

**CHAPTER 139—S.F.No. 184**

*An act relating to health; authorizing registered nurses to dispense oral contraceptives in family planning clinics; providing for adjustment of medical assistance reimbursement rates for family planning clinics; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16C.03, subdivision 10, as amended; 148.235, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16C.03, subdivision 10, as amended by Laws 2007, chapter 83, section 1, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **Cooperative purchasing.** The commissioner is authorized to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement for the provision of goods, services, and utilities with one or more other states or governmental units, as described in section 471.59, subdivision 1, entities defined in section 16C.23, subdivision 1, a registered combined charitable organization and its affiliated agencies as defined by section 309.501, ~~or~~ a charitable organization defined in section 309.50, subdivision 4, that is also a recipient of a state grant or contract, or a nonprofit community health clinic defined in section 145.9268. The commissioner is authorized to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements for the purchase of goods, services, and utilities with health care facilities that are required to provide indigent care or any entity recognized by another state's statutes as authorized to use that state's commodity or service contracts.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.235, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Dispensing by protocol.** Subject to the requirements of this subdivision, a registered nurse in a family planning agency as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0280, subpart 3, may dispense oral contraceptives prescribed by a licensed practitioner as defined in section 151.01, subdivision 23, pursuant to a dispensing protocol established by the agency's medical director or under the direction of a physician. The dispensing protocol must address the requirements of sections 151.01, subdivision 30; and 151.212, subdivision 1. In addition, the registered nurse may not dispense oral contraceptives if the patient is under 12 years of age.

Sec. 3. **FAMILY PLANNING REIMBURSEMENT RATES.**

The commissioner of human services shall work with family planning clinics to determine a proposed adjusted medical assistance reimbursement rate or rates for family planning services to adequately cover the cost of covering those services. The commissioner shall report to the legislature the proposed adjusted rates by January 15, 2008.

Presented to the governor May 22, 2007

Signed by the governor May 25, 2007, 12:48 p.m.