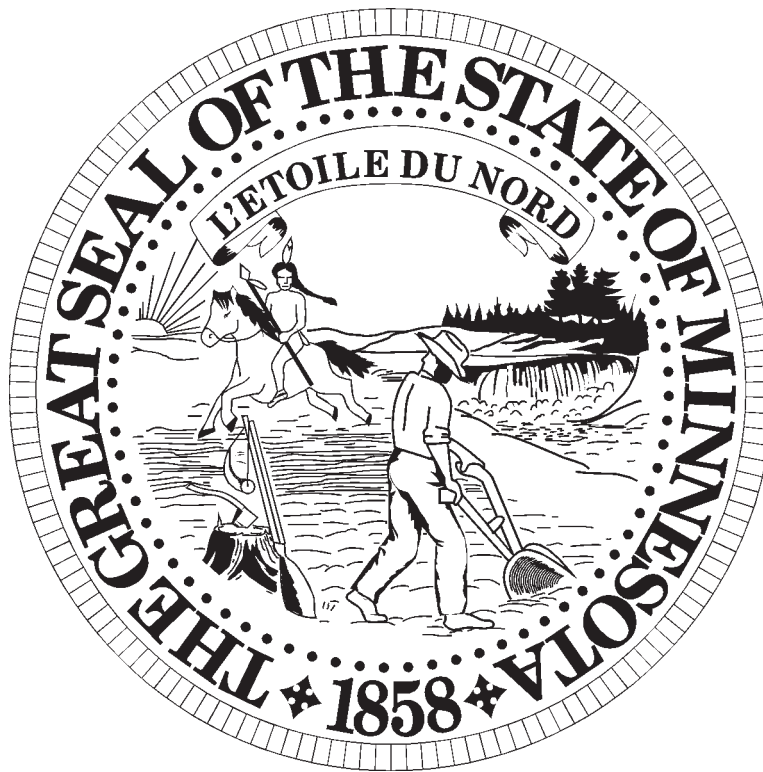


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The *State Register* is the official source, and only complete listing, for all state agency rulemaking in its various stages. State agencies are required to publish notice of their rulemaking action in the *State Register*. Published every Monday, the *State Register* makes it easy to follow and participate in the important rulemaking process. Approximately 80 state agencies have the authority to issue rules. Each agency is assigned specific **Minnesota Rule** chapter numbers. Every odd-numbered year the **Minnesota Rules** are published. The current 1999 set is a 13-volume bound collection of all adopted rules in effect at the time. Supplements are published to update this set of rules. Generally speaking, proposed and adopted exempt rules do not appear in this set because of their short-term nature, but are published in the *State Register*.

An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as **Proposed Rules**, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules and withdrawn proposed rules are also published in the *State Register*. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the *State Register* as **Adopted Rules**. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety in the *State Register*, only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the *State Register*, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted. For a more detailed description of the rulemaking process, see the most current edition of the *Minnesota Guidebook to State Agency Services*.

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The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Administration Department

Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

Notice of Meeting Schedule for Federal Fiscal Year 2006

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) meets on the first Wednesday of the even-numbered months at the Continuing Education and Conference Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus, 1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108. Meetings are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The meeting schedule for FFY 2006 is as follows:

October 5, 2005
December 7, 2005
February 1, 2006
April 5, 2006
June 7, 2006
August 2, 2006

Under provisions of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (P.L. 106-402), the GCDD's business - information, education, and training - is intended to increase the independence, productivity, self determination, integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities and their families in the community.

For further information, contact the GCDD at **phone:** (651) 296-4018; **toll free:** (877) 348-0505; **Minnesota Relay Service:** (800) 627-3529; **Email:** admin.dd@state.mn.us; or via Web site: <http://www.mnddc.org> OR <http://www.mncdd.org>. Individuals needing accommodations should contact the GCDD at least 10 days in advance of the meeting date.

Agricultural and Economic Development Board

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Project and the Issuance of Obligations under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 14A, Sections 469.152-165

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board (the "Board") or its designated representative, will meet on August, 10th, 2005, at 9 a.m., or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible at 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on a proposed issue of tax exempt obligations (the "Obligations") under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 41A and Sections 469.152 through 469.165, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), to undertake and finance a project on behalf of Allina Health System, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation and organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Borrower"). The Obligations are proposed to be issued pursuant to the authority granted under Section 41A.05, subdivision 2 and Section 469.153, subdivision 2(d) of the Act.

The project consists of the acquisition of items of capital medical equipment, including but not limited to radiology equipment, laboratory equipment, surgical equipment and ambulances to be located at: (1) 333 North Smith Avenue and 280 North Smith Avenue, St. Paul, (2) 2215 Park Avenue and 800 East 28th Street, Minneapolis, (3) 4050 Coon Rapids Boulevard, Coon Rapids, (4) 14655 Galaxy Avenue, Apple Valley, (5) 550 Osborne Road, Fridley, (6) 303 Catlin Street and 1303 First Street Northeast, Buffalo, (7) 701 South Dellwood and 815 - 40th Avenue Southwest, Cambridge, (8) 1324 Fifth Street North, New Ulm, (9) 903 South Oak Avenue, Owatonna, (10) 8675 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, (11) 3760 North Dunlap, Arden Hills, (12) 8019 - 124th Street Southeast, Savage, (13) 331 South Highway 65, Mora, (14) 1540 South Lake Street, Forest Lake, (15) 1400 Jefferson Road, Northfield, (16) 11269 Jefferson Parkway, Champlin, (17) 38986 - 14th Avenue, North Branch, (18) 2855 Campus Drive #400, Plymouth, (19) 407 West 66th Street, Richfield, (20) 4194 North Lexington Avenue, Shoreview, (21) 150 East Emerson Avenue, West St. Paul, (22) 611 South Sibley Avenue, Litchfield, (23) 8611 West Point Douglas Road South, Cottage Grove, (24) 100 State Avenue, Faribault, and (25) 14181 Business Center Drive Northwest, Elk River, all in Minnesota (the "Project") and paying costs associated with the issuance of the Obligations.

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The owner of the Project will be the Borrower or an affiliated entity of the Borrower, and the Project is expected to be owned, operated and managed by the Borrower or an affiliated entity. The Project will be used primarily for hospitals and medical clinics and related facilities. The estimated amount of the Obligations is an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000. The Obligations will be limited obligations of the Board. The Obligations and the interest thereon will be payable solely from the revenue pledged to the payment thereof and other security arrangements to be established by or on behalf of the Borrower. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no holders of any of the Obligations will ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing powers of the State of Minnesota or any political subdivision thereof to pay the Obligations or the interest thereon or to enforce payment against any property of said State or any political subdivision thereof.

A draft copy of the proposed Application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for approval of the Project, together with all attachments and exhibits thereto and a copy of the Application to the Board for approval of the Project, together with all attachments and exhibits thereto and a copy of the Board's resolution accepting the Application and accepting the Project is available for public inspection at the offices of the Board at 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, in St. Paul, Minnesota, during normal business hours.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above or may mail written comments to the Executive Director at the address set forth above prior to the date of the hearing set forth above.

This Notice of Public Hearing is being given pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.154, subdivision 4.

BY ORDER OF THE MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Paul A. Moe
Executive Director
Minnesota Agricultural and Economic
Development Board

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

Notice of Completed Application In the Matter of the License Application of the Walker Ambulance, Walker, Minnesota

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (hereinafter EMSRB) has received a completed application from the **Walker Ambulance, Walker, Minnesota**, for a new license, advanced ambulance – part time.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 3, each municipality, county, community health board, governing body of a regional emergency medical services system, ambulance service and other person wishing to make recommendations concerning the disposition of the application, shall make written recommendations or comments opposing the application to the EMSRB within 30 days or by August 26, 2005, 4:30 p.m.

Written recommendations or comments opposing the application should be sent to:

Mary Hedges
Executive Director
EMSRB
2829 University Avenue S.E.
Suite 310
Minneapolis, Mn 55414-3222.

If fewer than six comments opposing the application are received during the comment period, and the EMSRB approves the application, the applicant will be exempt from a contested case hearing, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 4. If six or more comments in opposition to the application are received during the comment period or the EMSRB denies the application, the applicant may immediately request a contested case hearing, or may try to resolve the objections of the public and/or the EMSRB within 30 days, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 5(a), (b). If the applicant is unable to resolve the objections within 30 days, or if the applicant initially requests a contested case hearing one will be scheduled and notice of the hearing given pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 5(c), (e).

Mary F. Hedges
Executive Director

Human Services Department

State Operated Services Division

Notice of State Fiscal Year 2006 Medical Assistance Final Disproportionate Population Adjustments and Payment Rates for State Regional Treatment Centers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to recipients, providers of services under the Medical Assistance (MA) Program, and to the public, of final State Fiscal Year 2006 disproportionate population adjustments (DPAs) and payment rates for Regional Treatment Centers under the MA Program. This notice is published pursuant to 42 *United States Code* §1396a(a)(13)(A) (§1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act), which requires the Department to publish proposed payment rates for institutional providers, the methodologies underlying the establishment of such rates, and the justification of such rates.

In conjunction with the State Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006) budget for Regional Treatment Centers, as appropriated by the legislature, payment rates are determined in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, §246.50, subdivision 5.

Effective for admissions occurring during State Fiscal Year 2006, the inpatient payment rate of each Regional Treatment Center will be adjusted by the indicated percentage:

| DPA ADJUSTMENT | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Facility</u> | <u>SFY 2006</u> |
| Anoka | 17.84% |
| Brainerd | 17.53% |
| Eveleth | 21.34% |
| Fergus Falls | 16.59% |
| St. Peter | 15.39% |
| Willmar | 17.32% |

Final rates for State Fiscal Year 2006 payment rates are as follows:

| Facility | Adult Mental Illness | Mental Retardation | Psychopathic Personality | Nursing Facility |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Anoka | \$497 | | | |
| Anoka Transition Services | \$160 | | | |
| Brainerd | \$915 | | | |
| Fergus Falls | \$1,181 | | | |
| Eveleth | \$446 | | | |
| MSH ¹ | \$533 | | | |
| __MSH Transition __Services | \$182 | | | |
| St. Peter | \$733 | | | |
| Willmar | \$953 | | | |
| Minnesota Extended Treatment Options | | \$798 | | |
| Minnesota Sex Offender Program ² | | | \$281 | |
| Ah-Gwah-Ching | | | | \$608 |

¹ Minnesota Security Hospital on the St. Peter facility campus

² Moose Lake facility and the 152-bed satellite program on the St. Peter facility campus

Questions and comments may be directed to Lynn Glancey, Minnesota Department of Human Services, State Operated Services Division, 444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155-3826, **phone** (651) 582-1875 or **email**: Lynn.Glancey@state.mn.us.

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Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Systems Division, Health Care Administration Medicaid Program

Request for Comments on the Minnesota Department of Human Services Draft Revision 2005 Quality Strategy

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is announcing a 30-day comment period on its draft of the State's Draft Revision 2005 Quality Strategy for health care services. Section 1932(c)(1) of the Social Security Act requires the State to develop and implement a quality assessment and performance improvement strategy that ensures the delivery of quality health care services provided by Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs).

The strategy is designed to monitor and evaluate the quality and appropriateness of health care services provided to enrollees of the PMAP (Prepaid Medical Assistance Program), MinnesotaCare, MSHO (Minnesota Senior Health Option) and MnDHO (Minnesota Disability Health Option) Minnesota Health Care Programs.

Any interested party may review a copy of the State's Draft Revision 2005 Quality Strategy for health care services or view it online at <http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare/studies>. Comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2005.

Please direct comments or questions about the State's Draft Revision 2005 Quality Strategy for health care services to:

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Human Services Department

Office of Economic Opportunity

Minnesota's Draft Community Services Block Grant and Community Food and Nutrition 2006-2007 Consolidated Plan Available for Public Inspection and Comment

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on August 2, 2005 in conjunction with the development and submittal of Minnesota's Community Services Block Grant and Community Food and Nutrition 2006-2007 Consolidated Plan by the Department of Human Services/Office of Economic Opportunity. The hearing will be held at 9 a.m. at the MCIT Building, 100 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103 (for directions, see <http://www.mcit.org/directions.htm>). The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed use and distribution of funds to be provided through the allotment to the State of Minnesota under 42 United States Code 9901, Title II, and Section 675B. These funds are used by local nonprofit agencies, Tribal Governments and the Department of Human Services to combat the causes and effects of poverty. A draft plan is available for public inspection and comment and can be accessed by contacting Emily Larson at (651) 284-0594. Comments should be submitted to the attention of:

Joelle Hoeft
DHS
444 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155-3875
joelle.hoeft@state.mn.us

Comments are due no later than August 5, 2005.

Human Services Department**Health Care Administration****Public Notice Regarding Payment Rate and Methodology Changes, And Services Under the Medical Assistance Program, the General Assistance Medical Care Program, the MinnesotaCare Program, and the Prescription Drug Program**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to recipients, providers of services, and to the public of certain statutory changes made to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program, the General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) Program, the MinnesotaCare Program, and the Prescription Drug Program (PDP) that the 2005 Minnesota Legislature enacted during the Regular and First Special Session.

This notice is published pursuant to 42 United States Code §1396a(a)(13)(A) (§1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act), which requires the Department to publish final institutional payment rates, the methodologies underlying the establishment of such rates, and the justification for such rates. It is also published pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, part 447, section 205 (42 CFR §447.205), which requires publication of a notice when there is any significant proposed change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for services. The changes to the MA Program are estimated to result in a net decrease in MA Program expenditures of \$48,000,000 for State Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006).

The actual text of most of these changes is contained in Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4 — (HF 139). This is available by calling the House of Representatives Public Information Office at (651) 296-2146 (voice) or (651) 296-9896 (TTY) or 1-800-657-3550 (Greater Minnesota) or the Senate Information Office at (651) 296-0504 (voice) or (651) 296-0250 (TTY); for Greater Minnesota call 1-888-234-1112 (voice) or 1-888-234-1216 (TTY). Also see:

http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=H0139.1&session_year=2005&session_number=1

It is important to note that not all changes made to these programs by the 2005 legislature are mentioned in this notice.

Information relating to implementation of these provisions will be sent to local human services agencies through bulletins and manual updates, to recipients and enrollees through written notice, and to health care providers through newsletters and updates to the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Manual (available at http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/business_partners/documents/pub/DHS_id_000094.hcsp).

Changes were made to the following program areas:

- I. MA, GAMC, MinnesotaCare and PDP Services and Payment Rates
- II. MA Home and Community-Based Waivers and Payment Rates
- III. MA Long-Term Care Services and Payment Rates

I. MA, GAMC, MinnesotaCare and PDP Services and Payment Rates

Effective from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007, and upon federal approval, GAMC hospital payments will be considered a MA disproportionate share payment to the extent of federal aggregate and hospital specific disproportionate share limits. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 13.

Effective August 1, 2005, for services provided on or that date, MA fee-for-service payments for inpatient hospital services will be decreased by six percent, excluding: 1) inpatient mental health; and 2) inpatient hospital services provided by facilities of the Indian Health Service or facilities operated by a tribe or tribal organization under funding authorized by Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638), as amended, or Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 106-260), operating as 638 facilities. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 12.

MA payments to managed care health plans are reduced by approximately 1.5 percent for services provided on or after January 1, 2006. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 12.

Total Minnesota Care payments to managed care health plans are reduced by approximately 1 percent for services provided on or after January 1, 2006. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 73.

Effective for services provided on or after August 1, 2005, MA inpatient hospital payments for 16 specific diagnosis related groups (DRGs) to hospitals outside of the seven-county metropolitan area are fully funded at the greater of the hospital's rate or 90% of the seven-county metropolitan average. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 14.

Effective August 1, 2005, an intergovernmental transfer made by two governmental entities and a disproportionate share payment made to two hospitals will be reduced to zero. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, sections 13 and 48.

Effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, and upon federal approval, quarterly payment adjustments will be made to hospitals based on their MA inpatient utilization. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 15.

One of the ways pharmacy providers are reimbursed is the actual acquisition cost of a drug, plus a standard dispensing fee of \$3.65. Effective August 1, 2005, the actual acquisition cost of prescribed drugs will be estimated at 88% of the average wholesale price (average

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wholesale price minus 12%) . Currently, the actual acquisition costs of prescribed drugs is estimated at 88.5% of the average wholesale price (average wholesale price minus 11.5%) . Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 37.

Effective August 1, 2005, the Department of Human Services will have the authority to administer a rebate program for prescription drugs paid for under General Assistance Medical Care. Effective January 1, 2006, drug coverage under General Assistance Medical Care shall be limited to those prescription drugs that are covered under the medical assistance program as described in section 256B.0625, subdivision 13 and subdivision 13d; and are provided by manufacturers that have fully executed general assistance medical are rebate agreements with the commissioner and comply with such agreements. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 5.

Effective August 1, 2005, the maximum MA special transportation reimbursement for special transportation changes as follows:

- for persons not requiring a wheelchair-accessible van, from a base rate of \$12 and \$1.35 per mile to a base rate of \$11.50 and \$1.30 per mile;
- for persons requiring a wheelchair-accessible van, from a base rate of \$18 and \$1.40 per mile to a base rate of \$17 and \$1.35 per mile; and
- for persons requiring a stretcher-accessible vehicle, from a base rate of \$36 and \$1.40 per mile (plus an attendant rate of \$9 per trip) to a base rate of \$60 and \$2.40 per mile (plus the current attendant rate of \$9 per trip). Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 40.

The Department of Human Services will have the authority to pay pharmacists for the provision of medication therapy management in MA and GAMC, effective 8/1/05. However, the legislation granting this authority requires that DHS form an advisory committee that will work with the department to develop the policies and procedures necessary to make such payments. It is anticipated that payment for medication therapy management will begin in January 2006. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 39.

Effective August 1, 2005, sex reassignment surgery is no longer covered in MA, GAMC and MinnesotaCare. Other gender identity services are covered. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, sections 30 and 53.

Effective August 1, 2005 if a provider is more than two months delinquent in paying their monthly surcharge installments the Department of Human Services may withhold some or all of the delinquency, plus interest and penalties, from payments it owes the provider. The Department may also withhold the delinquent provider's future monthly surcharge installments from payments it owes the provider. The Department must give the delinquent provider prior notice of its intention to withhold, its rights to informally object to the proposed withholding, and its right to appeal the proposed withholding to the District Court. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 11.

Effective August 1, 2005, MinnesotaCare outreach grants are repealed. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 88.

Effective August 1, 2005, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, the Department of Human Services will approve county proposals for alternative means of providing 24-hour coverage for mobile mental health crisis services reimbursed through the medical assistance program. The alternatives must result in increased access to these services. Laws of Minnesota 2005, chapter 165, article 1, section 3.

Effective August 1, 2005, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, MA coverage for extended psychiatric inpatient services in community hospitals is expanded to include stays longer than 45 days based on an individual review of medical necessity. Laws of Minnesota 2005, chapter 165, article 1, section 2.

Effective September 1, 2005, the following services require prior authorization for a prepaid health plan unless the health plan is otherwise using evidence-based practices to address these services: outpatient high-technology imaging (PET scans, MRI, CT, nuclear cardiology); non-emergency spinal fusion; bariatric surgery; non-emergency cesarean section; non-emergency insertion of tympanostomy tubes; hysterectomy; and orthodontia. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 82.

Effective September 1, 2005, the following services are added to fee-for-service prior authorization: outpatient high technology imaging (MRI, CT, nuclear cardiology); non-emergency spinal fusion; non-emergency cesarean section; non-emergency insertion of tympanostomy tubes; and hysterectomy. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 82.

Effective September 1, 2005, circumcision is no longer covered unless the procedure is medically necessary or required because of a well-established religious practice. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 31.

Effective September 1, 2005 drugs used for the treatment of erectile dysfunction will no longer be covered. Currently, these drugs include Viagra, Cialis, Levitra, Muse, Edex, Caverject and certain compounded products containing alprostadil. Viagra will be covered for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension if prior authorization criteria are met. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 36.

Effective September 1, 2005, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, 8% shall be added to MinnesotaCare premiums for all adults and children with incomes above 150% of federal poverty guidelines. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 74.

The Commissioner of Human Services shall seek the federal approvals and waivers necessary to charge MA recipients with gross family incomes greater than 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines sliding scale premiums, based on the sliding scale used for the MinnesotaCare program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256L.15. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 87.

Effective October 1, 2005, MA and MinnesotaCare does not cover visits to a hospital emergency room that are not for emergency and emergency stabilization care or urgent care and do not pay for any services provided in a hospital emergency room that are not for emergency and emergency poststabilization care or urgent care. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 29.

Effective January 1, 2006, the MinnesotaCare Limited Benefit \$5,000 annual non-inpatient cap is removed. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 60.

Effective January 1, 2006, diabetic supplies and equipment, psychologist and licensed clinical social worker services are added to the MinnesotaCare Limited Benefit. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 60.

Effective January 1, 2006, for the MinnesotaCare Limited Benefit, a \$5 copayment for non-preventive chiropractor, psychologist, and licensed independent clinical social worker services is added. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 60.

Effective January 1, 2006, the \$500 per calendar year limit on dental services is removed from MA, GAMC, and MinnesotaCare. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, sections 32, 53 and 57.

Effective January 1, 2006, a \$3 copayment for non-preventive visits and a \$6 copayment for non-emergency emergency room visits is required for all MinnesotaCare adults, except pregnant women and those enrolled in the MinnesotaCare Limited Benefit. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 59.

Effective January 1, 2006, MA does not cover prescription drugs that are covered under Medicare Part D as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-2(e), for individuals eligible for drug coverage as defined in Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-1(a)(3)(A). For these individuals, MA may cover drugs from the drug classes listed in United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2), except that drugs listed in United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2)(E), are not covered. . Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 33.

Effective January 1, 2006, MA, GAMC, and MinnesotaCare coverage is expanded to include psychiatric consultation to primary care practitioners. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 2, sections 10 and 15.

Effective January 1, 2006, and subject to federal approval, MA, GAMC, and MinnesotaCare coverage is expanded to allow mental health services to be provided via two-way interactive video if medically appropriate. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 2, sections 8 and 15.

Effective January 1, 2006, the MA and GAMC prescription drug monthly copayment limit reduced from \$20 to \$12. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, sections 41 and 53.

Effective January 1, 2006, the \$3 copayment for non preventive office visits in GAMC is eliminated. Fee-for-service payments for GAMC non-preventive visits provided on or after January 1, 2006 will be reduced by \$3. Payments to managed care plans will not be increased as a result of the removal of the \$3 non-preventive visit copay. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 53.

Effective January 1, 2006, the state funded prescription drug program is repealed. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 88.

Effective July 1, 2006, and subject to federal approval, MA coverage is expanded to include treatment foster care, which utilizes the home of specially trained foster parents as the setting for the integrated delivery of case management, psychotherapy, skills training, and family psycho-education for children with a severe emotional disturbance. Foster homes must be supervised by licensed county, private, or tribal child-placing agencies. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 2, section 12.

Effective July 1, 2006, and subject to federal approval, MA coverage is expanded to include Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) for children 16 and older with emotional disturbance who are in transition to the adult mental health system. ACT is currently designed for and provided for adults, and this expansion will adapt these services to meet the needs of 16-17 year-olds. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 2, section 7.

Questions about MA, GAMC, MinnesotaCare and PDP Services and Payment Rates, contact Char Sadlak at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Health Care Administration, 444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-3852; phone (651)296-5599.

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II. MA Home and Community-Based Waivers and Payment Rates

Effective August 1, 2005, the Department of Human Services is authorized to develop a Program for All Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE). The PACE program manages the full Medicare and Medicaid (MA) benefit packages for Elderly Waiver eligible seniors and other Minnesotans receiving MA who are at least age 56 comprising primary, acute, post-acute and long-term care through a geriatric interdisciplinary team model. The Department of Human Services cannot establish the program until after receiving grant money sufficient to cover the state share of actuarial services and administrative costs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 46.

Effective August 1, 2005, the White Earth reservation pilot project allowing the Tribe to manage the Elderly Waiver and personal care assistant (PCA) services for its members is expanded to include all Minnesota Tribes. Tribal members continue to have the option of receiving services through a county. Laws of Minnesota 2005, chapter 68, article 2, section 4.

Effective August 1, 2005, changes to personal care assistant (PCA) services will include: requiring PCA providers to keep specific documentation on file for each client; including a physician statement of need; establishment of an on-going auditing process by the Department and department authority to address fraud and abuse; tightening of responsible party delegations; establishing limitations for the flexible use of PCA services; and requiring flexible use PCA services to be prior authorized by the Department. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 14.

Effective October 1, 2005, home and community-based providers will receive a rate increase up to two-tenths of one percent to establish an employee scholarship program for job related training. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 47.

Effective October 1, 2005 payment rates for the following services will be increased by five percent over the rates in effect on September 30, 2005, when these services are provided as home health services under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.0625, subd. 6a: skilled nursing visit; physical therapy visit; occupational therapy visit; speech therapy visit; and home health aide visit. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 47.

Effective October 1, 2005 and October 1, 2006, services provided by long-term care home and community-based providers shall receive a 2.2553 percent increase in service rates or service rate limits, as applicable. The following providers or programs are included:

- home and community-based waiver services for persons with mental retardation or related conditions under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.501;
- home and community-based waiver services for the elderly under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.0915;
- waiver services under community alternatives for disabled individuals under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.49;
- community alternative care waiver services under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.49;
- traumatic brain injury waiver services under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.49;
- nursing services and home health services under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.0625, subd. 6a;
- personal care services and nursing supervision of personal care services under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.0625, subd. 19a;
- private duty nursing services under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.0625, subd. 7;
- day training and habilitation services for adults with mental retardation or related conditions under Minnesota Statutes, §§252.40 to 252.46;
- alternative care services under Minnesota Statutes, §256B.0913;
- adult residential program grants under Minnesota Rules, parts 9535.2000 to 9535.3000;
- adult and family community support grants under Minnesota Rules, parts 9535.1700 to 9535.1760;
- semi-independent living services under Minnesota Statutes, §252.275 including SILS funding under county social services grants formerly funded under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256I;
- community support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing adults with mental illness who use or wish to use sign language as their primary means of communication;
- living skills training programs for persons with intractable epilepsy who need assistance in the transition to independent living;

- adult mental health integrated fund grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4661;
- physical therapy services under Minnesota Statutes, §§256B.0625, subd. 8 and 256D.03, subd. 4;
- occupational therapy services under Minnesota Statutes, §§256B.0625, subd. 8a and 256D.03, subd. 4;
- speech-language therapy services under Minnesota Statutes, §256D.03, subd. 4 and Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0390;
- respiratory therapy services under Minnesota Statutes, §256D.03, subd. 4 and Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0295; and
- group residential housing supplementary service rate under Minnesota Statutes, §256I.05, subd. 1a. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 55.

Questions about these items should be directed to the Continuing Care Administration, Minnesota Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-3836; phone (651) 296-2770.

III. MA Long-Term Care Services and Payment Rates

Pursuant to the Governor's biennial budget, the Department proposed changes to long-term care services and payment rates. The Minnesota Legislature considered the Department's proposed changes, gathered information, and held public hearings at which residents, trade associations, providers, facility employee union representatives, and the general public were invited to attend. The legislature considered the public's input and enacted legislation changing the rate-setting system as follows:

Nursing Facilities

Effective for the rate years beginning July 1, 2005, July 1, 2006, July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008 automatic inflation provider rate increases under the contractual payment rate system will be suspended. Effective July 1, 2005, property rate adjustments under Rule 50 and under the contractual payment system will be implemented on October 1 rather than July 1. See the notice published on June 27, 2005 at 29 SR 1609-1611. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 41.

Effective July 1, 2005, the Department is permitted to withhold funds from MA payments to nursing facilities that are more than two months delinquent in paying their surcharge to the state. See the notice published on June 27, 2005 at 29 SR 1609-1611. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 8, section 11.

Effective July 1, 2005, hospitals that had an agreement with the Department of Human Services on January 1, 2004, will be provided an exemption from the "sole community provider" status requirement and will be allowed to resume providing "swing bed" services. See the notice published on June 27, 2005 at 29 SR 1609-1611, which originally called for an April 1, 2005 effective date. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 13.

Effective July 1, 2005, the Minnesota Department of Health may approve moratorium exception projects for which the annualized state share of MA costs do not exceed \$1,500,000. See the notice published on June 27, 2005 at 29 SR 1609-1611. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 9, section 2.

Effective July 1, 2005, nursing facilities will receive rate increases of up to 10% of the operating payment rate if they permanently close beds to create single bed rooms. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4 article 7, section 34.

Effective August 1, 2005, facilities with moratorium exception projects approved between July 1, 2001 and July 1, 2003 are allowed an additional 18 months before they must commence construction on their projects. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4 article 7, section 2.

Effective October 1, 2005, nursing facilities reimbursed under Rule 50 (Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0010 – 9549.0080) or the contractual payment rate system will receive a 2.2553 percent increase to the operating rate of the facility. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 33.

Effective October 1, 2006, property rates will no longer be determined pursuant to Rule 50. Facilities that do not sign a contract under the contractual payment rate system will not be eligible for rate changes. Contractual payment rate system contracts may be renewed for four years rather than one. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 42.

Effective October 1, 2006, nursing facilities reimbursed under the contractual payment system will be allowed to receive a property rate adjustment for building projects under the maximum threshold. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 41.

Effective October 1, 2006, facilities reimbursed under the contractual payment system will receive a 1.2553 percent adjustment to the operating rate and a quality add-on adjustment of up to 2.4%, with an average of one percent. Nursing facilities will have the opportunity to earn the quality add-on by demonstrating quality in five measured categories. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 43.

The Department anticipates adding these provisions to the MA State plan. Individual nursing facility payment rates are available by contacting the Nursing Facility Rates and Policy Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Mental Retardation (ICFs/MR)

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Effective October 1, 2005, ICF/MR service providers will receive a 2.2553 percent rate increase. Laws of Minnesota 2005, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 7, section 55.

The Department anticipates adding this provision to the MA State plan. Questions about ICF/MR payment rates should be directed to Barb Nelson, Disability Services Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-3857; phone (651) 582-1969.

Labor and Industry Department Labor Standards Unit

Notice of Corrections and Additions to Commercial Prevailing Wage Rates

A **correction** has been made to the Commercial Prevailing Wage Rates certified 12/27/04, for **Labor Codes 101, 102, 104, 106, 107, 109 in Carlton, Lake and St. Louis Counties and Labor Codes 101, 102 and 107 in Cook County.**

Additional Labor codes have been added to the Commercial Prevailing Wage Rates certified 12/27/04, for **Labor Codes 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109 in Anoka County, Labor Codes 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 109 in Carver County, Labor Codes 101, 102, 105, 107, 109 in Chisago County, Labor Codes 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109 in Dakota and Hennepin Counties, Labor Codes 101, 102, 107, 109 in Isanti and Pine Counties, Labor Codes 101, 102, 104, 107, 109 in Ramsey and Scott Counties, Labor Codes 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 109 in Sherburne and Wright Counties and Labor Codes 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109 in Washington County.**

Copies with the corrected certified wage rates for these Counties may be obtained by writing the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Prevailing Wage Section, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4306, or by calling (651) 284-5091, or accessing our web site at <http://www.doli.state.mn.us>. Charges for the cost of copying and mailing are \$.65 per page. Make check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota.

M. Scott Brener
Commissioner

Metropolitan Airports Commission Notice of Public Hearing on Draft Taxicab Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of August 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lindbergh Conference Room at the General Offices of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 – 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Commission will hold a public hearing to receive testimony relative to the adoption of:

TAXICAB ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to promote and conserve public safety, health, peace, convenience and welfare and to provide for the equitable allocation of the costs of establishing and maintaining ground transportation facilities at the Airport, by regulating the operation of all Taxicabs at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Wold-Chamberlain Field, a public airport under the operation, direction and control of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, and repealing Ordinances 81 and 98.

A copy of the Draft Taxicab Ordinance may be obtained from the Metropolitan Airports Commission website at http://www.mspairport.com/MAC/Public_Notices/ or by contacting the Landside Department noted below.

Landside Operations Department
Metropolitan Airports Commission
MSP International Airport/Lindbergh Terminal
4300 Glumack Drive
St. Paul, MN 55111-3010
Phone: (612) 726-5463
Fax: (612) 726-5728

Written comments will also be accepted at the above address until 12:00 noon on Friday, August 12, 2005.

Dated this 19 day of July, 2005.

Mr. Jeffrey W. Hamiel
Executive Director
Metropolitan Airports Commission
6040 - 28th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Pollution Control Agency

Remediation Division

Notice of Proposed Update of the State Superfund Priority List (Superfund List) (also known as the Permanent List of Priorities or PLP) Among Releases or Threatened Releases of Hazardous Substances or Pollutants or Contaminants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is publishing for public comment proposed deletions from the State Superfund List which lists releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants for which the MPCA may take removal or remedial actions under the Minnesota Environmental Response and Liability Act (MERLA), Minn. Stat. § 115B. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115B.17 (2004) and Minn. R. 7044.0950 (2003), the MPCA is proposing the following changes to the Superfund List.

The MPCA is proposing to delete the following six sites from the Superfund List: Faribault Municipal Well Field, Faribault; Faribault Coal Gasification Plant Site, Faribault; Glidden Company, Minneapolis; Shafer Metal Recycling, Minneapolis; Warden Oil Company, Minneapolis; and Anchor Glass Container Site, Shakopee.

The MPCA has determined that either all MERLA Response Actions have been completed at these sites or that the sites do not pose a threat to public health or welfare or the environment. If necessary, appropriate institutional controls as determined by the MPCA will be in place prior to final deletion.

The MPCA is also proposing to delete from the Superfund List the following closed landfill: WLSSD Sanitary Landfill/Duluth Dump #2, St. Louis County. This landfill is a “qualified facility” under the Landfill Cleanup Act of 1994, as amended (Act). Under authority of the Act, the state of Minnesota, through the MPCA, will assume responsibility for any necessary response actions at the site, and will be responsible for long-term maintenance of the facility. The MPCA will assume this responsibility after issuance of a Notice of Compliance (NOC) by the Commissioner of the MPCA. Once a NOC is issued, MERLA funded response actions would no longer be necessary at a particular site, and deletion of that site from the Superfund List would be appropriate. A Binding Agreement has already been signed between the MPCA and Western Lake Superior Sanitary District and a NOC has been issued for this facility, therefore the proposed deletion is appropriate.

The MPCA invite members of the public to submit written comments on these proposed deletions from the State Superfund List. All written comments with regard to these proposed changes to the Superfund List must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2005.

Written comments regarding these proposed MPCA changes to the Superfund List should be submitted to: Gary L. Krueger, Superfund Section, Remediation Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194.

Any interested person may submit a petition to the Commissioner of the MPCA requesting that the MPCA Citizens’ Board make the decision on whether to adopt these changes to the Superfund List that have been proposed by the MPCA. To be considered timely, the petition must be received by the MPCA contact person, Gary L. Krueger, by 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2005. The decision whether to adopt these proposed changes to the Superfund List will be made by the MPCA Citizens’ Board if: (1) the Commissioner grants the petition requesting the matter to be presented to the MPCA Citizens’ Board; or (2) a MPCA Citizens’ Board member requests to hear the matter prior to the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the proposed deletions from the Superfund List.

All written comments received by the above deadline will be considered by the MPCA in establishing the updated State Superfund List.

Sheryl A. Corrigan, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Transportation Department

State Aid for Local Transportation Division

Petition of the City of Arden Hills and Forest Lake for a Variance from State Aid Procedural and Administrative Requirements

Notice is Hereby Given that the City of Arden Hills Council has made written request to the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 8820.2800, subpart 2, Local State Aid Route Standards, Financing, for a variance from rules pertaining to State Aid operations as they apply to improvement project S.A.P. 187-105-003 in the City of Arden Hills, Minnesota.

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The request is for variance from Minnesota Rules, part 8820.2800, subpart 2, adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapters 161 and 162, and insofar as the rules apply to the proposed improvement project S.A.P. 187-105-003, to permit the approval of project plans after bids are opened in lieu of approval by the State Aid Engineer prior to the opening of contract bids.

Notice is Hereby Given that the City of Forest Lake Council has made written request to the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 8820.2800, subpart 2, Local State Aid Route Standards, Financing, for a variance from rules pertaining to State Aid operations as they apply to improvement project S.A.P. 214-010-001 in the City of Forest Lake, Minnesota. The request is for variance from Minnesota Rules, part 8820.2800, subpart 2, adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapters 161 and 162, and insofar as the rules apply to the proposed improvement project S.A.P. 214-010-001, to permit the approval of project plans after bids are opened in lieu of approval by the State Aid Engineer prior to the opening of contract bids.

If a written objection is received within 7 days of published date of this notice in the State Register, the variance can be granted only after a contested case hearing has been held on the request.

Dated: July 15, 2005

Julie A. Skallman
State Aid Engineer
State Aid for Local Transportation

State Contracts

Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Materials Management Division's (MMD) Web site. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the MMD Web site at <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us> for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

Health Department

Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division

Request for Proposals for the Minnesota Poison Control System – Up to \$1,400,000 per year

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is soliciting proposals for the operation of a poison control system in Minnesota. This project is specifically designed to serve the needs of the citizens of the state for information relating to the prompt identification and appropriate home management or referral of cases of human poisoning.

MDH is seeking proposals for a two-year time period (January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2007) for four program components: call response, emergency preparedness, professional education, and public awareness. The department will award all components to one applicant. Eligible applicants are for-profit and nonprofit entities and units of government.

To be considered for funding, proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. CDT, Monday, September 19, 2005 at the Minnesota Department of Health, 85 East Seventh Place, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55101. If proposals are sent by U.S. mail or other delivery service, it is wholly the responsibility of the proposer to ensure that the proposal package is properly addressed and physically delivered on time. Late proposals will not be considered.

A copy of the full Request for Proposals may be obtained at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpcd/poisoncontrol>.

A copy can also be obtained by contacting:

Vicky Townsend
Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Director's Office
Minnesota Department of Health
P.O. Box 9441
Minneapolis, MN 55440-9441
Phone: 612/676-4120
E-mail: vicky.townsend@health.state.mn.us

State Colleges and Universities

St. Cloud State University

Request for Proposals for Alumni Survey

Sealed proposals for services hereinafter described will be received by St. Cloud State University at the Business Services Office, AS 122, St. Cloud Minnesota until 3:00 p.m. on August 25, 2005 and will be publicly opened and read aloud. The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids and to waive informalities therein.

Bids are requested for Alumni Survey as per Request for Proposal available in the Business Services Office, St. Cloud State University.

For further information contact:

Lisa Sparks
Director of Purchasing
St. Cloud State University – AS 122
720 4th Ave. South
St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498
(320) 308-4788
or
Doris Frieler
(320)308-4001

To be published in the legal section on July 25, 2005.

Transportation Department (MnDOT)

Engineering Services Division

Notice of Potential Availability of Contracting Opportunities for a Variety of Highway Related Technical Activities (the “Consultant Pre-Qualification Program”)

This document is available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities by calling Robin Valento at (651) 284-3622 for persons who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529.

Mn/DOT, working in conjunction with the Consultant Reform Committee, the Minnesota Consulting Engineers Council, and the Department of Administration, has developed the Consultant Pre-qualification Program as a new method of consultant selection. The ultimate goal of the Pre-Qualification Program is to streamline the process of contracting for highway related professional/technical services. Mn/DOT anticipates that most consultant contracts for highway-related technical activities will be awarded using this method, however, Mn/DOT also reserves the right to use RFP or other selection processes for particular projects. Nothing in this solicitation requires Mn/DOT to complete or use the Consultant Pre-qualification Program.

Mn/DOT is currently requesting applications from consultants. Refer to Mn/DOT’s Consultant Services web site, indicated below, to see which highway related professional/technical services are available at this time. Following the advertisement of particular category of services, applications will be accepted on a continual basis.

All expenses incurred in responding to this notice will be borne by the responder. Response to this notice becomes public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices.

Consultant Pre-Qualification Program information, application requirements and application forms are available on Mn/DOT’s **web site** at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult>

Send completed application material to:

Robin Valento
Pre-Qualification Administrator
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Consultant Services
395 John Ireland Boulevard, Seventh Floor North, Mail Stop 680
St. Paul, MN 55155

Note: DUE DATE: APPLICATION MATERIAL WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A CONTINUAL BASIS.

State Contracts

Transportation Department (MnDOT)

Engineering Services Division

Notice Concerning Professional/Technical Contract Opportunities

NOTICE TO ALL: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is now placing additional public notices for professional/technical contract opportunities on Mn/DOT's Consultant Services **website** at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult>.

New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

Non-State Contracts & Grants

The *State Register* also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

University of Minnesota

Request for Proposals for Consulting Services for Building Services Custodial Program

I. NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The University of Minnesota is interested in consulting services for the Building Services Custodial Program. Qualifications are now being requested for a firm to serve as a general consultant to the University on a variety of custodial issues including aligning work assignments, analyzing staffing requirements for each of three shifts and evaluating organizational structure. The custodial program is currently responsible for cleaning 10.2 million square feet with an in-house staff. Building Services has set cleaning standards approaching APPA 2. E-mail or call your request for the full RFP to Chip Foster, which will be sent free of charge to interested vendors.

II. CONTACT FOR RFQ INQUIRIES:

Refer questions to:

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III. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Be advised that these dates are subject to change as University deems necessary.)

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| RFP issue | July 25, 2005 |
| Optional Pre-Proposal Meeting | August 11, 2005 |
| All Questions E-Mailed to Purchasing Services by noon | August 19, 2005 |
| Responses due @ noon | August 2, 2005 |
| Evaluation, Selection of Short-listed Finalist | September 16, 2005 |
| Respondent Presentations | September 16, 2005 |
| Anticipated date of Award | October 14, 2005 |
| Completion of Project | March 31, 2006 |

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