

CHAPTER 393

COUNTY WELFARE BOARD

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393.07 POWERS AND DUTIES.*[For text of subs 1 to 9, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 10. Federal food stamp program. (a) The county welfare board shall establish and administer the food stamp program pursuant to rules of the commissioner of human services and all federal laws and regulations. The commissioner of human services shall monitor food stamp program delivery on an ongoing basis to ensure that each county complies with federal laws and regulations. Program requirements to be monitored include, but are not limited to, number of applications, number of approvals, number of cases pending, length of time required to process each application and deliver benefits, number of applicants eligible for expedited issuance, length of time required to process and deliver expedited issuance, number of terminations and reasons for terminations, client profiles by age, household composition and income level and sources, and the use of phone certification and home visits. The commissioner shall determine the county-by-county and statewide participation rate. The commissioner shall report on the monitoring activities on a county-by-county basis in a report presented to the legislature by July 1 each year. This monitoring activity shall be separate from the management evaluation survey sample required under federal regulations.

(b) On July 1 of each year, the commissioner of human services shall determine a statewide and county-by-county food stamp program participation rate. The commissioner may designate a different agency to administer the food stamp program in a county if the agency administering the program fails to increase the food stamp program participation rate among families or eligible individuals, or comply with all federal laws and regulations governing the food stamp program. The commissioner shall review agency performance annually to determine compliance with this paragraph.

(c) The county welfare board shall participate in a food stamp quality control system subject to the supervision of the commissioner of human services and pursuant to federal regulations.

A person who commits any of the following acts has violated section 256.98 and is subject to both the criminal and civil penalties provided under that section:

(1) Obtains or attempts to obtain, or aids or abets any person to obtain by means of a willfully false statement or representation, or intentional concealment of a material fact, food stamps to which the person is not entitled or in an amount greater than that to which that person is entitled; or

(2) Presents or causes to be presented, coupons for payment or redemption knowing them to have been received, transferred or used in a manner contrary to existing state or federal law; or

(3) Willfully uses or transfers food stamp coupons or authorization to purchase cards in any manner contrary to existing state or federal law.

*[For text of subs 10a and 11, see M.S.1986]***History:** 1987 c 403 art 2 s 150

NOTE: Subdivision 10 was also amended by Laws 1987, chapter 254, section 8, to read as follows:

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Any person who commits any of the following acts is guilty of theft and shall be sentenced pursuant to section 609.52, subdivision 3, clauses (2), (3), and (6):

(1) obtains or attempts to obtain, or aids or abets any person to obtain by means of a willfully false statement or representation, or intentional concealment of a material fact, food stamps to which the person is not entitled or in an amount greater than that to which entitled; or

(2) presents or causes to be presented, coupons for payment or redemption knowing them to have been received, transferred or used in a manner contrary to existing state or federal law; or

(3) willfully uses or transfers food stamp coupons or authorization to purchase cards in any manner contrary to existing state or federal law.

The amount of food stamps incorrectly issued shall be the difference between the amount of food stamps actually received and the amount to which the recipient would have been entitled under state and federal law had the welfare agency been informed of all material facts. The amount of any food stamps determined to have been incorrectly issued, used, transferred or presented shall, unless otherwise determined by the county welfare board in order to prevent undue hardship, be recoverable from the recipient, or user, or the recipient's or user's estate by the county as a debt due the county."

393.13 PRIVATE INSURANCE POLICIES.

Subdivision 1. Upon providing services pursuant to section 252.27, 260.251, subdivision 1a, or 393.07, subdivision 1 or 2 to any person having private health care coverage, the county agency shall be subrogated, to the extent of the cost of services provided, to any rights the person may have under the terms of any private health care coverage. The right of subrogation does not attach to benefits paid or provided under private health care coverage prior to the receipt of written notice of the exercise of subrogation rights by the carrier issuing the health care coverage.

[For text of subs 2 to 4, see M.S.1986]

History: 1987 c 384 art 2 s 89