrections that  
981.22 have been made. ~~If a new violation is identified on a follow-up survey, no fine will be~~  
981.23 ~~imposed unless it is not corrected on the next follow-up survey.~~

981.24 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.474, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

981.25 Subd. 11. **Fines.** (a) Fines and enforcement actions under this subdivision may be assessed  
981.26 based on the level and scope of the violations described in paragraph ~~(e)~~ (b) and imposed  
981.27 immediately with no opportunity to correct the violation first as follows:

981.28 (1) Level 1, no fines or enforcement;

981.29 (2) Level 2, ~~fines ranging from \$0 to~~ a fine of \$500 per violation, in addition to any of  
981.30 the enforcement mechanisms authorized in section 144A.475 for widespread violations;

982.1 (3) Level 3, ~~fining ranging from \$500 to \$1,000~~ a fine of \$3,000 per incident plus \$100  
982.2 for each resident affected by the violation, in addition to any of the enforcement mechanisms  
982.3 authorized in section 144A.475; ~~and~~

982.4 (4) Level 4, ~~fining ranging from \$1,000 to~~ a fine of \$5,000 per incident plus \$200 for  
982.5 each resident affected by the violation, in addition to any of the enforcement mechanisms  
982.6 authorized in section 144A.475;

982.7 (5) for maltreatment violations as defined in section 626.557 including abuse, neglect,  
982.8 financial exploitation, and drug diversion, that are determined against the provider, an  
982.9 immediate fine shall be imposed of \$5,000 per incident plus \$200 for each resident affected  
982.10 by the violation; and

982.11 (6) the fines in clauses (1) to (4) are increased and immediate fine imposition is authorized  
982.12 for both surveys and investigations conducted.

982.13 (b) Correction orders for violations are categorized by both level and scope and fines  
982.14 shall be assessed as follows:

982.15 (1) level of violation:

982.16 (i) Level 1 is a violation that has no potential to cause more than a minimal impact on  
982.17 the client and does not affect health or safety;

982.18 (ii) Level 2 is a violation that did not harm a client's health or safety but had the potential  
982.19 to have harmed a client's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury,  
982.20 impairment, or death;

982.21 (iii) Level 3 is a violation that harmed a client's health or safety, not including serious  
982.22 injury, impairment, or death, or a violation that has the potential to lead to serious injury,  
982.23 impairment, or death; and

982.24 (iv) Level 4 is a violation that results in serious injury, impairment, or death;

982.25 (2) scope of violation:

982.26 (i) isolated, when one or a limited number of clients are affected or one or a limited  
982.27 number of staff are involved or the situation has occurred only occasionally;

982.28 (ii) pattern, when more than a limited number of clients are affected, more than a limited  
982.29 number of staff are involved, or the situation has occurred repeatedly but is not found to be  
982.30 pervasive; and

982.31 (iii) widespread, when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has  
982.32 affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the clients.

983.1 (c) If the commissioner finds that the applicant or a home care provider ~~required to be~~  
983.2 ~~licensed under sections 144A.43 to 144A.482~~ has not corrected violations by the date  
983.3 specified in the correction order or conditional license resulting from a survey or complaint  
983.4 investigation, the commissioner ~~may impose a fine.~~ A shall provide a notice of  
983.5 noncompliance with a correction order ~~must be mailed~~ by e-mail to the applicant's or  
983.6 provider's last known e-mail address. The noncompliance notice must list the violations not  
983.7 corrected.

983.8 (d) For every violation identified by the commissioner, the commissioner shall issue an  
983.9 immediate fine pursuant to paragraph (a), clause (6). The license holder must still correct  
983.10 the violation in the time specified. The issuance of an immediate fine can occur in addition  
983.11 to any enforcement mechanism authorized under section 144A.475. The immediate fine  
983.12 may be appealed as allowed under this subdivision.

983.13 ~~(d)~~ (e) The license holder must pay the fines assessed on or before the payment date  
983.14 specified. If the license holder fails to fully comply with the order, the commissioner may  
983.15 issue a second fine or suspend the license until the license holder complies by paying the  
983.16 fine. A timely appeal shall stay payment of the fine until the commissioner issues a final  
983.17 order.

983.18 ~~(e)~~ (f) A license holder shall promptly notify the commissioner in writing when a violation  
983.19 specified in the order is corrected. If upon reinspection the commissioner determines that  
983.20 a violation has not been corrected as indicated by the order, the commissioner may issue a  
983.21 second fine. The commissioner shall notify the license holder by mail to the last known  
983.22 address in the licensing record that a second fine has been assessed. The license holder may  
983.23 appeal the second fine as provided under this subdivision.

983.24 ~~(f)~~ (g) A home care provider that has been assessed a fine under this subdivision has a  
983.25 right to a reconsideration or a hearing under this section and chapter 14.

983.26 ~~(g)~~ (h) When a fine has been assessed, the license holder may not avoid payment by  
983.27 closing, selling, or otherwise transferring the licensed program to a third party. In such an  
983.28 event, the license holder shall be liable for payment of the fine.

983.29 ~~(h)~~ (i) In addition to any fine imposed under this section, the commissioner may assess  
983.30 a penalty amount based on costs related to an investigation that results in a final order  
983.31 assessing a fine or other enforcement action authorized by this chapter.

983.32 ~~(i)~~ (j) Fines collected under this subdivision shall be deposited in ~~the state government~~  
983.33 a dedicated special revenue fund and credited to an account separate from the revenue  
983.34 ~~collected under section 144A.472. Subject to an appropriation by the legislature, the revenue~~

984.1 ~~from the fines collected must be used by the commissioner for special projects to improve~~  
984.2 ~~home care in Minnesota as recommended by~~ account. On an annual basis, the balance in  
984.3 the special revenue account shall be appropriated to the commissioner to implement the  
984.4 recommendations of the advisory council established in section 144A.4799. Fines collected  
984.5 in state fiscal years 2018 and 2019 shall be deposited in the dedicated special revenue  
984.6 account as described in this section.

984.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.475, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:

984.8 Subd. 3b. **Expedited hearing.** (a) Within five business days of receipt of the license  
984.9 holder's timely appeal of a temporary suspension or issuance of a conditional license, the  
984.10 commissioner shall request assignment of an administrative law judge. The request must  
984.11 include a proposed date, time, and place of a hearing. A hearing must be conducted by an  
984.12 administrative law judge pursuant to Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8505 to 1400.8612, within  
984.13 30 calendar days of the request for assignment, unless an extension is requested by either  
984.14 party and granted by the administrative law judge for good cause. The commissioner shall  
984.15 issue a notice of hearing by certified mail or personal service at least ten business days  
984.16 before the hearing. Certified mail to the last known address is sufficient. The scope of the  
984.17 hearing shall be limited solely to the issue of whether the temporary suspension or issuance  
984.18 of a conditional license should remain in effect and whether there is sufficient evidence to  
984.19 conclude that the licensee's actions or failure to comply with applicable laws are level 3 or  
984.20 4 violations as defined in section 144A.474, subdivision 11, paragraph (b), or that there  
984.21 were violations that posed an imminent risk of harm to the health and safety of persons in  
984.22 the provider's care.

984.23 (b) The administrative law judge shall issue findings of fact, conclusions, and a  
984.24 recommendation within ten business days from the date of hearing. The parties shall have  
984.25 ten calendar days to submit exceptions to the administrative law judge's report. The record  
984.26 shall close at the end of the ten-day period for submission of exceptions. The commissioner's  
984.27 final order shall be issued within ten business days from the close of the record. When an  
984.28 appeal of a temporary immediate suspension or conditional license is withdrawn or dismissed,  
984.29 the commissioner shall issue a final order affirming the temporary immediate suspension  
984.30 or conditional license within ten calendar days of the commissioner's receipt of the  
984.31 withdrawal or dismissal. The license holder is prohibited from operation during the temporary  
984.32 suspension period.

984.33 (c) When the final order under paragraph (b) affirms an immediate suspension, and a  
984.34 final licensing sanction is issued under subdivisions 1 and 2 and the licensee appeals that

985.1 sanction, the licensee is prohibited from operation pending a final commissioner's order  
985.2 after the contested case hearing conducted under chapter 14.

985.3 (d) A licensee whose license is temporarily suspended must comply with the requirements  
985.4 for notification and transfer of clients in subdivision 5. These requirements remain if an  
985.5 appeal is requested.

985.6 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.475, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

985.7 Subd. 5. **Plan required.** (a) The process of ~~suspending or~~ revoking, or refusing to renew  
985.8 a license must include a plan for transferring affected ~~clients~~ clients' care to other providers  
985.9 by the home care provider, which will be monitored by the commissioner. Within three  
985.10 ~~business~~ calendar days of being notified of the ~~final~~ revocation, refusal to renew, or  
985.11 ~~suspension action,~~ the home care provider shall provide the commissioner, the lead agencies  
985.12 as defined in section 256B.0911, county adult protection and case managers, and the  
985.13 ombudsman for long-term care with the following information:

985.14 (1) a list of all clients, including full names and all contact information on file;

985.15 (2) a list of each client's representative or emergency contact person, including full names  
985.16 and all contact information on file;

985.17 (3) the location or current residence of each client;

985.18 (4) the payor sources for each client, including payor source identification numbers; and

985.19 (5) for each client, a copy of the client's service plan, and a list of the types of services  
985.20 being provided.

985.21 (b) The revocation, refusal to renew, or suspension notification requirement is satisfied  
985.22 by mailing the notice to the address in the license record. The home care provider shall  
985.23 cooperate with the commissioner and the lead agencies, county adult protection and county  
985.24 managers, and the ombudsman for long term care during the process of transferring care of  
985.25 clients to qualified providers. Within three ~~business~~ calendar days of being notified of the  
985.26 final revocation, refusal to renew, or suspension action, the home care provider must notify  
985.27 and disclose to each of the home care provider's clients, or the client's representative or  
985.28 emergency contact persons, that the commissioner is taking action against the home care  
985.29 provider's license by providing a copy of the revocation, refusal to renew, or suspension  
985.30 notice issued by the commissioner. If the provider does not comply with the disclosure  
985.31 requirements in this section, the commissioner shall notify the clients, client representatives,  
985.32 or emergency contact persons about the action being taken. Lead agencies, county adult  
985.33 protection and county managers, and the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care may

986.1 also provide this information. The revocation, refusal to renew, or suspension notice is  
986.2 public data except for any private data contained therein.

986.3 (c) A home care provider subject to this subdivision may continue operating during the  
986.4 period of time home care clients are being transferred to other providers.

986.5 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.476, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

986.6 Subdivision 1. **Prior criminal convictions; owner and managerial officials.** (a) Before  
986.7 the commissioner issues a temporary license, issues a license as a result of an approved  
986.8 change in ownership, or renews a license, an owner or managerial official is required to  
986.9 complete a background study under section 144.057. No person may be involved in the  
986.10 management, operation, or control of a home care provider if the person has been disqualified  
986.11 under chapter 245C. If an individual is disqualified under section 144.057 or chapter 245C,  
986.12 the individual may request reconsideration of the disqualification. If the individual requests  
986.13 reconsideration and the commissioner sets aside or rescinds the disqualification, the individual  
986.14 is eligible to be involved in the management, operation, or control of the provider. If an  
986.15 individual has a disqualification under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and the disqualification  
986.16 is affirmed, the individual's disqualification is barred from a set aside, and the individual  
986.17 must not be involved in the management, operation, or control of the provider.

986.18 (b) For purposes of this section, owners of a home care provider subject to the background  
986.19 check requirement are those individuals whose ownership interest provides sufficient  
986.20 authority or control to affect or change decisions related to the operation of the home care  
986.21 provider. An owner includes a sole proprietor, a general partner, or any other individual  
986.22 whose individual ownership interest can affect the management and direction of the policies  
986.23 of the home care provider.

986.24 (c) For the purposes of this section, managerial officials subject to the background check  
986.25 requirement are individuals who provide direct contact as defined in section 245C.02,  
986.26 subdivision 11, or individuals who have the responsibility for the ongoing management or  
986.27 direction of the policies, services, or employees of the home care provider. Data collected  
986.28 under this subdivision shall be classified as private data on individuals under section 13.02,  
986.29 subdivision 12.

986.30 (d) The department shall not issue any license if the applicant or owner or managerial  
986.31 official has been unsuccessful in having a background study disqualification set aside under  
986.32 section 144.057 and chapter 245C; if the owner or managerial official, as an owner or  
986.33 managerial official of another home care provider, was substantially responsible for the  
986.34 other home care provider's failure to substantially comply with sections 144A.43 to

987.1 144A.482; or if an owner that has ceased doing business, either individually or as an owner  
987.2 of a home care provider, was issued a correction order for failing to assist clients in violation  
987.3 of this chapter.

987.4 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4791, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

987.5 Subd. 10. **Termination of service plan.** (a) If a home care provider terminates a service  
987.6 plan with a client, and the client continues to need home care services, the home care provider  
987.7 shall provide the client and the client's representative, if any, with a 30-day written notice  
987.8 of termination which includes the following information:

987.9 (1) the effective date of termination;

987.10 (2) the reason for termination;

987.11 (3) a list of known licensed home care providers in the client's immediate geographic  
987.12 area;

987.13 (4) a statement that the home care provider will participate in a coordinated transfer of  
987.14 care of the client to another home care provider, health care provider, or caregiver, as  
987.15 required by the home care bill of rights, section 144A.44, subdivision 1, clause (17);

987.16 (5) the name and contact information of a person employed by the home care provider  
987.17 with whom the client may discuss the notice of termination; and

987.18 (6) if applicable, a statement that the notice of termination of home care services does  
987.19 not constitute notice of termination of the housing with services contract with a housing  
987.20 with services establishment.

987.21 (b) When the home care provider voluntarily discontinues services to all clients, the  
987.22 home care provider must notify the commissioner, lead agencies, and ombudsman for  
987.23 long-term care about its clients and comply with the requirements in this subdivision.

987.24 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.4799, is amended to read:

987.25 **144A.4799 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LICENSED HOME CARE PROVIDER**  
987.26 **ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

987.27 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The commissioner of health shall appoint eight persons  
987.28 to a home care and assisted living program advisory council consisting of the following:

987.29 (1) three public members as defined in section 214.02 who shall be ~~either~~ persons who  
987.30 are currently receiving home care services ~~or~~, persons who have received home care services  
987.31 within five years of the application date, persons who have family members receiving home

988.1 care services, or persons who have family members who have received home care services  
988.2 within five years of the application date;

988.3 (2) three Minnesota home care licensees representing basic and comprehensive levels  
988.4 of licensure who may be a managerial official, an administrator, a supervising registered  
988.5 nurse, or an unlicensed personnel performing home care tasks;

988.6 (3) one member representing the Minnesota Board of Nursing; ~~and~~

988.7 (4) one member representing the office of ombudsman for long-term care; and

988.8 (5) beginning July 1, 2021, one member of a county health and human services or county  
988.9 adult protection office.

988.10 Subd. 2. **Organizations and meetings.** The advisory council shall be organized and  
988.11 administered under section 15.059 with per diems and costs paid within the limits of available  
988.12 appropriations. Meetings will be held quarterly and hosted by the department. Subcommittees  
988.13 may be developed as necessary by the commissioner. Advisory council meetings are subject  
988.14 to the Open Meeting Law under chapter 13D.

988.15 Subd. 3. **Duties.** (a) At the commissioner's request, the advisory council shall provide  
988.16 advice regarding regulations of Department of Health licensed home care providers in this  
988.17 chapter, including advice on the following:

988.18 (1) community standards for home care practices;

988.19 (2) enforcement of licensing standards and whether certain disciplinary actions are  
988.20 appropriate;

988.21 (3) ways of distributing information to licensees and consumers of home care;

988.22 (4) training standards;

988.23 (5) identifying emerging issues and opportunities in ~~the home care field, including;~~

988.24 (6) identifying the use of technology in home and telehealth capabilities;

988.25 ~~(6)~~ (7) allowable home care licensing modifications and exemptions, including a method  
988.26 for an integrated license with an existing license for rural licensed nursing homes to provide  
988.27 limited home care services in an adjacent independent living apartment building owned by  
988.28 the licensed nursing home; and

988.29 ~~(7)~~ (8) recommendations for studies using the data in section 62U.04, subdivision 4,  
988.30 including but not limited to studies concerning costs related to dementia and chronic disease



989.1 among an elderly population over 60 and additional long-term care costs, as described in  
989.2 section 62U.10, subdivision 6.

989.3 (b) The advisory council shall perform other duties as directed by the commissioner.

989.4 (c) The advisory council shall annually ~~review the balance of the account in the state~~  
989.5 ~~government special revenue fund described in section 144A.474, subdivision 11, paragraph~~  
989.6 ~~(i), and make annual recommendations by January 15 directly to the chairs and ranking~~  
989.7 ~~minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human~~  
989.8 ~~services regarding appropriations to the commissioner for the purposes in section 144A.474,~~  
989.9 ~~subdivision 11, paragraph (i). The recommendations shall address ways the commissioner~~  
989.10 ~~may improve protection of the public under existing statutes and laws and include but are~~  
989.11 ~~not limited to projects that create and administer training of licensees and their employees~~  
989.12 ~~to improve residents lives, supporting ways that licensees can improve and enhance quality~~  
989.13 ~~care, ways to provide technical assistance to licensees to improve compliance; information~~  
989.14 ~~technology and data projects that analyze and communicate information about trends of~~  
989.15 ~~violations or lead to ways of improving client care; communications strategies to licensees~~  
989.16 ~~and the public; and other projects or pilots that benefit clients, families, and the public.~~

989.17 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256I.03, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

989.18 Subd. 15. **Supportive housing.** "Supportive housing" means housing ~~with support~~  
989.19 ~~services according to the continuum of care coordinated assessment system established~~  
989.20 ~~under Code of Federal Regulations, title 24, section 578.3 that is not time-limited and~~  
989.21 ~~provides or coordinates services necessary for a resident to maintain housing stability.~~

989.22 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

989.23 Subd. 2a. **License required; staffing qualifications.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph  
989.24 (b), an agency may not enter into an agreement with an establishment to provide housing  
989.25 support unless:

989.26 (1) the establishment is licensed by the Department of Health as a hotel and restaurant;  
989.27 a board and lodging establishment; a boarding care home before March 1, 1985; or a  
989.28 supervised living facility, and the service provider for residents of the facility is licensed  
989.29 under chapter 245A. However, an establishment licensed by the Department of Health to  
989.30 provide lodging need not also be licensed to provide board if meals are being supplied to  
989.31 residents under a contract with a food vendor who is licensed by the Department of Health;

990.1 (2) the residence is: (i) licensed by the commissioner of human services under Minnesota  
990.2 Rules, parts 9555.5050 to 9555.6265; (ii) certified by a county human services agency prior  
990.3 to July 1, 1992, using the standards under Minnesota Rules, parts 9555.5050 to 9555.6265;  
990.4 (iii) licensed by the commissioner under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0010 to 2960.0120,  
990.5 with a variance under section 245A.04, subdivision 9; or (iv) licensed under section 245D.02,  
990.6 subdivision 4a, as a community residential setting by the commissioner of human services;  
990.7 or

990.8 (3) the ~~establishment~~ facility is ~~registered~~ licensed under ~~chapter 144D~~ chapter 144I and  
990.9 provides three meals a day.

990.10 (b) The requirements under paragraph (a) do not apply to establishments exempt from  
990.11 state licensure because they are:

990.12 (1) located on Indian reservations and subject to tribal health and safety requirements;  
990.13 or

990.14 (2) ~~a supportive housing establishment that has an approved habitability inspection and~~  
990.15 ~~an individual lease agreement and that serves people who have experienced long-term~~  
990.16 ~~homelessness and were referred through a coordinated assessment in section 256I.03,~~  
990.17 ~~subdivision 15~~ supportive housing establishments where an individual has an approved  
990.18 habitability inspection and an individual lease agreement.

990.19 (c) Supportive housing establishments that serve individuals who have experienced  
990.20 long-term homelessness and emergency shelters must participate in the homeless management  
990.21 information system and a coordinated assessment system as defined by the commissioner.

990.22 (d) Effective July 1, 2016, an agency shall not have an agreement with a provider of  
990.23 housing support unless all staff members who have direct contact with recipients:

990.24 (1) have skills and knowledge acquired through one or more of the following:

990.25 (i) a course of study in a health- or human services-related field leading to a bachelor  
990.26 of arts, bachelor of science, or associate's degree;

990.27 (ii) one year of experience with the target population served;

990.28 (iii) experience as a mental health certified peer specialist according to section 256B.0615;

990.29 or

990.30 (iv) meeting the requirements for unlicensed personnel under sections 144A.43 to  
990.31 144A.483;

991.1 (2) hold a current driver's license appropriate to the vehicle driven if transporting  
991.2 recipients;

991.3 (3) complete training on vulnerable adults mandated reporting and child maltreatment  
991.4 mandated reporting, where applicable; and

991.5 (4) complete housing support orientation training offered by the commissioner.

991.6 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 325F.72, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

991.7 Subdivision 1. **Persons to whom disclosure is required.** ~~Housing with services~~  
991.8 ~~establishments, as defined in sections 144D.01 to 144D.07, that secure, segregate, or provide~~  
991.9 ~~a special program or special unit for residents with a diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's~~  
991.10 ~~disease or a related disorder or that advertise, market, or otherwise promote the establishment~~  
991.11 ~~as providing specialized care for Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder are considered a~~  
991.12 ~~"special care unit."~~ All special care units assisted living facilities with dementia care, as  
991.13 defined in section 144I.01, shall provide a written disclosure to the following:

991.14 (1) the commissioner of health, if requested;

991.15 (2) the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care; and

991.16 (3) each person seeking placement within a residence, or the person's authorized  
991.17 representative, before an agreement to provide the care is entered into.

991.18 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 325F.72, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

991.19 Subd. 2. **Content.** Written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

991.20 (1) a statement of the overall philosophy and how it reflects the special needs of residents  
991.21 with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;

991.22 (2) the criteria for determining who may reside in the ~~special~~ dementia care unit;

991.23 (3) the process used for assessment and establishment of the service plan or agreement,  
991.24 including how the plan is responsive to changes in the resident's condition;

991.25 (4) staffing credentials, job descriptions, and staff duties and availability, including any  
991.26 training specific to dementia;

991.27 (5) physical environment as well as design and security features that specifically address  
991.28 the needs of residents with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;

991.29 (6) frequency and type of programs and activities for residents ~~of the special care unit;~~

991.30 (7) involvement of families in resident care and availability of family support programs;

992.1 (8) fee schedules for additional services to the residents ~~of the special care unit~~; and

992.2 (9) a statement that residents will be given a written notice 30 calendar days prior to  
992.3 changes in the fee schedule.

992.4 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 626.5572, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

992.5 Subd. 6. **Facility.** (a) "Facility" means a hospital or other entity required to be licensed  
992.6 under sections 144.50 to 144.58; a nursing home required to be licensed to serve adults  
992.7 under section 144A.02; a facility or service required to be licensed under chapter 245A; an  
992.8 assisted living facility required to be licensed under chapter 144I; a home care provider  
992.9 licensed or required to be licensed under sections 144A.43 to 144A.482; a hospice provider  
992.10 licensed under sections 144A.75 to 144A.755; or a person or organization that offers,  
992.11 provides, or arranges for personal care assistance services under the medical assistance  
992.12 program as authorized under sections 256B.0625, subdivision 19a, 256B.0651 to 256B.0654,  
992.13 256B.0659, or 256B.85.

992.14 (b) For services identified in paragraph (a) that are provided in the vulnerable adult's  
992.15 own home or in another unlicensed location, the term "facility" refers to the provider, person,  
992.16 or organization that offers, provides, or arranges for personal care services, and does not  
992.17 refer to the vulnerable adult's home or other location at which services are rendered.

992.18 Sec. 25. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

992.19 The revisor of statutes shall change the phrases "Board of Examiners for Nursing Home  
992.20 Administrators" to "Board of Executives for Long Term Services and Supports" and "Board  
992.21 of Examiners" to "Board of Executives" wherever the phrases appear in Minnesota Statutes  
992.22 and apply to the board established in Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.19.

992.23 Sec. 26. **REPEALER.**

992.24 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144A.472, subdivision 4, is repealed July 1, 2019.

992.25 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 144A.441; and 144A.442, are repealed August 1,  
992.26 2021.

993.1

**ARTICLE 19**

993.2

**MISCELLANEOUS**

993.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.142, is amended to read:

993.4

**124D.142 QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM.**

993.5 (a) There is established a quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) framework to  
993.6 ensure that Minnesota's children have access to high-quality early learning and care programs  
993.7 in a range of settings so that they are fully ready for kindergarten by 2020. ~~Creation of a~~  
993.8 The standards-based voluntary quality rating and improvement system includes:

993.9 (1) quality opportunities in order to improve the educational outcomes of children so  
993.10 that they are ready for school. The framework shall be based on the Minnesota quality rating  
993.11 system rating tool and a common set of child outcome and program standards and informed  
993.12 by evaluation results;

993.13 (2) a tool to increase the number of publicly funded and regulated early learning and  
993.14 care services in both public and private market programs that are high quality. If a program  
993.15 or provider chooses to participate, the program or provider will be rated and may receive  
993.16 public funding associated with the rating. The state shall develop a plan to link future early  
993.17 learning and care state funding to the framework in a manner that complies with federal  
993.18 requirements; and

993.19 (3) tracking progress toward statewide access to high-quality early learning and care  
993.20 programs, progress toward the number of low-income children whose parents can access  
993.21 quality programs, and progress toward increasing the number of children who are fully  
993.22 prepared to enter kindergarten.

993.23 ~~(b) In planning a statewide quality rating and improvement system framework in~~  
993.24 ~~paragraph (a), the state shall use evaluation results of the Minnesota quality rating system~~  
993.25 ~~rating tool in use in fiscal year 2008 to recommend:~~

993.26 ~~(1) a framework of a common set of child outcome and program standards for a voluntary~~  
993.27 ~~statewide quality rating and improvement system;~~

993.28 ~~(2) a plan to link future funding to the framework described in paragraph (a), clause (2);~~  
993.29 ~~and~~

993.30 ~~(3) a plan for how the state will realign existing state and federal administrative resources~~  
993.31 ~~to implement the voluntary quality rating and improvement system framework. The state~~  
993.32 ~~shall provide the recommendation in this paragraph to the early childhood education finance~~  
993.33 ~~committees of the legislature by March 15, 2011.~~

994.1 ~~(e) Prior to the creation of a statewide quality rating and improvement system in paragraph~~  
994.2 ~~(a), the state shall employ the Minnesota quality rating system rating tool in use in fiscal~~  
994.3 ~~year 2008 in the original Minnesota Early Learning Foundation pilot areas and additional~~  
994.4 ~~pilot areas supported by private or public funds with its modification as a result of the~~  
994.5 ~~evaluation results of the pilot project.~~

994.6 (b) A child care provider who has a quality rating under this section and is disqualified  
994.7 from receiving child care assistance program reimbursement under chapter 119B, as provided  
994.8 under section 256.98, subdivision 8, paragraph (c), must also have the quality rating  
994.9 rescinded.

994.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.165, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

994.11 Subd. 4. **Early childhood program eligibility.** (a) In order to be eligible to accept an  
994.12 for early learning scholarship funds, a program must:

994.13 (1) participate in the quality rating and improvement system under section 124D.142;  
994.14 and

994.15 (2) beginning July 1, 2020, have a three- or four-star rating in the quality rating and  
994.16 improvement system.

994.17 (b) Any program accepting scholarships must use the revenue to supplement and not  
994.18 supplant federal funding.

994.19 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), all Minnesota early learning foundation scholarship  
994.20 program pilot sites are eligible to accept an early learning scholarship under this section.

994.21 (d) A program is not eligible for early learning scholarship funds if:

994.22 (1) it is disqualified from receiving payment for child care services from the child care  
994.23 assistance program under chapter 119B, as provided under section 256.98, subdivision 8,  
994.24 paragraph (c); or

994.25 (2) the commissioner of human services refuses to issue a child care authorization,  
994.26 revokes an existing child care authorization, stops payment issued to a program, or refuses  
994.27 to pay a bill under section 119B.13, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), clause (2).

994.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

994.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.515, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

994.30 Subdivision 1. **Approval of on-site education programs.** The commissioner shall  
994.31 approve on-site education programs for placement of children and youth in residential

995.1 facilities including detention centers, before being licensed by the Department of Human  
995.2 Services or the Department of Corrections. Education programs in these facilities shall  
995.3 conform to state and federal education laws including the Individuals with Disabilities  
995.4 Education Act (IDEA). This section applies only to placements in children's residential  
995.5 facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities, as defined in section 256B.0625,  
995.6 subdivision 45a, licensed by the Department of Human Services or the Department of  
995.7 Corrections. For purposes of this section, "on-site education program" means the educational  
995.8 services provided directly on the grounds of the children's residential facility or psychiatric  
995.9 residential treatment facility to children and youth placed for care and treatment.

995.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.515, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

995.11 Subd. 3. **Responsibilities for providing education.** (a) The district in which the children's  
995.12 residential facility or psychiatric residential treatment facility is located must provide  
995.13 education services, including special education if eligible, to all students placed in a facility.

995.14 (b) For education programs operated by the Department of Corrections, the providing  
995.15 district shall be the Department of Corrections. For students remanded to the commissioner  
995.16 of corrections, the providing and resident district shall be the Department of Corrections.

995.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.515, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

995.18 Subd. 4. **Education services required.** (a) Education services must be provided to a  
995.19 student beginning within three business days after the student enters the children's residential  
995.20 facility or psychiatric residential treatment facility. The first four days of the student's  
995.21 placement may be used to screen the student for educational and safety issues.

995.22 (b) If the student does not meet the eligibility criteria for special education, regular  
995.23 education services must be provided to that student.

995.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.515, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

995.25 Subd. 5. **Education programs for students placed in children's residential**  
995.26 **facilities.** (a) When a student is placed in a children's residential facility or psychiatric  
995.27 residential treatment facility under this section that has an on-site education program, the  
995.28 providing district, upon notice from the children's residential facility, must contact the  
995.29 resident district within one business day to determine if a student has been identified as  
995.30 having a disability, and to request at least the student's transcript, and for students with  
995.31 disabilities, the most recent individualized education program (IEP) and evaluation report.

996.1 The resident district must send a facsimile copy to the providing district within two business  
996.2 days of receiving the request.

996.3 (b) If a student placed under this section has been identified as having a disability and  
996.4 has an individualized education program in the resident district:

996.5 (1) the providing agency must conduct an individualized education program meeting to  
996.6 reach an agreement about continuing or modifying special education services in accordance  
996.7 with the current individualized education program goals and objectives and to determine if  
996.8 additional evaluations are necessary; and

996.9 (2) at least the following people shall receive written notice or documented phone call  
996.10 to be followed with written notice to attend the individualized education program meeting:

996.11 (i) the person or agency placing the student;

996.12 (ii) the resident district;

996.13 (iii) the appropriate teachers and related services staff from the providing district;

996.14 (iv) appropriate staff from the children's residential facility or psychiatric residential  
996.15 treatment facility;

996.16 (v) the parents or legal guardians of the student; and

996.17 (vi) when appropriate, the student.

996.18 (c) For a student who has not been identified as a student with a disability, a screening  
996.19 must be conducted by the providing districts as soon as possible to determine the student's  
996.20 educational and behavioral needs and must include a review of the student's educational  
996.21 records.

996.22 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.515, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

996.23 Subd. 7. **Minimum educational services required.** When a student is placed in a  
996.24 children's residential facility or psychiatric residential treatment facility under this section,  
996.25 at a minimum, the providing district is responsible for:

996.26 (1) the education necessary, including summer school services, for a student who is not  
996.27 performing at grade level as indicated in the education record or IEP; and

996.28 (2) a school day, of the same length as the school day of the providing district, unless  
996.29 the unique needs of the student, as documented through the IEP or education record in  
996.30 consultation with treatment providers, requires an alteration in the length of the school day.



997.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.515, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

997.2 Subd. 8. **Placement, services, and due process.** When a student's treatment and  
997.3 educational needs allow, education shall be provided in a regular educational setting. The  
997.4 determination of the amount and site of integrated services must be a joint decision between  
997.5 the student's parents or legal guardians and the treatment and education staff. When  
997.6 applicable, educational placement decisions must be made by the IEP team of the providing  
997.7 district. Educational services shall be provided in conformance with the least restrictive  
997.8 environment principle of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The providing  
997.9 district and children's residential facility or psychiatric residential treatment facility shall  
997.10 cooperatively develop discipline and behavior management procedures to be used in  
997.11 emergency situations that comply with the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act and other  
997.12 relevant state and federal laws and regulations.

997.13 Sec. 9. [137.68] **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RARE DISEASES.**

997.14 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The University of Minnesota is requested to establish  
997.15 an advisory council on rare diseases to provide advice on research, diagnosis, treatment,  
997.16 and education related to rare diseases. For purposes of this section, "rare disease" has the  
997.17 meaning given in United States Code, title 21, section 360bb. The council shall be called  
997.18 the Chloe Barnes Advisory Council on Rare Diseases.

997.19 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The advisory council may consist of public members appointed  
997.20 by the Board of Regents or a designee according to paragraph (b) and four members of the  
997.21 legislature appointed according to paragraph (c).

997.22 (b) The Board of Regents or a designee is requested to appoint the following public  
997.23 members:

997.24 (1) three physicians licensed and practicing in the state with experience researching,  
997.25 diagnosing, or treating rare diseases. At least one physician appointed under this clause  
997.26 must be a pediatrician;

997.27 (2) one registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse licensed and practicing  
997.28 in the state with experience treating rare diseases;

997.29 (3) at least two hospital administrators, or their designees, from hospitals in the state  
997.30 that provide care to persons diagnosed with a rare disease. One administrator or designee  
997.31 appointed under this clause must represent a hospital in which the scope of service focuses  
997.32 on rare diseases of pediatric patients;

998.1 (4) three persons age 18 or older who either have a rare disease or are a caregiver of a  
998.2 person with a rare disease;

998.3 (5) a representative of a rare disease patient organization that operates in the state;

998.4 (6) a social worker with experience providing services to persons diagnosed with a rare  
998.5 disease;

998.6 (7) a pharmacist with experience with drugs used to treat rare diseases;

998.7 (8) a dentist licensed and practicing in the state with experience treating rare diseases;

998.8 (9) a representative of the biotechnology industry;

998.9 (10) a representative of health plan companies;

998.10 (11) a medical researcher with experience conducting research on rare diseases; and

998.11 (12) a genetic counselor with experience providing services to persons diagnosed with  
998.12 a rare disease or caregivers of those persons.

998.13 (c) The advisory council shall include two members of the senate, one appointed by the  
998.14 majority leader and one appointed by the minority leader; and two members of the house  
998.15 of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the  
998.16 minority leader.

998.17 (d) The commissioner of health or a designee, a representative of Mayo Medical School,  
998.18 and a representative of the University of Minnesota Medical School, shall serve as ex officio,  
998.19 nonvoting members of the advisory council.

998.20 (e) Initial appointments to the advisory council shall be made no later than September  
998.21 1, 2019. Members appointed according to paragraph (b) shall serve for a term of three years,  
998.22 except that the initial members appointed according to paragraph (b) shall have an initial  
998.23 term of two, three, or four years determined by lot by the chairperson. Members appointed  
998.24 according to paragraph (b) shall serve until their successors have been appointed.

998.25 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** The Board of Regents or a designee is requested to convene the first  
998.26 meeting of the advisory council no later than October 1, 2019. The advisory council shall  
998.27 meet at the call of the chairperson or at the request of a majority of advisory council members.

998.28 Subd. 4. **Duties.** (a) The advisory council's duties may include, but are not limited to:

998.29 (1) in conjunction with the state's medical schools, the state's schools of public health,  
998.30 and hospitals in the state that provide care to persons diagnosed with a rare disease,

999.1 developing resources or recommendations relating to quality of and access to treatment and  
999.2 services in the state for persons with a rare disease, including but not limited to:

999.3 (i) a list of existing, publicly accessible resources on research, diagnosis, treatment, and  
999.4 education relating to rare diseases;

999.5 (ii) identifying best practices for rare disease care implemented in other states, at the  
999.6 national level, and at the international level, that will improve rare disease care in the state  
999.7 and seeking opportunities to partner with similar organizations in other states and countries;

999.8 (iii) identifying problems faced by patients with a rare disease when changing health  
999.9 plans, including recommendations on how to remove obstacles faced by these patients to  
999.10 finding a new health plan and how to improve the ease and speed of finding a new health  
999.11 plan that meets the needs of patients with a rare disease; and

999.12 (iv) identifying best practices to ensure health care providers are adequately informed  
999.13 of the most effective strategies for recognizing and treating rare diseases; and

999.14 (2) advising, consulting, and cooperating with the Department of Health, the Advisory  
999.15 Committee on Heritable and Congenital Disorders, and other agencies of state government  
999.16 in developing information and programs for the public and the health care community  
999.17 relating to diagnosis, treatment, and awareness of rare diseases.

999.18 (b) The advisory council shall collect additional topic areas for study and evaluation  
999.19 from the general public. In order for the advisory council to study and evaluate a topic, the  
999.20 topic must be approved for study and evaluation by the advisory council.

999.21 Subd. 5. **Conflict of interest.** Advisory council members are subject to the Board of  
999.22 Regents policy on conflicts of interest.

999.23 Subd. 6. **Annual report.** By January 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2020, the  
999.24 advisory council shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
999.25 committees with jurisdiction over higher education and health care policy on the advisory  
999.26 council's activities under subdivision 4 and other issues on which the advisory council may  
999.27 choose to report.

999.28 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256I.05, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

999.29 Subd. 1c. **Rate increases.** An agency may not increase the rates negotiated for housing  
999.30 support above those in effect on June 30, 1993, except as provided in paragraphs (a) to (f).

999.31 (a) An agency may increase the rates for room and board to the MSA equivalent rate  
999.32 for those settings whose current rate is below the MSA equivalent rate.

1000.1 (b) An agency may increase the rates for residents in adult foster care whose difficulty  
1000.2 of care has increased. The total housing support rate for these residents must not exceed the  
1000.3 maximum rate specified in subdivisions 1 and 1a. Agencies must not include nor increase  
1000.4 difficulty of care rates for adults in foster care whose difficulty of care is eligible for funding  
1000.5 by home and community-based waiver programs under title XIX of the Social Security Act.

1000.6 (c) The room and board rates will be increased each year when the MSA equivalent rate  
1000.7 is adjusted for SSI cost-of-living increases by the amount of the annual SSI increase, less  
1000.8 the amount of the increase in the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section  
1000.9 256B.35.

1000.10 (d) When housing support pays for an individual's room and board, or other costs  
1000.11 necessary to provide room and board, the rate payable to the residence must continue for  
1000.12 up to 18 calendar days per incident that the person is temporarily absent from the residence,  
1000.13 not to exceed 60 days in a calendar year, if the absence or absences have received the prior  
1000.14 approval of the county agency's social service staff. Prior approval is not required for  
1000.15 emergency absences due to crisis, illness, or injury.

1000.16 (e) For facilities meeting substantial change criteria within the prior year. Substantial  
1000.17 change criteria exists if the establishment experiences a 25 percent increase or decrease in  
1000.18 the total number of its beds, if the net cost of capital additions or improvements is in excess  
1000.19 of 15 percent of the current market value of the residence, or if the residence physically  
1000.20 moves, or changes its licensure, and incurs a resulting increase in operation and property  
1000.21 costs.

1000.22 (f) Until June 30, 1994, an agency may increase by up to five percent the total rate paid  
1000.23 for recipients of assistance under sections 256D.01 to 256D.21 or 256D.33 to 256D.54 who  
1000.24 reside in residences that are licensed by the commissioner of health as a boarding care home,  
1000.25 but are not certified for the purposes of the medical assistance program. However, an increase  
1000.26 under this clause must not exceed an amount equivalent to 65 percent of the 1991 medical  
1000.27 assistance reimbursement rate for nursing home resident class A, in the geographic grouping  
1000.28 in which the facility is located, as established under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0051 to  
1000.29 9549.0058.

1000.30 (g) An agency may increase the rates by \$100 per month for residents in settings under  
1000.31 sections 144D.025 and 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2).

1000.32

## ARTICLE 20

1000.33

### HUMAN SERVICES FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS

1000.34 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FORECAST ADJUSTMENT.



1002.1 **(h) Medical Assistance**

1002.2 Appropriations by Fund

1002.3 General (222,176,000)

1002.4 Health Care Access -0-

1002.5 **(i) Alternative Care** -0-

1002.6 **(j) Consolidated Chemical Dependency**

1002.7 **Treatment Fund (CCDTF) Entitlement** (17,872,000)

1002.8 Subd. 3. Technical Activities (402,000)

1002.9 This appropriation is from the federal TANF

1002.10 fund.

1002.11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

1002.12 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

1002.13 **ARTICLE 21**

1002.14 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1002.15 Section 1. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS.**

1002.16 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
 1002.17 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,  
 1002.18 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

1002.19 The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under  
 1002.20 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively.

1002.21 "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium"  
 1002.22 is fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

1002.23 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1002.24 **Available for the Year**

1002.25 **Ending June 30**

1002.26 **2020** **2021**

1002.27 **Sec. 2. COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN**

1002.28 **SERVICES**

1002.29 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 8,244,381,000** **\$ 8,390,392,000**

1003.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
1003.2	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
1003.3	<u>General</u>	<u>7,408,609,000 7,544,806,000</u>
1003.4	<u>State Government</u>	
1003.5	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>16,193,000 16,148,000</u>
1003.6	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>531,064,000 555,550,000</u>
1003.7	<u>Federal TANF</u>	<u>273,620,000 271,992,000</u>
1003.8	<u>Lottery Prize</u>	<u>1,896,000 1,896,000</u>

1003.9 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 1003.10 purpose are specified in the following  
 1003.11 subdivisions.

1003.12 **Subd. 2. TANF Maintenance of Effort**

1003.13 **(a) Nonfederal Expenditures. The**  
 1003.14 commissioner shall ensure that sufficient  
 1003.15 qualified nonfederal expenditures are made  
 1003.16 each year to meet the state's maintenance of  
 1003.17 effort (MOE) requirements of the TANF block  
 1003.18 grant specified under Code of Federal  
 1003.19 Regulations, title 45, section 263.1. In order  
 1003.20 to meet these basic TANF/MOE requirements,  
 1003.21 the commissioner may report as TANF/MOE  
 1003.22 expenditures only nonfederal money expended  
 1003.23 for allowable activities listed in the following  
 1003.24 clauses:

1003.25 (1) MFIP cash, diversionary work program,  
 1003.26 and food assistance benefits under Minnesota  
 1003.27 Statutes, chapter 256J;

1003.28 (2) the child care assistance programs under  
 1003.29 Minnesota Statutes, sections 119B.03 and  
 1003.30 119B.05, and county child care administrative  
 1003.31 costs under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 1003.32 119B.15;

1003.33 (3) state and county MFIP administrative costs  
 1003.34 under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 256J and  
 1003.35 256K;

- 1004.1 (4) state, county, and tribal MFIP employment  
1004.2 services under Minnesota Statutes, chapters  
1004.3 256J and 256K;
- 1004.4 (5) expenditures made on behalf of legal  
1004.5 noncitizen MFIP recipients who qualify for  
1004.6 the MinnesotaCare program under Minnesota  
1004.7 Statutes, chapter 256L;
- 1004.8 (6) qualifying working family credit  
1004.9 expenditures under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1004.10 290.0671;
- 1004.11 (7) qualifying Minnesota education credit  
1004.12 expenditures under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1004.13 290.0674; and
- 1004.14 (8) qualifying Head Start expenditures under  
1004.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 119A.50.
- 1004.16 **(b) Nonfederal Expenditures; Reporting.**  
1004.17 For the activities listed in paragraph (a),  
1004.18 clauses (2) to (8), the commissioner may  
1004.19 report only expenditures that are excluded  
1004.20 from the definition of assistance under Code  
1004.21 of Federal Regulations, title 45, section  
1004.22 260.31.
- 1004.23 **(c) Certain Expenditures Required. The**  
1004.24 commissioner shall ensure that the MOE used  
1004.25 by the commissioner of management and  
1004.26 budget for the February and November  
1004.27 forecasts required under Minnesota Statutes,  
1004.28 section 16A.103, contains expenditures under  
1004.29 paragraph (a), clause (1), equal to at least 16  
1004.30 percent of the total required under Code of  
1004.31 Federal Regulations, title 45, section 263.1.
- 1004.32 **(d) Limitation; Exceptions. The**  
1004.33 commissioner must not claim an amount of  
1004.34 TANF/MOE in excess of the 75 percent



1005.1 standard in Code of Federal Regulations, title  
1005.2 45, section 263.1(a)(2), except:

1005.3 (1) to the extent necessary to meet the 80  
1005.4 percent standard under Code of Federal  
1005.5 Regulations, title 45, section 263.1(a)(1), if it  
1005.6 is determined by the commissioner that the  
1005.7 state will not meet the TANF work  
1005.8 participation target rate for the current year;

1005.9 (2) to provide any additional amounts under  
1005.10 Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section  
1005.11 264.5, that relate to replacement of TANF  
1005.12 funds due to the operation of TANF penalties;  
1005.13 and

1005.14 (3) to provide any additional amounts that may  
1005.15 contribute to avoiding or reducing TANF work  
1005.16 participation penalties through the operation  
1005.17 of the excess MOE provisions of Code of  
1005.18 Federal Regulations, title 45, section 261.43  
1005.19 (a)(2).

1005.20 **(e) Supplemental Expenditures.** For the  
1005.21 purposes of paragraph (d), the commissioner  
1005.22 may supplement the MOE claim with working  
1005.23 family credit expenditures or other qualified  
1005.24 expenditures to the extent such expenditures  
1005.25 are otherwise available after considering the  
1005.26 expenditures allowed in this subdivision.

1005.27 **(f) Reduction of Appropriations; Exception.**  
1005.28 The requirement in Minnesota Statutes, section  
1005.29 256.011, subdivision 3, that federal grants or  
1005.30 aids secured or obtained under that subdivision  
1005.31 be used to reduce any direct appropriations  
1005.32 provided by law, does not apply if the grants  
1005.33 or aids are federal TANF funds.

1006.1 (g) IT Appropriations Generally. This  
1006.2 appropriation includes funds for information  
1006.3 technology projects, services, and support.  
1006.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
1006.5 16E.0466, funding for information technology  
1006.6 project costs shall be incorporated into the  
1006.7 service level agreement and paid to the Office  
1006.8 of MN.IT Services by the Department of  
1006.9 Human Services under the rates and  
1006.10 mechanism specified in that agreement.

1006.11 (h) Receipts for Systems Project.  
1006.12 Appropriations and federal receipts for  
1006.13 information systems projects for MAXIS,  
1006.14 PRISM, MMIS, ISDS, METS, and SSIS must  
1006.15 be deposited in the state systems account  
1006.16 authorized in Minnesota Statutes, section  
1006.17 256.014. Money appropriated for computer  
1006.18 projects approved by the commissioner of the  
1006.19 Office of MN.IT Services, funded by the  
1006.20 legislature, and approved by the commissioner  
1006.21 of management and budget may be transferred  
1006.22 from one project to another and from  
1006.23 development to operations as the  
1006.24 commissioner of human services considers  
1006.25 necessary. Any unexpended balance in the  
1006.26 appropriation for these projects does not  
1006.27 cancel and is available for ongoing  
1006.28 development and operations.

1006.29 (i) Federal SNAP Education and Training  
1006.30 Grants. Federal funds available during fiscal  
1006.31 years 2020 and 2021 for Supplemental  
1006.32 Nutrition Assistance Program Education and  
1006.33 Training and SNAP Quality Control  
1006.34 Performance Bonus grants are appropriated  
1006.35 to the commissioner of human services for the

1007.1 purposes allowable under the terms of the  
 1007.2 federal award. This paragraph is effective the  
 1007.3 day following final enactment.

1007.4 **Subd. 3. Working Family Credit as TANF/MOE**

1007.5 The commissioner may claim as TANF/MOE  
 1007.6 up to \$6,707,000 per year of working family  
 1007.7 credit expenditures in each fiscal year.

1007.8 **Subd. 4. Central Office; Operations**

1007.9	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
1007.10	<u>General</u>	<u>152,118,000</u>	<u>149,405,000</u>
1007.11	<u>State Government</u>		
1007.12	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>5,451,000</u>	<u>5,441,000</u>
1007.13	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>21,620,000</u>	<u>22,656,000</u>
1007.14	<u>Federal TANF</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

1007.15 **(a) Administrative Recovery; Set-Aside.** The  
 1007.16 commissioner may invoice local entities  
 1007.17 through the SWIFT accounting system as an  
 1007.18 alternative means to recover the actual cost of  
 1007.19 administering the following provisions:

1007.20 (1) Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.744,  
 1007.21 subdivision 3;

1007.22 (2) Minnesota Statutes, section 245.495,  
 1007.23 paragraph (b);

1007.24 (3) Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625,  
 1007.25 subdivision 20, paragraph (k);

1007.26 (4) Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0924,  
 1007.27 subdivision 6, paragraph (g);

1007.28 (5) Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0945,  
 1007.29 subdivision 4, paragraph (d); and

1007.30 (6) Minnesota Statutes, section 256F.10,  
 1007.31 subdivision 6, paragraph (b).

1007.32 **(b) Minnesota Pathways to Prosperity and**  
 1007.33 **Well-Being Pilot Project.** \$1,000,000 in fiscal

1008.1 year 2020 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2021  
1008.2 are from the general fund for grants to Dakota  
1008.3 and Olmsted Counties to implement the  
1008.4 Minnesota Pathways to Prosperity and  
1008.5 Well-Being pilot project described in Laws  
1008.6 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article  
1008.7 7, section 34. The commissioner shall release  
1008.8 the grant funds only upon verifying that  
1008.9 sufficient funds have been raised to fully fund  
1008.10 a unified benefit set for the 100 clients in the  
1008.11 pilot project. The commissioner shall provide  
1008.12 authorization to Dakota and Olmsted Counties  
1008.13 to operate the pilot project. The base for this  
1008.14 appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022  
1008.15 and \$0 in fiscal year 2023. These  
1008.16 appropriations are available until June 30,  
1008.17 2022.

1008.18 **(c) Child Care Licensing Inspections.**  
1008.19 \$673,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$722,000 in  
1008.20 fiscal year 2021 are from the general fund to  
1008.21 add eight child care licensing staff for the  
1008.22 purpose of increasing the frequency of  
1008.23 inspections of child care centers to ensure the  
1008.24 health and safety of children in care, provide  
1008.25 technical assistance to newly licensed  
1008.26 programs, and monitor struggling programs  
1008.27 more closely to evaluate whether the program  
1008.28 should be referred to the Office of Inspector  
1008.29 General for a potential fraud investigation.

1008.30 **(d) Child Care Assistance Programs - Fraud**  
1008.31 **and Abuse Data Analysts.** \$317,000 in fiscal  
1008.32 year 2020 and \$339,000 in fiscal year 2021  
1008.33 are from the general fund to add two data  
1008.34 analysts to strengthen the commissioner's  
1008.35 ability to identify, detect, and prevent fraud

1009.1 and abuse in the child care assistance programs  
1009.2 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B.

1009.3 **(e) Office of Inspector General**  
1009.4 **Investigators.** \$418,000 in fiscal year 2020  
1009.5 and \$483,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
1009.6 general fund to add four investigators to the  
1009.7 Office of Inspector General to detect, prevent,  
1009.8 and make recoveries from fraudulent activities  
1009.9 among providers in the medical assistance  
1009.10 program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
1009.11 256B.

1009.12 **(f) Office of Inspector General Tracking**  
1009.13 **System.** \$355,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
1009.14 \$105,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
1009.15 general fund to purchase a system to record,  
1009.16 track, and report on investigative activity for  
1009.17 the Office of Inspector General to strengthen  
1009.18 fraud prevention and investigation activities  
1009.19 for child care assistance programs under  
1009.20 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B.

1009.21 **(g) Fraud Prevention Investigation Grant**  
1009.22 **Program.** \$529,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
1009.23 \$546,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
1009.24 general fund for the fraud prevention  
1009.25 investigation grant program under Minnesota  
1009.26 Statutes, section 256.983. Of these amounts,  
1009.27 the commissioner may use up to \$104,000 in  
1009.28 fiscal year 2020 and up to \$121,000 in fiscal  
1009.29 year 2021 to add one permanent full-time  
1009.30 equivalent employee to support the grant  
1009.31 program.

1009.32 **(h) Child Care Assistance Programs - Law**  
1009.33 **Enforcement.** \$350,000 in fiscal year 2020  
1009.34 and \$350,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
1009.35 general fund to add two additional law

1010.1 enforcement officers under contract with the  
 1010.2 Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct  
 1010.3 criminal investigations in child care assistance  
 1010.4 program cases.

1010.5 (i) **Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1010.6 base is \$147,040,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1010.7 \$148,502,000 in fiscal year 2023. The health  
 1010.8 care access fund base is \$22,644,000 in fiscal  
 1010.9 year 2022 and \$20,894,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1010.10 The state government special revenue fund  
 1010.11 base is \$5,441,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1010.12 \$5,442,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1010.13 Subd. 5. **Central Office; Children and Families**

1010.14	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
1010.15	<u>General</u>	<u>13,598,000</u> <u>14,424,000</u>
1010.16	<u>Federal TANF</u>	<u>2,582,000</u> <u>2,582,000</u>

1010.17 (a) **Financial Institution Data Match and**  
 1010.18 **Payment of Fees.** The commissioner is  
 1010.19 authorized to allocate up to \$310,000 each  
 1010.20 year in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021  
 1010.21 from the systems special revenue account to  
 1010.22 make payments to financial institutions in  
 1010.23 exchange for performing data matches  
 1010.24 between account information held by financial  
 1010.25 institutions and the public authority's database  
 1010.26 of child support obligors as authorized by  
 1010.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 13B.06,  
 1010.28 subdivision 7.

1010.29 (b) **Child Welfare Training Academy.**  
 1010.30 \$1,371,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$2,517,000  
 1010.31 in fiscal year 2021 are from the general fund  
 1010.32 for the Child Welfare Training Academy for  
 1010.33 the provision of child protection worker  
 1010.34 training under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 1010.35 626.5591, subdivision 2.

1011.1 (c) Child Care Assistance Programs -  
 1011.2 Improvements. \$71,000 in fiscal year 2020  
 1011.3 and \$82,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
 1011.4 general fund to add one temporary staff person  
 1011.5 to plan for improvements to provider  
 1011.6 registration and oversight for the child care  
 1011.7 assistance programs under Minnesota Statutes,  
 1011.8 chapter 119B. This is a onetime appropriation.

1011.9 (d) Base Level Adjustment. The general fund  
 1011.10 base is \$14,540,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1011.11 \$14,793,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1011.12 Subd. 6. Central Office; Health Care

1011.13	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
1011.14	<u>General</u>	<u>23,337,000</u>	<u>24,397,000</u>
1011.15	<u>State Government</u>		
1011.16	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>277,000</u>	<u>242,000</u>
1011.17	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>25,456,000</u>	<u>25,344,000</u>

1011.18 (a) Nonemergency Medical Transportation  
 1011.19 Program Audits. \$557,000 in fiscal year 2020  
 1011.20 and \$1,119,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from  
 1011.21 the general fund to conduct audits of the  
 1011.22 nonemergency medical transportation  
 1011.23 program.

1011.24 (b) Outpatient Pharmacy. \$113,000 in fiscal  
 1011.25 year 2020 and \$50,000 in fiscal year 2021 are  
 1011.26 from the general fund to contract for 340B  
 1011.27 pharmacy data in order to perform the new  
 1011.28 pricing calculations and conduct a cost of  
 1011.29 dispensing survey.

1011.30 (c) Advisory Council on Rare Diseases.  
 1011.31 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$150,000 in  
 1011.32 fiscal year 2021 are from the general fund for  
 1011.33 transfer to the Board of Regents of the  
 1011.34 University of Minnesota for the advisory

1012.1 council on rare diseases under Minnesota  
 1012.2 Statutes, section 137.68.  
 1012.3 **(d) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1012.4 base is \$27,441,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1012.5 \$29,757,000 in fiscal year 2023. The state  
 1012.6 government special revenue fund base is  
 1012.7 \$242,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$242,000 in  
 1012.8 fiscal year 2023. The health care access fund  
 1012.9 base is \$26,449,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1012.10 \$27,197,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1012.11 **Subd. 7. Central Office; Continuing Care for**  
 1012.12 **Older Adults**

1012.13	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
1012.14	<u>General</u>	<u>20,460,000</u>	<u>18,096,000</u>
1012.15	<u>State Government</u>		
1012.16	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>

1012.17 **(a) Assisted Living Survey.** Beginning in  
 1012.18 fiscal year 2020, \$2,500,000 is appropriated  
 1012.19 in the even numbered year of each biennium  
 1012.20 to fund a resident experience survey and  
 1012.21 family survey for all housing with services  
 1012.22 sites. This paragraph does not expire.

1012.23 **(b) Information and Assistance Grant**  
 1012.24 **Transfer.** \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
 1012.25 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are transferred  
 1012.26 to the continuing care for older adults  
 1012.27 administration from the aging and adult  
 1012.28 services grants for developing the Home and  
 1012.29 Community-Based Report Card for assisted  
 1012.30 living. This transfer is ongoing.

1012.31 **(c) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1012.32 base is \$20,591,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1012.33 \$18,111,000 in fiscal year 2023. The state  
 1012.34 government special revenue fund base is



1013.1 \$125,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$125,000 in  
 1013.2 fiscal year 2023.

1013.3 **Subd. 8. Central Office; Community Supports**

1013.4 Appropriations by Fund

1013.5 <u>General</u>	<u>37,346,000</u>	<u>37,238,000</u>
1013.6 <u>Lottery Prize</u>	<u>163,000</u>	<u>163,000</u>

1013.7 **(a) Certified Community Behavioral Health**

1013.8 **Center (CCBHC) Expansion.** \$310,000 in  
 1013.9 fiscal year 2020 and \$285,000 in fiscal year  
 1013.10 2021 are from the general fund to support  
 1013.11 CCBHC expansion.

1013.12 **(b) Homeless Management Information**

1013.13 **System.** \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
 1013.14 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
 1013.15 general fund for support of the Homeless  
 1013.16 Management Information System (HMIS).

1013.17 **(c) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund

1013.18 base is \$36,783,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1013.19 \$36,483,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1013.20 **Subd. 9. Forecasted Programs; MFIP/DWP**

1013.21 Appropriations by Fund

1013.22 <u>General</u>	<u>89,448,000</u>	<u>111,069,000</u>
1013.23 <u>Federal TANF</u>	<u>78,705,000</u>	<u>76,851,000</u>

1013.24 **Child Care Assistance for Certain**

1013.25 **Caregivers.** \$200,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
 1013.26 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
 1013.27 general fund for child care assistance under  
 1013.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.05,  
 1013.29 subdivision 1, clause (11).

1013.30 **Subd. 10. Forecasted Programs; MFIP Child**

1013.31 <b><u>Care Assistance</u></b>	<u>107,238,000</u>	<u>124,504,000</u>
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1013.32 **Subd. 11. Forecasted Programs; General**

1013.33 <b><u>Assistance</u></b>	<u>49,959,000</u>	<u>50,586,000</u>
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1014.1 (a) General Assistance Standard. The  
 1014.2 commissioner shall set the monthly standard  
 1014.3 of assistance for general assistance units  
 1014.4 consisting of an adult recipient who is  
 1014.5 childless and unmarried or living apart from  
 1014.6 parents or a legal guardian at \$203. The  
 1014.7 commissioner may reduce this amount  
 1014.8 according to Laws 1997, chapter 85, article 3,  
 1014.9 section 54.

1014.10 (b) Emergency General Assistance Limit.  
 1014.11 The amount appropriated for emergency  
 1014.12 general assistance is limited to no more than  
 1014.13 \$6,729,812 in fiscal year 2020 and \$6,729,812  
 1014.14 in fiscal year 2021. Funds to counties shall be  
 1014.15 allocated by the commissioner using the  
 1014.16 allocation method under Minnesota Statutes,  
 1014.17 section 256D.06.

1014.18 <u>Subd. 12. Forecasted Programs; Minnesota</u>		
1014.19 <u>Supplemental Aid</u>	<u>42,348,000</u>	<u>46,420,000</u>

1014.20 <u>Subd. 13. Forecasted Programs; Housing</u>		
1014.21 <u>Support</u>	<u>167,645,000</u>	<u>170,218,000</u>

1014.22 <u>Subd. 14. Forecasted Programs; Northstar Care</u>		
1014.23 <u>for Children</u>	<u>86,497,000</u>	<u>94,095,000</u>

1014.24 <u>Subd. 15. Forecasted Programs; MinnesotaCare</u>		
	<u>25,100,000</u>	<u>31,274,000</u>

1014.25 (a) Generally. This appropriation is from the  
 1014.26 health care access fund.

1014.27 (b) OneCare Buy-In Option. The fiscal year  
 1014.28 2023 base for MinnesotaCare is increased by  
 1014.29 \$112,000,000 to serve as a reserve for the  
 1014.30 Department of Human Services to  
 1014.31 operationalize the OneCare Buy-In Option  
 1014.32 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256T. This  
 1014.33 is a onetime increase.

1014.34 Subd. 16. Forecasted Programs; Medical  
 1014.35 Assistance

1015.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
1015.2	<u>General</u>	<u>5,654,457,000</u>	<u>5,714,974,000</u>
1015.3	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>454,673,000</u>	<u>472,061,000</u>
1015.4	<b><u>(a) Behavioral Health Services. \$1,000,000</u></b>		
1015.5	<u>in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal</u>		
1015.6	<u>year 2021 are for behavioral health services</u>		
1015.7	<u>provided by hospitals identified under</u>		
1015.8	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 256.969,</u>		
1015.9	<u>subdivision 2b, paragraph (a), clause (4). The</u>		
1015.10	<u>increase in payments shall be made by</u>		
1015.11	<u>increasing the adjustment under Minnesota</u>		
1015.12	<u>Statutes, section 256.969, subdivision 2b,</u>		
1015.13	<u>paragraph (e), clause (2).</u>		
1015.14	<b><u>(b) Base Level Adjustment. The health care</u></b>		
1015.15	<u>access fund base is \$492,550,000 in fiscal year</u>		
1015.16	<u>2022 and \$499,310,000 in fiscal year 2023.</u>		
1015.17	<b><u>Subd. 17. Forecasted Programs; Alternative</u></b>		
1015.18	<b><u>Care</u></b>	<u>45,243,000</u>	<u>45,245,000</u>
1015.19	<b><u>Alternative Care Transfer. Any money</u></b>		
1015.20	<u>allocated to the alternative care program that</u>		
1015.21	<u>is not spent for the purposes indicated does</u>		
1015.22	<u>not cancel but must be transferred to the</u>		
1015.23	<u>medical assistance account.</u>		
1015.24	<b><u>Subd. 18. Forecasted Programs; Chemical</u></b>		
1015.25	<b><u>Dependency Treatment Fund</u></b>	<u>131,372,000</u>	<u>135,609,000</u>
1015.26	<b><u>Subd. 19. Grant Programs; Support Services</u></b>		
1015.27	<b><u>Grants</u></b>		
1015.28	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
1015.29	<u>General</u>	<u>8,715,000</u>	<u>8,715,000</u>
1015.30	<u>Federal TANF</u>	<u>96,312,000</u>	<u>96,311,000</u>
1015.31	<b><u>Subd. 20. Grant Programs; Basic Sliding Fee</u></b>		
1015.32	<b><u>Child Care Assistance Grants</u></b>	<u>63,935,000</u>	<u>75,046,000</u>
1015.33	<b><u>(a) Basic Sliding Fee Waiting List</u></b>		
1015.34	<b><u>Allocation.</u></b> Notwithstanding Minnesota		
1015.35	<u>Statutes, section 119B.03, \$7,821,000 in fiscal</u>		

1016.1 year 2020 and \$17,901,000 in fiscal year 2021  
1016.2 are to reduce the basic sliding fee program  
1016.3 waiting list as follows:

1016.4 (1) the calendar year 2020 allocation shall be  
1016.5 increased to serve families on the waiting list.  
1016.6 To receive funds appropriated for this purpose,  
1016.7 a county must have a waiting list in the most  
1016.8 recent published waiting list month;

1016.9 (2) funds shall be distributed proportionately  
1016.10 based on the average of the most recent six  
1016.11 months of published waiting lists to counties  
1016.12 that meet the criteria in clause (1);

1016.13 (3) allocations in calendar years 2021 and  
1016.14 beyond shall be calculated using the allocation  
1016.15 formula in Minnesota Statutes, section  
1016.16 119B.03; and

1016.17 (4) the guaranteed floor for calendar year 2021  
1016.18 shall be based on the revised calendar year  
1016.19 2020 allocation.

1016.20 **(b) Increase for Maximum Rates.**  
1016.21 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
1016.22 119B.03, subdivisions 6, 6a, and 6b, the  
1016.23 commissioner must allocate the additional  
1016.24 basic sliding fee child care funds for calendar  
1016.25 year 2020 to counties for updated maximum  
1016.26 rates based on relative need to cover maximum  
1016.27 rate increases. In distributing the additional  
1016.28 funds, the commissioner shall consider the  
1016.29 following factors by county:

1016.30 (1) number of children;  
1016.31 (2) provider type;  
1016.32 (3) age of children; and  
1016.33 (4) amount of the increase in maximum rates.

1017.1 (c) Base Level Adjustment. The general fund  
 1017.2 base is \$79,556,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1017.3 \$86,527,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1017.4	<u>Subd. 21. Grant Programs; Child Care</u>		
1017.5	<u>Development Grants</u>	<u>2,337,000</u>	<u>2,337,000</u>

1017.6 (a) First Children's Finance Child Care Site  
 1017.7 Assistance Grant. \$500,000 in fiscal year  
 1017.8 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for  
 1017.9 a grant to First Children's Finance for loans to  
 1017.10 improve or increase availability of child care  
 1017.11 or early childhood education sites. This is a  
 1017.12 onetime appropriation.

1017.13 (b) REETAIN Grant. \$100,000 in fiscal year  
 1017.14 2020 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for  
 1017.15 the REETAIN grant program under Minnesota  
 1017.16 Statutes, section 119B.195. The unencumbered  
 1017.17 balance in the first year does not cancel but is  
 1017.18 available for the second year.

1017.19 (c) Base Level Adjustment. The general fund  
 1017.20 base is \$1,837,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1017.21 \$1,837,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1017.22	<u>Subd. 22. Grant Programs; Child Support</u>		
1017.23	<u>Enforcement Grants</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>

1017.24 Subd. 23. Grant Programs; Children's Services  
 1017.25 Grants

1017.26	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
1017.27	<u>General</u>	<u>44,282,000</u>	<u>48,785,000</u>
1017.28	<u>Federal TANF</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>140,000</u>

1017.29 (a) Title IV-E Adoption Assistance. (1) The  
 1017.30 commissioner shall allocate funds from the  
 1017.31 Title IV-E reimbursement to the state from  
 1017.32 the Fostering Connections to Success and  
 1017.33 Increasing Adoptions Act for adoptive, foster,  
 1017.34 and kinship families as required in Minnesota  
 1017.35 Statutes, section 256N.261.

1018.1 (2) Additional federal reimbursement to the  
1018.2 state as a result of the Fostering Connections  
1018.3 to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act's  
1018.4 expanded eligibility for title IV-E adoption  
1018.5 assistance is for postadoption, foster care,  
1018.6 adoption, and kinship services, including a  
1018.7 parent-to-parent support network.

1018.8 **(b) Parent Support for Better Outcomes**  
1018.9 **Grants.** \$150,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
1018.10 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
1018.11 general fund for grants to Minnesota One-Stop  
1018.12 for Communities to provide mentoring,  
1018.13 guidance, and support services to parents  
1018.14 navigating the child welfare system in  
1018.15 Minnesota in order to promote the  
1018.16 development of safe, stable, and healthy  
1018.17 families. Grant funds may be used for parent  
1018.18 mentoring, peer-to-peer support groups,  
1018.19 housing support services, training, staffing,  
1018.20 and administrative costs. This is a onetime  
1018.21 appropriation.

1018.22 **(c) Sexually Exploited Youth and Youth At**  
1018.23 **Risk of Sexual Exploitation.** \$250,000 in  
1018.24 fiscal year 2020 and \$250,000 in fiscal year  
1018.25 2021 are from the general fund for activities  
1018.26 under the safe harbor program. This is a  
1018.27 onetime appropriation.

1018.28 **(d) Family Foster Care Improvement**  
1018.29 **Models.** \$75,000 in fiscal year 2020 is from  
1018.30 the general fund for a grant to Hennepin  
1018.31 County to establish and promote family foster  
1018.32 care recruitment models. The county shall use  
1018.33 the grant funds to increase foster care  
1018.34 providers through administrative  
1018.35 simplification, nontraditional recruitment

1019.1 models, and family incentive options, and  
 1019.2 develop a strategic planning model to recruit  
 1019.3 family foster care providers. This is a onetime  
 1019.4 appropriation.

1019.5 (e) **Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1019.6 base is \$51,483,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1019.7 \$51,198,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1019.8 <u>Subd. 24. <b>Grant Programs; Children and</b></u>		
1019.9 <u><b>Community Service Grants</b></u>	<u>59,201,000</u>	<u>59,701,000</u>

1019.10 (a) **Adult Protection Grants.** \$1,000,000 in  
 1019.11 fiscal year 2020 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year  
 1019.12 2021 are for grant funding for adult abuse  
 1019.13 maltreatment investigations and adult  
 1019.14 protective services to counties and tribes as  
 1019.15 allocated and specified under Minnesota  
 1019.16 Statutes, section 256M.42.

1019.17 (b) **Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1019.18 base is \$60,251,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1019.19 \$60,856,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1019.20 <u>Subd. 25. <b>Grant Programs; Children and</b></u>		
1019.21 <u><b>Economic Support Grants</b></u>	<u>23,175,000</u>	<u>22,915,000</u>

1019.22 (a) **Minnesota Food Assistance Program.**  
 1019.23 Unexpended funds for the Minnesota food  
 1019.24 assistance program for fiscal year 2020 do not  
 1019.25 cancel but are available for this purpose in  
 1019.26 fiscal year 2021.

1019.27 (b) **Replicable Homeless Youth Drop-In**  
 1019.28 **Program Model.** \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020  
 1019.29 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for a  
 1019.30 grant to an organization in Anoka County  
 1019.31 providing services and programming through  
 1019.32 a drop-in program to meet the basic needs,  
 1019.33 including mental health needs, of homeless  
 1019.34 youth in the northern metropolitan suburbs,  
 1019.35 to develop a model of its homeless youth

1020.1 drop-in program that can be shared and  
 1020.2 replicated in other communities throughout  
 1020.3 Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation.  
 1020.4 **(c) Community Action Grants.** \$500,000 in  
 1020.5 fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year  
 1020.6 2021 are for community action grants under  
 1020.7 Minnesota Statutes, sections 256E.30 to  
 1020.8 256E.32. This is a onetime appropriation.  
 1020.9 **(d) Food Shelf Programs.** \$260,000 in fiscal  
 1020.10 year 2020 is for food shelf programs under  
 1020.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.34, to  
 1020.12 purchase diapers. Hunger Solutions must  
 1020.13 establish an application process for food  
 1020.14 shelves and determine the allocation of money  
 1020.15 to food shelves. This appropriation is in  
 1020.16 addition to any other appropriation for food  
 1020.17 shelf programs under Minnesota Statutes,  
 1020.18 section 256E.34. This is a onetime  
 1020.19 appropriation.  
 1020.20 **(e) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1020.21 base is \$22,065,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1020.22 22,065,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1020.23 **Subd. 26. Grant Programs; Health Care Grants**

1020.24	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
1020.25	<u>General</u>	<u>4,711,000</u>
		<u>3,711,000</u>
1020.26	<u>State Government</u>	
1020.27	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>10,340,000</u>
		<u>10,340,000</u>
1020.28	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>3,465,000</u>
		<u>3,465,000</u>

1020.29	<b><u>Subd. 27. Grant Programs; Other Long-Term</u></b>		
1020.30	<b><u>Care Grants</u></b>	<u>1,925,000</u>	<u>1,925,000</u>

1020.31	<b><u>Subd. 28. Grant Programs; Aging and Adult</u></b>		
1020.32	<b><u>Services Grants</u></b>	<u>31,811,000</u>	<u>31,995,000</u>

1020.33	<b><u>Subd. 29. Grant Programs; Deaf and</u></b>		
1020.34	<b><u>Hard-of-Hearing Grants</u></b>	<u>2,886,000</u>	<u>2,886,000</u>

1020.35	<b><u>Subd. 30. Grant Programs; Disabilities Grants</u></b>	<u>22,231,000</u>	<u>22,944,000</u>
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- 1021.1 **(a) Training of Direct Support Services**
- 1021.2 **Providers.** \$375,000 in fiscal year 2020 and
- 1021.3 \$375,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for stipends
- 1021.4 to pay for training of individual providers of
- 1021.5 direct support services as defined in Minnesota
- 1021.6 Statutes, section 256B.0711, subdivision 1.
- 1021.7 This training is available to individual
- 1021.8 providers who have completed designated
- 1021.9 voluntary trainings made available through
- 1021.10 the State Service Employees International
- 1021.11 Union Healthcare Minnesota Committee. This
- 1021.12 is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation
- 1021.13 is available only if the labor agreement
- 1021.14 between the state of Minnesota and the Service
- 1021.15 Employees International Union Healthcare
- 1021.16 Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 1021.17 179A.54, is approved under Minnesota
- 1021.18 Statutes, section 3.855.
- 1021.19 **(b) Training for New Worker Orientation.**
- 1021.20 \$125,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$125,000 in
- 1021.21 fiscal year 2021 are for new worker orientation
- 1021.22 training and is allocated to the Minnesota State
- 1021.23 Service Employees International Union
- 1021.24 Healthcare Minnesota Committee. This is a
- 1021.25 onetime appropriation. This appropriation is
- 1021.26 available only if the labor agreement between
- 1021.27 the state of Minnesota and the Service
- 1021.28 Employees International Union Healthcare
- 1021.29 Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 1021.30 179A.54, is approved under Minnesota
- 1021.31 Statutes, section 3.855.
- 1021.32 **(c) Benefits Planning Grants.** \$600,000 in
- 1021.33 fiscal year 2020 and \$600,000 in fiscal year
- 1021.34 2021 are to provide grant funding to the

1022.1 Disability Hub for benefits planning to people  
 1022.2 with disabilities.

1022.3 **(d) Regional Support for Person-Centered**  
 1022.4 **Practices Grants.** \$374,000 in fiscal year  
 1022.5 2020 and \$486,000 in fiscal year 2021 are to  
 1022.6 extend and expand regional capacity for  
 1022.7 person-centered planning. This grant funding  
 1022.8 must be allocated to regional cohorts for  
 1022.9 training, coaching, and mentoring for  
 1022.10 person-centered and collaborative safety  
 1022.11 practices benefiting people with disabilities,  
 1022.12 and employees, organizations, and  
 1022.13 communities serving people with disabilities.

1022.14 **(e) Disability Hub for Families Grants.**  
 1022.15 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$200,000 in  
 1022.16 fiscal year 2021 are for grants to connect  
 1022.17 families through innovation grants, life  
 1022.18 planning tools, and website information as  
 1022.19 they support a child or family member with  
 1022.20 disabilities.

1022.21 **(f) Electronic Visit Verification.** \$500,000  
 1022.22 in fiscal year 2021 is for grants to providers  
 1022.23 who use a different vendor than the contract  
 1022.24 with the State of Minnesota for electronic visit  
 1022.25 verification.

1022.26 **(g) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1022.27 base is \$22,556,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1022.28 \$22,168,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1022.29 **Subd. 31. Grant Programs; Housing Support**  
 1022.30 **Grants**

10,764,000

11,864,000

1022.31 **(a) Homeless Youth Act.** \$750,000 in fiscal  
 1022.32 year 2020 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2021  
 1022.33 are to provide grants under Minnesota Statutes,

1023.1 section 256K.45. This appropriation is added  
 1023.2 to the base.

1023.3 **(b) Emergency Services Grants. \$500,000**  
 1023.4 **in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year**  
 1023.5 **2021 are to provide emergency services grants**  
 1023.6 **under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.36.**  
 1023.7 **This appropriation is added to the base.**

1023.8 **(c) Long-Term Homeless Supportive**  
 1023.9 **Services. \$250,000 in fiscal year 2020 and**  
 1023.10 **\$250,000 in fiscal year 2021 are to provide**  
 1023.11 **integrated services needed to stabilize**  
 1023.12 **individuals, families, and youth living in**  
 1023.13 **supportive housing under Minnesota Statutes,**  
 1023.14 **section 256K.26. This appropriation is added**  
 1023.15 **to the base.**

1023.16 **Subd. 32. Grant Programs; Adult Mental Health**  
 1023.17 **Grants**

1023.18	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
1023.19	<u>General</u>	<u>80,723,000</u>	<u>80,292,000</u>
1023.20	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>

1023.21 **(a) Certified Community Behavioral Health**  
 1023.22 **Center (CCBHC) Expansion. \$200,000 in**  
 1023.23 **fiscal year 2021 is from the general fund for**  
 1023.24 **grants for planning, staff training, and other**  
 1023.25 **quality improvements that are required to**  
 1023.26 **comply with federal CCBHC criteria for three**  
 1023.27 **expansion sites.**

1023.28 **(b) Center for Victims of Torture. \$500,000**  
 1023.29 **in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year**  
 1023.30 **2021 are from the general fund for a grant to**  
 1023.31 **the Center for Victims of Torture. This grant**  
 1023.32 **may be used to fund start-up and additional**  
 1023.33 **operating costs for one site to employ the**  
 1023.34 **integrated care model for mental health**  
 1023.35 **targeted case management.**

1024.1 (c) **Mental Health Consultation.** \$500,000  
1024.2 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year  
1024.3 2021 are from the general fund for grants to  
1024.4 organizations to provide culturally specific  
1024.5 mental health and substance use disorder  
1024.6 consultation, to foster connections between  
1024.7 the mental health and substance use disorder  
1024.8 communities and cultural and ethnic  
1024.9 communities. Culturally specific provider  
1024.10 consultation includes:  
1024.11 (1) having available as a resource to other  
1024.12 providers, a provider who understands the  
1024.13 client's culture and can utilize that  
1024.14 understanding to a client's benefit;  
1024.15 (2) providing regular consultation to mental  
1024.16 health and substance use disorder treatment  
1024.17 providers serving families from cultural and  
1024.18 ethnic communities; and  
1024.19 (3) providing culturally appropriate referrals  
1024.20 for services for parents and children with  
1024.21 mental health conditions and substance use  
1024.22 disorders.  
1024.23 (d) **Mobile Crisis Program.** \$415,000 in  
1024.24 fiscal year 2020 and \$415,000 in fiscal year  
1024.25 2021 are from the general fund for a grant to  
1024.26 Olmsted County under Minnesota Statutes,  
1024.27 section 245.4661, to fund the administration  
1024.28 of mobile mental health crisis services  
1024.29 provided by the Southeast Mobile Crisis Team.  
1024.30 (e) **Recovery Community Organizations**  
1024.31 **Grants.** \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
1024.32 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
1024.33 general fund for grants to recovery community  
1024.34 organizations to provide community-based

1025.1 peer recovery support services that are not  
 1025.2 otherwise eligible for reimbursement under  
 1025.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 254B.05, including  
 1025.4 but not limited to training, hiring, and  
 1025.5 supervising recovery peers and peer specialists  
 1025.6 as part of the continuum of care for substance  
 1025.7 use disorders. This is a onetime appropriation.

1025.8 (f) **Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1025.9 base is \$78,592,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1025.10 \$78,592,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1025.11 Subd. 33. **Grant Programs; Child Mental Health**  
 1025.12 **Grants**

25,726,000

25,726,000

1025.13 (a) **Children's Intensive Services Reform.**  
 1025.14 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$400,000 in  
 1025.15 fiscal year 2021 are for start-up grants to  
 1025.16 prospective psychiatric residential treatment  
 1025.17 facility sites for administrative expenses,  
 1025.18 consulting services, Health Insurance  
 1025.19 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996  
 1025.20 (HIPAA) compliance, therapeutic resources  
 1025.21 including evidence-based, culturally  
 1025.22 appropriate curriculums, and training programs  
 1025.23 for staff and clients as well as allowable  
 1025.24 physical renovations to the property.

1025.25 (b) **Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1025.26 base is \$26,226,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1025.27 \$26,226,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1025.28 Subd. 34. **Grant Programs; Chemical**  
 1025.29 **Dependency Treatment Support Grants**

1025.30	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
1025.31	<u>General</u>	<u>2,636,000</u> <u>2,636,000</u>
1025.32	<u>Lottery Prize</u>	<u>1,733,000</u> <u>1,733,000</u>

1025.33 (a) **Problem Gambling.** \$225,000 in fiscal  
 1025.34 year 2020 and \$225,000 in fiscal year 2021  
 1025.35 are from the lottery prize fund for a grant to

1026.1 the state affiliate recognized by the National  
1026.2 Council on Problem Gambling. The affiliate  
1026.3 must provide services to increase public  
1026.4 awareness of problem gambling, education,  
1026.5 and training for individuals and organizations  
1026.6 providing effective treatment services to  
1026.7 problem gamblers and their families, and  
1026.8 research related to problem gambling.

1026.9 **(b) Grant to Proof Alliance.** (1) \$500,000 in  
1026.10 fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year  
1026.11 2021 are from the general fund for a grant to  
1026.12 Proof Alliance. These appropriations are in  
1026.13 addition to base level funding for this purpose.  
1026.14 Of this appropriation, Proof Alliance shall  
1026.15 make grants to eligible regional collaboratives  
1026.16 for the purposes specified in clause (3).

1026.17 (2) "Eligible regional collaboratives" means  
1026.18 a partnership between at least one local  
1026.19 government and at least one community-based  
1026.20 organization and, where available, a family  
1026.21 home visiting program. For purposes of this  
1026.22 clause, a local government includes a county  
1026.23 or multicounty organization, a tribal  
1026.24 government, a county-based purchasing entity,  
1026.25 or a community health board.

1026.26 (3) Eligible regional collaboratives must use  
1026.27 grant funds to reduce the incidence of fetal  
1026.28 alcohol spectrum disorders and other prenatal  
1026.29 drug-related effects in children in Minnesota  
1026.30 by identifying and serving pregnant women  
1026.31 suspected of or known to use or abuse alcohol  
1026.32 or other drugs. Eligible regional collaboratives  
1026.33 must provide intensive services to chemically  
1026.34 dependent women to increase positive birth  
1026.35 outcomes.

1027.1 (4) Proof Alliance must make grants to eligible  
 1027.2 regional collaboratives from both rural and  
 1027.3 urban areas of the state.

1027.4 (5) An eligible regional collaborative that  
 1027.5 receives a grant under this paragraph must  
 1027.6 report to Proof Alliance by January 15 of each  
 1027.7 year on the services and programs funded by  
 1027.8 the grant. The report must include measurable  
 1027.9 outcomes for the previous year, including the  
 1027.10 number of pregnant women served and the  
 1027.11 number of toxic-free babies born. Proof  
 1027.12 Alliance must compile the information in these  
 1027.13 reports and report that information to the  
 1027.14 commissioner of human services by February  
 1027.15 15 of each year.

1027.16 **Subd. 35. Direct Care and Treatment -**  
 1027.17 **Generally**

1027.18 **(a) Transfer Authority.** Money appropriated  
 1027.19 to budget activities under this subdivision and  
 1027.20 subdivisions 36, 37, 38, and 39 may be  
 1027.21 transferred between budget activities and  
 1027.22 between years of the biennium with the  
 1027.23 approval of the commissioner of management  
 1027.24 and budget.

1027.25 **(b) State Operated Services Account.** Any  
 1027.26 balance remaining in the state operated  
 1027.27 services account at the end of fiscal year 2019  
 1027.28 shall be transferred to the general fund.

1027.29 **Subd. 36. Direct Care and Treatment - Mental**  
 1027.30 **Health and Substance Abuse**

129,209,000

129,201,000

1027.31 **(a) Transfer Authority.** Money previously  
 1027.32 appropriated to support the continued  
 1027.33 operations of the Community Addiction  
 1027.34 Enterprise (C.A.R.E.) program may be  
 1027.35 transferred to the enterprise fund for C.A.R.E.

1028.1 (b) Base Level Adjustment. The general fund  
 1028.2 base is \$129,197,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1028.3 \$129,197,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1028.4 Subd. 37. Direct Care and Treatment -  
 1028.5 Community-Based Services 16,630,000 17,177,000

1028.6 (a) Transfer Authority. Money previously  
 1028.7 appropriated to support the continued  
 1028.8 operations of the Minnesota State Operated  
 1028.9 Community Services (MSOCS) program may  
 1028.10 be transferred to the enterprise fund for  
 1028.11 MSOCS.

1028.12 (b) MSOCS Operating Adjustment.  
 1028.13 \$1,594,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$3,729,000  
 1028.14 in fiscal year 2021 are from the general fund  
 1028.15 for the Minnesota State Operated Community  
 1028.16 Services program. The commissioner shall  
 1028.17 transfer \$1,594,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
 1028.18 \$3,729,000 in fiscal year 2021 to the enterprise  
 1028.19 fund for MSOCS.

1028.20 (c) Base Level Adjustment. The general fund  
 1028.21 base is \$17,176,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1028.22 \$17,176,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1028.23 Subd. 38. Direct Care and Treatment - Forensic  
 1028.24 Services 112,126,000 115,342,000

1028.25 Base Level Adjustment. The general fund  
 1028.26 base is \$115,944,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1028.27 \$115,944,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1028.28 Subd. 39. Direct Care and Treatment - Sex  
 1028.29 Offender Program 97,072,000 97,621,000

1028.30 (a) Transfer Authority. Money appropriated  
 1028.31 for the Minnesota sex offender program may  
 1028.32 be transferred between fiscal years of the  
 1028.33 biennium with the approval of the  
 1028.34 commissioner of management and budget.



1029.1 (b) Base Level Adjustment. The general fund  
 1029.2 base is \$98,166,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1029.3 \$98,166,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1029.4 Subd. 40. Direct Care and Treatment -  
 1029.5 Operations 47,398,000 47,657,000

1029.6 Base Level Adjustment. The general fund  
 1029.7 base is \$47,656,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1029.8 \$47,656,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1029.9 Subd. 41. Technical Activities 95,781,000 96,008,000

1029.10 (a) Generally. This appropriation is from the  
 1029.11 federal TANF fund.

1029.12 (b) Base Level Adjustment. The TANF fund  
 1029.13 base is \$96,360,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1029.14 \$96,620,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1029.15 Sec. 3. COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

1029.16 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 250,590,000 \$ 253,568,000

1029.17 Appropriations by Fund

1029.18	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
1029.19 <u>General</u>	<u>141,180,000</u>	<u>143,397,000</u>
1029.20 <u>State Government</u>		
1029.21 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>60,979,000</u>	<u>62,630,000</u>
1029.22 <u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>36,718,000</u>	<u>35,828,000</u>
1029.23 <u>Federal TANF</u>	<u>11,713,000</u>	<u>11,713,000</u>

1029.24 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 1029.25 purpose are specified in the following  
 1029.26 subdivisions.

1029.27 Subd. 2. Health Improvement

1029.28 Appropriations by Fund

1029.29 <u>General</u>	<u>101,695,000</u>	<u>100,295,000</u>
1029.30 <u>State Government</u>		
1029.31 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>10,500,000</u>	<u>9,474,000</u>
1029.32 <u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>36,718,000</u>	<u>35,828,000</u>
1029.33 <u>Federal TANF</u>	<u>11,713,000</u>	<u>11,713,000</u>

1030.1 (a) TANF Appropriations. (1) \$3,579,000  
1030.2 of the TANF fund each year is for home  
1030.3 visiting and nutritional services listed under  
1030.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.882,  
1030.5 subdivision 7, clauses (6) and (7). Funds must  
1030.6 be distributed to community health boards  
1030.7 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
1030.8 145A.131, subdivision 1;

1030.9 (2) \$2,000,000 of the TANF fund each year  
1030.10 is for decreasing racial and ethnic disparities  
1030.11 in infant mortality rates under Minnesota  
1030.12 Statutes, section 145.928, subdivision 7;

1030.13 (3) \$4,978,000 of the TANF fund each year  
1030.14 is for the family home visiting grant program  
1030.15 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
1030.16 145A.17. \$4,000,000 of the funding must be  
1030.17 distributed to community health boards  
1030.18 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
1030.19 145A.131, subdivision 1. \$978,000 of the  
1030.20 funding must be distributed to tribal  
1030.21 governments according to Minnesota Statutes,  
1030.22 section 145A.14, subdivision 2a;

1030.23 (4) \$1,156,000 of the TANF fund each year  
1030.24 is for family planning grants under Minnesota  
1030.25 Statutes, section 145.925; and

1030.26 (5) The commissioner may use up to 6.23  
1030.27 percent of the funds appropriated each year to  
1030.28 conduct the ongoing evaluations required  
1030.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.17,  
1030.30 subdivision 7, and training and technical  
1030.31 assistance as required under Minnesota  
1030.32 Statutes, section 145A.17, subdivisions 4 and  
1030.33 5.

1031.1 (b) TANF Carryforward. Any unexpended  
1031.2 balance of the TANF appropriation in the first  
1031.3 year of the biennium does not cancel but is  
1031.4 available for the second year.

1031.5 (c) Comprehensive Suicide Prevention.  
1031.6 \$3,730,000 each fiscal year from the general  
1031.7 fund is to support a comprehensive,  
1031.8 community-based suicide prevention strategy.  
1031.9 The funds are allocated as follows:

1031.10 (1) \$1,291,000 each fiscal year is for  
1031.11 community-based suicide prevention grants  
1031.12 authorized in Minnesota Statutes, section  
1031.13 145.56, subdivision 2. Specific emphasis must  
1031.14 be placed on those communities with the  
1031.15 greatest disparities;

1031.16 (2) \$913,000 each fiscal year is to support  
1031.17 evidence-based training for educators and  
1031.18 school staff and purchase suicide prevention  
1031.19 curriculum for student use statewide, as  
1031.20 authorized in Minnesota Statutes, section  
1031.21 145.56, subdivision 2;

1031.22 (3) \$205,000 each fiscal year is to implement  
1031.23 the Zero Suicide framework with up to 20  
1031.24 behavioral and health care organizations each  
1031.25 year to treat individuals at risk for suicide and  
1031.26 support those individuals across systems of  
1031.27 care upon discharge;

1031.28 (4) \$1,321,000 each fiscal year is to develop  
1031.29 and fund a Minnesota-based network of  
1031.30 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline,  
1031.31 providing statewide coverage; and

1031.32 (5) the commissioner may retain up to 18.23  
1031.33 percent of the appropriation under this

1032.1 subdivision to administer the comprehensive  
1032.2 suicide prevention strategy.

1032.3 **(d) Statewide Tobacco Cessation. \$1,598,000**  
1032.4 in fiscal year 2020 and \$2,748,000 in fiscal  
1032.5 year 2021 are from the general fund to the  
1032.6 commissioner of health for statewide tobacco  
1032.7 cessation services under Minnesota Statutes,  
1032.8 section 144.397. The general fund base for  
1032.9 this activity is \$2,878,000 in fiscal year 2022  
1032.10 and \$2,878,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1032.11 **(e) Health Care Access Survey. \$450,000 in**  
1032.12 fiscal year 2020 is from the health care access  
1032.13 fund for the commissioner to continue and  
1032.14 improve the Minnesota Health Care Access  
1032.15 Survey. This appropriation is added to the  
1032.16 department's base budget for even-numbered  
1032.17 fiscal years.

1032.18 **(f) Community Solutions for Healthy Child**  
1032.19 **Development Grant Program. \$2,000,000**  
1032.20 in fiscal year 2020 is for the community  
1032.21 solutions for healthy child development grant  
1032.22 program to promote health and racial equity  
1032.23 for young children and their families under  
1032.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9285. The  
1032.25 commissioner may use up to 23.5 percent of  
1032.26 the total appropriation for administration. This  
1032.27 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
1032.28 until June 30, 2023.

1032.29 **(g) Palliative Care Advisory Council.**  
1032.30 \$44,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$44,000 in  
1032.31 fiscal year 2021 are from the general fund for  
1032.32 the Palliative Care Advisory Council under  
1032.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 144.059. This is  
1032.34 a onetime appropriation.

- 1033.1 **(h) Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**  
1033.2 **Prevention Program. \$750,000 in fiscal year**  
1033.3 **2020 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2021 are**  
1033.4 **from the general fund for purposes of the**  
1033.5 **domestic violence and sexual assault**  
1033.6 **prevention program under Minnesota Statutes,**  
1033.7 **section 145.987. This is a onetime**  
1033.8 **appropriation.**
- 1033.9 **(i) Comprehensive Advanced Life Support**  
1033.10 **Educational Program. \$100,000 in fiscal**  
1033.11 **year 2020 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2021**  
1033.12 **are from the general fund for the**  
1033.13 **comprehensive advanced life support**  
1033.14 **educational program under Minnesota Statutes,**  
1033.15 **section 144.6062. These appropriations are in**  
1033.16 **addition to base funding for the program in**  
1033.17 **fiscal years 2020 and 2021.**
- 1033.18 **(j) Provider Network Adequacy Reviews.**  
1033.19 **\$231,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$231,000 in**  
1033.20 **fiscal year 2021 are from the general fund for**  
1033.21 **health plan product reviews and licensing of**  
1033.22 **health maintenance organizations. The**  
1033.23 **\$77,000 annual transfer from the state**  
1033.24 **government special revenue fund to the**  
1033.25 **general fund required by Laws 2008, chapter**  
1033.26 **364, section 17, paragraph (b), shall end in**  
1033.27 **fiscal year 2019.**
- 1033.28 **(k) Network Adequacy Waiver Application**  
1033.29 **Review Process. \$235,000 in fiscal year 2020**  
1033.30 **and \$153,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the**  
1033.31 **general fund for review of network adequacy**  
1033.32 **waiver applications and review of provider**  
1033.33 **networks for health maintenance organizations**  
1033.34 **and for health carriers offering individual and**  
1033.35 **small group health plans.**

1034.1 (l) **Sexually Exploited Youth and Youth At**  
1034.2 **Risk of Sexual Exploitation.** \$250,000 in  
1034.3 fiscal year 2020 and \$250,000 in fiscal year  
1034.4 2021 are from the general fund for  
1034.5 trauma-informed, culturally specific services  
1034.6 for sexually exploited youth under the safe  
1034.7 harbor program. Youth 24 years of age or  
1034.8 younger are eligible for services under this  
1034.9 paragraph. This is a onetime appropriation.

1034.10 (m) **Home Visiting.** \$250,000 in fiscal year  
1034.11 2020 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2021 are  
1034.12 from the general fund for home visiting  
1034.13 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1034.14 145.87. This is a onetime appropriation.

1034.15 (n) **The TAP Program.** \$5,000 in fiscal year  
1034.16 2020 is for transfer to The TAP in St. Paul to  
1034.17 support mental health in disability  
1034.18 communities through spoken art forms,  
1034.19 community support, and community  
1034.20 engagement. This is a onetime appropriation.

1034.21 (o) **Skin Lightening Products Public**  
1034.22 **Awareness Grant Program.** \$200,000 in  
1034.23 fiscal year 2020 and \$200,000 in fiscal year  
1034.24 2021 are from the general fund for a skin  
1034.25 lightening products public awareness and  
1034.26 education grant program. This is a onetime  
1034.27 appropriation.

1034.28 (p) **Health Care Financing System Analysis.**  
1034.29 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 is from the  
1034.30 general fund for the commissioner to contract  
1034.31 with the University of Minnesota to conduct  
1034.32 an analysis of a unified health care financing  
1034.33 system.

1035.1 (q) **Base Level Adjustments.** The general  
 1035.2 fund base is \$98,851,000 in fiscal year 2022  
 1035.3 and \$98,901,000 in fiscal year 2023. The  
 1035.4 health care access fund base is \$36,878,000  
 1035.5 in fiscal year 2022 and \$35,828,000 in fiscal  
 1035.6 year 2023.

1035.7 Subd. 3. **Health Protection**

1035.8	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
1035.9	<u>General</u>	<u>28,673,000</u> <u>32,190,000</u>
1035.10	<u>State Government</u>	
1035.11	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>50,479,000</u> <u>53,156,000</u>

1035.12 (a) **Vulnerable Adults Program**  
 1035.13 **Improvements.** \$7,438,000 in fiscal year 2020  
 1035.14 and \$4,302,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from  
 1035.15 the general fund for the commissioner to  
 1035.16 continue necessary current operations  
 1035.17 improvements to the regulatory activities,  
 1035.18 systems, analysis, reporting, and  
 1035.19 communications that contribute to the health,  
 1035.20 safety, care quality, and abuse prevention for  
 1035.21 vulnerable adults in Minnesota. \$1,103,000 in  
 1035.22 fiscal year 2020 and \$1,103,000 in fiscal year  
 1035.23 2021 are from the state government special  
 1035.24 revenue fund to improve the frequency of  
 1035.25 home care provider inspections. The state  
 1035.26 government special revenue appropriations  
 1035.27 under this paragraph are onetime  
 1035.28 appropriations.

1035.29 (b) **Vulnerable Adults Regulatory Reform.**  
 1035.30 \$2,432,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$8,114,000  
 1035.31 in fiscal year 2021 are from the general fund  
 1035.32 for the commissioner to establish the assisted  
 1035.33 living licensure under Minnesota Statutes,  
 1035.34 section 144I.01. This is a onetime  
 1035.35 appropriation. The commissioner shall transfer

1036.1 fine revenue previously deposited to the state  
1036.2 government special revenue fund under  
1036.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.474,  
1036.4 subdivision 11, which is estimated to be  
1036.5 \$632,000, to a dedicated account in the state  
1036.6 treasury.

1036.7 **(c) Laboratory Equipment.** \$840,000 in  
1036.8 fiscal year 2020 and \$655,000 in fiscal year  
1036.9 2021 are from the general fund for the  
1036.10 commissioner to purchase equipment for the  
1036.11 public health laboratory. These appropriations  
1036.12 are onetime appropriations and available until  
1036.13 June 30, 2023.

1036.14 **(d) HIV Prevention Grants.** \$500,000 in  
1036.15 fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year  
1036.16 2021 are from the general fund for grants to  
1036.17 community health boards as defined in  
1036.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.02,  
1036.19 subdivision 5; tribal governments; and  
1036.20 Minnesota nonprofit organizations for projects  
1036.21 aimed at preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS,  
1036.22 targeting communities in Minnesota at highest  
1036.23 risk for HIV infection, and for individuals in  
1036.24 Minnesota living with HIV/AIDS. Grants shall  
1036.25 be awarded on a request for proposal basis and  
1036.26 priority shall be given to community health  
1036.27 boards, tribal governments, and organizations  
1036.28 that have experience in dealing with issues  
1036.29 related to HIV/AIDS. This is a onetime  
1036.30 appropriation.

1036.31 **(e) Regulation of Low-Dose X-Ray Security**  
1036.32 **Screening Systems.** \$86,000 in fiscal year  
1036.33 2020 and \$58,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from  
1036.34 the state government special revenue fund for  
1036.35 rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes, section



1037.1 144.121. The base for this appropriation is  
 1037.2 \$31,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$31,000 in  
 1037.3 fiscal year 2023.

1037.4 (f) **Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 1037.5 base is \$24,919,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1037.6 \$24,488,000 in fiscal year 2023. The state  
 1037.7 government special revenue fund base is  
 1037.8 \$65,484,000 in fiscal year 2022 and  
 1037.9 \$65,444,000 in fiscal year 2023.

1037.10	<u>Subd. 4. <b>Health Operations</b></u>	<u>10,812,000</u>	<u>10,912,000</u>
1037.11	Sec. 4. <u><b>HEALTH-RELATED BOARDS</b></u>		
1037.12	<u>Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b></u>	<u>\$ 27,185,000</u>	<u>\$ 26,576,000</u>

1037.13 This appropriation is from the state  
 1037.14 government special revenue fund unless  
 1037.15 specified otherwise. The amounts that may be  
 1037.16 spent for each purpose are specified in the  
 1037.17 following subdivisions.

1037.18	<u>Subd. 2. <b>Board of Chiropractic Examiners</b></u>	<u>629,000</u>	<u>641,000</u>
1037.19	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Board of Dentistry</b></u>	<u>1,503,000</u>	<u>1,450,000</u>
1037.20	<u>Subd. 4. <b>Board of Dietetics and Nutrition</b></u>		
1037.21	<u><b>Practice</b></u>	<u>147,000</u>	<u>149,000</u>
1037.22	<u>Subd. 5. <b>Board of Marriage and Family Therapy</b></u>	<u>384,000</u>	<u>389,000</u>

1037.23 **Base Level Adjustment.** The base is \$384,000  
 1037.24 in fiscal year 2022 and \$384,000 in fiscal year  
 1037.25 2023.

1037.26	<u>Subd. 6. <b>Board of Medical Practice</b></u>	<u>6,013,000</u>	<u>5,996,000</u>
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1037.27 (a) **Health Professional Services Program.**  
 1037.28 This appropriation includes \$1,023,000 in  
 1037.29 fiscal year 2020 and \$1,002,000 in fiscal year  
 1037.30 2021 for the health professional services  
 1037.31 program.

1038.1 (b) Base Level Adjustment. The base is  
 1038.2 \$5,912,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$5,868,000  
 1038.3 in fiscal year 2023.

1038.4 <u>Subd. 7. Board of Nursing</u>	<u>4,993,000</u>	<u>4,993,000</u>
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1038.5 <u>Subd. 8. Board of Nursing Home Administrators</u>	<u>3,733,000</u>	<u>3,201,000</u>
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1038.6 (a) Administrative Services Unit - Operating  
 1038.7 Costs. Of this appropriation, \$3,445,000 in  
 1038.8 fiscal year 2020 and \$2,910,000 in fiscal year  
 1038.9 2021 are for operating costs of the  
 1038.10 administrative services unit. The  
 1038.11 administrative services unit may receive and  
 1038.12 expend reimbursements for services it  
 1038.13 performs for other agencies.

1038.14 (b) Administrative Services Unit - Volunteer  
 1038.15 Health Care Provider Program. Of this  
 1038.16 appropriation, \$150,000 in fiscal year 2020  
 1038.17 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2021 are to pay  
 1038.18 for medical professional liability coverage  
 1038.19 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 1038.20 214.40.

1038.21 (c) Administrative Services Unit -  
 1038.22 Retirement Costs. Of this appropriation,  
 1038.23 \$558,000 in fiscal year 2020 is a onetime  
 1038.24 appropriation to the administrative services  
 1038.25 unit to pay for the retirement costs of  
 1038.26 health-related board employees. This funding  
 1038.27 may be transferred to the health board  
 1038.28 incurring retirement costs. Any board that has  
 1038.29 an unexpended balance for an amount  
 1038.30 transferred under this paragraph shall transfer  
 1038.31 the unexpended amount to the administrative  
 1038.32 services unit. These funds are available either  
 1038.33 year of the biennium.

1039.1 **(d) Administrative Services Unit - Contested**  
 1039.2 **Cases and Other Legal Proceedings.** Of this  
 1039.3 appropriation, \$200,000 in fiscal year 2020  
 1039.4 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for costs  
 1039.5 of contested case hearings and other  
 1039.6 unanticipated costs of legal proceedings  
 1039.7 involving health-related boards funded under  
 1039.8 this section. Upon certification by a  
 1039.9 health-related board to the administrative  
 1039.10 services unit that costs will be incurred and  
 1039.11 that there is insufficient money available to  
 1039.12 pay for the costs out of money currently  
 1039.13 available to that board, the administrative  
 1039.14 services unit is authorized to transfer money  
 1039.15 from this appropriation to the board for  
 1039.16 payment of those costs with the approval of  
 1039.17 the commissioner of management and budget.  
 1039.18 The commissioner of management and budget  
 1039.19 must require any board that has an unexpended  
 1039.20 balance for an amount transferred under this  
 1039.21 paragraph to transfer the unexpended amount  
 1039.22 to the administrative services unit to be  
 1039.23 deposited in the state government special  
 1039.24 revenue fund.

1039.25	<b><u>Subd. 9. Board of Optometry</u></b>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>201,000</u>
1039.26	<b><u>Subd. 10. Board of Pharmacy</u></b>	<u>4,311,000</u>	<u>4,342,000</u>
1039.27	<b><u>Subd. 11. Board of Physical Therapy</u></b>	<u>547,000</u>	<u>549,000</u>
1039.28	<b><u>Subd. 12. Board of Podiatric Medicine</u></b>	<u>199,000</u>	<u>199,000</u>
1039.29	<b><u>Subd. 13. Board of Psychology</u></b>	<u>1,357,000</u>	<u>1,395,000</u>
1039.30	<b><u>Base Level Adjustment.</u></b> <u>The base is</u>		
1039.31	<u>\$1,355,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$1,355,000</u>		
1039.32	<u>in fiscal year 2023.</u>		
1039.33	<b><u>Subd. 14. Board of Social Work</u></b>	<u>1,437,000</u>	<u>1,404,000</u>
1039.34	<b><u>Subd. 15. Board of Veterinary Medicine</u></b>	<u>345,000</u>	<u>353,000</u>

<p>1040.1 <b>Subd. 16. <u>Board of Behavioral Health and</u></b>                  1040.2 <b><u>Therapy</u></b></p> <p>1040.3 <b><u>Base Level Adjustment.</u></b> The base is \$833,000                  1040.4 <u>in fiscal year 2022 and \$833,000 in fiscal year</u>                  1040.5 <u>2023.</u></p> <p>1040.6 <b>Subd. 17. <u>Board of Occupational Therapy</u></b>                  1040.7 <b><u>Practice</u></b></p> <p>1040.8 <b>Sec. 5. <u>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</u></b>                  1040.9 <b><u>REGULATORY BOARD</u></b></p> <p>1040.10 <b><u>(a) Cooper/Sams Volunteer Ambulance</u></b>                  1040.11 <b><u>Program.</u></b> \$950,000 in fiscal year 2020 and                  1040.12 <u>\$950,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for the</u>                  1040.13 <u>Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance program</u>                  1040.14 <u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.40.</u></p> <p>1040.15 <u>(1) Of this amount, \$861,000 in fiscal year</u>                  1040.16 <u>2020 and \$861,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for</u>                  1040.17 <u>the ambulance service personnel longevity</u>                  1040.18 <u>award and incentive program under Minnesota</u>                  1040.19 <u>Statutes, section 144E.40.</u></p> <p>1040.20 <u>(2) Of this amount, \$89,000 in fiscal year 2020</u>                  1040.21 <u>and \$89,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for the</u>                  1040.22 <u>operations of the ambulance service personnel</u>                  1040.23 <u>longevity award and incentive program under</u>                  1040.24 <u>Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.40.</u></p> <p>1040.25 <b><u>(b) EMSRB Operations.</u></b> \$1,851,000 in fiscal                  1040.26 <u>year 2020 and \$1,913,000 in fiscal year 2021</u>                  1040.27 <u>are for board operations. The base for this</u>                  1040.28 <u>program is \$1,880,000 in fiscal year 2022 and</u>                  1040.29 <u>\$1,880,000 in fiscal year 2023.</u></p> <p>1040.30 <b><u>(c) Regional Grants.</u></b> \$585,000 in fiscal year                  1040.31 <u>2020 and \$585,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for</u>                  1040.32 <u>regional emergency medical services</u>                  1040.33 <u>programs, to be distributed equally to the eight</u>                  1040.34 <u>emergency medical service regions under</u>                  1040.35 <u>Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.52.</u></p>	<p>937,000</p> <p>450,000</p> <p><b>\$ 3,747,000 \$</b></p>	<p>858,000</p> <p>456,000</p> <p><b>3,809,000</b></p>
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1041.1 (d) Ambulance Training Grant. \$585,000  
 1041.2 in fiscal year 2020 and \$585,000 in fiscal year  
 1041.3 2021 are for training grants under Minnesota  
 1041.4 Statutes, section 144E.35.

1041.5 (e) Base Level Adjustment. The base is  
 1041.6 \$3,776,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$3,776,000  
 1041.7 in fiscal year 2023.

1041.8 Sec. 6. COUNCIL ON DISABILITY \$ 1,014,000 \$ 1,006,000

1041.9 Sec. 7. OMBUDSMAN FOR MENTAL  
 1041.10 HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
 1041.11 DISABILITIES \$ 2,438,000 \$ 2,438,000

1041.12 Department of Psychiatry Monitoring.  
 1041.13 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$100,000 in  
 1041.14 fiscal year 2021 are for monitoring the  
 1041.15 Department of Psychiatry at the University of  
 1041.16 Minnesota.

1041.17 Sec. 8. OMBUDSPERSONS FOR FAMILIES \$ 714,000 \$ 723,000

1041.18 Sec. 9. COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCE \$ 764,000 \$ 786,000

1041.19 (a) Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensing.  
 1041.20 \$277,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$274,000 in  
 1041.21 fiscal year 2021 are from the general fund for  
 1041.22 licensing activities under Minnesota Statutes,  
 1041.23 chapter 62W. The base for this appropriation  
 1041.24 is \$274,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$274,000  
 1041.25 in fiscal year 2023. \$246,000 each year shall  
 1041.26 be used solely for staff costs for two  
 1041.27 enforcement investigators solely for  
 1041.28 enforcement activities under Minnesota  
 1041.29 Statutes, chapter 62W.

1041.30 (b) Base Level Adjustment. The base is  
 1041.31 \$815,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$843,000 in  
 1041.32 fiscal year 2023.

1041.33 Sec. 10. MNSURE BOARD \$ 9,293,000 \$ 4,539,000

1042.1 (a) Generally. These appropriations are from  
1042.2 the health care access fund.

1042.3 (b) State-Based Premium Tax Credit.  
1042.4 \$1,241,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$4,539,000  
1042.5 in fiscal year 2021 are for technology and  
1042.6 program development and administration  
1042.7 related to management and implementation of  
1042.8 the advanced state-based health insurance  
1042.9 premium tax credit. This is a onetime  
1042.10 appropriation.

1042.11 (c) Premium Subsidy Program. \$8,052,000  
1042.12 in fiscal year 2020 is for administration of the  
1042.13 premium subsidy program in Minnesota  
1042.14 Statutes, chapter 62V. This is a onetime  
1042.15 appropriation.

1042.16 Sec. 11. TRANSFERS; PREMIUM SECURITY ACCOUNT.

1042.17 (a) By August 30, 2020, the commissioner of commerce shall transfer \$142,000,000  
1042.18 from the premium security account to the general fund. This is a onetime transfer.

1042.19 (b) By August 30, 2020, the commissioner of commerce shall transfer \$393,588,000  
1042.20 from the premium security account to the health care access fund. This is a onetime transfer.

1042.21 Sec. 12. RETURN OF PAYMENTS FOR JENSEN SETTLEMENT COSTS.

1042.22 Any money not used for payment of court-ordered costs or money returned by the court  
1042.23 in United States District Court, case 0:09-cv-01775-DWF-BRT, Jensen et al. v. Minnesota  
1042.24 Department of Human Services et al., is appropriated to the commissioner of human services  
1042.25 for expenses related to direct care and treatment programs and notwithstanding any other  
1042.26 provision is available until June 30, 2020.

1042.27 Sec. 13. TRANSFERS; HUMAN SERVICES.

1042.28 Subdivision 1. Grants. The commissioner of human services, with the approval of the  
1042.29 commissioner of management and budget, may transfer unencumbered appropriation balances  
1042.30 for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, within fiscal years among the MFIP, general  
1042.31 assistance, medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, MFIP child care assistance under Minnesota  
1042.32 Statutes, section 119B.05, Minnesota supplemental aid program, group residential housing

1043.1 program, the entitlement portion of Northstar Care for Children under Minnesota Statutes,  
1043.2 chapter 256N, and the entitlement portion of the chemical dependency consolidated treatment  
1043.3 fund, and between fiscal years of the biennium. The commissioner shall inform the chairs  
1043.4 and ranking minority members of the senate Health and Human Services Finance Division  
1043.5 and the house of representatives Health and Human Services Finance Committee quarterly  
1043.6 about transfers made under this subdivision.

1043.7 Subd. 2. **Administration.** Positions, salary money, and nonsalary administrative money  
1043.8 may be transferred within the Departments of Health and Human Services as the  
1043.9 commissioners consider necessary, with the advance approval of the commissioner of  
1043.10 management and budget. The commissioner shall inform the chairs and ranking minority  
1043.11 members of the senate Health and Human Services Finance Division and the house of  
1043.12 representatives Health and Human Services Finance Committee quarterly about transfers  
1043.13 made under this subdivision.

1043.14 Sec. 14. **INDIRECT COSTS NOT TO FUND PROGRAMS.**

1043.15 The commissioners of health and human services shall not use indirect cost allocations  
1043.16 to pay for the operational costs of any program for which they are responsible.

1043.17 Sec. 15. **EXPIRATION OF UNCODIFIED LANGUAGE.**

1043.18 All uncodified language contained in this article expires on June 30, 2021, unless a  
1043.19 different expiration date is explicit.

1043.20 Sec. 16. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1043.21 This article is effective July 1, 2019, unless a different effective date is specified.

**62A.021 HEALTH CARE POLICY RATES.**

Subdivision 1. **Loss ratio standards.** (a) Notwithstanding section 62A.02, subdivision 3, relating to loss ratios, and except as otherwise authorized by section 62A.02, subdivision 3a, for individual policies or certificates, health care policies or certificates shall not be delivered or issued for delivery to an individual or to a small employer as defined in section 62L.02, unless the policies or certificates can be expected, as estimated for the entire period for which rates are computed to provide coverage, to return to Minnesota policyholders and certificate holders in the form of aggregate benefits not including anticipated refunds or credits, provided under the policies or certificates, (1) at least 75 percent of the aggregate amount of premiums earned in the case of policies issued in the small employer market, as defined in section 62L.02, subdivision 27, calculated on an aggregate basis; and (2) at least 65 percent of the aggregate amount of premiums earned in the case of each policy form or certificate form issued in the individual market; calculated on the basis of incurred claims experience or incurred health care expenses where coverage is provided by a health maintenance organization on a service rather than reimbursement basis and earned premiums for the period and according to accepted actuarial principles and practices. Assessments by the reinsurance association created in chapter 62L and all types of taxes, surcharges, or assessments created by Laws 1992, chapter 549, or created on or after April 23, 1992, are included in the calculation of incurred claims experience or incurred health care expenses. The applicable percentage for policies and certificates issued in the small employer market, as defined in section 62L.02, increases by one percentage point on July 1 of each year, beginning on July 1, 1994, until an 82 percent loss ratio is reached on July 1, 2000. The applicable percentage for policy forms and certificate forms issued in the individual market increases by one percentage point on July 1 of each year, beginning on July 1, 1994, until a 72 percent loss ratio is reached on July 1, 2000. A health carrier that enters a market after July 1, 1993, does not start at the beginning of the phase-in schedule and must instead comply with the loss ratio requirements applicable to other health carriers in that market for each time period. Premiums earned and claims incurred in markets other than the small employer and individual markets are not relevant for purposes of this section.

(b) All filings of rates and rating schedules shall demonstrate that actual expected claims in relation to premiums comply with the requirements of this section when combined with actual experience to date. Filings of rate revisions shall also demonstrate that the anticipated loss ratio over the entire future period for which the revised rates are computed to provide coverage can be expected to meet the appropriate loss ratio standards, and aggregate loss ratio from inception of the policy form or certificate form shall equal or exceed the appropriate loss ratio standards.

(c) A health carrier that issues health care policies and certificates to individuals or to small employers, as defined in section 62L.02, in this state shall file annually its rates, rating schedule, and supporting documentation including ratios of incurred losses to earned premiums by policy form or certificate form duration for approval by the commissioner according to the filing requirements and procedures prescribed by the commissioner. The supporting documentation shall also demonstrate in accordance with actuarial standards of practice using reasonable assumptions that the appropriate loss ratio standards can be expected to be met over the entire period for which rates are computed. The demonstration shall exclude active life reserves. If the data submitted does not confirm that the health carrier has satisfied the loss ratio requirements of this section, the commissioner shall notify the health carrier in writing of the deficiency. The health carrier shall have 30 days from the date of the commissioner's notice to file amended rates that comply with this section. If the health carrier fails to file amended rates within the prescribed time, the commissioner shall order that the health carrier's filed rates for the nonconforming policy form or certificate form be reduced to an amount that would have resulted in a loss ratio that complied with this section had it been in effect for the reporting period of the supplement. The health carrier's failure to file amended rates within the specified time or the issuance of the commissioner's order amending the rates does not preclude the health carrier from filing an amendment of its rates at a later time. The commissioner shall annually make the submitted data available to the public at a cost not to exceed the cost of copying. The data must be compiled in a form useful for consumers who wish to compare premium charges and loss ratios.

(d) Each sale of a policy or certificate that does not comply with the loss ratio requirements of this section is an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance and is subject to the penalties in sections 72A.17 to 72A.32.

(e)(1) For purposes of this section, health care policies issued as a result of solicitations of individuals through the mail or mass media advertising, including both print and broadcast advertising, shall be treated as individual policies.



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(2) For purposes of this section, (i) "health care policy" or "health care certificate" is a health plan as defined in section 62A.011; and (ii) "health carrier" has the meaning given in section 62A.011 and includes all health carriers delivering or issuing for delivery health care policies or certificates in this state or offering these policies or certificates to residents of this state.

(f) The loss ratio phase-in as described in paragraph (a) does not apply to individual policies and small employer policies issued by a health plan company that is assessed less than three percent of the total annual amount assessed by the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association. These policies must meet a 68 percent loss ratio for individual policies, a 71 percent loss ratio for small employer policies with fewer than ten employees, and a 75 percent loss ratio for all other small employer policies.

(g) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (f), the loss ratio shall be 60 percent for a health plan as defined in section 62A.011, offered by an insurance company licensed under chapter 60A that is assessed less than ten percent of the total annual amount assessed by the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association. For purposes of the percentage calculation of the association's assessments, an insurance company's assessments include those of its affiliates.

(h) The commissioners of commerce and health shall each annually issue a public report listing, by health plan company, the actual loss ratios experienced in the individual and small employer markets in this state by the health plan companies that the commissioners respectively regulate. The commissioners shall coordinate release of these reports so as to release them as a joint report or as separate reports issued the same day. The report or reports shall be released no later than June 1 for loss ratios experienced for the preceding calendar year. Health plan companies shall provide to the commissioners any information requested by the commissioners for purposes of this paragraph.

**Subd. 3. Loss ratio disclosure.** (a) Each health care policy form or health care certificate form for which subdivision 1 requires compliance with a loss ratio requirement shall prominently display the disclosure provided in paragraph (b) on its declarations sheet if it has one and, if not, on its front page. The disclosure must also be prominently displayed in any marketing materials used in connection with it.

(b) The disclosure must be in the following format:

Notice: This disclosure is required by Minnesota law. This policy or certificate is expected to return on average (fill in anticipated loss ratio approved by the commissioner) percent of your premium dollar for health care. The lowest percentage permitted by state law for this policy or certificate is (fill in applicable minimum loss ratio).

(c) This subdivision applies to policies and certificates issued on or after January 1, 1998.

### **119B.125 PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS.**

**Subd. 8. Overpayment claim for failure to comply with access to records requirement.** (a) In establishing an overpayment claim under subdivision 6 for failure to provide access to attendance records, the county or commissioner is limited to the six years prior to the date the county or the commissioner requested the attendance records.

(b) When the commissioner or county establishes an overpayment claim against a current or former provider, the commissioner or county must provide notice of the claim to the provider. A notice of overpayment claim must specify the reason for the overpayment, the authority for making the overpayment claim, the time period in which the overpayment occurred, the amount of the overpayment, and the provider's right to appeal.

(c) The commissioner or county may seek to recover overpayments paid to a current or former provider. When a provider has been convicted of fraud under section 256.98, theft under section 609.52, or a federal crime relating to theft of state funds or fraudulent billing for a program administered by the commissioner or a county, recovery may be sought regardless of the amount of overpayment.

### **119B.16 FAIR HEARING PROCESS.**

**Subd. 2. Informal conference.** The county agency shall offer an informal conference to applicants and recipients adversely affected by an agency action to attempt to resolve the dispute. The county agency shall offer an informal conference to providers to whom the county agency has assigned responsibility for an overpayment in an attempt to resolve the dispute. The county agency or the provider may ask the family in whose case the overpayment arose to participate in the informal conference, but the family may refuse to do so. The county agency shall advise adversely affected

applicants, recipients, and providers that a request for a conference with the agency is optional and does not delay or replace the right to a fair hearing.

**144.414 PROHIBITIONS.**

Subd. 5. **Electronic cigarettes.** (a) The use of electronic cigarettes, including the inhaling or exhaling of vapor from any electronic delivery device, as defined in section 609.685, subdivision 1, is prohibited in the following locations:

(1) any building owned or operated by the state, home rule charter or statutory city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision;

(2) any facility owned by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the University of Minnesota;

(3) any facility licensed by the commissioner of human services; or

(4) any facility licensed by the commissioner of health, but only if the facility is also subject to federal licensing requirements.

(b) Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit political subdivisions or businesses from adopting more stringent prohibitions on the use of electronic cigarettes or electronic delivery devices.

**144A.071 MORATORIUM ON CERTIFICATION OF NURSING HOME BEDS.**

Subd. 4d. **Consolidation of nursing facilities.** (a) The commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of human services, may approve a request for consolidation of nursing facilities which includes the closure of one or more facilities and the upgrading of the physical plant of the remaining nursing facility or facilities, the costs of which exceed the threshold project limit under subdivision 2, clause (a). The commissioners shall consider the criteria in this section, section 144A.073, and section 256R.40, in approving or rejecting a consolidation proposal. In the event the commissioners approve the request, the commissioner of human services shall calculate an external fixed costs rate adjustment according to clauses (1) to (3):

(1) the closure of beds shall not be eligible for a planned closure rate adjustment under section 256R.40, subdivision 5;

(2) the construction project permitted in this clause shall not be eligible for a threshold project rate adjustment under section 256B.434, subdivision 4f, or a moratorium exception adjustment under section 144A.073; and

(3) the payment rate for external fixed costs for a remaining facility or facilities shall be increased by an amount equal to 65 percent of the projected net cost savings to the state calculated in paragraph (b), divided by the state's medical assistance percentage of medical assistance dollars, and then divided by estimated medical assistance resident days, as determined in paragraph (c), of the remaining nursing facility or facilities in the request in this paragraph. The rate adjustment is effective on the first day of the month of January or July, whichever date occurs first following both the completion of the construction upgrades in the consolidation plan and the complete closure of the facility or facilities designated for closure in the consolidation plan. If more than one facility is receiving upgrades in the consolidation plan, each facility's date of construction completion must be evaluated separately.

(b) For purposes of calculating the net cost savings to the state, the commissioner shall consider clauses (1) to (7):

(1) the annual savings from estimated medical assistance payments from the net number of beds closed taking into consideration only beds that are in active service on the date of the request and that have been in active service for at least three years;

(2) the estimated annual cost of increased case load of individuals receiving services under the elderly waiver;

(3) the estimated annual cost of elderly waiver recipients receiving support under housing support under chapter 256I;

(4) the estimated annual cost of increased case load of individuals receiving services under the alternative care program;

(5) the annual loss of license surcharge payments on closed beds;

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(6) the savings from not paying planned closure rate adjustments that the facilities would otherwise be eligible for under section 256R.40; and

(7) the savings from not paying external fixed costs payment rate adjustments from submission of renovation costs that would otherwise be eligible as threshold projects under section 256B.434, subdivision 4f.

(c) For purposes of the calculation in paragraph (a), clause (3), the estimated medical assistance resident days of the remaining facility or facilities shall be computed assuming 95 percent occupancy multiplied by the historical percentage of medical assistance resident days of the remaining facility or facilities, as reported on the facility's or facilities' most recent nursing facility statistical and cost report filed before the plan of closure is submitted, multiplied by 365.

(d) For purposes of net cost of savings to the state in paragraph (b), the average occupancy percentages will be those reported on the facility's or facilities' most recent nursing facility statistical and cost report filed before the plan of closure is submitted, and the average payment rates shall be calculated based on the approved payment rates in effect at the time the consolidation request is submitted.

(e) To qualify for the external fixed costs payment rate adjustment under this subdivision, the closing facilities shall:

- (1) submit an application for closure according to section 256R.40, subdivision 2; and
- (2) follow the resident relocation provisions of section 144A.161.

(f) The county or counties in which a facility or facilities are closed under this subdivision shall not be eligible for designation as a hardship area under subdivision 3 for five years from the date of the approval of the proposed consolidation. The applicant shall notify the county of this limitation and the county shall acknowledge this in a letter of support.

**144A.441 ASSISTED LIVING BILL OF RIGHTS ADDENDUM.**

Assisted living clients, as defined in section 144G.01, subdivision 3, shall be provided with the home care bill of rights required by section 144A.44, except that the home care bill of rights provided to these clients must include the following provision in place of the provision in section 144A.44, subdivision 1, clause (17):

"(17) the right to reasonable, advance notice of changes in services or charges, including at least 30 days' advance notice of the termination of a service by a provider, except in cases where:

(i) the recipient of services engages in conduct that alters the conditions of employment as specified in the employment contract between the home care provider and the individual providing home care services, or creates an abusive or unsafe work environment for the individual providing home care services;

(ii) an emergency for the informal caregiver or a significant change in the recipient's condition has resulted in service needs that exceed the current service provider agreement and that cannot be safely met by the home care provider; or

(iii) the provider has not received payment for services, for which at least ten days' advance notice of the termination of a service shall be provided."

**144A.442 ASSISTED LIVING CLIENTS; SERVICE TERMINATION.**

If an arranged home care provider, as defined in section 144D.01, subdivision 2a, who is not also Medicare certified terminates a service agreement or service plan with an assisted living client, as defined in section 144G.01, subdivision 3, the home care provider shall provide the assisted living client and the legal or designated representatives of the client, if any, with a written notice of termination which includes the following information:

- (1) the effective date of termination;
- (2) the reason for termination;

(3) without extending the termination notice period, an affirmative offer to meet with the assisted living client or client representatives within no more than five business days of the date of the termination notice to discuss the termination;

(4) contact information for a reasonable number of other home care providers in the geographic area of the assisted living client, as required by section 144A.4791, subdivision 10;

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(5) a statement that the provider will participate in a coordinated transfer of the care of the client to another provider or caregiver, as required by section 144A.44, subdivision 1, clause (18);

(6) the name and contact information of a representative of the home care provider with whom the client may discuss the notice of termination;

(7) a copy of the home care bill of rights; and

(8) a statement that the notice of termination of home care services by the home care provider does not constitute notice of termination of the housing with services contract with a housing with services establishment.

**144A.45 REGULATION OF HOME CARE SERVICES.**

Subd. 6. **Home care providers; tuberculosis prevention and control.** (a) A home care provider must establish and maintain a comprehensive tuberculosis infection control program according to the most current tuberculosis infection control guidelines issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, as published in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). This program must include a tuberculosis infection control plan that covers all paid and unpaid employees, contractors, students, and volunteers. The Department of Health shall provide technical assistance regarding implementation of the guidelines.

(b) Written compliance with this subdivision must be maintained by the home care provider.

**144A.472 HOME CARE PROVIDER LICENSE; APPLICATION AND RENEWAL.**

Subd. 4. **Multiple units.** Multiple units or branches of a licensee must be separately licensed if the commissioner determines that the units cannot adequately share supervision and administration of services from the main office.

**144A.481 HOME CARE LICENSING IMPLEMENTATION FOR NEW LICENSEES AND TRANSITION PERIOD FOR CURRENT LICENSEES.**

Subdivision 1. **Temporary home care licenses and changes of ownership.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2014, all temporary license applicants must apply for either a temporary basic or comprehensive home care license.

(b) Temporary home care licenses issued beginning January 1, 2014, shall be issued according to sections 144A.43 to 144A.4798, and the fees in section 144A.472. Temporary licensees must comply with the requirements of this chapter.

(c) No temporary license applications will be accepted nor temporary licenses issued between December 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013.

(d) Beginning October 1, 2013, changes in ownership applications will require payment of the new fees listed in section 144A.472. Providers who are providing nursing, delegated nursing, or professional health care services, must submit the fee for comprehensive home care providers, and all other providers must submit the fee for basic home care providers as provided in section 144A.472. Change of ownership applicants will be issued a new home care license based on the licensure law in effect on June 30, 2013.

Subd. 2. **Current home care licensees with licenses as of December 31, 2013.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2014, department licensed home care providers must apply for either the basic or comprehensive home care license on their regularly scheduled renewal date.

(b) By June 30, 2015, all home care providers must either have a basic or comprehensive home care license or temporary license.

Subd. 3. **Renewal application of home care licensure during transition period.** (a) Renewal and change of ownership applications of home care licenses issued beginning July 1, 2014, will be issued according to sections 144A.43 to 144A.4798 and, upon license renewal or issuance of a new license for a change of ownership, providers must comply with sections 144A.43 to 144A.4798. Prior to renewal, providers must comply with the home care licensure law in effect on June 30, 2013.

(b) The fees charged for licenses renewed between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2016, shall be the lesser of 200 percent or \$1,000, except where the 200 percent or \$1,000 increase exceeds the actual renewal fee charged, with a maximum renewal fee of \$6,625.

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(c) For fiscal year 2014 only, the fees for providers with revenues greater than \$25,000 and no more than \$100,000 will be \$313 and for providers with revenues no more than \$25,000 the fee will be \$125.

**144D.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** As used in sections 144D.01 to 144D.06, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Adult.** "Adult" means a natural person who has attained the age of 18 years.

Subd. 2a. **Arranged home care provider.** "Arranged home care provider" means a home care provider licensed under chapter 144A that provides services to some or all of the residents of a housing with services establishment and that is either the establishment itself or another entity with which the establishment has an arrangement.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee.

Subd. 3a. **Direct-care staff.** "Direct-care staff" means staff and employees who provide home care services listed in section 144A.471, subdivisions 6 and 7.

Subd. 4. **Housing with services establishment or establishment.** (a) "Housing with services establishment" or "establishment" means:

(1) an establishment providing sleeping accommodations to one or more adult residents, at least 80 percent of which are 55 years of age or older, and offering or providing, for a fee, one or more regularly scheduled health-related services or two or more regularly scheduled supportive services, whether offered or provided directly by the establishment or by another entity arranged for by the establishment; or

(2) an establishment that registers under section 144D.025.

(b) Housing with services establishment does not include:

(1) a nursing home licensed under chapter 144A;

(2) a hospital, certified boarding care home, or supervised living facility licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56;

(3) a board and lodging establishment licensed under chapter 157 and Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670, or under chapter 245D or 245G;

(4) a board and lodging establishment which serves as a shelter for battered women or other similar purpose;

(5) a family adult foster care home licensed by the Department of Human Services;

(6) private homes in which the residents are related by kinship, law, or affinity with the providers of services;

(7) residential settings for persons with developmental disabilities in which the services are licensed under chapter 245D;

(8) a home-sharing arrangement such as when an elderly or disabled person or single-parent family makes lodging in a private residence available to another person in exchange for services or rent, or both;

(9) a duly organized condominium, cooperative, common interest community, or owners' association of the foregoing where at least 80 percent of the units that comprise the condominium, cooperative, or common interest community are occupied by individuals who are the owners, members, or shareholders of the units;

(10) services for persons with developmental disabilities that are provided under a license under chapter 245D; or

(11) a temporary family health care dwelling as defined in sections 394.307 and 462.3593.

Subd. 5. **Supportive services.** "Supportive services" means help with personal laundry, handling or assisting with personal funds of residents, or arranging for medical services, health-related services, social services, or transportation to medical or social services appointments. Arranging

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for services does not include making referrals, assisting a resident in contacting a service provider of the resident's choice, or contacting a service provider in an emergency.

Subd. 6. **Health-related services.** "Health-related services" include professional nursing services, home health aide tasks, or the central storage of medication for residents.

Subd. 7. **Family adult foster care home.** "Family adult foster care home" means an adult foster care home that is licensed by the Department of Human Services, that is the primary residence of the license holder, and in which the license holder is the primary caregiver.

**144D.015 DEFINITION FOR PURPOSES OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE.**

For purposes of consistency with terminology commonly used in long-term care insurance policies and notwithstanding chapter 144G, a housing with services establishment that is registered under section 144D.03 and that holds, or makes arrangements with an individual or entity that holds any type of home care license and all other licenses, permits, registrations, or other governmental approvals legally required for delivery of the services the establishment offers or provides to its residents, constitutes an "assisted living facility" or "assisted living residence."

**144D.02 REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

No entity may establish, operate, conduct, or maintain a housing with services establishment in this state without registering and operating as required in sections 144D.01 to 144D.06.

**144D.025 OPTIONAL REGISTRATION.**

An establishment that meets all the requirements of this chapter except that fewer than 80 percent of the adult residents are age 55 or older, or a supportive housing establishment developed and funded in whole or in part with funds provided specifically as part of the plan to end long-term homelessness required under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 15, section 9, may, at its option, register as a housing with services establishment.

**144D.03 REGISTRATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Registration procedures.** The commissioner shall establish forms and procedures for annual registration of housing with services establishments. The commissioner shall charge an annual registration fee of \$155. No fee shall be refunded. A registered establishment shall notify the commissioner within 30 days of the date it is no longer required to be registered under this chapter or of any change in the business name or address of the establishment, the name or mailing address of the owner or owners, or the name or mailing address of the managing agent. There shall be no fee for submission of the notice.

Subd. 1a. **Surcharge for injunctive relief actions.** The commissioner shall assess each housing with services establishment that offers or provides assisted living under chapter 144G a surcharge on the annual registration fee paid under subdivision 1, to pay for the commissioner's costs related to bringing actions for injunctive relief under section 144G.02, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), on or after July 1, 2007. The commissioner shall assess surcharges using a sliding scale under which the surcharge amount increases with the client capacity of an establishment. The commissioner shall adjust the surcharge as necessary to recover the projected costs of bringing actions for injunctive relief. The commissioner shall adjust the surcharge in accordance with section 16A.1285.

Subd. 2. **Registration information.** The establishment shall provide the following information to the commissioner in order to be registered:

(1) the business name, street address, and mailing address of the establishment;

(2) the name and mailing address of the owner or owners of the establishment and, if the owner or owners are not natural persons, identification of the type of business entity of the owner or owners, and the names and addresses of the officers and members of the governing body, or comparable persons for partnerships, limited liability corporations, or other types of business organizations of the owner or owners;

(3) the name and mailing address of the managing agent, whether through management agreement or lease agreement, of the establishment, if different from the owner or owners, and the name of the on-site manager, if any;

(4) verification that the establishment has entered into a housing with services contract, as required in section 144D.04, with each resident or resident's representative;

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(5) verification that the establishment is complying with the requirements of section 325F.72, if applicable;

(6) the name and address of at least one natural person who shall be responsible for dealing with the commissioner on all matters provided for in sections 144D.01 to 144D.06, and on whom personal service of all notices and orders shall be made, and who shall be authorized to accept service on behalf of the owner or owners and the managing agent, if any;

(7) the signature of the authorized representative of the owner or owners or, if the owner or owners are not natural persons, signatures of at least two authorized representatives of each owner, one of which shall be an officer of the owner; and

(8) whether services are included in the base rate to be paid by the resident.

Personal service on the person identified under clause (6) by the owner or owners in the registration shall be considered service on the owner or owners, and it shall not be a defense to any action that personal service was not made on each individual or entity. The designation of one or more individuals under this subdivision shall not affect the legal responsibility of the owner or owners under sections 144D.01 to 144D.06.

#### **144D.04 HOUSING WITH SERVICES CONTRACTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Contract required.** No housing with services establishment may operate in this state unless a written housing with services contract, as defined in subdivision 2, is executed between the establishment and each resident or resident's representative and unless the establishment operates in accordance with the terms of the contract. The resident or the resident's representative shall be given a complete copy of the contract and all supporting documents and attachments and any changes whenever changes are made.

Subd. 2. **Contents of contract.** A housing with services contract, which need not be entitled as such to comply with this section, shall include at least the following elements in itself or through supporting documents or attachments:

(1) the name, street address, and mailing address of the establishment;

(2) the name and mailing address of the owner or owners of the establishment and, if the owner or owners is not a natural person, identification of the type of business entity of the owner or owners;

(3) the name and mailing address of the managing agent, through management agreement or lease agreement, of the establishment, if different from the owner or owners;

(4) the name and address of at least one natural person who is authorized to accept service of process on behalf of the owner or owners and managing agent;

(5) a statement describing the registration and licensure status of the establishment and any provider providing health-related or supportive services under an arrangement with the establishment;

(6) the term of the contract;

(7) a description of the services to be provided to the resident in the base rate to be paid by the resident, including a delineation of the portion of the base rate that constitutes rent and a delineation of charges for each service included in the base rate;

(8) a description of any additional services, including home care services, available for an additional fee from the establishment directly or through arrangements with the establishment, and a schedule of fees charged for these services;

(9) a conspicuous notice informing the tenant of the policy concerning the conditions under which and the process through which the contract may be modified, amended, or terminated, including whether a move to a different room or sharing a room would be required in the event that the tenant can no longer pay the current rent;

(10) a description of the establishment's complaint resolution process available to residents including the toll-free complaint line for the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care;

(11) the resident's designated representative, if any;

(12) the establishment's referral procedures if the contract is terminated;

(13) requirements of residency used by the establishment to determine who may reside or continue to reside in the housing with services establishment;

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(14) billing and payment procedures and requirements;

(15) a statement regarding the ability of a resident to receive services from service providers with whom the establishment does not have an arrangement;

(16) a statement regarding the availability of public funds for payment for residence or services in the establishment; and

(17) a statement regarding the availability of and contact information for long-term care consultation services under section 256B.0911 in the county in which the establishment is located.

Subd. 2a. **Additional contract requirements.** (a) For a resident receiving one or more health-related services from the establishment's arranged home care provider, as defined in section 144D.01, subdivision 6, the contract must include the requirements in paragraph (b). A restriction of a resident's rights under this subdivision is allowed only if determined necessary for health and safety reasons identified by the home care provider's registered nurse in an initial assessment or reassessment, as defined under section 144A.4791, subdivision 8, and documented in the written service plan under section 144A.4791, subdivision 9. Any restrictions of those rights for people served under sections 256B.0915 and 256B.49 must be documented in the resident's coordinated service and support plan (CSSP), as defined under sections 256B.0915, subdivision 6 and 256B.49, subdivision 15.

(b) The contract must include a statement:

(1) regarding the ability of a resident to furnish and decorate the resident's unit within the terms of the lease;

(2) regarding the resident's right to access food at any time;

(3) regarding a resident's right to choose the resident's visitors and times of visits;

(4) regarding the resident's right to choose a roommate if sharing a unit; and

(5) notifying the resident of the resident's right to have and use a lockable door to the resident's unit. The landlord shall provide the locks on the unit. Only a staff member with a specific need to enter the unit shall have keys, and advance notice must be given to the resident before entrance, when possible.

Subd. 3. **Contracts in permanent files.** Housing with services contracts and related documents executed by each resident or resident's representative shall be maintained by the establishment in files from the date of execution until three years after the contract is terminated. The contracts and the written disclosures required under section 325F.72, if applicable, shall be made available for on-site inspection by the commissioner upon request at any time.

**144D.045 INFORMATION CONCERNING ARRANGED HOME CARE PROVIDERS.**

If a housing with services establishment has one or more arranged home care providers, the establishment shall arrange to have that arranged home care provider deliver the following information in writing to a prospective resident, prior to the date on which the prospective resident executes a contract with the establishment or the prospective resident's move-in date, whichever is earlier:

(1) the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the arranged home care provider;

(2) the name and mailing address of at least one natural person who is authorized to accept service of process on behalf of the entity described in clause (1);

(3) a description of the process through which a home care service agreement or service plan between a resident and the arranged home care provider, if any, may be modified, amended, or terminated;

(4) the arranged home care provider's billing and payment procedures and requirements; and

(5) any limits to the services available from the arranged provider.

**144D.05 AUTHORITY OF COMMISSIONER.**

The commissioner shall, upon receipt of information which may indicate the failure of the housing with services establishment, a resident, a resident's representative, or a service provider to comply with a legal requirement to which one or more of them may be subject, make appropriate referrals to other governmental agencies and entities having jurisdiction over the subject matter.



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The commissioner may also make referrals to any public or private agency the commissioner considers available for appropriate assistance to those involved.

The commissioner shall have standing to bring an action for injunctive relief in the district court in the district in which an establishment is located to compel the housing with services establishment to meet the requirements of this chapter or other requirements of the state or of any county or local governmental unit to which the establishment is otherwise subject. Proceedings for securing an injunction may be brought by the commissioner through the attorney general or through the appropriate county attorney. The sanctions in this section do not restrict the availability of other sanctions.

**144D.06 OTHER LAWS.**

In addition to registration under this chapter, a housing with services establishment must comply with chapter 504B and the provisions of section 325F.72, and shall obtain and maintain all other licenses, permits, registrations, or other governmental approvals required of it. A housing with services establishment is not required to obtain a lodging license under chapter 157 and related rules.

**144D.065 TRAINING IN DEMENTIA CARE REQUIRED.**

(a) If a housing with services establishment registered under this chapter has a special program or special care unit for residents with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias or advertises, markets, or otherwise promotes the establishment as providing services for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias, whether in a segregated or general unit, employees of the establishment and of the establishment's arranged home care provider must meet the following training requirements:

(1) supervisors of direct-care staff must have at least eight hours of initial training on topics specified under paragraph (b) within 120 working hours of the employment start date, and must have at least two hours of training on topics related to dementia care for each 12 months of employment thereafter;

(2) direct-care employees must have completed at least eight hours of initial training on topics specified under paragraph (b) within 160 working hours of the employment start date. Until this initial training is complete, an employee must not provide direct care unless there is another employee on site who has completed the initial eight hours of training on topics related to dementia care and who can act as a resource and assist if issues arise. A trainer of the requirements under paragraph (b), or a supervisor meeting the requirements in clause (1), must be available for consultation with the new employee until the training requirement is complete. Direct-care employees must have at least two hours of training on topics related to dementia for each 12 months of employment thereafter;

(3) staff who do not provide direct care, including maintenance, housekeeping, and food service staff, must have at least four hours of initial training on topics specified under paragraph (b) within 160 working hours of the employment start date, and must have at least two hours of training on topics related to dementia care for each 12 months of employment thereafter; and

(4) new employees may satisfy the initial training requirements by producing written proof of previously completed required training within the past 18 months.

(b) Areas of required training include:

- (1) an explanation of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;
- (2) assistance with activities of daily living;
- (3) problem solving with challenging behaviors; and
- (4) communication skills.

(c) The establishment shall provide to consumers in written or electronic form a description of the training program, the categories of employees trained, the frequency of training, and the basic topics covered. This information satisfies the disclosure requirements of section 325F.72, subdivision 2, clause (4).

(d) Housing with services establishments not included in paragraph (a) that provide assisted living services under chapter 144G must meet the following training requirements:

(1) supervisors of direct-care staff must have at least four hours of initial training on topics specified under paragraph (b) within 120 working hours of the employment start date, and must

have at least two hours of training on topics related to dementia care for each 12 months of employment thereafter;

(2) direct-care employees must have completed at least four hours of initial training on topics specified under paragraph (b) within 160 working hours of the employment start date. Until this initial training is complete, an employee must not provide direct care unless there is another employee on site who has completed the initial four hours of training on topics related to dementia care and who can act as a resource and assist if issues arise. A trainer of the requirements under paragraph (b) or supervisor meeting the requirements under paragraph (a), clause (1), must be available for consultation with the new employee until the training requirement is complete. Direct-care employees must have at least two hours of training on topics related to dementia for each 12 months of employment thereafter;

(3) staff who do not provide direct care, including maintenance, housekeeping, and food service staff, must have at least four hours of initial training on topics specified under paragraph (b) within 160 working hours of the employment start date, and must have at least two hours of training on topics related to dementia care for each 12 months of employment thereafter; and

(4) new employees may satisfy the initial training requirements by producing written proof of previously completed required training within the past 18 months.

#### **144D.066 ENFORCEMENT OF DEMENTIA CARE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Enforcement.** (a) The commissioner shall enforce the dementia care training standards for staff working in housing with services settings and for housing managers according to clauses (1) to (3):

(1) for dementia care training requirements in section 144D.065, the commissioner shall review training records as part of the home care provider survey process for direct care staff and supervisors of direct care staff, in accordance with section 144A.474. The commissioner may also request and review training records at any time during the year;

(2) for dementia care training standards in section 144D.065, the commissioner shall review training records for maintenance, housekeeping, and food service staff and other staff not providing direct care working in housing with services settings as part of the housing with services registration application and renewal application process in accordance with section 144D.03. The commissioner may also request and review training records at any time during the year; and

(3) for housing managers, the commissioner shall review the statement verifying compliance with the required training described in section 144D.10, paragraph (d), through the housing with services registration application and renewal application process in accordance with section 144D.03. The commissioner may also request and review training records at any time during the year.

(b) The commissioner shall specify the required forms and what constitutes sufficient training records for the items listed in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3).

Subd. 2. **Fines for noncompliance.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2017, the commissioner may impose a \$200 fine for every staff person required to obtain dementia care training who does not have training records to show compliance. For violations of subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), the fine will be imposed upon the home care provider, and may be appealed under the contested case procedure in section 144A.475, subdivisions 3a, 4, and 7. For violations of subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3), the fine will be imposed on the housing with services registrant and may be appealed under the contested case procedure in section 144A.475, subdivisions 3a, 4, and 7. Prior to imposing the fine, the commissioner must allow two weeks for staff to complete the required training. Fines collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state government special revenue fund.

(b) The housing with services registrant and home care provider must allow for the required training as part of employee and staff duties. Imposition of a fine by the commissioner does not negate the need for the required training. Continued noncompliance with the requirements of sections 144D.065 and 144D.10 may result in revocation or nonrenewal of the housing with services registration or home care license. The commissioner shall make public the list of all housing with services establishments that have complied with the training requirements.

Subd. 3. **Technical assistance.** From January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016, the commissioner shall provide technical assistance instead of imposing fines for noncompliance with the training requirements. During the year of technical assistance, the commissioner shall review the training

records to determine if the records meet the requirements and inform the home care provider. The commissioner shall also provide information about available training resources.

**144D.07 RESTRAINTS.**

Residents must be free from any physical or chemical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience.

**144D.08 UNIFORM CONSUMER INFORMATION GUIDE.**

All housing with services establishments shall make available to all prospective and current residents information consistent with the uniform format and the required components adopted by the commissioner under section 144G.06. This section does not apply to an establishment registered under section 144D.025 serving the homeless.

**144D.09 TERMINATION OF LEASE.**

The housing with services establishment shall include with notice of termination of lease information about how to contact the ombudsman for long-term care, including the address and telephone number along with a statement of how to request problem-solving assistance.

**144D.10 MANAGER REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) The person primarily responsible for oversight and management of a housing with services establishment, as designated by the owner of the housing with services establishment, must obtain at least 30 hours of continuing education every two years of employment as the manager in topics relevant to the operations of the housing with services establishment and the needs of its tenants. Continuing education earned to maintain a professional license, such as nursing home administrator license, nursing license, social worker license, and real estate license, can be used to complete this requirement.

(b) For managers of establishments identified in section 325F.72, this continuing education must include at least eight hours of documented training on the topics identified in section 144D.065, paragraph (b), within 160 working hours of hire, and two hours of training on these topics for each 12 months of employment thereafter.

(c) For managers of establishments not covered by section 325F.72, but who provide assisted living services under chapter 144G, this continuing education must include at least four hours of documented training on the topics identified in section 144D.065, paragraph (b), within 160 working hours of hire, and two hours of training on these topics for each 12 months of employment thereafter.

(d) A statement verifying compliance with the continuing education requirement must be included in the housing with services establishment's annual registration to the commissioner of health. The establishment must maintain records for at least three years demonstrating that the person primarily responsible for oversight and management of the establishment has attended educational programs as required by this section.

(e) New managers may satisfy the initial dementia training requirements by producing written proof of previously completed required training within the past 18 months.

(f) This section does not apply to an establishment registered under section 144D.025 serving the homeless.

**144D.11 EMERGENCY PLANNING.**

(a) Each registered housing with services establishment must meet the following requirements:

(1) have a written emergency disaster plan that contains a plan for evacuation, addresses elements of sheltering in-place, identifies temporary relocation sites, and details staff assignments in the event of a disaster or an emergency;

(2) post an emergency disaster plan prominently;

(3) provide building emergency exit diagrams to all tenants upon signing a lease;

(4) post emergency exit diagrams on each floor; and

(5) have a written policy and procedure regarding missing tenants.

(b) Each registered housing with services establishment must provide emergency and disaster training to all staff during the initial staff orientation and annually thereafter and must make emergency and disaster training available to all tenants annually. Staff who have not received

emergency and disaster training are allowed to work only when trained staff are also working on site.

(c) Each registered housing with services location must conduct and document a fire drill or other emergency drill at least every six months. To the extent possible, drills must be coordinated with local fire departments or other community emergency resources.

#### **144G.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope; other definitions.** For purposes of sections 144G.01 to 144G.05, the following definitions apply. In addition, the definitions provided in section 144D.01 also apply to sections 144G.01 to 144G.05.

Subd. 2. **Assisted living.** "Assisted living" means a service or package of services advertised, marketed, or otherwise described, offered, or promoted using the phrase "assisted living" either alone or in combination with other words, whether orally or in writing, and which is subject to the requirements of this chapter.

Subd. 3. **Assisted living client; client.** "Assisted living client" or "client" means a housing with services resident who receives assisted living that is subject to the requirements of this chapter.

Subd. 4. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

#### **144G.02 ASSISTED LIVING; PROTECTED TITLE; REGULATORY FUNCTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Protected title; restriction on use.** No person or entity may use the phrase "assisted living," whether alone or in combination with other words and whether orally or in writing, to advertise, market, or otherwise describe, offer, or promote itself, or any housing, service, service package, or program that it provides within this state, unless the person or entity is a housing with services establishment that meets the requirements of this chapter, or is a person or entity that provides some or all components of assisted living that meet the requirements of this chapter. A person or entity entitled to use the phrase "assisted living" shall use the phrase only in the context of its participation in assisted living that meets the requirements of this chapter. A housing with services establishment offering or providing assisted living that is not made available to residents in all of its housing units shall identify the number or location of the units in which assisted living is available, and may not use the term "assisted living" in the name of the establishment registered with the commissioner under chapter 144D, or in the name the establishment uses to identify itself to residents or the public.

Subd. 2. **Authority of commissioner.** (a) The commissioner, upon receipt of information that may indicate the failure of a housing with services establishment, the arranged home care provider, an assisted living client, or an assisted living client's representative to comply with a legal requirement to which one or more of the entities may be subject, shall make appropriate referrals to other governmental agencies and entities having jurisdiction over the subject matter. The commissioner may also make referrals to any public or private agency the commissioner considers available for appropriate assistance to those involved.

(b) In addition to the authority with respect to licensed home care providers under section 144A.45 and with respect to housing with services establishments under chapter 144D, the commissioner shall have standing to bring an action for injunctive relief in the district court in the district in which a housing with services establishment is located to compel the housing with services establishment or the arranged home care provider to meet the requirements of this chapter or other requirements of the state or of any county or local governmental unit to which the establishment or arranged home care provider is otherwise subject. Proceedings for securing an injunction may be brought by the commissioner through the attorney general or through the appropriate county attorney. The sanctions in this section do not restrict the availability of other sanctions.

#### **144G.03 ASSISTED LIVING REQUIREMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Verification in annual registration.** A registered housing with services establishment using the phrase "assisted living," pursuant to section 144G.02, subdivision 1, shall verify to the commissioner in its annual registration pursuant to chapter 144D that the establishment is complying with sections 144G.01 to 144G.05, as applicable.

Subd. 2. **Minimum requirements for assisted living.** (a) Assisted living shall be provided or made available only to individuals residing in a registered housing with services establishment. Except as expressly stated in this chapter, a person or entity offering assisted living may define the available services and may offer assisted living to all or some of the residents of a housing with services establishment. The services that comprise assisted living may be provided or made available

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directly by a housing with services establishment or by persons or entities with which the housing with services establishment has made arrangements.

(b) A person or entity entitled to use the phrase "assisted living," according to section 144G.02, subdivision 1, shall do so only with respect to a housing with services establishment, or a service, service package, or program available within a housing with services establishment that, at a minimum:

(1) provides or makes available health-related services under a home care license. At a minimum, health-related services must include:

(i) assistance with self-administration of medication, medication management, or medication administration as defined in section 144A.43; and

(ii) assistance with at least three of the following seven activities of daily living: bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, transferring, continence care, and toileting.

All health-related services shall be provided in a manner that complies with applicable home care licensure requirements in chapter 144A and sections 148.171 to 148.285;

(2) provides necessary assessments of the physical and cognitive needs of assisted living clients by a registered nurse, as required by applicable home care licensure requirements in chapter 144A and sections 148.171 to 148.285;

(3) has and maintains a system for delegation of health care activities to unlicensed personnel by a registered nurse, including supervision and evaluation of the delegated activities as required by applicable home care licensure requirements in chapter 144A and sections 148.171 to 148.285;

(4) provides staff access to an on-call registered nurse 24 hours per day, seven days per week;

(5) has and maintains a system to check on each assisted living client at least daily;

(6) provides a means for assisted living clients to request assistance for health and safety needs 24 hours per day, seven days per week, from the establishment or a person or entity with which the establishment has made arrangements;

(7) has a person or persons available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, who is responsible for responding to the requests of assisted living clients for assistance with health or safety needs, who shall be:

(i) awake;

(ii) located in the same building, in an attached building, or on a contiguous campus with the housing with services establishment in order to respond within a reasonable amount of time;

(iii) capable of communicating with assisted living clients;

(iv) capable of recognizing the need for assistance;

(v) capable of providing either the assistance required or summoning the appropriate assistance; and

(vi) capable of following directions;

(8) offers to provide or make available at least the following supportive services to assisted living clients:

(i) two meals per day;

(ii) weekly housekeeping;

(iii) weekly laundry service;

(iv) upon the request of the client, reasonable assistance with arranging for transportation to medical and social services appointments, and the name of or other identifying information about the person or persons responsible for providing this assistance;

(v) upon the request of the client, reasonable assistance with accessing community resources and social services available in the community, and the name of or other identifying information about the person or persons responsible for providing this assistance; and

(vi) periodic opportunities for socialization; and

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(9) makes available to all prospective and current assisted living clients information consistent with the uniform format and the required components adopted by the commissioner under section 144G.06. This information must be made available beginning no later than six months after the commissioner makes the uniform format and required components available to providers according to section 144G.06.

Subd. 3. **Exemption from awake-staff requirement.** A housing with services establishment that offers or provides assisted living is exempt from the requirement in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), clause (7), item (i), that the person or persons available and responsible for responding to requests for assistance must be awake, if the establishment meets the following requirements:

(1) the establishment has a maximum capacity to serve 12 or fewer assisted living clients;

(2) the person or persons available and responsible for responding to requests for assistance are physically present within the housing with services establishment in which the assisted living clients reside;

(3) the establishment has a system in place that is compatible with the health, safety, and welfare of the establishment's assisted living clients;

(4) the establishment's housing with services contract, as required by section 144D.04, includes a statement disclosing the establishment's qualification for, and intention to rely upon, this exemption;

(5) the establishment files with the commissioner, for purposes of public information but not review or approval by the commissioner, a statement describing how the establishment meets the conditions in clauses (1) to (4), and makes a copy of this statement available to actual and prospective assisted living clients; and

(6) the establishment indicates on its housing with services registration, under section 144D.02 or 144D.03, as applicable, that it qualifies for and intends to rely upon the exemption under this subdivision.

Subd. 4. **Nursing assessment.** (a) A housing with services establishment offering or providing assisted living shall:

(1) offer to have the arranged home care provider conduct a nursing assessment by a registered nurse of the physical and cognitive needs of the prospective resident and propose a service plan prior to the date on which a prospective resident executes a contract with a housing with services establishment or the date on which a prospective resident moves in, whichever is earlier; and

(2) inform the prospective resident of the availability of and contact information for long-term care consultation services under section 256B.0911, prior to the date on which a prospective resident executes a contract with a housing with services establishment or the date on which a prospective resident moves in, whichever is earlier.

(b) An arranged home care provider is not obligated to conduct a nursing assessment by a registered nurse when requested by a prospective resident if either the geographic distance between the prospective resident and the provider, or urgent or unexpected circumstances, do not permit the assessment to be conducted prior to the date on which the prospective resident executes a contract or moves in, whichever is earlier. When such circumstances occur, the arranged home care provider shall offer to conduct a telephone conference whenever reasonably possible.

(c) The arranged home care provider shall comply with applicable home care licensure requirements in chapter 144A and sections 148.171 to 148.285, with respect to the provision of a nursing assessment prior to the delivery of nursing services and the execution of a home care service plan or service agreement.

Subd. 5. **Assistance with arranged home care provider.** The housing with services establishment shall provide each assisted living client with identifying information about a person or persons reasonably available to assist the client with concerns the client may have with respect to the services provided by the arranged home care provider. The establishment shall keep each assisted living client reasonably informed of any changes in the personnel referenced in this subdivision. Upon request of the assisted living client, such personnel or designee shall provide reasonable assistance to the assisted living client in addressing concerns regarding services provided by the arranged home care provider.

Subd. 6. **Termination of housing with services contract.** If a housing with services establishment terminates a housing with services contract with an assisted living client, the establishment shall provide the assisted living client, and the legal or designated representative of

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the assisted living client, if any, with a written notice of termination which includes the following information:

(1) the effective date of termination;

(2) the section of the contract that authorizes the termination;

(3) without extending the termination notice period, an affirmative offer to meet with the assisted living client and, if applicable, client representatives, within no more than five business days of the date of the termination notice to discuss the termination;

(4) an explanation that:

(i) the assisted living client must vacate the apartment, along with all personal possessions, on or before the effective date of termination;

(ii) failure to vacate the apartment by the date of termination may result in the filing of an eviction action in court by the establishment, and that the assisted living client may present a defense, if any, to the court at that time; and

(iii) the assisted living client may seek legal counsel in connection with the notice of termination;

(5) a statement that, with respect to the notice of termination, reasonable accommodation is available for the disability of the assisted living client, if any; and

(6) the name and contact information of the representative of the establishment with whom the assisted living client or client representatives may discuss the notice of termination.

#### **144G.04 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Use of services.** Nothing in this chapter requires an assisted living client to utilize any service provided or made available in assisted living.

Subd. 2. **Housing with services contracts.** Nothing in this chapter requires a housing with services establishment to execute or refrain from terminating a housing with services contract with a prospective or current resident who is unable or unwilling to meet the requirements of residency, with or without assistance.

Subd. 3. **Provision of services.** Nothing in this chapter requires the arranged home care provider to offer or continue to provide services under a service agreement or service plan to a prospective or current resident of the establishment whose needs cannot be met by the arranged home care provider.

Subd. 4. **Altering operations; service packages.** Nothing in this chapter requires a housing with services establishment or arranged home care provider offering assisted living to fundamentally alter the nature of the operations of the establishment or the provider in order to accommodate the request or need for facilities or services by any assisted living client, or to refrain from requiring, as a condition of residency, that an assisted living client pay for a package of assisted living services even if the client does not choose to utilize all or some of the services in the package.

#### **144G.05 REIMBURSEMENT UNDER ASSISTED LIVING SERVICE PACKAGES.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the requirements for the elderly waiver program's assisted living payment rates under section 256B.0915, subdivision 3e, shall continue to be effective and providers who do not meet the requirements of this chapter may continue to receive payment under section 256B.0915, subdivision 3e, as long as they continue to meet the definitions and standards for assisted living and assisted living plus set forth in the federally approved Elderly Home and Community Based Services Waiver Program (Control Number 0025.91). Providers of assisted living for the community access for disability inclusion (CADI) and Brain Injury (BI) waivers shall continue to receive payment as long as they continue to meet the definitions and standards for assisted living and assisted living plus set forth in the federally approved CADI and BI waiver plans.

#### **144G.06 UNIFORM CONSUMER INFORMATION GUIDE.**

The commissioner shall adopt a uniform format for the guide to be used by individual providers, and the required components of materials to be used by providers to inform assisted living clients of their legal rights, and shall make the uniform format and the required components available to assisted living providers.

**151.214 PAYMENT DISCLOSURE.**

Subd. 2. **No prohibition on disclosure.** No contracting agreement between an employer-sponsored health plan or health plan company, or its contracted pharmacy benefit manager, and a resident or nonresident pharmacy registered under this chapter, may prohibit the pharmacy from disclosing to patients information a pharmacy is required or given the option to provide under subdivision 1.

**151.42 CITATION.**

Sections 151.42 to 151.51 may be cited as the "Wholesale Drug Distribution Licensing Act of 1990."

**151.44 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in sections 151.43 to 151.51, the following terms have the meanings given in paragraphs (a) to (h):

(a) "Wholesale drug distribution" means distribution of prescription or nonprescription drugs to persons other than a consumer or patient or reverse distribution of such drugs, but does not include:

(1) a sale between a division, subsidiary, parent, affiliated, or related company under the common ownership and control of a corporate entity;

(2) the purchase or other acquisition, by a hospital or other health care entity that is a member of a group purchasing organization, of a drug for its own use from the organization or from other hospitals or health care entities that are members of such organizations;

(3) the sale, purchase, or trade of a drug or an offer to sell, purchase, or trade a drug by a charitable organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1988, to a nonprofit affiliate of the organization to the extent otherwise permitted by law;

(4) the sale, purchase, or trade of a drug or offer to sell, purchase, or trade a drug among hospitals or other health care entities that are under common control;

(5) the sale, purchase, or trade of a drug or offer to sell, purchase, or trade a drug for emergency medical reasons;

(6) the sale, purchase, or trade of a drug, an offer to sell, purchase, or trade a drug, or the dispensing of a drug pursuant to a prescription;

(7) the transfer of prescription or nonprescription drugs by a retail pharmacy to another retail pharmacy to alleviate a temporary shortage;

(8) the distribution of prescription or nonprescription drug samples by manufacturers representatives; or

(9) the sale, purchase, or trade of blood and blood components.

(b) "Wholesale drug distributor" means anyone engaged in wholesale drug distribution including, but not limited to, manufacturers; repackagers; own-label distributors; jobbers; brokers; warehouses, including manufacturers' and distributors' warehouses, chain drug warehouses, and wholesale drug warehouses; independent wholesale drug traders; and pharmacies that conduct wholesale drug distribution. A wholesale drug distributor does not include a common carrier or individual hired primarily to transport prescription or nonprescription drugs.

(c) "Manufacturer" has the meaning provided in section 151.01, subdivision 14a.

(d) "Prescription drug" means a drug required by federal or state law or regulation to be dispensed only by a prescription, including finished dosage forms and active ingredients subject to United States Code, title 21, sections 811 and 812.

(e) "Blood" means whole blood collected from a single donor and processed either for transfusion or further manufacturing.

(f) "Blood components" means that part of blood separated by physical or mechanical means.

(g) "Reverse distribution" means the receipt of prescription or nonprescription drugs received from or shipped to Minnesota locations for the purpose of returning the drugs to their producers or distributors.



(h) "Reverse distributor" means a person engaged in the reverse distribution of drugs.

**151.49 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES.**

Application blanks or notices for renewal of a license required by sections 151.42 to 151.51 shall be mailed or otherwise provided to each licensee on or before the first day of the month prior to the month in which the license expires and, if application for renewal of the license with the required fee and supporting documents is not made before the expiration date, the existing license or renewal shall lapse and become null and void upon the date of expiration.

**151.50 RULES.**

The board shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of sections 151.42 to 151.51. All rules adopted under this section shall conform to wholesale drug distributor licensing guidelines formally adopted by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and in case of conflict between a rule adopted by the board and a Food and Drug Administration wholesale drug distributor guideline, the latter shall control.

**151.51 BOARD ACCESS TO WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTOR RECORDS.**

Wholesale drug distributors may keep records at a central location apart from the principal office of the wholesale drug distributor or the location at which the drugs were stored and from which they were shipped, provided that the records shall be made available for inspection within two working days of a request by the board. The records may be kept in any form permissible under federal law applicable to prescription drugs record keeping.

**151.55 CANCER DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given.

(b) "Board" means the Board of Pharmacy.

(c) "Cancer drug" means a prescription drug that is used to treat:

(1) cancer or the side effects of cancer; or

(2) the side effects of any prescription drug that is used to treat cancer or the side effects of cancer.

(d) "Cancer drug repository" means a medical facility or pharmacy that has notified the board of its election to participate in the cancer drug repository program.

(e) "Cancer supply" or "supplies" means prescription and nonprescription cancer supplies needed to administer a cancer drug.

(f) "Dispense" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision 30.

(g) "Distribute" means to deliver, other than by administering or dispensing.

(h) "Donor" means an individual and not a drug manufacturer or wholesale drug distributor who donates a cancer drug or supply according to the requirements of the cancer drug repository program.

(i) "Medical facility" means an institution defined in section 144.50, subdivision 2.

(j) "Medical supplies" means any prescription and nonprescription medical supply needed to administer a cancer drug.

(k) "Pharmacist" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision 3.

(l) "Pharmacy" means any pharmacy registered with the Board of Pharmacy according to section 151.19, subdivision 1.

(m) "Practitioner" has the meaning given in section 151.01, subdivision 23.

(n) "Prescription drug" means a legend drug as defined in section 151.01, subdivision 17.

(o) "Side effects of cancer" means symptoms of cancer.

(p) "Single-unit-dose packaging" means a single-unit container for articles intended for administration as a single dose, direct from the container.

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(q) "Tamper-evident unit dose packaging" means a container within which a drug is sealed so that the contents cannot be opened without obvious destruction of the seal.

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The Board of Pharmacy shall establish and maintain a cancer drug repository program, under which any person may donate a cancer drug or supply for use by an individual who meets the eligibility criteria specified under subdivision 4. Under the program, donations may be made on the premises of a medical facility or pharmacy that elects to participate in the program and meets the requirements specified under subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **Requirements for participation by pharmacies and medical facilities.** (a) To be eligible for participation in the cancer drug repository program, a pharmacy or medical facility must be licensed and in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and administrative rules.

(b) Participation in the cancer drug repository program is voluntary. A pharmacy or medical facility may elect to participate in the cancer drug repository program by submitting the following information to the board, in a form provided by the board:

(1) the name, street address, and telephone number of the pharmacy or medical facility;

(2) the name and telephone number of a pharmacist who is employed by or under contract with the pharmacy or medical facility, or other contact person who is familiar with the pharmacy's or medical facility's participation in the cancer drug repository program; and

(3) a statement indicating that the pharmacy or medical facility meets the eligibility requirements under paragraph (a) and the chosen level of participation under paragraph (c).

(c) A pharmacy or medical facility may fully participate in the cancer drug repository program by accepting, storing, and dispensing or administering donated drugs and supplies, or may limit its participation to only accepting and storing donated drugs and supplies. If a pharmacy or facility chooses to limit its participation, the pharmacy or facility shall distribute any donated drugs to a fully participating cancer drug repository according to subdivision 8.

(d) A pharmacy or medical facility may withdraw from participation in the cancer drug repository program at any time upon notification to the board. A notice to withdraw from participation may be given by telephone or regular mail.

Subd. 4. **Individual eligibility requirements.** Any Minnesota resident who is diagnosed with cancer is eligible to receive drugs or supplies under the cancer drug repository program. Drugs and supplies shall be dispensed or administered according to the priority given under subdivision 6, paragraph (d).

Subd. 5. **Donations of cancer drugs and supplies.** (a) Any one of the following persons may donate legally obtained cancer drugs or supplies to a cancer drug repository, if the drugs or supplies meet the requirements under paragraph (b) or (c) as determined by a pharmacist who is employed by or under contract with a cancer drug repository:

(1) an individual who is 18 years old or older; or

(2) a pharmacy, medical facility, drug manufacturer, or wholesale drug distributor, if the donated drugs have not been previously dispensed.

(b) A cancer drug is eligible for donation under the cancer drug repository program only if the following requirements are met:

(1) the donation is accompanied by a cancer drug repository donor form described under paragraph (d) that is signed by the person making the donation or that person's authorized representative;

(2) the drug's expiration date is at least six months later than the date that the drug was donated;

(3) the drug is in its original, unopened, tamper-evident unit dose packaging that includes the drug's lot number and expiration date. Single-unit dose drugs may be accepted if the single-unit-dose packaging is unopened; and

(4) the drug is not adulterated or misbranded.

(c) Cancer supplies are eligible for donation under the cancer drug repository program only if the following requirements are met:

(1) the supplies are not adulterated or misbranded;

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(2) the supplies are in their original, unopened, sealed packaging; and

(3) the donation is accompanied by a cancer drug repository donor form described under paragraph (d) that is signed by the person making the donation or that person's authorized representative.

(d) The cancer drug repository donor form must be provided by the board and shall state that to the best of the donor's knowledge the donated drug or supply has been properly stored and that the drug or supply has never been opened, used, tampered with, adulterated, or misbranded. The board shall make the cancer drug repository donor form available on the Board of Pharmacy's website.

(e) Controlled substances and drugs and supplies that do not meet the criteria under this subdivision are not eligible for donation or acceptance under the cancer drug repository program.

(f) Drugs and supplies may be donated on the premises of a cancer drug repository to a pharmacist designated by the repository. A drop box may not be used to deliver or accept donations.

(g) Cancer drugs and supplies donated under the cancer drug repository program must be stored in a secure storage area under environmental conditions appropriate for the drugs or supplies being stored. Donated drugs and supplies may not be stored with nondonated inventory.

**Subd. 6. Dispensing requirements.** (a) Drugs and supplies must be dispensed by a licensed pharmacist pursuant to a prescription by a practitioner or may be dispensed or administered by a practitioner according to the requirements of this chapter and within the practitioner's scope of practice.

(b) Cancer drugs and supplies shall be visually inspected by the pharmacist or practitioner before being dispensed or administered for adulteration, misbranding, and date of expiration. Drugs or supplies that have expired or appear upon visual inspection to be adulterated, misbranded, or tampered with in any way may not be dispensed or administered.

(c) Before a cancer drug or supply may be dispensed or administered to an individual, the individual must sign a cancer drug repository recipient form provided by the board acknowledging that the individual understands the information stated on the form. The form shall include the following information:

(1) that the drug or supply being dispensed or administered has been donated and may have been previously dispensed;

(2) that a visual inspection has been conducted by the pharmacist or practitioner to ensure that the drug has not expired, has not been adulterated or misbranded, and is in its original, unopened packaging; and

(3) that the dispensing pharmacist, the dispensing or administering practitioner, the cancer drug repository, the Board of Pharmacy, and any other participant of the cancer drug repository program cannot guarantee the safety of the drug or supply being dispensed or administered and that the pharmacist or practitioner has determined that the drug or supply is safe to dispense or administer based on the accuracy of the donor's form submitted with the donated drug or supply and the visual inspection required to be performed by the pharmacist or practitioner before dispensing or administering.

The board shall make the cancer drug repository form available on the Board of Pharmacy's website.

(d) Drugs and supplies shall only be dispensed or administered to individuals who meet the eligibility requirements in subdivision 4 and in the following order of priority:

(1) individuals who are uninsured;

(2) individuals who are enrolled in medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, Medicare, or other public assistance health care; and

(3) all other individuals who are otherwise eligible under subdivision 4 to receive drugs or supplies from a cancer drug repository.

**Subd. 7. Handling fees.** A cancer drug repository may charge the individual receiving a drug or supply a handling fee of no more than 250 percent of the medical assistance program dispensing fee for each cancer drug or supply dispensed or administered.

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Subd. 8. **Distribution of donated cancer drugs and supplies.** (a) Cancer drug repositories may distribute drugs and supplies donated under the cancer drug repository program to other repositories if requested by a participating repository.

(b) A cancer drug repository that has elected not to dispense donated drugs or supplies shall distribute any donated drugs and supplies to a participating repository upon request of the repository.

(c) If a cancer drug repository distributes drugs or supplies under paragraph (a) or (b), the repository shall complete a cancer drug repository donor form provided by the board. The completed form and a copy of the donor form that was completed by the original donor under subdivision 5 shall be provided to the fully participating cancer drug repository at the time of distribution.

Subd. 9. **Resale of donated drugs or supplies.** Donated drugs and supplies may not be resold.

Subd. 10. **Record-keeping requirements.** (a) Cancer drug repository donor and recipient forms shall be maintained for at least five years.

(b) A record of destruction of donated drugs and supplies that are not dispensed under subdivision 6 shall be maintained by the dispensing repository for at least five years. For each drug or supply destroyed, the record shall include the following information:

- (1) the date of destruction;
- (2) the name, strength, and quantity of the cancer drug destroyed;
- (3) the name of the person or firm that destroyed the drug; and
- (4) the source of the drugs or supplies destroyed.

Subd. 11. **Liability.** (a) The manufacturer of a drug or supply is not subject to criminal or civil liability for injury, death, or loss to a person or to property for causes of action described in clauses (1) and (2). A manufacturer is not liable for:

- (1) the intentional or unintentional alteration of the drug or supply by a party not under the control of the manufacturer; or
- (2) the failure of a party not under the control of the manufacturer to transfer or communicate product or consumer information or the expiration date of the donated drug or supply.

(b) A medical facility or pharmacy participating in the program, a pharmacist dispensing a drug or supply pursuant to the program, a practitioner dispensing or administering a drug or supply pursuant to the program, or a donor of a cancer drug or supply as defined in subdivision 1 is immune from civil liability for an act or omission that causes injury to or the death of an individual to whom the cancer drug or supply is dispensed and no disciplinary action shall be taken against a pharmacist or practitioner so long as the drug or supply is donated, accepted, distributed, and dispensed according to the requirements of this section. This immunity does not apply if the act or omission involves reckless, wanton, or intentional misconduct, or malpractice unrelated to the quality of the cancer drug or supply.

#### **151.60 PHARMACY AUDIT INTEGRITY PROGRAM.**

The pharmacy audit integrity program is established to provide standards for an audit of pharmacy records carried out by a pharmacy benefits manager or any entity that represents pharmacy benefits managers.

#### **151.61 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 151.60 to 151.70, the following terms have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Entity.** "Entity" means a pharmacy benefits manager or any person or organization that represents these companies, groups, or organizations.

Subd. 3. **Pharmacy benefits manager or PBM.** "Pharmacy benefits manager" or "PBM" means a person, business, or other entity that performs pharmacy benefits management. The term includes a person or entity acting for a PBM in a contractual or employment relationship in the performance of pharmacy benefits management.

Subd. 4. **Plan sponsor.** "Plan sponsor" means the employer in the case of an employee benefit plan established or maintained by a single employer, a group purchaser as defined in section 62J.03, subdivision 6, or the employee organization in the case of a plan established or maintained by an

employee organization, an association, joint board trustees, a committee, or other similar group that establishes or maintains the plan.

**151.62 PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER CONTRACT.**

An amendment to pharmacy audit terms in a contract between a PBM and a pharmacy must be disclosed to the pharmacy at least 60 days prior to the effective date of the proposed change.

**151.63 PROCEDURE AND PROCESS FOR CONDUCTING AND REPORTING AN AUDIT.**

Subdivision 1. **Audit procedures.** Unless otherwise prohibited by federal requirements or regulations, any entity conducting a pharmacy audit must follow the following procedures.

(1) A pharmacy must be given notice 14 days before an initial on-site audit is conducted.

(2) An audit that involves clinical or professional judgment must be conducted by or in consultation with a licensed pharmacist.

(3) Each pharmacy shall be audited under the same standards and parameters as other similarly situated pharmacies.

Subd. 2. **Audit process.** Unless otherwise prohibited by federal requirements or regulations, for any entity conducting a pharmacy audit the following audit items apply.

(1) The period covered by the audit may not exceed 24 months from the date that the claim was submitted to or adjudicated by the entity, unless a longer period is required under state or federal law.

(2) If an entity uses random sampling as a method for selecting a set of claims for examination, the sample size must be appropriate for a statistically reliable sample. Notwithstanding section 151.69, the auditing entity shall provide the pharmacy a masked list that provides a prescription number or date range that the auditing entity is seeking to audit.

(3) An on-site audit may not take place during the first five business days of the month unless consented to by the pharmacy.

(4) Auditors may not enter the pharmacy area unless escorted where patient-specific information is available and to the extent possible must be out of sight and hearing range of the pharmacy customers.

(5) Any recoupment will not be deducted against future remittances until after the appeals process and both parties have received the results of the final audit.

(6) A PBM may not require information to be written on a prescription unless the information is required to be written on the prescription by state or federal law. Recoupment may be assessed for items not written on the prescription if:

(i) additional information is required in the provider manual; or

(ii) the information is required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); or

(iii) the information is required by the drug manufacturer's product safety program; and

(iv) the information in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) is not readily available for the auditor at the time of the audit.

(7) The auditing company or agent may not receive payment based on a percentage of the amount recovered. This section does not prevent the entity conducting the audit from charging or assessing the responsible party, directly or indirectly, based on amounts recouped if both of the following conditions are met:

(i) the plan sponsor and the entity conducting the audit have a contract that explicitly states the percentage charge or assessment to the plan sponsor; and

(ii) a commission to an agent or employee of the entity conducting the audit is not based, directly or indirectly, on amounts recouped.

**151.64 REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOUPMENT OR CHARGEBACK.**

For recoupment or chargeback, the following criteria apply.

(1) Audit parameters must consider consumer-oriented parameters based on manufacturer listings.

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(2) A pharmacy's usual and customary price for compounded medications is considered the reimbursable cost unless the pricing methodology is outlined in the provider contract.

(3) A finding of overpayment or underpayment must be based on the actual overpayment or underpayment and not a projection based on the number of patients served having a similar diagnosis or on the number of similar orders or refills for similar drugs.

(4) The entity conducting the audit shall not use extrapolation in calculating the recoupment or penalties for audits unless required by state or federal law or regulations.

(5) Calculations of overpayments must not include dispensing fees unless a prescription was not actually dispensed, the prescriber denied authorization, the prescription dispensed was a medication error by the pharmacy, or the identified overpayment is solely based on an extra dispensing fee.

(6) An entity may not consider any clerical or record-keeping error, such as a typographical error, scrivener's error, or computer error regarding a required document or record as fraud, however such errors may be subject to recoupment.

(7) In the case of errors that have no actual financial harm to the patient or plan, the PBM must not assess any chargebacks. Errors that are a result of the pharmacy failing to comply with a formal corrective action plan may be subject to recovery.

(8) Interest may not accrue during the audit period for either party, beginning with the notice of the audit and ending with the final audit report.

**151.65 DOCUMENTATION.**

(a) To validate the pharmacy record and delivery, the pharmacy may use authentic and verifiable statements or records including medication administration records of a nursing home, assisted living facility, hospital, physician, or other authorized practitioner or additional audit documentation parameters located in the provider manual.

(b) Any legal prescription that meets the requirements in this chapter may be used to validate claims in connection with prescriptions, refills, or changes in prescriptions, including medication administration records, faxes, e-prescriptions, or documented telephone calls from the prescriber or the prescriber's agents.

**151.66 APPEALS PROCESS.**

The entity conducting the audit must establish a written appeals process which must include appeals of preliminary reports and final reports.

**151.67 AUDIT INFORMATION AND REPORTS.**

(a) A preliminary audit report must be delivered to the pharmacy within 60 days after the conclusion of the audit.

(b) A pharmacy must be allowed at least 45 days following receipt of the preliminary audit to provide documentation to address any discrepancy found in the audit.

(c) A final audit report must be delivered to the pharmacy within 120 days after receipt of the preliminary audit report or final appeal, whichever is later.

(d) An entity shall remit any money due to a pharmacy or pharmacist as a result of an underpayment of a claim within 45 days after the appeals process has been exhausted and the final audit report has been issued.

**151.68 DISCLOSURES TO PLAN SPONSOR.**

Where contractually required, an auditing entity must provide a copy to the plan sponsor of its claims that were included in the audit, and any recouped money shall be returned to the plan sponsor.

**151.69 APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS.**

Sections 151.62 to 151.67 do not apply to any investigative audit that involves suspected fraud, willful misrepresentation, abuse, or any audit completed by Minnesota health care programs.

**151.70 VIOLATIONS.**

Violations of sections 151.62 to 151.68 may be grounds for action, but are not deemed misdemeanors as described in section 151.29.

### 151.71 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST PRICING.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply.

(b) "Health plan company" has the meaning provided in section 62Q.01, subdivision 4.

(c) "Pharmacy benefit manager" means an entity doing business in this state that contracts to administer or manage prescription drug benefits on behalf of any health plan company that provides prescription drug benefits to residents of this state.

Subd. 2. **Pharmacy benefit manager contracts with pharmacies; maximum allowable cost pricing.** (a) In each contract between a pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy, the pharmacy shall be given the right to obtain from the pharmacy benefit manager a current list of the sources used to determine maximum allowable cost pricing. The pharmacy benefit manager shall update the pricing information at least every seven business days and provide a means by which contracted pharmacies may promptly review current prices in an electronic, print, or telephonic format within one business day at no cost to the pharmacy. A pharmacy benefit manager shall maintain a procedure to eliminate products from the list of drugs subject to maximum allowable cost pricing in a timely manner in order to remain consistent with changes in the marketplace.

(b) In order to place a prescription drug on a maximum allowable cost list, a pharmacy benefit manager shall ensure that the drug is generally available for purchase by pharmacies in this state from a national or regional wholesaler and is not obsolete.

(c) Each contract between a pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy must include a process to appeal, investigate, and resolve disputes regarding maximum allowable cost pricing that includes:

(1) a 15-business day limit on the right to appeal following the initial claim;

(2) a requirement that the appeal be investigated and resolved within seven business days after the appeal is received; and

(3) a requirement that a pharmacy benefit manager provide a reason for any appeal denial and identify the national drug code of a drug that may be purchased by the pharmacy at a price at or below the maximum allowable cost price as determined by the pharmacy benefit manager.

(d) If an appeal is upheld, the pharmacy benefit manager shall make an adjustment to the maximum allowable cost price no later than one business day after the date of determination. The pharmacy benefit manager shall make the price adjustment applicable to all similarly situated network pharmacy providers as defined by the plan sponsor.

### 214.17 HIV, HBV, AND HCV PREVENTION PROGRAM; PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

Sections 214.17 to 214.25 are intended to promote the health and safety of patients and regulated persons by reducing the risk of infection in the provision of health care.

### 214.18 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Board.** "Board" means the Boards of Dentistry, Medical Practice, Nursing, and Podiatric Medicine. For purposes of sections 214.19, subdivisions 4 and 5; 214.20, paragraph (1); and 214.24, board also includes the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

Subd. 3. **HBV.** "HBV" means the hepatitis B virus with the e antigen present in the most recent blood test.

Subd. 3a. **HCV.** "HCV" means the hepatitis C virus.

Subd. 4. **HIV.** "HIV" means the human immunodeficiency virus.

Subd. 5. **Regulated person.** "Regulated person" means a licensed dental hygienist, dentist, physician, nurse who is currently registered as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, podiatrist, a registered dental assistant, a physician assistant, and for purposes of sections 214.19, subdivisions 4 and 5; 214.20, paragraph (a); and 214.24, a chiropractor.

### 214.19 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Permission to report.** A person with actual knowledge that a regulated person has been diagnosed as infected with HIV, HBV, or HCV may file a report with the commissioner.

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Subd. 2. **Self-reporting.** A regulated person who is diagnosed as infected with HIV, HBV, or HCV shall report that information to the commissioner promptly, and as soon as medically necessary for disease control purposes but no more than 30 days after learning of the diagnosis or 30 days after becoming licensed or registered by the state.

Subd. 3. **Mandatory reporting.** A person or institution required to report HIV, HBV, or HCV status to the commissioner under Minnesota Rules, parts 4605.7030, subparts 1 to 4 and 6, and 4605.7040, shall, at the same time, notify the commissioner if the person or institution knows that the reported person is a regulated person.

Subd. 4. **Infection control reporting.** A regulated person shall, within ten days, report to the appropriate board personal knowledge of a serious failure or a pattern of failure by another regulated person to comply with accepted and prevailing infection control procedures related to the prevention of HIV, HBV, and HCV transmission. In lieu of reporting to the board, the regulated person may make the report to a designated official of the hospital, nursing home, clinic, or other institution or agency where the failure to comply with accepted and prevailing infection control procedures occurred. The designated official shall report to the appropriate board within 30 days of receiving a report under this subdivision. The report shall include specific information about the response by the institution or agency to the report. A regulated person shall not be discharged or discriminated against for filing a complaint in good faith under this subdivision.

Subd. 5. **Immunity.** A person is immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution for submitting a report in good faith to the commissioner or to a board under this section.

**214.20 GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY OR RESTRICTIVE ACTION.**

A board may refuse to grant a license or registration or may impose disciplinary or restrictive action against a regulated person who:

- (1) fails to follow accepted and prevailing infection control procedures, including a failure to conform to current recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control for preventing the transmission of HIV, HBV, and HCV, or fails to comply with infection control rules promulgated by the board. Injury to a patient need not be established;
- (2) fails to comply with any requirement of sections 214.17 to 214.24; or
- (3) fails to comply with any monitoring or reporting requirement.

**214.21 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.**

The board may, without hearing, temporarily suspend the right to practice of a regulated person if the board finds that the regulated person has refused to submit to or comply with monitoring under section 214.23. The suspension shall take effect upon written notice to the regulated person specifying the statute or rule violated. The suspension shall remain in effect until the board issues a final order based on a stipulation or after a hearing. At the time the board issues the suspension notice, the board shall schedule a disciplinary hearing to be held under chapter 14. The regulated person shall be provided with at least 20 days' notice of a hearing held under this section. The hearing shall be scheduled to begin no later than 30 days after the issuance of the suspension order.

**214.22 NOTICE; ACTION.**

If the board has reasonable grounds to believe a regulated person infected with HIV, HBV, or HCV has done or omitted doing any act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under section 214.20, the board may take action after giving notice three business days before the action, or a lesser time if deemed necessary by the board. The board may:

- (1) temporarily suspend the regulated person's right to practice under section 214.21;
- (2) require the regulated person to appear personally at a conference with representatives of the board and to provide information relating to the regulated person's health or professional practice; and
- (3) take any other lesser action deemed necessary by the board for the protection of the public.

**214.23 MONITORING.**

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner of health.** The board shall enter into a contract with the commissioner to perform the functions in subdivisions 2 and 3. The contract shall provide that:

- (1) unless requested to do otherwise by a regulated person, a board shall refer all regulated persons infected with HIV, HBV, or HCV to the commissioner;



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(2) the commissioner may choose to refer any regulated person who is infected with HIV, HBV, or HCV as well as all information related thereto to the person's board at any time for any reason, including but not limited to: the degree of cooperation and compliance by the regulated person; the inability to secure information or the medical records of the regulated person; or when the facts may present other possible violations of the regulated persons practices act. Upon request of the regulated person who is infected with HIV, HBV, or HCV the commissioner shall refer the regulated person and all information related thereto to the person's board. Once the commissioner has referred a regulated person to a board, the board may not thereafter submit it to the commissioner to establish a monitoring plan unless the commissioner of health consents in writing;

(3) a board shall not take action on grounds relating solely to the HIV, HBV, or HCV status of a regulated person until after referral by the commissioner; and

(4) notwithstanding sections 13.39 and 13.41 and chapters 147, 147A, 148, 150A, 153, and 214, a board shall forward to the commissioner any information on a regulated person who is infected with HIV, HBV, or HCV that the Department of Health requests.

**Subd. 2. Monitoring plan.** After receiving a report that a regulated person is infected with HIV, HBV, or HCV, the board or the commissioner acting on behalf of the board shall evaluate the past and current professional practice of the regulated person to determine whether there has been a violation under section 214.20. After evaluation of the regulated person's past and current professional practice, the board or the commissioner, acting on behalf of the board, shall establish a monitoring plan for the regulated person. The monitoring plan may:

(1) address the scope of a regulated person's professional practice when the board or the commissioner, acting on behalf of the board, determines that the practice constitutes an identifiable risk of transmission of HIV, HBV, or HCV from the regulated person to the patient;

(2) include the submission of regular reports at a frequency determined by the board or the commissioner, acting on behalf of the board, regarding the regulated person's health status; and

(3) include any other provisions deemed reasonable by the board or the commissioner of health, acting on behalf of the board.

The board or commissioner, acting on behalf of the board, may enter into agreements with qualified persons to perform monitoring on its behalf. The regulated person shall comply with any monitoring plan established under this subdivision.

**Subd. 3. Expert review panel.** The board or the commissioner acting on behalf of the board may appoint an expert review panel to assist in the performance of the responsibilities under this section. In consultations with the expert review panel, the commissioner or board shall, to the extent possible, protect the identity of the regulated person. When an expert review panel is appointed, it must contain at least one member appointed by the commissioner and one professional member appointed by the board. The panel shall provide expert assistance to the board, or to the commissioner acting on behalf of the board, in the subjects of infectious diseases, epidemiology, practice techniques used by regulated persons, and other subjects determined by the board or by the commissioner acting on behalf of the board. Members of the expert review panel are subject to those provisions of chapter 13 that restrict the commissioner or the board under Laws 1992, chapter 559, article 1.

**Subd. 4. Immunity.** Members of the board or the commissioner acting on behalf of the board, and persons who participate on an expert review panel or who assist the board or the commissioner in monitoring the practice of a regulated person, are immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution for any actions, transactions, or publications made in good faith and in execution of, or relating to, their duties under sections 214.17 to 214.24, except that no immunity shall be available for persons who have knowingly violated any provision of chapter 13.

#### **214.24 INSPECTION OF PRACTICE.**

**Subdivision 1. Authority.** The board is authorized to conduct inspections of the clinical practice of a regulated person to determine whether the regulated person is following accepted and prevailing infection control procedures. The board shall provide at least three business days' notice to the clinical practice prior to the inspection. The clinical practice of a regulated person includes any location where the regulated person practices that is not an institution licensed and subject to inspection by the commissioner of health. During the course of inspections the privacy and confidentiality of patients and regulated persons shall be maintained. The board may require on license renewal forms that regulated persons inform the board of all locations where they practice.

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Subd. 2. **Access; records.** An inspector from the board shall have access, during reasonable business hours for purposes of inspection, to all areas of the practice setting where patient care is rendered or drugs or instruments are held that come into contact with a patient. An inspector is authorized to interview employees and regulated persons in the performance of an inspection, to observe infection control procedures, test equipment used to sterilize instruments, and to review and copy all relevant records, excluding patient health records. In performing these responsibilities, inspectors shall make reasonable efforts to respect and preserve patient privacy and the privacy of the regulated person. Boards are authorized to conduct joint inspections and to share information obtained under this section. The boards shall contract with the commissioner to perform the duties under this subdivision.

Subd. 3. **Board action.** If accepted and prevailing infection control techniques are not being followed, the board may educate the regulated person or take other actions. The board and the inspector shall maintain patient confidentiality in any action resulting from the inspection.

Subd. 4. **Rulemaking.** A board is authorized to adopt rules setting standards for infection control procedures. Boards shall engage in joint rulemaking. Boards must seek and consider the advice of the commissioner of health before adopting rules. No inspections shall be conducted under this section until after infection control rules have been adopted. Each board is authorized to provide educational information and training to regulated persons regarding infection control. All regulated persons who are employers shall make infection control rules available to employees who engage in functions related to infection control.

**245.462 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 4a. **Clinical supervision.** "Clinical supervision" means the oversight responsibility for individual treatment plans and individual mental health service delivery, including that provided by the case manager. Clinical supervision must be accomplished by full or part-time employment of or contracts with mental health professionals. Clinical supervision must be documented by the mental health professional cosigning individual treatment plans and by entries in the client's record regarding supervisory activities.

**245E.06 ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS.**

Subd. 2. **Written notice of department sanction; sanction effective date; informal meeting.** (a) The department shall give notice in writing to a person of an administrative sanction that is to be imposed. The notice shall be sent by mail as defined in section 245E.01, subdivision 11.

(b) The notice shall state:

- (1) the factual basis for the department's determination;
- (2) the sanction the department intends to take;
- (3) the dollar amount of the monetary recovery or recoupment, if any;
- (4) how the dollar amount was computed;
- (5) the right to dispute the department's determination and to provide evidence;
- (6) the right to appeal the department's proposed sanction; and

(7) the option to meet informally with department staff, and to bring additional documentation or information, to resolve the issues.

(c) In cases of determinations resulting in denial or termination of payments, in addition to the requirements of paragraph (b), the notice must state:

- (1) the length of the denial or termination;
- (2) the requirements and procedures for reinstatement; and

(3) the provider's right to submit documents and written arguments against the denial or termination of payments for review by the department before the effective date of denial or termination.

(d) The submission of documents and written argument for review by the department under paragraph (b), clause (5) or (7), or paragraph (c), clause (3), does not stay the deadline for filing an appeal.

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(e) Notwithstanding section 245E.03, subdivision 4, the effective date of the proposed sanction shall be 30 days after the license holder's, provider's, controlling individual's, or recipient's receipt of the notice, unless timely appealed. If a timely appeal is made, the proposed sanction shall be delayed pending the final outcome of the appeal. Implementation of a proposed sanction following the resolution of a timely appeal may be postponed if, in the opinion of the department, the delay of sanction is necessary to protect the health or safety of children in care. The department may consider the economic hardship of a person in implementing the proposed sanction, but economic hardship shall not be a determinative factor in implementing the proposed sanction.

(f) Requests for an informal meeting to attempt to resolve issues and requests for appeals must be sent or delivered to the department's Office of Inspector General, Financial Fraud and Abuse Division.

Subd. 4. **Consolidated hearings with licensing sanction.** If a financial misconduct sanction has an appeal hearing right and it is timely appealed, and a licensing sanction exists for which there is an appeal hearing right and the sanction is timely appealed, and the overpayment recovery action and licensing sanction involve the same set of facts, the overpayment recovery action and licensing sanction must be consolidated in the contested case hearing related to the licensing sanction.

Subd. 5. **Effect of department's administrative determination or sanction.** Unless a timely and proper appeal is received by the department, the department's administrative determination or sanction shall be considered a final department determination.

#### **245H.10 BACKGROUND STUDIES.**

Subd. 2. **Direct contact.** (a) The subject of the background study may not provide direct contact services to a child served by a certified center unless the subject is under continuous direct supervision pending completion of the background study.

(b) The certified center must document in the staff person's personnel file the date the program initiates a background study and the date the subject of the study first had direct contact with a child served by the center.

#### **246.18 DISPOSAL OF FUNDS.**

Subd. 8. **State-operated services account.** (a) The state-operated services account is established in the special revenue fund. Revenue generated by new state-operated services listed under this section established after July 1, 2010, that are not enterprise activities must be deposited into the state-operated services account, unless otherwise specified in law:

- (1) intensive residential treatment services;
- (2) foster care services; and
- (3) psychiatric extensive recovery treatment services.

(b) Funds deposited in the state-operated services account are appropriated to the commissioner of human services for the purposes of:

- (1) providing services needed to transition individuals from institutional settings within state-operated services to the community when those services have no other adequate funding source; and
- (2) funding the operation of the intensive residential treatment service program in Willmar.

Subd. 9. **Transfers.** The commissioner may transfer state mental health grant funds to the account in subdivision 8 for noncovered allowable costs of a provider certified and licensed under section 256B.0622 and operating under section 246.014.

#### **252.41 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 8. **Supported employment.** "Supported employment" means employment of a person with a disability so severe that the person needs ongoing training and support to get and keep a job in which:

- (1) the person engages in paid work at a work site where individuals without disabilities who do not require public subsidies also may be employed;
- (2) public funds are necessary to provide ongoing training and support services throughout the period of the person's employment; and

(3) the person has the opportunity for social interaction with individuals who do not have disabilities and who are not paid caregivers.

**252.431 SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES; DEPARTMENTAL DUTIES; COORDINATION.**

The commissioners of employment and economic development, human services, and education shall ensure that supported employment services provided as part of a comprehensive service system will:

(1) provide the necessary supports to assist persons with severe disabilities to obtain and maintain employment in normalized work settings available to the general work force that:

- (i) maximize community and social integration; and
- (ii) provide job opportunities that meet the individual's career potential and interests;

(2) allow persons with severe disabilities to actively participate in the planning and delivery of community-based employment services at the individual, local, and state level; and

(3) be coordinated among the Departments of Human Services, Employment and Economic Development, and Education to:

- (i) promote the most efficient and effective funding;
- (ii) avoid duplication of services; and
- (iii) improve access and transition to employability services.

The commissioners of employment and economic development, human services, and education shall report to the legislature by January 1993 on the steps taken to implement this section.

**252.451 BUSINESS AGREEMENTS; SUPPORT AND SUPERVISION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "qualified business" means a business that employs primarily nondisabled persons and will employ persons with developmental disabilities. For purposes of this section, licensed providers of residential services for persons with developmental disabilities are not a qualified business. A qualified business and its employees are exempt from Minnesota Rules, parts 9525.1800 to 9525.1930.

Subd. 2. **Vendor participation and reimbursement.** Notwithstanding requirements in chapters 245A and 245D, and sections 252.28, 252.41 to 252.46, and 256B.501, vendors of day training and habilitation services may enter into written agreements with qualified businesses to provide additional training and supervision needed by individuals to maintain their employment.

Subd. 3. **Agreement specifications.** Agreements must include the following:

(1) the type and amount of supervision and support to be provided by the business to the individual in accordance with their needs as identified in their individual service plan;

(2) the methods used to periodically assess the individual's satisfaction with their work, training, and support;

(3) the measures taken by the qualified business and the vendor to ensure the health, safety, and protection of the individual during working hours, including the reporting of abuse and neglect under state law and rules;

(4) the training and support services the vendor will provide to the qualified business, including the frequency of on-site supervision and support; and

(5) any payment to be made to the qualified business by the vendor. Payment to the business must be limited to:

(i) additional costs of training coworkers and managers that exceed ordinary and customary training costs and are a direct result of employing a person with a developmental disability; and

(ii) additional costs for training, supervising, and assisting the person with a developmental disability that exceed normal and customary costs required for performing similar tasks or duties.

Payments made to a qualified business under this section must not include incentive payments to the qualified business or salary supplementation for the person with a developmental disability.

Subd. 4. **Client protection.** Persons receiving training and support under this section may not be denied their rights or procedural protections under section 256.045, subdivision 4a, or 256B.092, including the county agency's responsibility to arrange for appropriate services, as necessary, in the event that persons lose their job or the contract with the qualified business is terminated.

Subd. 5. **Vendor payment.** (a) For purposes of this section, the vendor shall bill and the commissioner shall reimburse the vendor for full-day or partial-day services to a client that would otherwise have been paid to the vendor for providing direct services, provided that both of the following criteria are met:

(1) the vendor provides services and payments to the qualified business that enable the business to perform support and supervision services for the client that the vendor would otherwise need to perform; and

(2) the client for whom a rate will be billed will receive full-day or partial-day services from the vendor and the rate to be paid the vendor will allow the client to work with this support and supervision at the qualified business instead of receiving these services from the vendor.

(b) Medical assistance reimbursement of services provided to persons receiving day training and habilitation services under this section is subject to the limitations on reimbursement for vocational services under federal law and regulation.

#### **254B.03 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT.**

Subd. 4a. **Division of costs for medical assistance services.** Notwithstanding subdivision 4, for chemical dependency services provided on or after October 1, 2008, and reimbursed by medical assistance, the county share is 30 percent of the nonfederal share.

#### **256B.0615 MENTAL HEALTH CERTIFIED PEER SPECIALIST.**

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services shall establish a certified peer specialist program model, which:

(1) provides nonclinical peer support counseling by certified peer specialists;

(2) provides a part of a wraparound continuum of services in conjunction with other community mental health services;

(3) is individualized to the consumer; and

(4) promotes socialization, recovery, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of skills learned in other support services.

Subd. 4. **Peer support specialist program providers.** The commissioner shall develop a process to certify peer support specialist programs, in accordance with the federal guidelines, in order for the program to bill for reimbursable services. Peer support programs may be freestanding or within existing mental health community provider centers.

Subd. 5. **Certified peer specialist training and certification.** The commissioner of human services shall develop a training and certification process for certified peer specialists, who must be at least 21 years of age. The candidates must have had a primary diagnosis of mental illness, be a current or former consumer of mental health services, and must demonstrate leadership and advocacy skills and a strong dedication to recovery. The training curriculum must teach participating consumers specific skills relevant to providing peer support to other consumers. In addition to initial training and certification, the commissioner shall develop ongoing continuing educational workshops on pertinent issues related to peer support counseling.

#### **256B.0616 MENTAL HEALTH CERTIFIED FAMILY PEER SPECIALIST.**

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services shall establish a certified family peer specialists program model which:

(1) provides nonclinical family peer support counseling, building on the strengths of families and helping them achieve desired outcomes;

(2) collaborates with others providing care or support to the family;

(3) provides nonadversarial advocacy;

(4) promotes the individual family culture in the treatment milieu;

(5) links parents to other parents in the community;

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- (6) offers support and encouragement;
- (7) assists parents in developing coping mechanisms and problem-solving skills;
- (8) promotes resiliency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of skills learned in other support services;
- (9) establishes and provides peer-led parent support groups; and
- (10) increases the child's ability to function better within the child's home, school, and community by educating parents on community resources, assisting with problem solving, and educating parents on mental illnesses.

Subd. 4. **Peer support specialist program providers.** The commissioner shall develop a process to certify family peer support specialist programs, in accordance with the federal guidelines, in order for the program to bill for reimbursable services. Family peer support programs must operate within an existing mental health community provider or center.

Subd. 5. **Certified family peer specialist training and certification.** The commissioner shall develop a training and certification process for certified family peer specialists who must be at least 21 years of age. The candidates must have raised or be currently raising a child with a mental illness, have had experience navigating the children's mental health system, and must demonstrate leadership and advocacy skills and a strong dedication to family-driven and family-focused services. The training curriculum must teach participating family peer specialists specific skills relevant to providing peer support to other parents. In addition to initial training and certification, the commissioner shall develop ongoing continuing educational workshops on pertinent issues related to family peer support counseling.

**256B.0624 ADULT CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES COVERED.**

Subd. 10. **Recipient file.** Providers of mobile crisis intervention or crisis stabilization services must maintain a file for each recipient containing the following information:

- (1) individual crisis treatment plans signed by the recipient, mental health professional, and mental health practitioner who developed the crisis treatment plan, or if the recipient refused to sign the plan, the date and reason stated by the recipient as to why the recipient would not sign the plan;
- (2) signed release forms;
- (3) recipient health information and current medications;
- (4) emergency contacts for the recipient;
- (5) case records which document the date of service, place of service delivery, signature of the person providing the service, and the nature, extent, and units of service. Direct or telephone contact with the recipient's family or others should be documented;
- (6) required clinical supervision by mental health professionals;
- (7) summary of the recipient's case reviews by staff;
- (8) any written information by the recipient that the recipient wants in the file; and
- (9) an advance directive, if there is one available.

Documentation in the file must comply with all requirements of the commissioner.

**256B.0625 COVERED SERVICES.**

Subd. 63. **Payment for multiple services provided on the same day.** The commissioner shall not prohibit payment, including supplemental payments, for mental health services or dental services provided to a patient by a clinic or health care professional solely because the mental health or dental services were provided on the same day as other covered health services furnished by the same provider.

**256B.0659 PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

Subd. 22. **Annual review for personal care providers.** (a) All personal care assistance provider agencies shall resubmit, on an annual basis, the information specified in subdivision 21, in a format determined by the commissioner, and provide a copy of the personal care assistance provider agency's most current version of its grievance policies and procedures along with a written record

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of grievances and resolutions of the grievances that the personal care assistance provider agency has received in the previous year and any other information requested by the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner shall send annual review notification to personal care assistance provider agencies 30 days prior to renewal. The notification must:

- (1) list the materials and information the personal care assistance provider agency is required to submit;
- (2) provide instructions on submitting information to the commissioner; and
- (3) provide a due date by which the commissioner must receive the requested information.

Personal care assistance provider agencies shall submit required documentation for annual review within 30 days of notification from the commissioner. If no documentation is submitted, the personal care assistance provider agency enrollment number must be terminated or suspended.

(c) Personal care assistance provider agencies also currently licensed under section 144A.471, subdivision 6 or 7, or currently certified for participation in Medicare as a home health agency are deemed in compliance with the personal care assistance requirements for enrollment, annual review process, and documentation.

**256B.0705 PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE SERVICES; MANDATED SERVICE VERIFICATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(b) "Personal care assistance services" or "PCA services" means services provided according to section 256B.0659.

(c) "Personal care assistant" or "PCA" has the meaning given in section 256B.0659, subdivision 1.

(d) "Service verification" means a random, unscheduled telephone call made for the purpose of verifying that the individual personal care assistant is present at the location where personal care assistance services are being provided and is providing services as scheduled.

Subd. 2. **Verification schedule.** An agency that submits claims for reimbursement for PCA services under this chapter must develop and implement administrative policies and procedures by which the agency verifies the services provided by a PCA. For each service recipient, the agency must conduct at least one service verification every 90 days. If more than one PCA provides services to a single service recipient, the agency must conduct a service verification for each PCA providing services before conducting a service verification for a PCA whose services were previously verified by the agency. Service verification must occur on an ongoing basis while the agency provides PCA services to the recipient. During service verification, the agency must speak with both the PCA and the service recipient or recipient's authorized representative. Only qualified professional service verifications are eligible for reimbursement. An agency may substitute a visit by a qualified professional that is eligible for reimbursement under section 256B.0659, subdivision 14 or 19.

Subd. 3. **Documentation of verification.** An agency must fully document service verifications in a legible manner and must maintain the documentation on site for at least five years from the date of documentation. For each service verification, documentation must include:

- (1) the names and signatures of the service recipient or recipient's authorized representative, the PCA and any other agency staff present with the PCA during the service verification, and the staff person conducting the service verification; and
- (2) the start and end time, day, month, and year of the service verification, and the corresponding PCA time sheet.

Subd. 4. **Variance.** The Office of Inspector General at the Department of Human Services may grant a variance to the service verification requirements in this section if an agency uses an electronic monitoring system or other methods that verify a PCA is present at the location where services are provided and is providing services according to the prescribed schedule. A decision to grant or deny a variance request is final and not subject to appeal under chapter 14.

**256B.0943 CHILDREN'S THERAPEUTIC SERVICES AND SUPPORTS.**

Subd. 10. **Service authorization.** Children's therapeutic services and supports are subject to authorization criteria and standards published by the commissioner according to section 256B.0625, subdivision 25.

**256B.0944 CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES.**

Subd. 10. **Client record.** The provider must maintain a file for each client that complies with the requirements under section 256B.0943, subdivision 11, and contains the following information:

- (1) individual crisis treatment plans signed by the recipient, mental health professional, and mental health practitioner who developed the crisis treatment plan, or if the recipient refused to sign the plan, the date and reason stated by the recipient for not signing the plan;
- (2) signed release of information forms;
- (3) recipient health information and current medications;
- (4) emergency contacts for the recipient;
- (5) case records that document the date of service, place of service delivery, signature of the person providing the service, and the nature, extent, and units of service. Direct or telephone contact with the recipient's family or others should be documented;
- (6) required clinical supervision by mental health professionals;
- (7) summary of the recipient's case reviews by staff; and
- (8) any written information by the recipient that the recipient wants in the file.

**256B.0946 INTENSIVE TREATMENT IN FOSTER CARE.**

Subd. 5. **Service authorization.** The commissioner will administer authorizations for services under this section in compliance with section 256B.0625, subdivision 25.

**256B.0947 INTENSIVE REHABILITATIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

Subd. 9. **Service authorization.** The commissioner shall publish prior authorization criteria and standards to be used for intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services, as provided in section 256B.0625, subdivision 25.

**256B.431 RATE DETERMINATION.**

Subd. 3a. **Property-related costs after July 1, 1985.** (a) For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1985, the commissioner, by permanent rule, shall reimburse nursing facility providers that are vendors in the medical assistance program for the rental use of real estate and depreciable equipment. "Real estate" means land improvements, buildings, and attached fixtures used directly for resident care. "Depreciable equipment" means the standard movable resident care equipment and support service equipment generally used in long-term care facilities.

(b) In developing the method for determining payment rates for the rental use of nursing facilities, the commissioner shall consider factors designed to:

- (1) simplify the administrative procedures for determining payment rates for property-related costs;
- (2) minimize discretionary or appealable decisions;
- (3) eliminate any incentives to sell nursing facilities;
- (4) recognize legitimate costs of preserving and replacing property;
- (5) recognize the existing costs of outstanding indebtedness allowable under the statutes and rules in effect on May 1, 1983;
- (6) address the current value of, if used directly for patient care, land improvements, buildings, attached fixtures, and equipment;
- (7) establish an investment per bed limitation;
- (8) reward efficient management of capital assets;
- (9) provide equitable treatment of facilities;



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(10) consider a variable rate; and

(11) phase-in implementation of the rental reimbursement method.

(c) For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1987, a nursing facility which has reduced licensed bed capacity after January 1, 1986, shall be allowed to:

(1) aggregate the applicable investment per bed limits based on the number of beds licensed prior to the reduction; and

(2) establish capacity days for each rate year following the licensure reduction based on the number of beds licensed on the previous April 1 if the commissioner is notified of the change by April 4. The notification must include a copy of the delicensure request that has been submitted to the commissioner of health.

(d) For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1989, the interest expense that results from a refinancing of a nursing facility's demand call loan, when the loan that must be refinanced was incurred before May 22, 1983, is an allowable interest expense if:

(1) the demand call loan or any part of it was in the form of a loan that was callable at the demand of the lender;

(2) the demand call loan or any part of it was called by the lender through no fault of the nursing facility;

(3) the demand call loan or any part of it was made by a government agency operating under a statutory or regulatory loan program;

(4) the refinanced debt does not exceed the sum of the allowable remaining balance of the demand call loan at the time of payment on the demand call loan and refinancing costs;

(5) the term of the refinanced debt does not exceed the remaining term of the demand call loan, had the debt not been subject to an on-call payment demand; and

(6) the refinanced debt is not a debt between related organizations as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0020, subpart 38.

Subd. 3f. **Property costs after July 1, 1988.** (a) For the rate year beginning July 1, 1988, the replacement-cost-new per bed limit must be \$32,571 per licensed bed in multiple bedrooms and \$48,857 per licensed bed in a single bedroom. For the rate year beginning July 1, 1989, the replacement-cost-new per bed limit for a single bedroom must be \$49,907 adjusted according to Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 4, item A, subitem (1). Beginning January 1, 1990, the replacement-cost-new per bed limits must be adjusted annually as specified in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 4, item A, subitem (1). Beginning January 1, 1991, the replacement-cost-new per bed limits will be adjusted annually as specified in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 4, item A, subitem (1), except that the index utilized will be the Bureau of Economic Analysis: Price Indexes for Private Fixed Investments in Structures; Special Care.

(b) For the rate year beginning July 1, 1988, the commissioner shall increase the rental factor as established in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 8, item A, by 6.2 percent rounded to the nearest 100th percent for the purpose of reimbursing nursing facilities for soft costs and entrepreneurial profits not included in the cost valuation services used by the state's contracted appraisers. For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1989, the rental factor is the amount determined under this paragraph for the rate year beginning July 1, 1988.

(c) For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1988, in order to determine property-related payment rates under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, for all nursing facilities except those whose average length of stay in a skilled level of care within a nursing facility is 180 days or less, the commissioner shall use 95 percent of capacity days. For a nursing facility whose average length of stay in a skilled level of care within a nursing facility is 180 days or less, the commissioner shall use the greater of resident days or 80 percent of capacity days but in no event shall the divisor exceed 95 percent of capacity days.

(d) For rate years beginning on July 1, 1988, and July 1, 1989, the commissioner shall add ten cents per resident per day to each nursing facility's property-related payment rate. The ten-cent property-related payment rate increase is not cumulative from rate year to rate year. For the rate year beginning July 1, 1990, the commissioner shall increase each nursing facility's equipment allowance as established in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 10, by ten cents per resident per day. For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1991, the adjusted equipment allowance must

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be adjusted annually for inflation as in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 10, item E. For the rate period beginning October 1, 1992, the equipment allowance for each nursing facility shall be increased by 28 percent. For rate years beginning after June 30, 1993, the allowance must be adjusted annually for inflation.

(e) For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1990, Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 5, item E, shall not apply to outstanding related organization debt incurred prior to May 23, 1983, provided that the debt was an allowable debt under Minnesota Rules, parts 9510.0010 to 9510.0480, the debt is subject to repayment through annual principal payments, and the nursing facility demonstrates to the commissioner's satisfaction that the interest rate on the debt was less than market interest rates for similar arm's-length transactions at the time the debt was incurred. If the debt was incurred due to a sale between family members, the nursing facility must also demonstrate that the seller no longer participates in the management or operation of the nursing facility. Debts meeting the conditions of this paragraph are subject to all other provisions of Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080.

(f) For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1990, a nursing facility with operating lease costs incurred for the nursing facility's buildings shall receive its building capital allowance computed in accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 8. If an operating lease provides that the lessee's rent is adjusted to recognize improvements made by the lessor and related debt, the costs for capital improvements and related debt shall be allowed in the computation of the lessee's building capital allowance, provided that reimbursement for these costs under an operating lease shall not exceed the rate otherwise paid.

**Subd. 3g. Property costs after July 1, 1990, for certain facilities.** (a) For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1990, nursing facilities that, on or after January 1, 1976, but prior to January 1, 1987, were newly licensed after new construction, or increased their licensed beds by a minimum of 35 percent through new construction, and whose building capital allowance is less than their allowable annual principal and interest on allowable debt prior to the application of the replacement-cost-new per bed limit and whose remaining weighted average debt amortization schedule as of January 1, 1988, exceeded 15 years, must receive a property-related payment rate equal to the greater of their rental per diem or their annual allowable principal and allowable interest without application of the replacement-cost-new per bed limit, divided by their capacity days as determined under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11, as modified by subdivision 3f, paragraph (c), for the preceding reporting year, plus their equipment allowance. A nursing facility that is eligible for a property-related payment rate under this subdivision and whose property-related payment rate in a subsequent rate year is its rental per diem must continue to have its property-related payment rates established for all future rate years based on the rental reimbursement method in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060.

The commissioner may require the nursing facility to apply for refinancing as a condition of receiving special rate treatment under this subdivision.

(b) If a nursing facility is eligible for a property-related payment rate under this subdivision, and the nursing facility's debt is refinanced after October 1, 1988, the provisions in paragraphs (1) to (7) also apply to the property-related payment rate for rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1990.

(1) A nursing facility's refinancing must not include debts with balloon payments.

(2) If the issuance costs, including issuance costs on the debt refinanced, are financed as part of the refinancing, the historical cost of capital assets limit in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 5, item A, subitem (6), includes issuance costs that do not exceed seven percent of the debt refinanced, plus the related issuance costs. For purposes of this paragraph, issuance costs means the fees charged by the underwriter, issuer, attorneys, bond raters, appraisers, and trustees, and includes the cost of printing, title insurance, registration tax, and a feasibility study for the refinancing of a nursing facility's debt. Issuance costs do not include bond premiums or discounts when bonds are sold at other than their par value, points, or a bond reserve fund. To the extent otherwise allowed under this paragraph, the straight-line amortization of the refinancing issuance costs is not an allowable cost.

(3) The annual principal and interest expense payments and any required annual municipal fees on the nursing facility's refinancing replace those of the refinanced debt and, together with annual principal and interest payments on other allowable debts, are allowable costs subject to the limitation on historical cost of capital assets plus issuance costs as limited in paragraph (2), if any.

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(4) If the nursing facility's refinancing includes zero coupon bonds, the commissioner shall establish a monthly debt service payment schedule based on an annuity that will produce an amount equal to the zero coupon bonds at maturity. The term and interest rate is the term and interest rate of the zero coupon bonds. Any refinancing to repay the zero coupon bonds is not an allowable cost.

(5) The annual amount of annuity payments is added to the nursing facility's allowable annual principal and interest payment computed in paragraph (3).

(6) The property-related payment rate is equal to the amount in paragraph (5), divided by the nursing facility's capacity days as determined under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11, as modified by subdivision 3f, paragraph (c), for the preceding reporting year plus an equipment allowance.

(7) Except as provided in this subdivision, the provisions of Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060 apply.

**Subd. 3i. Property costs for the rate year beginning July 1, 1990.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 13, item H, the commissioner shall determine property-related payment rates for nursing facilities for the rate year beginning July 1, 1990, as follows:

(a) The property-related payment rate for a nursing facility that qualifies under subdivision 3g is the greater of the rate determined under that subdivision or the rate determined under paragraph (c), (d), or (e), whichever is applicable.

(b) Nursing facilities shall be grouped according to the type of property-related payment rate the commissioner determined for the rate year beginning July 1, 1989. A nursing facility whose property-related payment rate was determined under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 13, item A (full rental reimbursement), shall be considered group A. A nursing facility whose property-related payment rate was determined under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 13, item B (phase-down to full rental reimbursement), shall be considered group B. A nursing facility whose property-related payment rate was determined under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 13, item C or D (phase-up to full rental reimbursement), shall be considered group C.

(c) For the rate year beginning July 1, 1990, a group A nursing facility shall receive its property-related payment rate determined under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and this section.

(d) For the rate year beginning July 1, 1990, a Group B nursing facility shall receive the greater of 87 percent of the property-related payment rate in effect on July 1, 1989; or the rental per diem rate determined under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and this section in effect on July 1, 1990; or the sum of 100 percent of the nursing facility's allowable principal and interest expense, plus its equipment allowance multiplied by the resident days for the reporting year ending September 30, 1989, divided by the nursing facility's capacity days as determined under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11, as modified by subdivision 3f, paragraph (c); except that the nursing facility's property-related payment rate must not exceed its property-related payment rate in effect on July 1, 1989.

(e) For the rate year beginning July 1, 1990, a group C nursing facility shall receive its property-related payment rate determined under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and this section, except the rate must not exceed the lesser of its property-related payment rate determined for the rate year beginning July 1, 1989, multiplied by 116 percent or its rental per diem rate determined effective July 1, 1990.

(f) The property-related payment rate for a nursing facility that qualifies for a rate adjustment under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 13, item G (special reappraisals), shall have the property-related payment rate determined in paragraphs (a) to (e) adjusted according to the provisions in that rule.

(g) Except as provided in subdivision 4, paragraph (f), and subdivision 11, a nursing facility that has a change in ownership or a reorganization of provider entity is subject to the provisions of Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 13, item F.

**Subd. 10. Property rate adjustments and construction projects.** A nursing facility completing a construction project that is eligible for a rate adjustment under section 256B.434, subdivision 4f, and that was not approved through the moratorium exception process in section 144A.073 must request from the commissioner a property-related payment rate adjustment. The effective date of the rate adjustment is the first of the month of January or July, whichever occurs first following both the construction project's completion date and submission of the provider's rate adjustment

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request. The commissioner shall provide a rate notice reflecting the allowable costs within 60 days after receiving all the necessary information to compute the rate adjustment. No sooner than the effective date of the rate adjustment for the construction project, a nursing facility may adjust its rates by the amount anticipated to be allowed. Any amounts collected from private pay residents in excess of the allowable rate must be repaid to private pay residents with interest at the rate used by the commissioner of revenue for the late payment of taxes and in effect on the date the rate increase is effective. Construction projects with completion dates within one year of the completion date associated with the property rate adjustment request and phased projects with project completion dates within three years of the last phase of the phased project must be aggregated for purposes of the minimum thresholds in subdivisions 16 and 17, and the maximum threshold in section 144A.071, subdivision 2. "Construction project" and "project construction costs" have the meanings given them in section 144A.071, subdivision 1a.

Subd. 13. **Hold-harmless property-related rates.** (a) Terms used in subdivisions 13 to 21 shall be as defined in Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and this section.

(b) Except as provided in this subdivision, for rate periods beginning on October 1, 1992, and for rate years beginning after June 30, 1993, the property-related rate for a nursing facility shall be the greater of \$4 or the property-related payment rate in effect on September 30, 1992. In addition, the incremental increase in the nursing facility's rental rate will be determined under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and this section.

(c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 13, item F, a nursing facility that has a sale permitted under subdivision 14 after June 30, 1992, shall receive the property-related payment rate in effect at the time of the sale or reorganization. For rate periods beginning after October 1, 1992, and for rate years beginning after June 30, 1993, a nursing facility shall receive, in addition to its property-related payment rate in effect at the time of the sale, the incremental increase allowed under subdivision 14.

(d) For rate years beginning after June 30, 1993, the property-related rate for a nursing facility licensed after July 1, 1989, after relocating its beds from a separate nursing home to a building formerly used as a hospital and sold during the cost reporting year ending September 30, 1991, shall be its property-related rate prior to the sale in addition to the incremental increases provided under this section effective on October 1, 1992, of 29 cents per day, and any incremental increases after October 1, 1992, calculated by using its rental rate under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and this section, recognizing the current appraised value of the facility at the new location, and including as allowable debt otherwise allowable debt incurred to remodel the facility in the new location prior to the relocation of beds.

Subd. 15. **Capital repair and replacement cost reporting and rate calculation.** For rate years beginning after June 30, 1993, a nursing facility's capital repair and replacement payment rate shall be established annually as provided in paragraphs (a) to (e).

(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 12, the costs of any of the following items not included in the equity incentive computations under subdivision 16 or reported as a capital asset addition under subdivision 18, paragraph (b), including cash payment for equity investment and principal and interest expense for debt financing, must be reported in the capital repair and replacement cost category:

- (1) wall coverings;
- (2) paint;
- (3) floor coverings;
- (4) window coverings;
- (5) roof repair; and
- (6) window repair or replacement.

(b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 12, the repair or replacement of a capital asset not included in the equity incentive computations under subdivision 16 or reported as a capital asset addition under subdivision 18, paragraph (b), must be reported under this subdivision when the cost of the item exceeds \$500, or in the plant operations and maintenance cost category when the cost of the item is equal to or less than \$500.

(c) To compute the capital repair and replacement payment rate, the allowable annual repair and replacement costs for the reporting year must be divided by actual resident days for the reporting

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year. The annual allowable capital repair and replacement costs shall not exceed \$150 per licensed bed. The excess of the allowed capital repair and replacement costs over the capital repair and replacement limit shall be a cost carryover to succeeding cost reporting periods, except that sale of a facility, under subdivision 14, shall terminate the carryover of all costs except those incurred in the most recent cost reporting year. The termination of the carryover shall have effect on the capital repair and replacement rate on the same date as provided in subdivision 14, paragraph (f), for the sale. For rate years beginning after June 30, 1994, the capital repair and replacement limit shall be subject to the index provided in subdivision 3f, paragraph (a). For purposes of this subdivision, the number of licensed beds shall be the number used to calculate the nursing facility's capacity days. The capital repair and replacement rate must be added to the nursing facility's total payment rate.

(d) Capital repair and replacement costs under this subdivision shall not be counted as either care-related or other operating costs, nor subject to care-related or other operating limits.

(e) If costs otherwise allowable under this subdivision are incurred as the result of a project approved under the moratorium exception process in section 144A.073, or in connection with an addition to or replacement of buildings, attached fixtures, or land improvements for which the total historical cost of these assets exceeds the lesser of \$150,000 or ten percent of the nursing facility's appraised value, these costs must be claimed under subdivision 16 or 17, as appropriate.

**Subd. 16. Major additions and replacements; equity incentive.** For rate years beginning after June 30, 1993, if a nursing facility acquires capital assets in connection with a project approved under the moratorium exception process in section 144A.073 or in connection with an addition to or replacement of buildings, attached fixtures, or land improvements for which the total historical cost of those capital asset additions exceeds the lesser of \$150,000 or ten percent of the most recent appraised value, the nursing facility shall be eligible for an equity incentive payment rate as in paragraphs (a) to (d). This computation is separate from the determination of the nursing facility's rental rate. An equity incentive payment rate as computed under this subdivision is limited to one in a 12-month period.

(a) An eligible nursing facility shall receive an equity incentive payment rate equal to the allowable historical cost of the capital asset acquired, minus the allowable debt directly identified to that capital asset, multiplied by the equity incentive factor as described in paragraphs (b) and (c), and divided by the nursing facility's occupancy factor under subdivision 3f, paragraph (c). This amount shall be added to the nursing facility's total payment rate and shall be effective the same day as the incremental increase in paragraph (d) or subdivision 17. The allowable historical cost of the capital assets and the allowable debt shall be determined as provided in Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and this section.

(b) The equity incentive factor shall be determined under clauses (1) to (4):

(1) divide the initial allowable debt in paragraph (a) by the initial historical cost of the capital asset additions referred to in paragraph (a), then cube the quotient,

(2) subtract the amount calculated in clause (1) from the number one,

(3) determine the difference between the rental factor and the lesser of two percentage points above the posted yield for standard conventional fixed rate mortgages of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation as published in the Wall Street Journal and in effect on the first day of the month the debt or cost is incurred, or 16 percent,

(4) multiply the amount calculated in clause (2) by the amount calculated in clause (3).

(c) The equity incentive payment rate shall be limited to the term of the allowable debt in paragraph (a), not greater than 20 years nor less than ten years. If no debt is incurred in acquiring the capital asset, the equity incentive payment rate shall be paid for ten years. The sale of a nursing facility under subdivision 14 shall terminate application of the equity incentive payment rate effective on the date provided in subdivision 14, paragraph (f), for the sale.

(d) A nursing facility with an addition to or a renovation of its buildings, attached fixtures, or land improvements meeting the criteria in this subdivision and not receiving the property-related payment rate adjustment in subdivision 17, shall receive the incremental increase in the nursing facility's rental rate as determined under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and this section. The incremental increase shall be added to the nursing facility's property-related payment rate. The effective date of this incremental increase shall be the first day of the month of January or July, whichever occurs first following the date on which the addition or replacement is completed.

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Subd. 17. **Special provisions for moratorium exceptions.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 3, for rate periods beginning on October 1, 1992, and for rate years beginning after June 30, 1993, a nursing facility that (1) has completed a construction project approved under section 144A.071, subdivision 4a, clause (m); (2) has completed a construction project approved under section 144A.071, subdivision 4a, and effective after June 30, 1995; (3) has completed a construction project approved under section 144A.071, subdivision 4c; or (4) has completed a renovation, replacement, or upgrading project approved under the moratorium exception process in section 144A.073 shall be reimbursed for costs directly identified to that project as provided in subdivision 16 and subdivisions 17 to 17f.

Subd. 17a. **Allowable interest expense.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subparts 5, item A, subitems (1) and (3), and 7, item D, allowable interest expense on debt shall include:

(1) interest expense on debt related to the cost of purchasing or replacing depreciable equipment, excluding vehicles, not to exceed ten percent of the total historical cost of the project; and

(2) interest expense on debt related to financing or refinancing costs, including costs related to points, loan origination fees, financing charges, legal fees, and title searches; and issuance costs including bond discounts, bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, corporate counsel, printing, and financial forecasts. Allowable debt related to items in this clause shall not exceed seven percent of the total historical cost of the project. To the extent these costs are financed, the straight-line amortization of the costs in this clause is not an allowable cost; and

(3) interest on debt incurred for the establishment of a debt reserve fund, net of the interest earned on the debt reserve fund.

(b) Debt incurred for costs under paragraph (a) is not subject to Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 5, item A, subitem (5) or (6).

Subd. 17c. **Replacement-costs-new per bed limit.** Notwithstanding subdivision 3f, paragraph (a), for rate periods beginning on October 1, 1992, and for rate years beginning after June 30, 1993, the replacement-costs-new per bed limit to be used in Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 4, item B, for a nursing facility that has completed a renovation, replacement, or upgrading project that has been approved under the moratorium exception process in section 144A.073, or that has completed an addition to or replacement of buildings, attached fixtures, or land improvements for which the total historical cost exceeds the lesser of \$150,000 or ten percent of the most recent appraised value, must be \$47,500 per licensed bed in multiple-bed rooms and \$71,250 per licensed bed in a single-bed room. These amounts must be adjusted annually as specified in subdivision 3f, paragraph (a), beginning January 1, 1993.

Subd. 17d. **Determination of rental per diem for total replacement projects.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, a total replacement means the complete replacement of the nursing facility's physical plant through the construction of a new physical plant, the transfer of the nursing facility's license from one physical plant location to another, or a new building addition to relocate beds from three- and four-bed wards. For total replacement projects completed on or after July 1, 1992, the commissioner shall compute the incremental change in the nursing facility's rental per diem, for rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1995, by replacing its appraised value, including the historical capital asset costs, and the capital debt and interest costs with the new nursing facility's allowable capital asset costs and the related allowable capital debt and interest costs. If the new nursing facility has decreased its licensed capacity, the aggregate investment per bed limit in subdivision 3a, paragraph (c), shall apply.

(b) If the new nursing facility has retained a portion of the original physical plant for nursing facility usage, then a portion of the appraised value prior to the replacement must be retained and included in the calculation of the incremental change in the nursing facility's rental per diem. For purposes of this subdivision, the original nursing facility means the nursing facility prior to the total replacement project. The portion of the appraised value to be retained shall be calculated according to clauses (1) to (3):

(1) The numerator of the allocation ratio shall be the square footage of the area in the original physical plant which is being retained for nursing facility usage.

(2) The denominator of the allocation ratio shall be the total square footage of the original nursing facility physical plant.

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(3) Each component of the nursing facility's allowable appraised value prior to the total replacement project shall be multiplied by the allocation ratio developed by dividing clause (1) by clause (2).

(c) In the case of either type of total replacement as authorized under section 144A.071 or 144A.073, the provisions of subdivisions 17 to 17f shall also apply.

(d) For purposes of the moratorium exception authorized under section 144A.071, subdivision 4a, paragraph (s), if the total replacement involves the renovation and use of an existing health care facility physical plant, the new allowable capital asset costs and related debt and interest costs shall include first the allowable capital asset costs and related debt and interest costs of the renovation, to which shall be added the allowable capital asset costs of the existing physical plant prior to the renovation, and if reported by the facility, the related allowable capital debt and interest costs.

Subd. 17e. **Replacement-costs-new per bed limit effective October 1, 2007.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11, item C, subitem (2), for a total replacement, as defined in subdivision 17d, authorized under section 144A.071 or 144A.073 after July 1, 1999, any building project that is a relocation, renovation, upgrading, or conversion completed on or after July 1, 2001, or any building project eligible for reimbursement under section 256B.434, subdivision 4f, the replacement-costs-new per bed limit shall be \$74,280 per licensed bed in multiple-bed rooms, \$92,850 per licensed bed in semiprivate rooms with a fixed partition separating the resident beds, and \$111,420 per licensed bed in single rooms. Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11, item C, subitem (2), does not apply. These amounts must be adjusted annually as specified in subdivision 3f, paragraph (a), beginning January 1, 2000. These amounts must be increased annually as specified in subdivision 3f, paragraph (a), beginning October 1, 2012.

Subd. 18. **Updating appraisals, additions, and replacements.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subparts 1 to 3, the appraised value, routine updating of the appraised value, and special reappraisals are subject to this subdivision.

For all rate years after June 30, 1993, the commissioner shall no longer conduct any appraisals under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, for the purpose of determining property-related payment rates.

(b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 2, for rate years beginning after June 30, 1993, the commissioner shall routinely update the appraised value of each nursing facility by adding the cost of capital asset acquisitions to its allowable appraised value.

The commissioner shall also annually index each nursing facility's allowable appraised value by the inflation index referenced in subdivision 3f, paragraph (a), for the purpose of computing the nursing facility's annual rental rate. In annually adjusting the nursing facility's appraised value, the commissioner must not include the historical cost of capital assets acquired during the reporting year in the nursing facility's appraised value.

In addition, the nursing facility's appraised value must be reduced by the historical cost of capital asset disposals or applicable credits such as public grants and insurance proceeds. Capital asset additions and disposals must be reported on the nursing facility's annual cost report in the reporting year of acquisition or disposal. The incremental increase in the nursing facility's rental rate resulting from this annual adjustment as determined under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and this section shall be added to the nursing facility's property-related payment rate for the rate year following the reporting year.

Subd. 21. **Indexing thresholds.** Beginning January 1, 1993, and each January 1 thereafter, the commissioner shall annually update the dollar thresholds in subdivisions 15, paragraph (e), 16, and 17, and in section 144A.071, subdivisions 2 and 4a, clauses (b) and (e), by the inflation index referenced in subdivision 3f, paragraph (a).

Subd. 22. **Changes to nursing facility reimbursement.** In the determination of incremental increases in the nursing facility's rental rate as required in subdivisions 14 to 21, except for a refinancing permitted under subdivision 19, the commissioner must adjust the nursing facility's property-related payment rate for both incremental increases and decreases in recomputations of its rental rate.

Subd. 30. **Bed layaway and delicensure.** (a) For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 2000, a nursing facility reimbursed under this section which has placed beds on layaway shall, for purposes of application of the downsizing incentive in subdivision 3a, paragraph (c), and calculation of the rental per diem, have those beds given the same effect as if the beds had been delicensed so long as the beds remain on layaway. At the time of a layaway, a facility may change its single bed election

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for use in calculating capacity days under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11. The property payment rate increase shall be effective the first day of the month of January or July, whichever occurs first following the date on which the layaway of the beds becomes effective under section 144A.071, subdivision 4b.

(b) For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 2000, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary under section 256B.434 or chapter 256R, a nursing facility reimbursed under that section or chapter that has placed beds on layaway shall, for so long as the beds remain on layaway, be allowed to:

(1) aggregate the applicable investment per bed limits based on the number of beds licensed immediately prior to entering the alternative payment system;

(2) retain or change the facility's single bed election for use in calculating capacity days under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11; and

(3) establish capacity days based on the number of beds immediately prior to the layaway and the number of beds after the layaway.

The commissioner shall increase the facility's property payment rate by the incremental increase in the rental per diem resulting from the recalculation of the facility's rental per diem applying only the changes resulting from the layaway of beds and clauses (1), (2), and (3). If a facility reimbursed under section 256B.434 or chapter 256R completes a moratorium exception project after its base year, the base year property rate shall be the moratorium project property rate. The base year rate shall be inflated by the factors in section 256B.434, subdivision 4, paragraph (c). The property payment rate increase shall be effective the first day of the month of January or July, whichever occurs first following the date on which the layaway of the beds becomes effective.

(c) If a nursing facility removes a bed from layaway status in accordance with section 144A.071, subdivision 4b, the commissioner shall establish capacity days based on the number of licensed and certified beds in the facility not on layaway and shall reduce the nursing facility's property payment rate in accordance with paragraph (b).

(d) For the rate years beginning on or after July 1, 2000, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary under section 256B.434 or chapter 256R, a nursing facility reimbursed under that section or chapter that has delicensed beds after July 1, 2000, by giving notice of the delicensure to the commissioner of health according to the notice requirements in section 144A.071, subdivision 4b, shall be allowed to:

(1) aggregate the applicable investment per bed limits based on the number of beds licensed immediately prior to entering the alternative payment system;

(2) retain or change the facility's single bed election for use in calculating capacity days under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11; and

(3) establish capacity days based on the number of beds immediately prior to the delicensure and the number of beds after the delicensure.

The commissioner shall increase the facility's property payment rate by the incremental increase in the rental per diem resulting from the recalculation of the facility's rental per diem applying only the changes resulting from the delicensure of beds and clauses (1), (2), and (3). If a facility reimbursed under section 256B.434 completes a moratorium exception project after its base year, the base year property rate shall be the moratorium project property rate. The base year rate shall be inflated by the factors in section 256B.434, subdivision 4, paragraph (c). The property payment rate increase shall be effective the first day of the month of January or July, whichever occurs first following the date on which the delicensure of the beds becomes effective.

(e) For nursing facilities reimbursed under this section, section 256B.434, or chapter 256R, any beds placed on layaway shall not be included in calculating facility occupancy as it pertains to leave days defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0415.

(f) For nursing facilities reimbursed under this section, section 256B.434, or chapter 256R, the rental rate calculated after placing beds on layaway may not be less than the rental rate prior to placing beds on layaway.

(g) A nursing facility receiving a rate adjustment as a result of this section shall comply with section 256R.06, subdivision 5.



(h) A facility that does not utilize the space made available as a result of bed layaway or delicensure under this subdivision to reduce the number of beds per room or provide more common space for nursing facility uses or perform other activities related to the operation of the nursing facility shall have its property rate increase calculated under this subdivision reduced by the ratio of the square footage made available that is not used for these purposes to the total square footage made available as a result of bed layaway or delicensure.

Subd. 45. **Rate adjustments for some moratorium exception projects.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, money available for moratorium exception projects under section 144A.073, subdivisions 2 and 11, shall be used to fund the incremental rate increases resulting from this section for any nursing facility with a moratorium exception project approved under section 144A.073, and completed after August 30, 2010, where the replacement-costs-new limits under subdivision 17e were higher at any time after project approval than at the time of project completion. The commissioner shall calculate the property rate increase for these facilities using the highest set of limits; however, any rate increase under this section shall not be effective until on or after the effective date of this section, contingent upon federal approval. No property rate decrease shall result from this section.

#### **256B.434 ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

Subd. 4. **Alternate rates for nursing facilities.** Effective for the rate years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, a nursing facility's property payment rate for the second and subsequent years of a facility's contract under this section are the previous rate year's property payment rate plus an inflation adjustment. The index for the inflation adjustment must be based on the change in the Consumer Price Index-All Items (United States City average) (CPI-U) forecasted by the Reports and Forecasts Division of the Department of Human Services, as forecasted in the fourth quarter of the calendar year preceding the rate year. The inflation adjustment must be based on the 12-month period from the midpoint of the previous rate year to the midpoint of the rate year for which the rate is being determined.

Subd. 4f. **Construction project rate adjustments effective October 1, 2006.** (a) Effective October 1, 2006, facilities reimbursed under this section may receive a property rate adjustment for construction projects exceeding the threshold in section 256B.431, subdivision 16, and below the threshold in section 144A.071, subdivision 2, clause (a). For these projects, capital assets purchased shall be counted as construction project costs for a rate adjustment request made by a facility if they are: (1) purchased within 24 months of the completion of the construction project; (2) purchased after the completion date of any prior construction project; and (3) are not purchased prior to July 14, 2005. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the definitions, rate calculation methods, and principles in sections 144A.071 and 256B.431 and Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, shall be used to calculate rate adjustments for allowable construction projects under this subdivision and section 144A.073. Facilities completing construction projects between October 1, 2005, and October 1, 2006, are eligible to have a property rate adjustment effective October 1, 2006. Facilities completing projects after October 1, 2006, are eligible for a property rate adjustment effective on the first day of the month following the completion date. Facilities completing projects after January 1, 2018, are eligible for a property rate adjustment effective on the first day of the month of January or July, whichever occurs immediately following the completion date.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision 18, as of July 14, 2005, facilities with rates set under section 256B.431 and Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, that commenced a construction project on or after October 1, 2004, and do not have a contract under subdivision 3 by September 30, 2006, are eligible to request a rate adjustment under section 256B.431, subdivision 10, through September 30, 2006. If the request results in the commissioner determining a rate adjustment is allowable, the rate adjustment is effective on the first of the month following project completion. These facilities shall be allowed to accumulate construction project costs for the period October 1, 2004, to September 30, 2006.

(c) Facilities shall be allowed construction project rate adjustments no sooner than 12 months after completing a previous construction project. Facilities must request the rate adjustment according to section 256B.431, subdivision 10.

(d) Capacity days shall be computed according to Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 11. For rate calculations under this section, the number of licensed beds in the nursing facility shall be the number existing after the construction project is completed and the number of days in the nursing facility's reporting period shall be 365.

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(e) The value of assets to be recognized for a total replacement project as defined in section 256B.431, subdivision 17d, shall be computed as described in clause (1). The value of assets to be recognized for all other projects shall be computed as described in clause (2).

(1) Replacement-cost-new limits under section 256B.431, subdivision 17e, and the number of beds allowed under subdivision 3a, paragraph (c), shall be used to compute the maximum amount of assets allowable in a facility's property rate calculation. If a facility's current request for a rate adjustment results from the completion of a construction project that was previously approved under section 144A.073, the assets to be used in the rate calculation cannot exceed the lesser of the amount determined under sections 144A.071, subdivision 2, and 144A.073, subdivision 3b, or the actual allowable costs of the construction project. A current request that is not the result of a project under section 144A.073 cannot exceed the limit under section 144A.071, subdivision 2, paragraph (a). Applicable credits must be deducted from the cost of the construction project.

(2)(i) Replacement-cost-new limits under section 256B.431, subdivision 17e, and the number of beds allowed under section 256B.431, subdivision 3a, paragraph (c), shall be used to compute the maximum amount of assets allowable in a facility's property rate calculation.

(ii) The value of a facility's assets to be compared to the amount in item (i) begins with the total appraised value from the last rate notice a facility received when its rates were set under section 256B.431 and Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080. This value shall be indexed by the factor in section 256B.431, subdivision 3f, paragraph (a), for each rate year the facility received an inflation factor on its property-related rate when its rates were set under this section. The value of assets listed as previous capital additions, capital additions, and special projects on the facility's base year rate notice and the value of assets related to a construction project for which the facility received a rate adjustment when its rates were determined under this section shall be added to the indexed appraised value.

(iii) The maximum amount of assets to be recognized in computing a facility's rate adjustment after a project is completed is the lesser of the aggregate replacement-cost-new limit computed in (i) minus the assets recognized in (ii) or the actual allowable costs of the construction project.

(iv) If a facility's current request for a rate adjustment results from the completion of a construction project that was previously approved under section 144A.073, the assets to be added to the rate calculation cannot exceed the lesser of the amount determined under sections 144A.071, subdivision 2, and 144A.073, subdivision 3b, or the actual allowable costs of the construction project. A current request that is not the result of a project under section 144A.073 cannot exceed the limit stated in section 144A.071, subdivision 2, paragraph (a). Assets disposed of as a result of a construction project and applicable credits must be deducted from the cost of the construction project.

(f) For construction projects approved under section 144A.073, allowable debt may never exceed the lesser of the cost of the assets purchased, the threshold limit in section 144A.071, subdivision 2, or the replacement-cost-new limit less previously existing capital debt.

(g) For construction projects that were not approved under section 144A.073, allowable debt is limited to the lesser of the threshold in section 144A.071, subdivision 2, for such construction projects or the applicable limit in paragraph (e), clause (1) or (2), less previously existing capital debt. Amounts of debt taken out that exceed the costs of a construction project shall not be allowed regardless of the use of the funds.

For all construction projects being recognized, interest expense and average debt shall be computed based on the first 12 months following project completion. "Previously existing capital debt" means capital debt recognized on the last rate determined under section 256B.431 and Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080, and the amount of debt recognized for a construction project for which the facility received a rate adjustment when its rates were determined under this section.

For a total replacement project as defined in section 256B.431, subdivision 17d, the value of previously existing capital debt shall be zero.

(h) In addition to the interest expense allowed from the application of paragraph (f), the amounts allowed under section 256B.431, subdivision 17a, paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3), will be added to interest expense.

(i) The equity portion of the construction project shall be computed as the allowable assets in paragraph (e), less the average debt in paragraph (f). The equity portion must be multiplied by 5.66

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percent and the allowable interest expense in paragraph (f) must be added. This sum must be divided by 95 percent of capacity days to compute the construction project rate adjustment.

(j) For projects that are not a total replacement of a nursing facility, the amount in paragraph (i) is adjusted for nonreimbursable areas and then added to the current property payment rate of the facility.

(k) For projects that are a total replacement of a nursing facility, the amount in paragraph (i) becomes the new property payment rate after being adjusted for nonreimbursable areas. Any amounts existing in a facility's rate before the effective date of the construction project for equity incentives under section 256B.431, subdivision 16; capital repairs and replacements under section 256B.431, subdivision 15; or refinancing incentives under section 256B.431, subdivision 19, shall be removed from the facility's rates.

(l) No additional equipment allowance is allowed under Minnesota Rules, part 9549.0060, subpart 10, as the result of construction projects under this section. Allowable equipment shall be included in the construction project costs.

(m) Capital assets purchased after the completion date of a construction project shall be counted as construction project costs for any future rate adjustment request made by a facility under section 144A.071, subdivision 2, clause (a), if they are purchased within 24 months of the completion of the future construction project.

(n) In subsequent rate years, the property payment rate for a facility that results from the application of this subdivision shall be the amount inflated in subdivision 4.

(o) Construction projects are eligible for an equity incentive under section 256B.431, subdivision 16. When computing the equity incentive for a construction project under this subdivision, only the allowable costs and allowable debt related to the construction project shall be used. The equity incentive shall not be a part of the property payment rate and not inflated under subdivision 4. Effective October 1, 2006, all equity incentives for nursing facilities reimbursed under this section shall be allowed for a duration determined under section 256B.431, subdivision 16, paragraph (c).

**Subd. 4i. Construction project rate adjustments for certain nursing facilities.** (a) This subdivision applies to nursing facilities with at least 120 active beds as of January 1, 2015, that have projects approved in 2015 under the nursing facility moratorium exception process in section 144A.073. When each facility's moratorium exception construction project is completed, the facility must receive the rate adjustment allowed under subdivision 4f. In addition to that rate adjustment, facilities with at least 120 active beds, but not more than 149 active beds, as of January 1, 2015, must have their construction project rate adjustment increased by an additional \$4; and facilities with at least 150 active beds, but not more than 160 active beds, as of January 1, 2015, must have their construction project rate adjustment increased by an additional \$12.50.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, money available under section 144A.073, subdivision 11, after the completion of the moratorium exception approval process in 2015 under section 144A.073, subdivision 3, shall be used to reduce the fiscal impact to the medical assistance budget for the increases allowed in this subdivision.

**Subd. 4j. Construction project rate increase for certain nursing facilities.** (a) This subdivision applies to nursing facilities:

(1) located in Ramsey County;

(2) with at least 130 active beds as of September 30, 2017;

(3) with a portion of beds dually certified for Medicare and Medicaid and a portion of beds certified for Medicaid only; and

(4) with debt service payments that are not being covered by the existing property payment rate on September 30, 2017.

(b) The commissioner shall increase the property rate of each facility meeting the qualifications of this subdivision by \$7.55.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, money available under section 144A.073, subdivision 15, after the completion of the 2018 moratorium exception approval process under section 144A.073, subdivision 3, shall be used to pay the medical assistance cost for the property rate increase in this subdivision.

Subd. 6. **Contract payment rates; appeals.** If an appeal is pending concerning the cost-based payment rates that are the basis for the calculation of the payment rate under the alternative payment demonstration project, the commissioner and the nursing facility may agree on an interim contract rate to be used until the appeal is resolved. When the appeal is resolved, the contract rate must be adjusted retroactively in accordance with the appeal decision.

Subd. 10. **Exemptions.** A facility that is under contract with the commissioner under this section is not subject to the moratorium on licensure or certification of new nursing home beds in section 144A.071, unless the project results in a net increase in bed capacity or involves relocation of beds from one site to another. Contract payment rates must not be adjusted to reflect any additional costs that a nursing facility incurs as a result of a construction project undertaken under this subdivision. In addition, as a condition of entering into a contract under this section, a nursing facility must agree that any future medical assistance payments for nursing facility services will not reflect any additional costs attributable to the sale of a nursing facility under this section and to construction undertaken under this subdivision that otherwise would not be authorized under the moratorium in section 144A.073. Nothing in this section prevents a nursing facility participating in the alternative payment demonstration project under this section from seeking approval of an exception to the moratorium through the process established in section 144A.073, and if approved the facility's rates shall be adjusted to reflect the cost of the project. Nothing in this section prevents a nursing facility participating in the alternative payment demonstration project from seeking legislative approval of an exception to the moratorium under section 144A.071, and, if enacted, the facility's rates shall be adjusted to reflect the cost of the project.

#### **256B.4913 PAYMENT METHODOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.**

Subd. 4a. **Rate stabilization adjustment.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "implementation period" means the period beginning January 1, 2014, and ending on the last day of the month in which the rate management system is populated with the data necessary to calculate rates for substantially all individuals receiving home and community-based waiver services under sections 256B.092 and 256B.49. "Banding period" means the time period beginning on January 1, 2014, and ending upon the expiration of the 12-month period defined in paragraph (c), clause (5).

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, the historical rate for all service recipients means the individual reimbursement rate for a recipient in effect on December 1, 2013, except that:

(1) for a day service recipient who was not authorized to receive these waiver services prior to January 1, 2014; added a new service or services on or after January 1, 2014; or changed providers on or after January 1, 2014, the historical rate must be the weighted average authorized rate for the provider number in the county of service, effective December 1, 2013; or

(2) for a unit-based service with programming or a unit-based service without programming recipient who was not authorized to receive these waiver services prior to January 1, 2014; added a new service or services on or after January 1, 2014; or changed providers on or after January 1, 2014, the historical rate must be the weighted average authorized rate for each provider number in the county of service, effective December 1, 2013; or

(3) for residential service recipients who change providers on or after January 1, 2014, the historical rate must be set by each lead agency within their county aggregate budget using their respective methodology for residential services effective December 1, 2013, for determining the provider rate for a similarly situated recipient being served by that provider.

(c) The commissioner shall adjust individual reimbursement rates determined under this section so that the unit rate is no higher or lower than:

(1) 0.5 percent from the historical rate for the implementation period;

(2) 0.5 percent from the rate in effect in clause (1), for the 12-month period immediately following the time period of clause (1);

(3) 0.5 percent from the rate in effect in clause (2), for the 12-month period immediately following the time period of clause (2);

(4) 1.0 percent from the rate in effect in clause (3), for the 12-month period immediately following the time period of clause (3);

(5) 1.0 percent from the rate in effect in clause (4), for the 12-month period immediately following the time period of clause (4);

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(6) no adjustment to the rate in effect in clause (5) for the 12-month period immediately following the time period of clause (5). During this banding rate period, the commissioner shall not enforce any rate decrease or increase that would otherwise result from the end of the banding period. The commissioner shall, upon enactment, seek federal approval for the addition of this banding period; and

(7) one percent from the rate in effect in clause (6) for the 12-month period immediately following the time period of clause (6).

(d) The commissioner shall review all changes to rates that were in effect on December 1, 2013, to verify that the rates in effect produce the equivalent level of spending and service unit utilization on an annual basis as those in effect on October 31, 2013.

(e) By December 31, 2014, the commissioner shall complete the review in paragraph (d), adjust rates to provide equivalent annual spending, and make appropriate adjustments.

(f) During the banding period, the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) service agreement rate must be adjusted to account for change in an individual's need. The commissioner shall adjust the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) service agreement rate by:

(1) calculating a service rate under section 256B.4914, subdivision 6, 7, 8, or 9, for the individual with variables reflecting the level of service in effect on December 1, 2013;

(2) calculating a service rate under section 256B.4914, subdivision 6, 7, 8, or 9, for the individual with variables reflecting the updated level of service at the time of application; and

(3) adding to or subtracting from the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) service agreement rate, the difference between the values in clauses (1) and (2).

(g) This subdivision must not apply to rates for recipients served by providers new to a given county after January 1, 2014. Providers of personal supports services who also acted as fiscal support entities must be treated as new providers as of January 1, 2014.

**Subd. 6. Implementation.** (a) The commissioner shall implement changes on January 1, 2014, to payment rates for individuals receiving home and community-based waived services after the enactment of legislation that establishes specific payment methodology frameworks, processes for rate calculations, and specific values to populate the disability waiver rates system.

(b) On January 1, 2014, all new service authorizations must use the disability waiver rates system. Beginning January 1, 2014, all renewing individual service plans must use the disability waiver rates system as reassessment and reauthorization occurs. By December 31, 2014, data for all recipients must be entered into the disability waiver rates system.

**Subd. 7. New services.** A service added to section 256B.4914 after January 1, 2014, is not subject to rate stabilization adjustment in this section.

#### **256L.11 PROVIDER PAYMENT.**

**Subd. 2a. Payment rates; services for families and children under the MinnesotaCare health care reform waiver.** Subdivision 2 shall not apply to services provided to families with children who are eligible according to section 256L.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

**Subd. 6a. Dental providers.** Effective for dental services provided to MinnesotaCare enrollees on or after January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall increase payment rates to dental providers by 54 percent. Payments made to prepaid health plans under section 256L.12 shall reflect the payment increase described in this subdivision. The prepaid health plans under contract with the commissioner shall provide payments to dental providers that are at least equal to a rate that includes the payment rate specified in this subdivision, and if applicable to the provider, the rates described under subdivision 7.

#### **256R.36 HOLD HARMLESS.**

No nursing facility's operating payment rate, plus its employer health insurance costs portion of the external fixed costs payment rate, will be less than its prior system operating cost payment rate.

#### **256R.40 NURSING FACILITY VOLUNTARY CLOSURE; ALTERNATIVES.**

**Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

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(b) "Closure" means the cessation of operations of a nursing facility and delicensure and decertification of all beds within the facility.

(c) "Closure plan" means a plan to close a nursing facility and reallocate a portion of the resulting savings to provide planned closure rate adjustments at other facilities.

(d) "Commencement of closure" means the date on which residents and designated representatives are notified of a planned closure as provided in section 144A.161, subdivision 5a, as part of an approved closure plan.

(e) "Completion of closure" means the date on which the final resident of the nursing facility designated for closure in an approved closure plan is discharged from the facility or the date that beds from a partial closure are delicensed and decertified.

(f) "Partial closure" means the delicensure and decertification of a portion of the beds within the facility.

(g) "Planned closure rate adjustment" means an increase in a nursing facility's operating rates resulting from a planned closure or a planned partial closure of another facility.

Subd. 2. **Applications for planned closure rate.** (a) To be considered for approval of a planned closure, an application must include:

(1) a description of the proposed closure plan, which must include identification of the facility or facilities to receive a planned closure rate adjustment;

(2) the proposed timetable for any proposed closure, including the proposed dates for announcement to residents, commencement of closure, and completion of closure;

(3) if available, the proposed relocation plan for current residents of any facility designated for closure. If a relocation plan is not available, the application must include a statement agreeing to develop a relocation plan designed to comply with section 144A.161;

(4) a description of the relationship between the nursing facility that is proposed for closure and the nursing facility or facilities proposed to receive the planned closure rate adjustment. If these facilities are not under common ownership, copies of any contracts, purchase agreements, or other documents establishing a relationship or proposed relationship must be provided; and

(5) documentation, in a format approved by the commissioner, that all the nursing facilities receiving a planned closure rate adjustment under the plan have accepted joint and several liability for recovery of overpayments under section 256B.0641, subdivision 2, for the facilities designated for closure under the plan.

(b) The application must also address the criteria listed in subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **Criteria for review of application.** In reviewing and approving closure proposals, the commissioner shall consider, but not be limited to, the following criteria:

(1) improved quality of care and quality of life for consumers;

(2) closure of a nursing facility that has a poor physical plant;

(3) the existence of excess nursing facility beds, measured in terms of beds per thousand persons aged 85 or older. The excess must be measured in reference to:

(i) the county in which the facility is located. A facility in a county that is in the lowest quartile of counties with reference to beds per thousand persons aged 85 or older is not in an area of excess capacity;

(ii) the county and all contiguous counties;

(iii) the region in which the facility is located; or

(iv) the facility's service area. The facility shall indicate in its application the service area it believes is appropriate for this measurement;

(4) low-occupancy rates, provided that the unoccupied beds are not the result of a personnel shortage. In analyzing occupancy rates, the commissioner shall examine waiting lists in the applicant facility and at facilities in the surrounding area, as determined under clause (3);

(5) evidence of coordination between the community planning process and the facility application. If the planning group does not support a level of nursing facility closures that the commissioner

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considers to be reasonable, the commissioner may approve a planned closure proposal without its support;

(6) proposed usage of funds available from a planned closure rate adjustment for care-related purposes;

(7) innovative use planned for the closed facility's physical plant;

(8) evidence that the proposal serves the interests of the state; and

(9) evidence of other factors that affect the viability of the facility, including excessive nursing pool costs.

**Subd. 4. Review and approval of applications.** (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, shall approve or deny an application within 30 days after receiving it. The commissioner may appoint an advisory review panel composed of representatives of counties, consumers, and providers to review proposals and provide comments and recommendations to the committee. The commissioners of human services and health shall provide staff and technical assistance to the committee for the review and analysis of proposals.

(b) Approval of a planned closure expires 18 months after approval by the commissioner unless commencement of closure has begun.

(c) The commissioner may change any provision of the application to which the applicant, the regional planning group, and the commissioner agree.

**Subd. 5. Planned closure rate adjustment.** (a) The commissioner shall calculate the amount of the planned closure rate adjustment available under subdivision 6 according to clauses (1) to (4):

(1) the amount available is the net reduction of nursing facility beds multiplied by \$2,080;

(2) the total number of beds in the nursing facility or facilities receiving the planned closure rate adjustment must be identified;

(3) capacity days are determined by multiplying the number determined under clause (2) by 365; and

(4) the planned closure rate adjustment is the amount available in clause (1), divided by capacity days determined under clause (3).

(b) A planned closure rate adjustment under this section is effective on the first day of the month of January or July, whichever occurs immediately following completion of closure of the facility designated for closure in the application and becomes part of the nursing facility's external fixed payment rate.

(c) Upon the request of a closing facility, the commissioner must allow the facility a closure rate adjustment as provided under section 144A.161, subdivision 10.

(d) A facility that has received a planned closure rate adjustment may reassign it to another facility that is under the same ownership at any time within three years of its effective date. The amount of the adjustment is computed according to paragraph (a).

(e) If the per bed dollar amount specified in paragraph (a), clause (1), is increased, the commissioner shall recalculate planned closure rate adjustments for facilities that delicense beds under this section on or after July 1, 2001, to reflect the increase in the per bed dollar amount. The recalculated planned closure rate adjustment is effective from the date the per bed dollar amount is increased.

**Subd. 6. Assignment of closure rate to another facility.** A facility or facilities reimbursed under this chapter with a closure plan approved by the commissioner under subdivision 4 may assign a planned closure rate adjustment to another facility or facilities that are not closing or in the case of a partial closure, to the facility undertaking the partial closure. A facility may also elect to have a planned closure rate adjustment shared equally by the five nursing facilities with the lowest total operating payment rates in the state development region designated under section 462.385, in which the facility that is closing is located. The planned closure rate adjustment must be calculated under subdivision 5. Facilities that delicense beds without a closure plan, or whose closure plan is not approved by the commissioner, are not eligible to assign a planned closure rate adjustment under subdivision 5, unless they: (1) are delicensing five or fewer beds, or less than six percent of their total licensed bed capacity, whichever is greater; (2) are located in a county in the top three quartiles of beds per 1,000 persons aged 65 or older; and (3) have not delicensed beds in

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the prior three months. Facilities meeting these criteria are eligible to assign the amount calculated under subdivision 5 to themselves. If a facility is delicensing the greater of six or more beds, or six percent or more of its total licensed bed capacity, and does not have an approved closure plan or is not eligible for the adjustment under subdivision 5, the commissioner shall calculate the amount the facility would have been eligible to assign under subdivision 5, and shall use this amount to provide equal rate adjustments to the five nursing facilities with the lowest total operating payment rates in the state development region designated under section 462.385, in which the facility that delicensed beds is located.

Subd. 7. **Other rate adjustments.** Facilities receiving planned closure rate adjustments remain eligible for any applicable rate adjustments provided under this chapter.

**256R.41 SINGLE-BED ROOM INCENTIVE.**

(a) Beginning July 1, 2005, the operating payment rate for nursing facilities reimbursed under this chapter shall be increased by 20 percent multiplied by the ratio of the number of new single-bed rooms created divided by the number of active beds on July 1, 2005, for each bed closure that results in the creation of a single-bed room after July 1, 2005. The commissioner may implement rate adjustments for up to 3,000 new single-bed rooms each year. For eligible bed closures for which the commissioner receives a notice from a facility that a bed has been delicensed and a new single-bed room has been established, the rate adjustment in this paragraph shall be effective on either the first day of the month of January or July, whichever occurs first following the date of the bed delicensure.

(b) A nursing facility is prohibited from discharging residents for purposes of establishing single-bed rooms. A nursing facility must submit documentation to the commissioner in a form prescribed by the commissioner, certifying the occupancy status of beds closed to create single-bed rooms. In the event that the commissioner determines that a facility has discharged a resident for purposes of establishing a single-bed room, the commissioner shall not provide a rate adjustment under paragraph (a).



*Laws 2010, First Special Session chapter 1, article 25, section 3, subdivision 10*

Sec. 3. COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES

Subd. 10. State-Operated Services

**Obsolete Laundry Depreciation Account.** \$669,000, or the balance, whichever is greater, must be transferred from the state-operated services laundry depreciation account in the special revenue fund and deposited into the general fund by June 30, 2010. This paragraph is effective the day following final enactment.

**Operating Budget Reductions.** No operating budget reductions enacted in Laws 2010, chapter 200, or in this act shall be allocated to state-operated services.

**Prohibition on Transferring Funds.** The commissioner shall not transfer mental health grants to state-operated services without specific legislative approval. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this article, this paragraph shall not expire.

(a) Adult Mental Health Services

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6,888,000

**Base Adjustment.** The general fund base is decreased by \$12,286,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$12,394,000 in fiscal year 2013.

**Appropriation Requirements.** (a) The general fund appropriation to the commissioner includes funding for the following:

(1) to a community collaborative to begin providing crisis center services in the Mankato area that are comparable to the crisis services provided prior to the closure of the Mankato Crisis Center. The commissioner shall recruit former employees of the Mankato Crisis Center who were recently laid off to staff the new crisis services. The commissioner shall obtain legislative approval prior to discontinuing this funding;

(2) to maintain the building in Eveleth that currently houses community transition services and to establish a psychiatric intensive therapeutic foster home as an enterprise activity. The commissioner shall request a waiver amendment to allow CADI funding for psychiatric intensive therapeutic foster care services provided in the same location and building as the community transition services. If the federal government does not approve the waiver amendment, the commissioner shall continue to pay the lease for the building out of the state-operated services budget until the commissioner of administration subleases the space or until the lease expires, and shall establish the psychiatric intensive therapeutic foster home at a different site. The commissioner shall make diligent efforts to sublease the space;

(3) to convert the community behavioral health hospitals in Wadena and Willmar to facilities that

provide more suitable services based on the needs of the community, which may include, but are not limited to, psychiatric extensive recovery treatment services. The commissioner may also establish other community-based services in the Willmar and Wadena areas that deliver the appropriate level of care in response to the express needs of the communities. The services established under this provision must be staffed by state employees.

(4) to continue the operation of the dental clinics in Brainerd, Cambridge, Faribault, Fergus Falls, and Willmar at the same level of care and staffing that was in effect on March 1, 2010. The commissioner shall not proceed with the planned closure of the dental clinics, and shall not discontinue services or downsize any of the state-operated dental clinics without specific legislative approval. The commissioner shall continue to bill for services provided to obtain medical assistance critical access dental payments and cost-based payment rates as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.76, subdivision 2, and shall bill for services provided three months retroactively from the date of this act. This appropriation is onetime;

(5) to convert the Minnesota Neurorehabilitation Hospital in Brainerd to a neurocognitive psychiatric extensive recovery treatment service; and

(6) to convert the Minnesota extended treatment options (METO) program to the following community-based services provided by state employees: (i) psychiatric extensive recovery treatment services; (ii) intensive transitional foster homes as enterprise activities; and (iii) other community-based support services. The provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section 252.025, subdivision 7, are applicable to the METO services established under this clause. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 246.18, subdivision 8, any revenue lost to the general fund by the conversion of METO to new services must be replaced by revenue from the new services to offset the lost revenue to the general fund until June 30, 2013. Any revenue generated in excess of this amount shall be deposited into the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 246.18, subdivision 8.

(b) The commissioner shall not move beds from the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center to the psychiatric nursing facility at St. Peter without specific legislative approval.

(c) The commissioner shall implement changes, including the following, to save a minimum of \$6,006,000 beginning in fiscal year 2011, and report to the legislature the specific initiatives implemented and the savings allocated to each one, including:

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(1) maximizing budget savings through strategic employee staffing; and

(2) identifying and implementing cost reductions in cooperation with state-operated services employees.

Base level funding is reduced by \$6,006,000 effective fiscal year 2011.

(d) The commissioner shall seek certification or approval from the federal government for the new services under paragraph (a) that are eligible for federal financial participation and deposit the revenue associated with these new services in the account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 246.18, subdivision 8, unless otherwise specified.

(e) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this article, this rider shall not expire.

**(b) Minnesota Sex Offender Services**

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**Sex Offender Services.** Base level funding for Minnesota sex offender services is reduced by \$418,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$419,000 in fiscal year 2013 for the 50-bed sex offender treatment program within the Moose Lake correctional facility in which Department of Human Services staff from Minnesota sex offender services provide clinical treatment to incarcerated offenders. This reduction shall become part of the base for the Department of Human Services.

**Interagency Agreements.** The commissioner of human services may enter into interagency agreements with the commissioner of corrections to continue sex offender treatment and chemical dependency treatment on a cost-sharing basis, in which each department pays 50 percent of the costs of these services.

**Base Adjustment.** The general fund base is increased by \$418,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$419,000 in fiscal year 2013.

***Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 9, article 6, section 97, subdivision 6***

Sec. 97. **REPEALER.**

Subd. 6. **MinnesotaCare provider taxes.** Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 13.4967, subdivision 3; 295.50, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 3, 4, 6, 6a, 7, 9b, 9c, 10a, 10b, 12b, 13, 14, and 15; 295.51, subdivisions 1 and 1a; 295.52, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 4a, 5, 6, and 7; 295.53, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4a; 295.54; 295.55; 295.56; 295.57; 295.58; 295.581; 295.582; and 295.59, are repealed effective for gross revenues received after December 31, 2019.

**2960.3030 CAPACITY LIMITS.**

Subp. 3. **Exceptions to capacity limits.** A variance may be granted to allow up to eight foster children in addition to the license holder's own children if the conditions in items A to E are met:

A. placement is necessary to keep a sibling group together, to keep a child in the child's home community, or is necessary because the foster child was formerly living in the home and it would be in the child's best interest to be placed there again;

B. there is no risk of harm to the children currently in the home;

C. the structural characteristics of the home, including sleeping space, can accommodate the additional foster children;

D. the home remains in compliance with applicable zoning, health, fire, and building codes; and

E. the statement of intended use states the conditions for the exception to capacity limits and explains how the license holder will maintain a ratio of adults to children which ensures the safety and appropriate supervision of all the children in the foster home.

A foster home licensed by the Department of Corrections need not meet the requirement in item A.

**3400.0185 TERMINATION AND ADVERSE ACTIONS; NOTICE REQUIRED.**

Subp. 5. **Notice to providers of actions adverse to the provider.** The county must give a provider written notice of the following actions adverse to the provider: a denial of authorization, a termination of authorization, a reduction in the number of hours of care with that provider, and a determination that the provider has an overpayment. The notice must include the following information:

A. a description of the adverse action;

B. the effective date of the adverse action; and

C. a statement that unless a family appeals the adverse action before the effective date or the provider appeals the overpayment determination, the adverse action will occur on the effective date. The notice must be mailed to the provider at least 15 calendar days before the effective date of the adverse action.

**6400.6970 FEES.**

Subpart 1. **Payment types and nonrefundability.** The fees imposed in this part shall be paid by cash, personal check, bank draft, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators. All fees are nonrefundable.

Subp. 2. **Amounts.** The amount of fees may be set by the board with the approval of the Department of Management and Budget up to the limits provided in this part depending upon the total amount required to sustain board operations under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.1285, subdivision 2. Information about fees in effect at any time is available from the board office. The maximum amounts of fees are:

A. application for licensure, \$150;

B. for a prospective applicant for a review of education and experience advisory to the license application, \$50, to be applied to the fee for application for licensure if the latter is submitted within one year of the request for review of education and experience;

C. state examination, \$75;

D. initial license, \$200 if issued between July 1 and December 31, \$100 if issued between January 1 and June 30;

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- E. acting administrator permit, \$250;
- F. renewal license, \$200;
- G. duplicate license, \$10;
- H. fee to a sponsor for review of individual continuing education seminars, institutes, workshops, or home study courses:
  - (1) for less than seven clock hours, \$30; and
  - (2) for seven or more clock hours, \$50;
- I. fee to a licensee for review of continuing education seminars, institutes, workshops, or home study courses not previously approved for a sponsor and submitted with an application for license renewal:
  - (1) for less than seven clock hours total, \$30; and
  - (2) for seven or more clock hours total, \$50;
- J. late renewal fee, \$50;
- K. fee to a licensee for verification of licensure status and examination scores, \$30; and
- L. registration as a registered continuing education sponsor, \$1,000.

**7200.6100 FEES.**

The nonrefundable fees for licensure payable to the board are as follows:

- A. application for admission to national standardized examination, \$150;
- B. application for professional responsibility examination, \$150;
- C. application for licensure as a licensed psychologist, \$500;
- D. renewal of license for a licensed psychologist, \$500;
- E. late renewal of license for a licensed psychologist, \$250;
- F. application for converting from master's to doctoral level licensure, \$150; and
- G. application for guest licensure, \$150.

**7200.6105 CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR FEE.**

A sponsor applying for approval of a continuing education activity pursuant to part 7200.3830, subpart 2, shall submit with the application a fee of \$80 for each activity.

**9502.0425 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.**

Subp. 4. **Means of escape.** From each room of the residence used by children, there must be two means of escape. One means of escape must be a stairway or door leading to the floor of exit discharge. The other must be a door or window leading directly outside. The window must be openable without special knowledge. It must have a clear opening of not less than 5.7 square feet and have a minimum clear opening dimension of 20 inches wide and 24 inches high. The window must be within 48 inches from the floor.

Subp. 16. **Extinguishers.** A portable, operational, multipurpose, dry chemical fire extinguisher with a minimum 2 A 10 BC rating must be maintained in the kitchen and cooking areas of the residence at all times. All caregivers shall know how to use the fire extinguisher.

Subp. 17. **Smoke detection systems.** Smoke detectors that have been listed by the Underwriter Laboratory must be properly installed and maintained on all levels.

**9503.0155 FACILITY.**

Subp. 8. **Telephone; posted numbers.** A telephone that is not coin operated must be located within the center. A list of emergency numbers must be posted next to the telephone. If a 911 emergency number is not available, the numbers listed must be those of the local fire department, police department, emergency transportation, and poison control center.

**9505.0370 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For parts 9505.0370 to 9505.0372, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. **Adult day treatment.** "Adult day treatment" or "adult day treatment program" means a structured program of treatment and care.

Subp. 3. **Child.** "Child" means a person under 18 years of age.

Subp. 4. **Client.** "Client" means an eligible recipient who is determined to have or who is being assessed for a mental illness as specified in part 9505.0371.

Subp. 5. **Clinical summary.** "Clinical summary" means a written description of a clinician's formulation of the cause of the client's mental health symptoms, the client's prognosis, and the likely consequences of the symptoms; how the client meets the criteria for the diagnosis by describing the client's symptoms, the duration of symptoms, and functional impairment; an analysis of the client's other symptoms, strengths, relationships, life situations, cultural influences, and health concerns and their potential interaction with the diagnosis and formulation of the client's mental health condition; and alternative diagnoses that were considered and ruled out.

Subp. 6. **Clinical supervision.** "Clinical supervision" means the documented time a clinical supervisor and supervisee spend together to discuss the supervisee's work, to review individual client cases, and for the supervisee's professional development. It includes the documented oversight and supervision responsibility for planning, implementation, and evaluation of services for a client's mental health treatment.

Subp. 7. **Clinical supervisor.** "Clinical supervisor" means the mental health professional who is responsible for clinical supervision.

Subp. 8. **Cultural competence or culturally competent.** "Cultural competence" or "culturally competent" means the mental health provider's:

A. awareness of the provider's own cultural background, and the related assumptions, values, biases, and preferences that influence assessment and intervention processes;

B. ability and will to respond to the unique needs of an individual client that arise from the client's culture;

C. ability to utilize the client's culture as a resource and as a means to optimize mental health care; and

D. willingness to seek educational, consultative, and learning experiences to expand knowledge of and increase effectiveness with culturally diverse populations.

Subp. 9. **Cultural influences.** "Cultural influences" means historical, geographical, and familial factors that affect assessment and intervention processes. Cultural influences that are relevant to the client may include the client's:

A. racial or ethnic self-identification;

B. experience of cultural bias as a stressor;

C. immigration history and status;

D. level of acculturation;

- E. time orientation;
- F. social orientation;
- G. verbal communication style;
- H. locus of control;
- I. spiritual beliefs; and
- J. health beliefs and the endorsement of or engagement in culturally specific healing practices.

Subp. 10. **Culture.** "Culture" means the distinct ways of living and understanding the world that are used by a group of people and are transmitted from one generation to another or adopted by an individual.

Subp. 11. **Diagnostic assessment.** "Diagnostic assessment" means a written assessment that documents a clinical and functional face-to-face evaluation of the client's mental health, including the nature, severity and impact of behavioral difficulties, functional impairment, and subjective distress of the client, and identifies the client's strengths and resources.

Subp. 12. **Dialectical behavior therapy.** "Dialectical behavior therapy" means an evidence-based treatment approach provided in an intensive outpatient treatment program using a combination of individualized rehabilitative and psychotherapeutic interventions. A dialectical behavior therapy program is certified by the commissioner and involves the following service components: individual dialectical behavior therapy, group skills training, telephone coaching, and team consultation meetings.

Subp. 13. **Explanation of findings.** "Explanation of findings" means the explanation of a client's diagnostic assessment, psychological testing, treatment program, and consultation with culturally informed mental health consultants as required under parts 9520.0900 to 9520.0926, or other accumulated data and recommendations to the client, client's family, primary caregiver, or other responsible persons.

Subp. 14. **Family.** "Family" means a person who is identified by the client or the client's parent or guardian as being important to the client's mental health treatment. Family may include, but is not limited to, parents, children, spouse, committed partners, former spouses, persons related by blood or adoption, or persons who are presently residing together as a family unit.

Subp. 15. **Individual treatment plan.** "Individual treatment plan" means a written plan that outlines and defines the course of treatment. It delineates the goals, measurable objectives, target dates for achieving specific goals, main participants in treatment process, and recommended services that are based on the client's diagnostic assessment and other meaningful data that are needed to aid the client's recovery and enhance resiliency.

Subp. 16. **Medication management.** "Medication management" means a service that determines the need for or effectiveness of the medication prescribed for the treatment of a client's symptoms of a mental illness.

Subp. 17. **Mental health practitioner.** "Mental health practitioner" means a person who is qualified according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, items B and C, and provides mental health services to a client with a mental illness under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional.

Subp. 18. **Mental health professional.** "Mental health professional" means a person who is enrolled to provide medical assistance services and is qualified according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A.

Subp. 19. **Mental health telemedicine.** "Mental health telemedicine" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 46.

Subp. 20. **Mental illness.** "Mental illness" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.462, subdivision 20. "Mental illness" includes "emotional disturbance" as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4871, subdivision 15.

Subp. 21. **Multidisciplinary staff.** "Multidisciplinary staff" means a group of individuals from diverse disciplines who come together to provide services to clients under part 9505.0372, subparts 8, 9, and 10.

Subp. 22. **Neuropsychological assessment.** "Neuropsychological assessment" means a specialized clinical assessment of the client's underlying cognitive abilities related to thinking, reasoning, and judgment that is conducted by a qualified neuropsychologist.

Subp. 23. **Neuropsychological testing.** "Neuropsychological testing" means administering standardized tests and measures designed to evaluate the client's ability to attend to, process, interpret, comprehend, communicate, learn and recall information; and use problem-solving and judgment.

Subp. 24. **Partial hospitalization program.** "Partial hospitalization program" means a provider's time-limited, structured program of psychotherapy and other therapeutic services, as defined in United States Code, title 42, chapter 7, subchapter XVIII, part E, section 1395x, (ff), that is provided in an outpatient hospital facility or community mental health center that meets Medicare requirements to provide partial hospitalization services.

Subp. 25. **Primary caregiver.** "Primary caregiver" means a person, other than the facility staff, who has primary legal responsibility for providing the client with food, clothing, shelter, direction, guidance, and nurturance.

Subp. 26. **Psychological testing.** "Psychological testing" means the use of tests or other psychometric instruments to determine the status of the recipient's mental, intellectual, and emotional functioning.

Subp. 27. **Psychotherapy.** "Psychotherapy" means treatment of a client with mental illness that applies the most appropriate psychological, psychiatric, psychosocial, or interpersonal method that conforms to prevailing community standards of professional practice to meet the mental health needs of the client.

Subp. 28. **Supervisee.** "Supervisee" means an individual who requires clinical supervision because the individual does not meet mental health professional standards in part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A.

#### **9505.0371 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

Subpart 1. **Purpose.** This part describes the requirements that outpatient mental health services must meet to receive medical assistance reimbursement.

Subp. 2. **Client eligibility for mental health services.** The following requirements apply to mental health services:

A. The provider must use a diagnostic assessment as specified in part 9505.0372 to determine a client's eligibility for mental health services under this part, except:

(1) prior to completion of a client's initial diagnostic assessment, a client is eligible for:

(a) one explanation of findings;

(b) one psychological testing; and

(c) either one individual psychotherapy session, one family psychotherapy session, or one group psychotherapy session; and

(2) for a client who is not currently receiving mental health services covered by medical assistance, a crisis assessment as specified in Minnesota Statutes, section



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256B.0624 or 256B.0944, conducted in the past 60 days may be used to allow up to ten sessions of mental health services within a 12-month period.

B. A brief diagnostic assessment must meet the requirements of part 9505.0372, subpart 1, item D, and:

(1) may be used to allow up to ten sessions of mental health services as specified in part 9505.0372 within a 12-month period before a standard or extended diagnostic assessment is required when the client is:

(a) a new client; or

(b) an existing client who has had fewer than ten sessions of psychotherapy in the previous 12 months and is projected to need fewer than ten sessions of psychotherapy in the next 12 months, or who only needs medication management; and

(2) may be used for a subsequent annual assessment, if based upon the client's treatment history and the provider's clinical judgment, the client will need ten or fewer sessions of mental health services in the upcoming 12-month period; and

(3) must not be used for:

(a) a client or client's family who requires a language interpreter to participate in the assessment unless the client meets the requirements of subitem (1), unit (b), or (2); or

(b) more than ten sessions of mental health services in a 12-month period. If, after completion of ten sessions of mental health services, the mental health professional determines the need for additional sessions, a standard assessment or extended assessment must be completed.

C. For a child, a new standard or extended diagnostic assessment must be completed:

(1) when the child does not meet the criteria for a brief diagnostic assessment;

(2) at least annually following the initial diagnostic assessment, if:

(a) additional services are needed; and

(b) the child does not meet criteria for brief assessment;

(3) when the child's mental health condition has changed markedly since the child's most recent diagnostic assessment; or

(4) when the child's current mental health condition does not meet criteria of the child's current diagnosis.

D. For an adult, a new standard diagnostic assessment or extended diagnostic assessment must be completed:

(1) when the adult does not meet the criteria for a brief diagnostic assessment or an adult diagnostic assessment update;

(2) at least every three years following the initial diagnostic assessment for an adult who receives mental health services;

(3) when the adult's mental health condition has changed markedly since the adult's most recent diagnostic assessment; or

(4) when the adult's current mental health condition does not meet criteria of the current diagnosis.

E. An adult diagnostic assessment update must be completed at least annually unless a new standard or extended diagnostic assessment is performed. An adult diagnostic assessment update must include an update of the most recent standard or extended diagnostic

assessment and any recent adult diagnostic assessment updates that have occurred since the last standard or extended diagnostic assessment.

Subp. 3. **Authorization for mental health services.** Mental health services under this part are subject to authorization criteria and standards published by the commissioner according to Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 25.

Subp. 4. **Clinical supervision.**

A. Clinical supervision must be based on each supervisee's written supervision plan and must:

- (1) promote professional knowledge, skills, and values development;
- (2) model ethical standards of practice;
- (3) promote cultural competency by:

(a) developing the supervisee's knowledge of cultural norms of behavior for individual clients and generally for the clients served by the supervisee regarding the client's cultural influences, age, class, gender, sexual orientation, literacy, and mental or physical disability;

(b) addressing how the supervisor's and supervisee's own cultures and privileges affect service delivery;

(c) developing the supervisee's ability to assess their own cultural competence and to identify when consultation or referral of the client to another provider is needed; and

(d) emphasizing the supervisee's commitment to maintaining cultural competence as an ongoing process;

(4) recognize that the client's family has knowledge about the client and will continue to play a role in the client's life and encourage participation among the client, client's family, and providers as treatment is planned and implemented; and

(5) monitor, evaluate, and document the supervisee's performance of assessment, treatment planning, and service delivery.

B. Clinical supervision must be conducted by a qualified supervisor using individual or group supervision. Individual or group face-to-face supervision may be conducted via electronic communications that utilize interactive telecommunications equipment that includes at a minimum audio and video equipment for two-way, real-time, interactive communication between the supervisor and supervisee, and meet the equipment and connection standards of part 9505.0370, subpart 19.

(1) Individual supervision means one or more designated clinical supervisors and one supervisee.

(2) Group supervision means one clinical supervisor and two to six supervisees in face-to-face supervision.

C. The supervision plan must be developed by the supervisor and the supervisee. The plan must be reviewed and updated at least annually. For new staff the plan must be completed and implemented within 30 days of the new staff person's employment. The supervision plan must include:

(1) the name and qualifications of the supervisee and the name of the agency in which the supervisee is being supervised;

(2) the name, licensure, and qualifications of the supervisor;

(3) the number of hours of individual and group supervision to be completed by the supervisee including whether supervision will be in person or by some other method approved by the commissioner;

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(4) the policy and method that the supervisee must use to contact the clinical supervisor during service provision to a supervisee;

(5) procedures that the supervisee must use to respond to client emergencies;  
and

(6) authorized scope of practices, including:

(a) description of the supervisee's service responsibilities;

(b) description of client population; and

(c) treatment methods and modalities.

D. Clinical supervision must be recorded in the supervisee's supervision record. The documentation must include:

(1) date and duration of supervision;

(2) identification of supervision type as individual or group supervision;

(3) name of the clinical supervisor;

(4) subsequent actions that the supervisee must take; and

(5) date and signature of the clinical supervisor.

E. Clinical supervision pertinent to client treatment changes must be recorded by a case notation in the client record after supervision occurs.

Subp. 5. **Qualified providers.** Medical assistance covers mental health services according to part 9505.0372 when the services are provided by mental health professionals or mental health practitioners qualified under this subpart.

A. A mental health professional must be qualified in one of the following ways:

(1) in clinical social work, a person must be licensed as an independent clinical social worker by the Minnesota Board of Social Work under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148D until August 1, 2011, and thereafter under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148E;

(2) in psychology, a person licensed by the Minnesota Board of Psychology under Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.88 to 148.98, who has stated to the board competencies in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness;

(3) in psychiatry, a physician licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 147, who is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or is eligible for board certification;

(4) in marriage and family therapy, a person licensed as a marriage and family therapist by the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy under Minnesota Statutes, sections 148B.29 to 148B.39, and defined in parts 5300.0100 to 5300.0350;

(5) in professional counseling, a person licensed as a professional clinical counselor by the Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy under Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.5301;

(6) a tribally approved mental health care professional, who meets the standards in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.02, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b) and (c), and who is serving a federally recognized Indian tribe; or

(7) in psychiatric nursing, a registered nurse who is licensed under Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.171 to 148.285, and meets one of the following criteria:

(a) is certified as a clinical nurse specialist;

(b) for children, is certified as a nurse practitioner in child or adolescent or family psychiatric and mental health nursing by a national nurse certification organization;  
or

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(c) for adults, is certified as a nurse practitioner in adult or family psychiatric and mental health nursing by a national nurse certification organization.

B. A mental health practitioner for a child client must have training working with children. A mental health practitioner for an adult client must have training working with adults. A mental health practitioner must be qualified in at least one of the following ways:

(1) holds a bachelor's degree in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields from an accredited college or university; and

(a) has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of mental health services to clients with mental illness; or

(b) is fluent in the non-English language of the cultural group to which at least 50 percent of the practitioner's clients belong, completes 40 hours of training in the delivery of services to clients with mental illness, and receives clinical supervision from a mental health professional at least once a week until the requirements of 2,000 hours of supervised experience are met;

(2) has at least 6,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of mental health services to clients with mental illness. Hours worked as a mental health behavioral aide I or II under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0943, subdivision 7, may be included in the 6,000 hours of experience for child clients;

(3) is a graduate student in one of the mental health professional disciplines defined in item A and is formally assigned by an accredited college or university to an agency or facility for clinical training;

(4) holds a master's or other graduate degree in one of the mental health professional disciplines defined in item A from an accredited college or university; or

(5) is an individual who meets the standards in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.02, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b) and (c), who is serving a federally recognized Indian tribe.

C. Medical assistance covers diagnostic assessment, explanation of findings, and psychotherapy performed by a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee when:

(1) the mental health practitioner is:

(a) complying with requirements for licensure or board certification as a mental health professional, as defined in item A, including supervised practice in the delivery of mental health services for the treatment of mental illness; or

(b) a student in a bona fide field placement or internship under a program leading to completion of the requirements for licensure as a mental health professional defined in item A; and

(2) the mental health practitioner's clinical supervision experience is helping the practitioner gain knowledge and skills necessary to practice effectively and independently. This may include supervision of:

(a) direct practice;

(b) treatment team collaboration;

(c) continued professional learning; and

(d) job management.

D. A clinical supervisor must:

(1) be a mental health professional licensed as specified in item A;

(2) hold a license without restrictions that has been in good standing for at least one year while having performed at least 1,000 hours of clinical practice;

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(3) be approved, certified, or in some other manner recognized as a qualified clinical supervisor by the person's professional licensing board, when this is a board requirement;

(4) be competent as demonstrated by experience and graduate-level training in the area of practice and the activities being supervised;

(5) not be the supervisee's blood or legal relative or cohabitant, or someone who has acted as the supervisee's therapist within the past two years;

(6) have experience and skills that are informed by advanced training, years of experience, and mastery of a range of competencies that demonstrate the following:

(a) capacity to provide services that incorporate best practice;

(b) ability to recognize and evaluate competencies in supervisees;

(c) ability to review assessments and treatment plans for accuracy and appropriateness;

(d) ability to give clear direction to mental health staff related to alternative strategies when a client is struggling with moving towards recovery; and

(e) ability to coach, teach, and practice skills with supervisees;

(7) accept full professional liability for a supervisee's direction of a client's mental health services;

(8) instruct a supervisee in the supervisee's work, and oversee the quality and outcome of the supervisee's work with clients;

(9) review, approve, and sign the diagnostic assessment, individual treatment plans, and treatment plan reviews of clients treated by a supervisee;

(10) review and approve the progress notes of clients treated by the supervisee according to the supervisee's supervision plan;

(11) apply evidence-based practices and research-informed models to treat clients;

(12) be employed by or under contract with the same agency as the supervisee;

(13) develop a clinical supervision plan for each supervisee;

(14) ensure that each supervisee receives the guidance and support needed to provide treatment services in areas where the supervisee practices;

(15) establish an evaluation process that identifies the performance and competence of each supervisee; and

(16) document clinical supervision of each supervisee and securely maintain the documentation record.

Subp. 6. **Release of information.** Providers who receive a request for client information and providers who request client information must:

A. comply with data practices and medical records standards in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, part 164; and

B. subject to the limitations in item A, promptly provide client information, including a written diagnostic assessment, to other providers who are treating the client to ensure that the client will get services without undue delay.

Subp. 7. **Individual treatment plan.** Except as provided in subpart 2, item A, subitem (1), a medical assistance payment is available only for services provided in accordance with the client's written individual treatment plan (ITP). The client must be involved in the development, review, and revision of the client's ITP. For all mental health services, except

as provided in subpart 2, item A, subitem (1), and medication management, the ITP and subsequent revisions of the ITP must be signed by the client before treatment begins. The mental health professional or practitioner shall request the client, or other person authorized by statute to consent to mental health services for the client, to sign the client's ITP or revision of the ITP. In the case of a child, the child's parent, primary caregiver, or other person authorized by statute to consent to mental health services for the child shall be asked to sign the child's ITP and revisions of the ITP. If the client or authorized person refuses to sign the plan or a revision of the plan, the mental health professional or mental health practitioner shall note on the plan the refusal to sign the plan and the reason or reasons for the refusal. A client's individual treatment plan must be:

A. based on the client's current diagnostic assessment;

B. developed by identifying the client's service needs and considering relevant cultural influences to identify planned interventions that contain specific treatment goals and measurable objectives for the client; and

C. reviewed at least once every 90 days, and revised as necessary. Revisions to the initial individual treatment plan do not require a new diagnostic assessment unless the client's mental health status has changed markedly as provided in subpart 2.

Subp. 8. **Documentation.** To obtain medical assistance payment for an outpatient mental health service, a mental health professional or a mental health practitioner must promptly document:

A. in the client's mental health record:

(1) each occurrence of service to the client including the date, type of service, start and stop time, scope of the mental health service, name and title of the person who gave the service, and date of documentation; and

(2) all diagnostic assessments and other assessments, psychological test results, treatment plans, and treatment plan reviews;

B. the provider's contact with persons interested in the client such as representatives of the courts, corrections systems, or schools, or the client's other mental health providers, case manager, family, primary caregiver, legal representative, including the name and date of the contact or, if applicable, the reason the client's family, primary caregiver, or legal representative was not contacted; and

C. dates that treatment begins and ends and reason for the discontinuation of the mental health service.

Subp. 9. **Service coordination.** The provider must coordinate client services as authorized by the client as follows:

A. When a recipient receives mental health services from more than one mental health provider, each provider must coordinate mental health services they provide to the client with other mental health service providers to ensure services are provided in the most efficient manner to achieve maximum benefit for the client.

B. The mental health provider must coordinate mental health care with the client's physical health provider.

Subp. 10. **Telemedicine services.** Mental health services in part 9505.0372 covered as direct face-to-face services may be provided via two-way interactive video if it is medically appropriate to the client's condition and needs. The interactive video equipment and connection must comply with Medicare standards that are in effect at the time of service. The commissioner may specify parameters within which mental health services can be provided via telemedicine.

**9505.0372 COVERED SERVICES.**

Subpart 1. **Diagnostic assessment.** Medical assistance covers four types of diagnostic assessments when they are provided in accordance with the requirements in this subpart.

A. To be eligible for medical assistance payment, a diagnostic assessment must:

(1) identify a mental health diagnosis and recommended mental health services, which are the factual basis to develop the recipient's mental health services and treatment plan; or

(2) include a finding that the client does not meet the criteria for a mental health disorder.

B. A standard diagnostic assessment must include a face-to-face interview with the client and contain a written evaluation of a client by a mental health professional or practitioner working under clinical supervision as a clinical trainee according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C. The standard diagnostic assessment must be done within the cultural context of the client and must include relevant information about:

(1) the client's current life situation, including the client's:

(a) age;

(b) current living situation, including household membership and housing status;

(c) basic needs status including economic status;

(d) education level and employment status;

(e) significant personal relationships, including the client's evaluation of relationship quality;

(f) strengths and resources, including the extent and quality of social networks;

(g) belief systems;

(h) contextual nonpersonal factors contributing to the client's presenting concerns;

(i) general physical health and relationship to client's culture; and

(j) current medications;

(2) the reason for the assessment, including the client's:

(a) perceptions of the client's condition;

(b) description of symptoms, including reason for referral;

(c) history of mental health treatment, including review of the client's records;

(d) important developmental incidents;

(e) maltreatment, trauma, or abuse issues;

(f) history of alcohol and drug usage and treatment;

(g) health history and family health history, including physical, chemical, and mental health history; and

(h) cultural influences and their impact on the client;

(3) the client's mental status examination;

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(4) the assessment of client's needs based on the client's baseline measurements, symptoms, behavior, skills, abilities, resources, vulnerabilities, and safety needs;

(5) the screenings used to determine the client's substance use, abuse, or dependency and other standardized screening instruments determined by the commissioner;

(6) assessment methods and use of standardized assessment tools by the provider as determined and periodically updated by the commissioner;

(7) the client's clinical summary, recommendations, and prioritization of needed mental health, ancillary or other services, client and family participation in assessment and service preferences, and referrals to services required by statute or rule; and

(8) the client data that is adequate to support the findings on all axes of the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association; and any differential diagnosis.

C. An extended diagnostic assessment must include a face-to-face interview with the client and contain a written evaluation of a client by a mental health professional or practitioner working under clinical supervision as a clinical trainee according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C. The face-to-face interview is conducted over three or more assessment appointments because the client's complex needs necessitate significant additional assessment time. Complex needs are those caused by acuity of psychotic disorder; cognitive or neurocognitive impairment; need to consider past diagnoses and determine their current applicability; co-occurring substance abuse use disorder; or disruptive or changing environments, communication barriers, or cultural considerations as documented in the assessment. For child clients, the appointments may be conducted outside the diagnostician's office for face-to-face consultation and information gathering with family members, doctors, caregivers, teachers, and other providers, with or without the child present, and may involve directly observing the child in various settings that the child frequents such as home, school, or care settings. To complete the diagnostic assessment with adult clients, the appointments may be conducted outside of the diagnostician's office for face-to-face assessment with the adult client. The appointment may involve directly observing the adult client in various settings that the adult frequents, such as home, school, job, service settings, or community settings. The appointments may include face-to-face meetings with the adult client and the client's family members, doctors, caregivers, teachers, social support network members, recovery support resource representatives, and other providers for consultation and information gathering for the diagnostic assessment. The components of an extended diagnostic assessment include the following relevant information:

(1) for children under age 5:

(a) utilization of the DC:0-3R diagnostic system for young children;

(b) an early childhood mental status exam that assesses the client's developmental, social, and emotional functioning and style both within the family and with the examiner and includes:

- i. physical appearance including dysmorphic features;
- ii. reaction to new setting and people and adaptation during evaluation;
- iii. self-regulation, including sensory regulation, unusual behaviors, activity level, attention span, and frustration tolerance;
- iv. physical aspects, including motor function, muscle tone, coordination, tics, abnormal movements, and seizure activity;
- v. vocalization and speech production, including expressive and receptive language;



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- vi. thought, including fears, nightmares, dissociative states, and hallucinations;
  - vii. affect and mood, including modes of expression, range, responsiveness, duration, and intensity;
  - viii. play, including structure, content, symbolic functioning, and modulation of aggression;
  - ix. cognitive functioning; and
  - x. relatedness to parents, other caregivers, and examiner; and
- (c) other assessment tools as determined and periodically revised by the commissioner;
- (2) for children ages 5 to 18, completion of other assessment standards for children as determined and periodically revised by the commissioner; and
- (3) for adults, completion of other assessment standards for adults as determined and periodically revised by the commissioner.

D. A brief diagnostic assessment must include a face-to-face interview with the client and a written evaluation of the client by a mental health professional or practitioner working under clinical supervision as a clinical trainee according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C. The professional or practitioner must gather initial background information using the components of a standard diagnostic assessment in item B, subitems (1), (2), unit (b), (3), and (5), and draw a provisional clinical hypothesis. The clinical hypothesis may be used to address the client's immediate needs or presenting problem. Treatment sessions conducted under authorization of a brief assessment may be used to gather additional information necessary to complete a standard diagnostic assessment or an extended diagnostic assessment.

E. Adult diagnostic assessment update includes a face-to-face interview with the client, and contains a written evaluation of the client by a mental health professional or practitioner working under clinical supervision as a clinical trainee according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C, who reviews a standard or extended diagnostic assessment. The adult diagnostic assessment update must update the most recent assessment document in writing in the following areas:

- (1) review of the client's life situation, including an interview with the client about the client's current life situation, and a written update of those parts where significant new or changed information exists, and documentation where there has not been significant change;
- (2) review of the client's presenting problems, including an interview with the client about current presenting problems and a written update of those parts where there is significant new or changed information, and note parts where there has not been significant change;
- (3) screenings for substance use, abuse, or dependency and other screenings as determined by the commissioner;
- (4) the client's mental health status examination;
- (5) assessment of client's needs based on the client's baseline measurements, symptoms, behavior, skills, abilities, resources, vulnerabilities, and safety needs;
- (6) the client's clinical summary, recommendations, and prioritization of needed mental health, ancillary, or other services, client and family participation in assessment and service preferences, and referrals to services required by statute or rule; and
- (7) the client's diagnosis on all axes of the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual and any differential diagnosis.

Subp. 2. **Neuropsychological assessment.** A neuropsychological assessment must include a face-to-face interview with the client, the interpretation of the test results, and preparation and completion of a report. A client is eligible for a neuropsychological assessment if at least one of the following criteria is met:

A. There is a known or strongly suspected brain disorder based on medical history or neurological evaluation such as a history of significant head trauma, brain tumor, stroke, seizure disorder, multiple sclerosis, neurodegenerative disorders, significant exposure to neurotoxins, central nervous system infections, metabolic or toxic encephalopathy, fetal alcohol syndrome, or congenital malformations of the brain; or

B. In the absence of a medically verified brain disorder based on medical history or neurological evaluation, there are cognitive or behavioral symptoms that suggest that the client has an organic condition that cannot be readily attributed to functional psychopathology, or suspected neuropsychological impairment in addition to functional psychopathology. Examples include:

- (1) poor memory or impaired problem solving;
- (2) change in mental status evidenced by lethargy, confusion, or disorientation;
- (3) deterioration in level of functioning;
- (4) marked behavioral or personality change;
- (5) in children or adolescents, significant delays in academic skill acquisition or poor attention relative to peers;
- (6) in children or adolescents, significant plateau in expected development of cognitive, social, emotional, or physical function, relative to peers; and
- (7) in children or adolescents, significant inability to develop expected knowledge, skills, or abilities as required to adapt to new or changing cognitive, social, emotional, or physical demands.

C. If neither criterion in item A nor B is fulfilled, neuropsychological evaluation is not indicated.

D. The neuropsychological assessment must be conducted by a neuropsychologist with competence in the area of neuropsychological assessment as stated to the Minnesota Board of Psychology who:

(1) was awarded a diploma by the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology, the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology, or the American Board of Pediatric Neuropsychology;

(2) earned a doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited university training program:

(a) completed an internship, or its equivalent, in a clinically relevant area of professional psychology;

(b) completed the equivalent of two full-time years of experience and specialized training, at least one which is at the postdoctoral level, in the study and practices of clinical neuropsychology and related neurosciences supervised by a clinical neuropsychologist; and

(c) holds a current license to practice psychology independently in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.88 to 148.98;

(3) is licensed or credentialed by another state's board of psychology examiners in the specialty of neuropsychology using requirements equivalent to requirements specified by one of the boards named in subitem (1); or

(4) was approved by the commissioner as an eligible provider of neuropsychological assessment prior to December 31, 2010.

**Subp. 3. Neuropsychological testing.**

A. Medical assistance covers neuropsychological testing when the client has either:

(1) a significant mental status change that is not a result of a metabolic disorder that has failed to respond to treatment;

(2) in children or adolescents, a significant plateau in expected development of cognitive, social, emotional, or physical function, relative to peers;

(3) in children or adolescents, significant inability to develop expected knowledge, skills, or abilities, as required to adapt to new or changing cognitive, social, physical, or emotional demands; or

(4) a significant behavioral change, memory loss, or suspected neuropsychological impairment in addition to functional psychopathology, or other organic brain injury or one of the following:

(a) traumatic brain injury;

(b) stroke;

(c) brain tumor;

(d) substance abuse or dependence;

(e) cerebral anoxic or hypoxic episode;

(f) central nervous system infection or other infectious disease;

(g) neoplasms or vascular injury of the central nervous system;

(h) neurodegenerative disorders;

(i) demyelinating disease;

(j) extrapyramidal disease;

(k) exposure to systemic or intrathecal agents or cranial radiation known to be associated with cerebral dysfunction;

(l) systemic medical conditions known to be associated with cerebral dysfunction, including renal disease, hepatic encephalopathy, cardiac anomaly, sickle cell disease, and related hematologic anomalies, and autoimmune disorders such as lupus, erythematosis, or celiac disease;

(m) congenital genetic or metabolic disorders known to be associated with cerebral dysfunction, such as phenylketonuria, craniofacial syndromes, or congenital hydrocephalus;

(n) severe or prolonged nutrition or malabsorption syndromes; or

(o) a condition presenting in a manner making it difficult for a clinician to distinguish between:

i. the neurocognitive effects of a neurogenic syndrome such as dementia or encephalopathy; and

ii. a major depressive disorder when adequate treatment for major depressive disorder has not resulted in improvement in neurocognitive function, or another disorder such as autism, selective mutism, anxiety disorder, or reactive attachment disorder.

B. Neuropsychological testing must be administered or clinically supervised by a neuropsychologist qualified as defined in subpart 2, item D.

C. Neuropsychological testing is not covered when performed:

- (1) primarily for educational purposes;
- (2) primarily for vocational counseling or training;
- (3) for personnel or employment testing;
- (4) as a routine battery of psychological tests given at inpatient admission or continued stay; or
- (5) for legal or forensic purposes.

Subp. 4. **Psychological testing.** Psychological testing must meet the following requirements:

A. The psychological testing must:

- (1) be administered or clinically supervised by a licensed psychologist with competence in the area of psychological testing as stated to the Minnesota Board of Psychology; and
- (2) be validated in a face-to-face interview between the client and a licensed psychologist or a mental health practitioner working as a clinical psychology trainee as required by part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C, under the clinical supervision of a licensed psychologist according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item A, subitem (2).

B. The administration, scoring, and interpretation of the psychological tests must be done under the clinical supervision of a licensed psychologist when performed by a technician, psychometrist, or psychological assistant or as part of a computer-assisted psychological testing program.

C. The report resulting from the psychological testing must be:

- (1) signed by the psychologist conducting the face-to-face interview;
- (2) placed in the client's record; and
- (3) released to each person authorized by the client.

Subp. 5. **Explanations of findings.** To be eligible for medical assistance payment, the mental health professional providing the explanation of findings must obtain the authorization of the client or the client's representative to release the information as required in part 9505.0371, subpart 6. Explanation of findings is provided to the client, client's family, and caregivers, or to other providers to help them understand the results of the testing or diagnostic assessment, better understand the client's illness, and provide professional insight needed to carry out a plan of treatment. An explanation of findings is not paid separately when the results of psychological testing or a diagnostic assessment are explained to the client or the client's representative as part of the psychological testing or a diagnostic assessment.

Subp. 6. **Psychotherapy.** Medical assistance covers psychotherapy as conducted by a mental health professional or a mental health practitioner as defined in part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C, as provided in this subpart.

A. Individual psychotherapy is psychotherapy designed for one client.

B. Family psychotherapy is designed for the client and one or more family members or the client's primary caregiver whose participation is necessary to accomplish the client's treatment goals. Family members or primary caregivers participating in a therapy session do not need to be eligible for medical assistance. For purposes of this subpart, the phrase "whose participation is necessary to accomplish the client's treatment goals" does not include shift or facility staff members at the client's residence. Medical assistance payment for family psychotherapy is limited to face-to-face sessions at which the client is present throughout the family psychotherapy session unless the mental health professional believes

the client's absence from the family psychotherapy session is necessary to carry out the client's individual treatment plan. If the client is excluded, the mental health professional must document the reason for and the length of time of the exclusion. The mental health professional must also document the reason or reasons why a member of the client's family is excluded.

C. Group psychotherapy is appropriate for individuals who because of the nature of their emotional, behavioral, or social dysfunctions can derive mutual benefit from treatment in a group setting. For a group of three to eight persons, one mental health professional or practitioner is required to conduct the group. For a group of nine to 12 persons, a team of at least two mental health professionals or two mental health practitioners or one mental health professional and one mental health practitioner is required to co-conduct the group. Medical assistance payment is limited to a group of no more than 12 persons.

D. A multiple-family group psychotherapy session is eligible for medical assistance payment if the psychotherapy session is designed for at least two but not more than five families. Multiple-family group psychotherapy is clearly directed toward meeting the identified treatment needs of each client as indicated in client's treatment plan. If the client is excluded, the mental health professional or practitioner must document the reason for and the length of the time of the exclusion. The mental health professional or practitioner must document the reasons why a member of the client's family is excluded.

Subp. 7. **Medication management.** The determination or evaluation of the effectiveness of a client's prescribed drug must be carried out by a physician or by an advanced practice registered nurse, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.171 to 148.285, who is qualified in psychiatric nursing.

Subp. 8. **Adult day treatment.** Adult day treatment payment limitations include the following conditions.

A. Adult day treatment must consist of at least one hour of group psychotherapy, and must include group time focused on rehabilitative interventions, or other therapeutic services that are provided by a multidisciplinary staff. Adult day treatment is an intensive psychotherapeutic treatment. The services must stabilize the client's mental health status, and develop and improve the client's independent living and socialization skills. The goal of adult day treatment is to reduce or relieve the effects of mental illness so that an individual is able to benefit from a lower level of care and to enable the client to live and function more independently in the community. Day treatment services are not a part of inpatient or residential treatment services.

B. To be eligible for medical assistance payment, a day treatment program must:

- (1) be reviewed by and approved by the commissioner;
- (2) be provided to a group of clients by a multidisciplinary staff under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional;
- (3) be available to the client at least two days a week for at least three consecutive hours per day. The day treatment may be longer than three hours per day, but medical assistance must not reimburse a provider for more than 15 hours per week;
- (4) include group psychotherapy done by a mental health professional, or mental health practitioner qualified according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C, and rehabilitative interventions done by a mental health professional or mental health practitioner daily;
- (5) be included in the client's individual treatment plan as necessary and appropriate. The individual treatment plan must include attainable, measurable goals as they relate to services and must be completed before the first day treatment session. The vendor must review the recipient's progress and update the treatment plan at least every 30 days until the client is discharged and include an available discharge plan for the client in the treatment plan; and

(6) document the interventions provided and the client's response daily.

C. To be eligible for adult day treatment, a recipient must:

(1) be 18 years of age or older;

(2) not be residing in a nursing facility, hospital, institute of mental disease, or regional treatment center, unless the recipient has an active discharge plan that indicates a move to an independent living arrangement within 180 days;

(3) have a diagnosis of mental illness as determined by a diagnostic assessment;

(4) have the capacity to engage in the rehabilitative nature, the structured setting, and the therapeutic parts of psychotherapy and skills activities of a day treatment program and demonstrate measurable improvements in the recipient's functioning related to the recipient's mental illness that would result from participating in the day treatment program;

(5) have at least three areas of functional impairment as determined by a functional assessment with the domains prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, section 245.462, subdivision 11a;

(6) have a level of care determination that supports the need for the level of intensity and duration of a day treatment program; and

(7) be determined to need day treatment by a mental health professional who must deem the day treatment services medically necessary.

D. The following services are not covered by medical assistance if they are provided by a day treatment program:

(1) a service that is primarily recreation-oriented or that is provided in a setting that is not medically supervised. This includes: sports activities, exercise groups, craft hours, leisure time, social hours, meal or snack time, trips to community activities, and tours;

(2) a social or educational service that does not have or cannot reasonably be expected to have a therapeutic outcome related to the client's mental illness;

(3) consultation with other providers or service agency staff about the care or progress of a client;

(4) prevention or education programs provided to the community;

(5) day treatment for recipients with primary diagnoses of alcohol or other drug abuse;

(6) day treatment provided in the client's home;

(7) psychotherapy for more than two hours daily; and

(8) participation in meal preparation and eating that is not part of a clinical treatment plan to address the client's eating disorder.

Subp. 9. **Partial hospitalization.** Partial hospitalization is a covered service when it is an appropriate alternative to inpatient hospitalization for a client who is experiencing an acute episode of mental illness that meets the criteria for an inpatient hospital admission as specified in part 9505.0520, subpart 1, and who has the family and community resources necessary and appropriate to support the client's residence in the community. Partial hospitalization consists of multiple intensive short-term therapeutic services provided by a multidisciplinary staff to treat the client's mental illness.

Subp. 10. **Dialectical behavior therapy (DBT).** Dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) treatment services must meet the following criteria:

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A. DBT must be provided according to this subpart and Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 5l.

B. DBT is an outpatient service that is determined to be medically necessary by either: (1) a mental health professional qualified according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, or (2) a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C, who is under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item D, with specialized skill in dialectical behavior therapy. The treatment recommendation must be based upon a comprehensive evaluation that includes a diagnostic assessment and functional assessment of the client, and review of the client's prior treatment history. Treatment services must be provided pursuant to the client's individual treatment plan and provided to a client who satisfies the criteria in item C.

C. To be eligible for DBT, a client must:

- (1) be 18 years of age or older;
- (2) have mental health needs that cannot be met with other available community-based services or that must be provided concurrently with other community-based services;
- (3) meet one of the following criteria:
  - (a) have a diagnosis of borderline personality disorder; or
  - (b) have multiple mental health diagnoses and exhibit behaviors characterized by impulsivity, intentional self-harm behavior, and be at significant risk of death, morbidity, disability, or severe dysfunction across multiple life areas;
- (4) understand and be cognitively capable of participating in DBT as an intensive therapy program and be able and willing to follow program policies and rules assuring safety of self and others; and
- (5) be at significant risk of one or more of the following if DBT is not provided:
  - (a) mental health crisis;
  - (b) requiring a more restrictive setting such as hospitalization;
  - (c) decompensation; or
  - (d) engaging in intentional self-harm behavior.

D. The treatment components of DBT are individual therapy and group skills as follows:

- (1) Individual DBT combines individualized rehabilitative and psychotherapeutic interventions to treat suicidal and other dysfunctional behaviors and reinforce the use of adaptive skillful behaviors. The therapist must:
  - (a) identify, prioritize, and sequence behavioral targets;
  - (b) treat behavioral targets;
  - (c) generalize DBT skills to the client's natural environment through telephone coaching outside of the treatment session;
  - (d) measure the client's progress toward DBT targets;
  - (e) help the client manage crisis and life-threatening behaviors; and
  - (f) help the client learn and apply effective behaviors when working with other treatment providers.

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(2) Individual DBT therapy is provided by a mental health professional or a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee, according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C, under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item D.

(3) Group DBT skills training combines individualized psychotherapeutic and psychiatric rehabilitative interventions conducted in a group format to reduce the client's suicidal and other dysfunctional coping behaviors and restore function by teaching the client adaptive skills in the following areas:

- (a) mindfulness;
- (b) interpersonal effectiveness;
- (c) emotional regulation; and
- (d) distress tolerance.

(4) Group DBT skills training is provided by two mental health professionals, or by a mental health professional cofacilitating with a mental health practitioner.

(5) The need for individual DBT skills training must be determined by a mental health professional or a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee, according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item C, under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional according to part 9505.0371, subpart 5, item D.

E. A program must be certified by the commissioner as a DBT provider. To qualify for certification, a provider must:

(1) hold current accreditation as a DBT program from a nationally recognized certification body approved by the commissioner or submit to the commissioner's inspection and provide evidence that the DBT program's policies, procedures, and practices will continuously meet the requirements of this subpart;

(2) be enrolled as a MHCP provider;

(3) collect and report client outcomes as specified by the commissioner; and

(4) have a manual that outlines the DBT program's policies, procedures, and practices which meet the requirements of this subpart.

F. The DBT treatment team must consist of persons who are trained in DBT treatment. The DBT treatment team may include persons from more than one agency. Professional and clinical affiliations with the DBT team must be delineated:

(1) A DBT team leader must:

(a) be a mental health professional employed by, affiliated with, or contracted by a DBT program certified by the commissioner;

(b) have appropriate competencies and working knowledge of the DBT principles and practices; and

(c) have knowledge of and ability to apply the principles and DBT practices that are consistent with evidence-based practices.

(2) DBT team members who provide individual DBT or group skills training must:

(a) be a mental health professional or be a mental health practitioner, who is employed by, affiliated with, or contracted with a DBT program certified by the commissioner;

(b) have or obtain appropriate competencies and working knowledge of DBT principles and practices within the first six months of becoming a part of the DBT program;



(c) have or obtain knowledge of and ability to apply the principles and practices of DBT consistently with evidence-based practices within the first six months of working at the DBT program;

(d) participate in DBT consultation team meetings; and

(e) require mental health practitioners to have ongoing clinical supervision by a mental health professional who has appropriate competencies and working knowledge of DBT principles and practices.

Subp. 11. **Noncovered services.** The mental health services in items A to J are not eligible for medical assistance payment under this part:

A. a mental health service that is not medically necessary;

B. a neuropsychological assessment carried out by a person other than a neuropsychologist who is qualified according to part 9505.0372, subpart 2, item D;

C. a service ordered by a court that is solely for legal purposes and not related to the recipient's diagnosis or treatment for mental illness;

D. services dealing with external, social, or environmental factors that do not directly address the recipient's physical or mental health;

E. a service that is only for a vocational purpose or an educational purpose that is not mental health related;

F. staff training that is not related to a client's individual treatment plan or plan of care;

G. child and adult protection services;

H. fund-raising activities;

I. community planning; and

J. client transportation.

#### **9520.0010 STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE.**

Parts 9520.0010 to 9520.0230 provide methods and procedures relating to the establishment and operation of area-wide, comprehensive, community-based mental health, developmental disability, and chemical dependency programs under state grant-in-aid as provided under Minnesota Statutes, sections 245.61 to 245.69. Minnesota Statutes, sections 245.61 to 245.69 are entitled The Community Mental Health Services Act. For purposes of these parts, "community mental health services" includes services to persons who have mental or emotional disorders or other psychiatric disabilities, developmental disabilities, and chemical dependency, including drug abuse and alcoholism.

#### **9520.0020 BOARD DUTIES.**

The community mental health board has the responsibility for ensuring the planning, development, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the community comprehensive mental health program for the mentally ill/behaviorally disabled, developmentally disabled, and chemically dependent populations in the geographic area it serves. It also has the responsibility for ensuring delivery of services designated by statute.

#### **9520.0030 DEFINITIONS.**

Parts 9520.0040 and 9520.0050 also set forth definitions of community mental health centers and community mental health clinics.

#### **9520.0040 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.**

A community mental health center means an agency which includes all of the following:

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A. Established under the provision of Minnesota Statutes, sections 245.61 to 245.69.

B. Provides as a minimum the following services for individuals with mental or emotional disorders, developmental disabilities, alcoholism, drug abuse, and other psychiatric conditions. The extent of each service to be provided by the center shall be indicated in the program plan, which is to reflect the problems, needs, and resources of the community served:

(1) collaborative and cooperative services with public health and other groups for programs of prevention of mental illness, developmental disability, alcoholism, drug abuse, and other psychiatric disorders;

(2) informational and educational services to schools, courts, health and welfare agencies, both public and private;

(3) informational and educational services to the general public, lay, and professional groups;

(4) consultative services to schools, courts, and health and welfare agencies, both public and private;

(5) outpatient diagnostic and treatment services; and

(6) rehabilitative services, particularly for those who have received prior treatment in an inpatient facility.

C. Provides or contracts for detoxification, evaluation, and referral for chemical dependency services (Minnesota Statutes, section 254A.08).

D. Provides specific coordination for mentally ill/behaviorally disabled, developmental disability, and chemical dependency programs. (Minnesota Statutes, sections 254A.07 and 245.61).

E. Has a competent multidisciplinary mental health/developmental disability/chemical dependency professional team whose members meet the professional standards in their respective fields.

F. The professional mental health team is qualified by specific mental health training and experience and shall include as a minimum the services of each of the following:

(1) a licensed physician, who has completed an approved residency program in psychiatry; and

(2) a doctoral clinical, counseling, or health care psychologist, who is licensed under Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.88 to 148.98; and one or both of the following:

(3) a clinical social worker with a master's degree in social work from an accredited college or university; and/or

(4) a clinical psychiatric nurse with a master's degree from an accredited college or university and is registered under Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171. The master's degree shall be in psychiatric nursing or a related psychiatric nursing program such as public health nursing with mental health major, maternal and child health with mental health major, etc.

G. The multidisciplinary staff shall be sufficient in number to implement and operate the described program of the center. In addition to the above, this team should include other professionals, paraprofessionals, and disciplines, particularly in the preventive and rehabilitative components of the program, subject to review and approval of job descriptions and qualifications by the commissioner. If any of the minimum required professional staff are not immediately available, the commissioner may approve and make grants for the operation of the center, provided that the board and director can show evidence acceptable to the commissioner that they are making sincere, reasonable, and ongoing efforts

to acquire such staff and show evidence of how the specialized functions of the required professionals are being met. The services being rendered by employed personnel shall be consistent with their professional discipline.

**9520.0050 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC.**

Subpart 1. **Definitions.** A community mental health clinic is an agency which devotes, as its major service, at least two-thirds of its resources for outpatient mental health diagnosis, treatment, and consultation by a multidisciplinary professional mental health team. The multidisciplinary professional mental health team is qualified by special mental health training and experience and shall include as a minimum the services of each of the following:

A. a licensed physician, who has completed an approved residency program in psychiatry; and

B. a doctoral clinical, or counseling or health care psychologist who is licensed under Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.88 to 148.98; and one or both of the following:

C. a clinical social worker with a master's degree in social work from an accredited college or university; and/or

D. a clinical psychiatric nurse with a master's degree from an accredited college or university and is registered under Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171. The master's degree shall be in psychiatric nursing or a related psychiatric nursing program such as public health with a mental health major, maternal and child health with a mental health major.

Subp. 2. **Other members of multidisciplinary team.** The multidisciplinary team shall be sufficient in number to implement and operate the described program of the clinic. In addition to the above, this team should include other professionals, paraprofessionals and disciplines, particularly in the preventive and rehabilitative components of the program, subject to review and approval of job descriptions and qualifications by the commissioner.

Subp. 3. **Efforts to acquire staff.** If any of the minimum required professional staff are not immediately available, the commissioner may approve and make grants for the operation of the clinic, provided that the board and director can show evidence acceptable to the commissioner that they are making sincere, reasonable, and ongoing efforts to acquire such staff and evidence of how the specialized functions of the required professional positions are being met. The services being rendered by employed personnel shall be consistent with their professional discipline.

**9520.0060 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET.**

On or before the date designated by the commissioner, each year the chair of the community mental health board or director of the community mental health program, provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.62, shall submit an annual plan identifying program priorities in accordance with state grant-in-aid guidelines, and a budget on prescribed report forms for the next state fiscal year, together with the recommendations of the community mental health board, to the commissioner of human services for approval as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 245.63.

**9520.0070 FISCAL AFFILIATES.**

Other providers of community mental health services may affiliate with the community mental health center and may be approved and eligible for state grant-in-aid funds. The state funding for other community mental health services shall be contingent upon appropriate inclusion in the center's community mental health plan for the continuum of community mental health services and conformity with the state's appropriate disability plan for mental health, developmental disability, or chemical dependency. Fiscal affiliates (funded contracting agencies) providing specialized services under contract must meet all rules and standards that apply to the services they are providing.

**9520.0080 OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS.**

The program director of the community mental health program shall provide the commissioner of human services with such reports of program activities as the commissioner may require.

**9520.0090 FUNDING.**

All state community mental health funding shall go directly to the community mental health board or to a human service board established pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1975, chapter 402, which itself provides or contracts with another agency to provide the community mental health program. Such programs must meet the standards and rules for community mental health programs as enunciated in parts 9520.0010 to 9520.0230 in accordance with Laws of Minnesota 1975, chapter 402.

**9520.0100 OPERATION OF OTHER PROGRAMS.**

When the governing authority of the community mental health program operates other programs, services, or activities, only the community mental health center program shall be subject to these parts.

**9520.0110 APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS BY LOCAL COUNTIES.**

New applications for state assistance or applications for renewal of support must be accompanied by an agreement executed by designated signatories on behalf of the participating counties that specifies the involved counties, the amount and source of local funds in each case, and the period of support. The local funds to be used to match state grant-in-aid must be assured in writing on Department of Human Services forms by the local funding authority(ies).

**9520.0120 USE OF MATCHING FUNDS.**

Funds utilized by the director as authorized by the community mental health board to match a state grant-in-aid must be available to that director for expenditures for the same general purpose as the state grant-in-aid funds.

**9520.0130 QUARTERLY REPORTS.**

The director of the community mental health program shall, within 20 days after the end of the quarter, submit quarterly prescribed reports to the commissioner of human services (controller's office), containing all receipts, expenditures, and cash balance, subject to an annual audit by the commissioner or his/her designee.

**9520.0140 PAYMENTS.**

Payments on approved grants will be made subsequent to the department's receipt of the program's quarterly reporting forms, unless the commissioner of human services has determined that funds allocated to a program are not needed for that program. Payments shall be in an amount of at least equal to the quarterly allocation minus any unexpended balance from the previous quarter providing this payment does not exceed the program grant award. In the event the program does not report within the prescribed time, the department will withhold the process of the program's payment until the next quarterly cycle.

**9520.0150 FEES.**

No fees shall be charged until the director with approval of the community mental health board has established fee schedules for the services rendered and they have been submitted to the commissioner of human services at least two months prior to the effective date thereof and have been approved by him/her. All fees shall conform to the approved schedules, which are accessible to the public.

**9520.0160 SUPPLEMENTAL AWARDS.**

The commissioner of human services may make supplemental awards to the community mental health boards.

**9520.0170 WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS.**

The commissioner of human services may withdraw funds from any program that is not administered in accordance with its approved plan and budget. Written notice of such intended action will be provided to the director and community mental health board. Opportunity for hearing before the commissioner or his/her designee shall be provided.

**9520.0180 BUDGET TRANSFERS.**

Community mental health boards may make budget transfers within specified limits during any fiscal year without prior approval of the department. The specified limit which can be transferred in any fiscal year between program activity budgets shall be up to ten percent or up to \$5,000 whichever is less. Transfers within an activity can be made into or out of line items with a specified limit of up to ten percent or up to \$5,000 whichever is less. No line item can be increased or decreased by more than \$5,000 or ten percent in a fiscal year without prior approval of the commissioner. Transfers above the specified limits can be made with prior approval from the commissioner. All transfers within and into program budget activities and/or line items must have prior approval by the community mental health board and this approval must be reflected in the minutes of its meeting, it must be reported to the commissioner with the reasons therefor, including a statement of how the transfer will affect program objectives.

**9520.0190 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.**

Budget adjustments made necessary by funding limitations shall be made by the commissioner and provided in writing to the director and board of the community mental health center.

**9520.0200 CENTER DIRECTOR.**

Every community mental health board receiving state funds for a community mental health program shall have a center director, who is the full-time qualified professional staff member who serves as the executive officer. To be considered qualified, the individual must have professional training to at least the level of graduate degree in his/her clinical and/or administrative discipline, which is relevant to MH-DD-CD and a minimum of two years experience in community mental health programs. The center director is responsible for the planning/design, development, coordination, and evaluation of a comprehensive, area-wide program and for the overall administration of services operated by the board.

The center director shall be appointed by the community mental health board and shall be approved by the commissioner of human services.

**9520.0210 DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL STATUS.**

The commissioner shall approve or deny, in whole or in part, an application for state financial assistance within 90 days of receipt of the grant-in-aid application or by the beginning of the state fiscal year, whichever is the later.

**9520.0230 ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Subpart 1. **Purpose.** To assist the community mental health board in meeting its responsibilities as described in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.68 and to provide opportunity for broad community representation necessary for effective comprehensive mental health, developmental disability, and chemical dependency program planning, each community

mental health board shall appoint a separate advisory committee in at least the three disability areas of mental health, developmental disability, and chemical dependency.

Subp. 2. **Membership.** The advisory committees shall consist of residents of the geographic area served who are interested and knowledgeable in the area governed by such committee.

Subp. 3. **Nominations for membership.** Nominations for appointments as members of the advisory committees are to be made to the community mental health board from agencies, organizations, groups, and individuals within the area served by the community mental health center. Appointments to the advisory committees are made by the community mental health board.

Subp. 4. **Board member on committee.** One community mental health board member shall serve on each advisory committee.

Subp. 5. **Nonprovider members.** Each advisory committee shall have at least one-half of its membership composed of individuals who are not providers of services to the three disability groups.

Subp. 6. **Representative membership.** Membership of each advisory committee shall generally reflect the population distribution of the service delivery area of the community mental health center.

Subp. 7. **Chairperson appointed.** The community mental health board shall appoint a chairperson for each advisory committee. The chairperson shall not be a community mental health board member nor a staff member. The power to appoint the chairperson may be delegated by the community mental health board to the individual advisory committee.

Subp. 8. **Committee responsibility to board.** Each advisory committee shall be directly responsible to the community mental health board. Direct communication shall be effected and maintained through contact between the chairperson of the particular advisory committee, or his/her designee, and the chairperson of the community mental health board, or his/her designee.

Subp. 9. **Staff.** Staff shall be assigned by the director to serve the staffing needs of each advisory committee.

Subp. 10. **Study groups and task forces.** Each advisory committee may appoint study groups and task forces upon consultation with the community mental health board. It is strongly recommended that specific attention be given to the aging and children and youth populations.

Subp. 11. **Quarterly meetings required.** Each advisory committee shall meet at least quarterly.

Subp. 12. **Annual report required.** Each advisory committee must make a formal written and oral report on its work to the community mental health board at least annually.

Subp. 13. **Minutes.** Each advisory committee shall submit copies of minutes of their meetings to the community mental health board and to the Department of Human Services (respective disability group program divisions).

Subp. 14. **Duties of advisory committee.** The advisory committees shall be charged by the community mental health board with assisting in the identification of the community's needs for mentally ill/behaviorally disabled, developmental disability, and chemical dependency programs. The advisory committee also assists the community mental health board in determining priorities for the community programs. Based on the priorities, each advisory committee shall recommend to the community mental health board ways in which the limited available community resources (work force, facilities, and finances) can be put to maximum and optimal use.

Subp. 15. **Recommendations.** The advisory committee recommendations made to the community mental health board shall be included as a separate section in the grant-in-aid request submitted to the Department of Human Services by the community mental health board.

Subp. 16. **Assessment of programs.** The advisory committees shall assist the community mental health board in assessing the programs carried on by the community mental health board, and make recommendations regarding the reordering of priorities and modifying of programs where necessary.

**9549.0057 DETERMINATION OF INTERIM AND SETTLE UP OPERATING COST PAYMENT RATES.**

Subpart 1. **Conditions.** To receive an interim payment rate, a nursing facility must comply with the requirements and is subject to the conditions in part 9549.0060, subpart 14, items A to C. The commissioner shall determine interim and settle up operating cost payment rates for a newly constructed nursing facility, or one with an increase in licensed capacity of 50 percent or more according to subparts 2 and 3.

Subp. 2. **Interim operating cost payment rate.** For the rate year or portion of an interim period beginning on or after July 1, 1986, the interim total operating cost payment rate must be determined according to parts 9549.0050 to 9549.0059 (Temporary) in effect on March 1, 1987. For the rate year or portion of an interim period beginning on or after July 1, 1987, the interim total operating cost payment rate must be determined according to parts 9549.0051 to 9549.0059, except that:

A. The nursing facility must project its anticipated resident days for each resident class. The anticipated resident days for each resident class must be multiplied by the weight for that resident class as listed in part 9549.0058 to determine the anticipated standardized resident days for the reporting period.

B. The commissioner shall use anticipated standardized resident days in determining the allowable historical case mix operating cost standardized per diem.

C. The commissioner shall use the anticipated resident days in determining both the allowable historical other care related operating cost per diem and the allowable historical other operating cost per diem.

D. The annual adjustment factors determined in part 9549.0055, subpart 1, must not be applied to the nursing facility's allowable historical per diems as provided in part 9549.0056, subparts 2 and 4.

E. The limits established in part 9549.0055, subpart 2, items C and E, as indexed in part 9549.0055, subpart 3 and in effect at the beginning of the interim period, must be increased by ten percent.

F. The efficiency incentive in part 9549.0056, subpart 4, item A or B, must not apply.

G. The phase in provisions in part 9549.0056, subpart 7, must not apply.

Subp. 3. **Settle up operating cost payment rate.** The settle up total operating cost payment rate must be determined according to items A to C.

A. The settle up operating cost payment rate for interim periods before July 1, 1987, is subject to the rule parts that were in effect during the interim period.

B. To determine the settle up operating cost payment rate for interim periods or the portion of an interim period occurring after July 1, 1987, subitems (1) to (7) must be applied.

(1) The standardized resident days as determined in part 9549.0054, subpart 2, must be used for the interim period.

(2) The commissioner shall use the standardized resident days in subitem (1) in determining the allowable historical case mix operating cost standardized per diem.

(3) The commissioner shall use the actual resident days in determining both the allowable historical other care related operating cost per diem and the allowable historical other operating cost per diem.

(4) The annual adjustment factors determined in part 9549.0055, subpart 1, must not be applied to the nursing facility's allowable historical per diems as provided in part 9549.0056, subparts 2 and 4.

(5) The limits established in part 9549.0055, subpart 2, item E, must be the limits for the settle up reporting periods occurring after July 1, 1987. If the interim period includes more than one July 1 date, the commissioner shall use the limit established in part 9549.0055, subpart 2, items C and E, as indexed in part 9549.0055, subpart 3, increased by ten percent for the second July 1 date.

(6) The efficiency incentive in part 9549.0056, subpart 4, item A or B, must not apply.

(7) The phase in provisions in part 9549.0056, subpart 7 must not apply.

C. For the nine month period following the settle up reporting period, the total operating cost payment rate must be determined according to item B except that the efficiency incentive as computed in part 9549.0056, subpart 4, item A or B, applies.

D. The total operating cost payment rate for the rate year beginning July 1 following the nine month period in item C must be determined under parts 9549.0050 to 9549.0059.

E. A newly constructed nursing facility or one with an increase in licensed capacity of 50 percent or more must continue to receive the interim total operating cost payment rate until the settle up total operating cost payment rate is determined under this subpart.

#### **9549.0060 DETERMINATION OF THE PROPERTY-RELATED PAYMENT RATE.**

Subp. 4. **Determination of allowable appraised value.** A nursing facility's appraised value must be limited by items A to C.

A. For rate years beginning after June 30, 1985, the replacement cost new per bed limit for licensed beds in single bedrooms and multiple bedrooms is determined according to subitems (1) to (4):

(1) Effective January 1, 1984, the replacement cost new per bed limit for licensed beds in single bedrooms is \$41,251 and for licensed beds in multiple bedrooms is \$27,500. On January 1, 1985, the commissioner shall adjust the replacement cost new per bed limit by the percentage change in the composite cost of construction index published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the United States Department of Commerce in the Survey of Current Business Statistics for the two previous Octobers. The index is incorporated by reference and is available at the James J. Hill Reference Library, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

(2) The average historical cost per bed for depreciable equipment is computed by adding the historical cost of depreciable equipment for each nursing facility as determined in subpart 10, item A, and dividing the sum by the total number of licensed beds in those nursing facilities. The amount is then subtracted from the replacement cost new per bed limits determined in subitem (1).

(3) The differences computed in subitem (2) are the replacement cost new per bed limits for licensed beds in single bedrooms and multiple bedrooms effective for the rate year beginning on July 1, 1985.

(4) On January 1, 1986, and each succeeding January 1, the commissioner shall adjust the limit in subitem (3) by the percentage change in the composite cost of



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construction index published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the United States Department of Commerce in the Survey of Current Business Statistics for the two previous Octobers.

B. Each nursing facility's maximum allowable replacement cost new is determined annually according to subitems (1) to (3):

(1) The multiple bedroom replacement cost new per bed limit in item A must be multiplied by the number of licensed beds in multiple bedrooms.

(2) The single bedroom replacement cost new per bed limit in item A must be multiplied by the number of licensed beds in single bedrooms except as provided in subpart 11, item C, subitem (2).

(3) The nursing facility's maximum allowable replacement cost new is the sum of subitems (1) and (2).

C. The nursing facility's replacement cost new determined in subparts 1 to 3 must be reduced by the replacement cost new of portions of the nursing facility used for functions whose costs are disallowed under parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080.

D. The adjusted replacement cost new is the lesser of item B or C.

E. The adjusted depreciation is determined by subtracting from the depreciation in subparts 1 to 3 the amount of depreciation, if any, related to the portion of the nursing facility's replacement cost new disallowed in item C or D.

F. The nursing facility's allowable appraised value is determined by subtracting the amount determined in item E from the amount in item D. If no adjustment to the replacement cost new is required in items C and D, then the nursing facility's allowable appraised value is the appraised value determined in subparts 1 to 3.

Subp. 5. **Allowable debt.** For purposes of determining the property-related payment rate, the commissioner shall allow or disallow debt according to items A to D.

A. Debt shall be limited as follows:

(1) Debt incurred for the purchase of land directly used for resident care and the purchase or construction of nursing facility buildings, attached fixtures, or land improvements or the capitalized replacement or capitalized repair of existing buildings, attached fixtures, or land improvements shall be allowed. Debt incurred for any other purpose shall not be allowed.

(2) Working capital debt shall not be allowed.

(3) An increase in the amount of a debt as a result of refinancing of capital assets which occurs after May 22, 1983, shall not be allowed except to the extent that the increase in debt is the result of refinancing costs such as points, loan origination fees, or title searches.

(4) An increase in the amount of total outstanding debt incurred after May 22, 1983, as a result of a change in ownership or reorganization of provider entities, shall not be allowed and the previous owner's allowable debt as of May 22, 1983, shall be allowed under item B.

(5) Any portion of the total allowable debt exceeding the appraised value as determined in subpart 4 shall not be allowed.

(6) Any portion of a debt of which the proceeds exceed the historical cost of the capital asset acquired shall not be allowed.

B. The nursing facility shall apportion debts incurred before October 1, 1984, among land and buildings, attached fixtures, land improvements, depreciable equipment and working capital by direct identification. If direct identification of any part of the debt is not possible, that portion of the debt which cannot be directly identified shall be

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apportioned to each component, except working capital debt, based on the ratio of the historical cost of the component to the total historical cost of all components. The portion of debt assigned to land and buildings, attached fixtures, and land improvements is allowable debt.

A hospital attached nursing facility that has debts that are not directly identifiable to the hospital or the nursing facility shall allocate the portion of allowable debt computed according to subpart 5, and allowable interest expense computed according to subpart 7 assigned to land and buildings, attached fixtures, and land improvements using the Medicare stepdown method described in subpart 1.

C. For debts incurred after September 30, 1984, the nursing facility shall directly identify the proceeds of the debt associated with specific land and buildings, attached fixtures, and land improvements, and keep records that separate such debt proceeds from all other debt. Only the debt identified with specific land and buildings, attached fixtures, and land improvement shall be allowed.

D. For reporting years ending on or after September 30, 1984, the total amount of allowable debt shall be the sum of all allowable debts at the beginning of the reporting year plus all allowable debts at the end of the reporting year divided by two. Nursing facilities which have a debt with a zero balance at the beginning or end of the reporting year must use a monthly average for the reporting year.

E. Debt incurred as a result of loans between related organizations must not be allowed.

Subp. 6. **Limitations on interest rates.** The commissioner shall limit interest rates according to items A to C.

A. Except as provided in item B, the effective interest rate of each allowable debt, including points, financing charges, and amortization bond premiums or discounts, entered into after September 30, 1984, is limited to the lesser of:

- (1) the effective interest rate on the debt; or
- (2) 16 percent.

B. Variable or adjustable rates for allowable debt are allowed subject to item A. For each allowable debt with a variable or adjustable rate, the effective interest rate must be computed by dividing the interest expense for the reporting year by the average allowable debt computed under subpart 5, item D.

C. For rate years beginning on July 1, 1985, and July 1, 1986, the effective interest rate for debts incurred before October 1, 1984, is allowed if the interest rate is not in excess of what the borrower would have had to pay in an arms length transaction in the market in which the debt was incurred. For rate years beginning after June 30, 1987, the effective interest rate for debts incurred before October 1, 1984, is allowed subject to item A.

Subp. 7. **Allowable interest expense.** The commissioner shall allow or disallow interest expense including points, finance charges, and amortization bond premiums or discounts under items A to G.

A. Interest expense is allowed only on the debt which is allowed under subpart 5 and within the interest rate limits in subpart 6.

B. A nonprofit nursing facility shall use its restricted funds to purchase or replace capital assets to the extent of the cost of those capital assets before it borrows funds for the purchase or replacement of those capital assets. For purposes of this item and part 9549.0035, subpart 2, a restricted fund is a fund for which use is restricted to the purchase or replacement of capital assets by the donor or by the nonprofit nursing facility's board.

C. Construction period interest expense must be capitalized as a part of the cost of the building. The period of construction extends to the earlier of either the first day a

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resident is admitted to the nursing facility, or the date the nursing facility is certified to receive medical assistance recipients.

D. Interest expense for allowable debts entered into after May 22, 1983, is allowed for the portion of the debt which together with all outstanding allowable debt does not exceed 100 percent of the most recent allowable appraised value as determined in subparts 1 to 4.

E. Increases in interest expense after May 22, 1983, which are the result of changes in ownership or reorganization of provider entities, are not allowable.

F. Except as provided in item G, increases in total interest expense which are the result of refinancing of debt after May 22, 1983, are not allowed. The total interest expense must be computed as the sum of the annual interest expense over the remaining term of the debt refinanced.

G. Increases in total interest expense which result from refinancing a balloon payment on allowable debt after May 22, 1983, shall be allowed according to subitems (1) to (3).

(1) The interest rate on the refinanced debt shall be limited under subpart 6, item A.

(2) The refinanced debt shall not exceed the balloon payment.

(3) The term of the refinanced debt must not exceed the term of the original debt computed as though the balloon payment did not exist.

Subp. 10. **Equipment allowance.** For rate years beginning after June 30, 1985, the equipment allowance must be computed according to items A to E.

A. The historical cost of depreciable equipment for nursing facilities which do not have costs for operating leases for depreciable equipment in excess of \$10,000 during the reporting year ending September 30, 1984, is determined under subitem (1) or (2).

(1) The total historical cost of depreciable equipment reported on the nursing facility's audited financial statement for the reporting year ending September 30, 1984, must be multiplied by 70 percent. The product is the historical cost of depreciable equipment.

(2) The nursing facility may submit an analysis which classifies the historical cost of each item of depreciable equipment reported on September 30, 1984. The analysis must include an itemized description of each piece of depreciable equipment and its historical cost. The sum of the historical cost of each piece of equipment is the total historical cost of depreciable equipment for that nursing facility.

For purposes of this item, a hospital attached nursing facility shall use the allocation method in subpart 1 to stepdown the historical cost of depreciable equipment.

B. The historical cost per bed of depreciable equipment for each nursing facility must be computed by dividing the total historical cost of depreciable equipment determined in item A by the nursing facility's total number of licensed beds on September 30, 1984.

C. All nursing facilities must be grouped in one of the following:

(1) nursing facilities with total licensed beds of less than 61 beds;

(2) nursing facilities with total licensed beds of more than 60 beds and less than 101 beds; or

(3) nursing facilities with more than 100 total licensed beds.

D. Within each group determined in item C, the historical cost per bed for each nursing facility determined in item B must be ranked and the median historical cost per bed established.

E. The median historical cost per bed for each group in item C as determined in item D must be increased by ten percent. For rate years beginning after June 30, 1986, this

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amount shall be adjusted annually by the percentage change indicated by the urban consumer price index for Minneapolis-Saint Paul, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, new series index (1967=100) for the two previous Decembers. This index is incorporated by reference and available at the James J. Hill Reference Library, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

F. The equipment allowance for each group in item C shall be the amount computed in item E multiplied by 15 percent and divided by 350.

Subp. 11. **Capacity days.** The number of capacity days is determined under items A to C.

A. The number of capacity days is determined by multiplying the number of licensed beds in the nursing facility by the number of days in the nursing facility's reporting period.

B. Except as in item C, nursing facilities shall increase the number of capacity days by multiplying the number of licensed single bedrooms by 0.5 and by the number of days in the nursing facility's reporting period.

C. The commissioner shall waive the requirements of item B if a nursing facility agrees in writing to subitems (1) to (3).

(1) The nursing facility shall agree not to request a private room payment in part 9549.0070, subpart 3 for any of its medical assistance residents in licensed single bedrooms.

(2) The nursing facility shall agree not to use the single bedroom replacement cost new limit for any of its licensed single bedrooms in the computation of the allowable appraised value in subpart 4.

(3) The nursing facility shall agree not to charge any private paying resident in a single bedroom a payment rate that exceeds the amount calculated under units (a) to (c).

(a) The nursing facility's average total payment rate shall be determined by multiplying the total payment rate for each case mix resident class by the number of resident days for that class in the nursing facility's reporting year and dividing the sum of the resident class amounts by the total number of resident days in the nursing facility's reporting year.

(b) The nursing facility's maximum single bedroom adjustment must be determined by multiplying its average total payment rate calculated under unit (a) by ten percent.

(c) The nursing facility's single bedroom adjustment which must not exceed the amount computed in unit (b) must be added to each total payment rate established in Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.431, 256B.434, and 256B.441, to determine the nursing facility's single bedroom payment rates.

Subp. 14. **Determination of interim and settle-up payment rates.** The commissioner shall determine interim and settle-up payment rates according to items A to J.

A. A newly constructed nursing facility, or one with a capacity increase of 50 percent or more, may submit a written application to the commissioner to receive an interim payment rate. The nursing facility shall submit cost reports and other supporting information as required in parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080 for the reporting year in which the nursing facility plans to begin operation at least 60 days before the first day a resident is admitted to the newly constructed nursing facility bed. The nursing facility shall state the reasons for noncompliance with parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080. The effective date of the interim payment rate is the earlier of either the first day a resident is admitted to the newly constructed nursing facility or the date the nursing facility bed is certified for medical assistance. The interim payment rate for a newly constructed nursing facility, or a nursing facility with a capacity increase of 50 percent or more, is determined under items B to D.

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B. The interim payment rate must not be in effect more than 17 months. When the interim payment rate begins between May 1 and September 30, the nursing facility shall file settle-up cost reports for the period from the beginning of the interim payment rate through September 30 of the following year. When the interim payment rate begins between October 1 and April 30, the nursing facility shall file settle-up cost reports for the period from the beginning of the interim payment rate to the first September 30 following the beginning of the interim payment rate.

C. The interim payment rate for a nursing facility which commenced construction prior to July 1, 1985, is determined by 12 MCAR S 2.05014 [Temporary] except that capital assets must be classified under parts 9549.0010 to 9549.0080.

D. The interim property-related payment rate for a nursing facility which commences construction after June 30, 1985, is determined as follows:

(1) At least 60 days before the first day a resident is admitted to the newly constructed nursing facility bed and upon receipt of written application from the nursing facility, the commissioner shall establish the nursing facility's appraised value according to subparts 1 and 4.

(2) The nursing facility shall project the allowable debt and the allowable interest expense according to subparts 5 and 7.

(3) The interim building capital allowance must be determined under subpart 8 or 9.

(4) The equipment allowance during the interim period must be the equipment allowance computed in accordance with subpart 10 which is in effect on the effective date of the interim property-related payment rate.

(5) The interim property-related payment rate must be the sum of subitems (3) and (4).

(6) Anticipated resident days may be used instead of 96 percent capacity days.

E. The settle-up property-related payment rate and the property-related payment rate for the nine months following the settle up for a nursing facility which commenced construction before July 1, 1985, is determined under 12 MCAR S 2.05014 [Temporary]. The property-related payment rate for the rate year beginning July 1 following the nine month period is determined under part 9549.0060.

F. The settle-up property-related payment rate for a nursing facility which commenced construction after June 30, 1985, shall be established as follows:

(1) The appraised value determined in item D, subitem (1), must be updated in accordance with subpart 2, item B prorated for each rate year, or portion of a rate year, included in the interim payment rate period.

(2) The nursing facility's allowable debt, allowable interest rate, and allowable interest expense for the interim rate period shall be computed in accordance with subparts 5, 6, and 7.

(3) The settle-up building capital allowance shall be determined in accordance with subpart 8 or 9.

(4) The equipment allowance shall be updated in accordance with subpart 10 prorated for each rate year, or portion of a rate year, included in the interim payment rate period.

(5) The settle-up property-related payment rate must be the sum of subitems (3) and (4).

(6) Resident days may be used instead of 96 percent capacity days.

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G. The property-related payment rate for the nine months following the settle up for a nursing facility which commenced construction after June 30, 1985, shall be established in accordance with item F except that 96 percent capacity days must be used.

H. The property-related payment rate for the rate year beginning July 1 following the nine month period in item G must be determined under this part.

I. A newly constructed nursing facility or one with a capacity increase of 50 percent or more must continue to receive the interim property-related payment rate until the settle-up property-related payment rate is determined under this subpart.

J. The interim real estate taxes and special assessments payment rate shall be established using the projected real estate taxes and special assessments cost divided by anticipated resident days. The settle-up real estate taxes and special assessments payment rate shall be established using the real estate taxes and special assessments divided by resident days. The real estate and special assessments payment rate for the nine months following the settle up shall be equal to the settle-up real estate taxes and special assessments payment rate.