

CHAPTER 254B

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT

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Subd. 2. **Regulatory methods.** (a) Where appropriate and feasible, the commissioner shall identify and implement alternative methods of regulation and enforcement to the extent authorized in this subdivision. These methods shall include:

- (1) expansion of the types and categories of licenses that may be granted;
- (2) when the standards of an independent accreditation body have been shown to predict compliance with the rules, the commissioner shall consider compliance with the accreditation standards to be equivalent to partial compliance with the rules; and
- (3) use of an abbreviated inspection that employs key standards that have been shown to predict full compliance with the rules.

If the commissioner determines that the methods in clause (2) or (3) can be used in licensing a program, the commissioner may reduce any fee set under section 254B.03, subdivision 3, by up to 50 percent.

(b) The commissioner shall work with the commissioners of health, public safety, administration, and education in consolidating duplicative licensing and certification rules and standards if the commissioner determines that consolidation is administratively feasible, would significantly reduce the cost of licensing, and would not reduce the protection given to persons receiving services in licensed programs. Where administratively feasible and appropriate, the commissioner shall work with the commissioners of health, public safety, administration, and education in conducting joint agency inspections of programs.

(c) The commissioner shall work with the commissioners of health, public safety, administration, and education in establishing a single point of application for applicants who are required to obtain concurrent licensure from more than one of the commissioners listed in this clause.

*[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.2002]***History:** 2003 c 130 s 12