

43A.31 ADMINISTRATION.

Subdivision 1. **General.** The commissioner shall maintain records, prepare reports, and perform all functions necessary to carry out the intent of sections 43A.22 to 43A.30. Upon request of the commissioner, the commissioner of finance shall perform necessary accounting and disbursement functions.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner reports.** The commissioner shall transmit a report each biennium to the Legislative Commission on Employee Relations concerning the operation of sections 43A.22 to 43A.30, including a study of local and statewide market trends regarding provider concentration, costs, and other factors as they may relate to the state's health benefits purchasing strategy. The commissioner shall consult with the commissioners of commerce and health in the conduct of this study. The commissioner shall also report the number, type, and disposition of complaints relating to the insurance programs offered by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Agency reports and records.** Each agency shall keep the records, make the certifications, and furnish the commissioner or carriers with the information and reports necessary to enable the commissioner or carriers to carry out their functions under sections 43A.22 to 43A.30.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1993 c 337 s 20]

Subd. 5. **Customer assistance.** The commissioner shall employ staff for the purposes of assisting state employees and their dependents in:

- (1) understanding their benefits and coverage levels;
- (2) obtaining information and responses to questions regarding issues of coverage, benefits, and service from carriers and providers; and
- (3) making use of all grievance, appeals, and complaint resolution processes provided by law or contract.

Subd. 6. **Dissemination of information.** The commissioner may electronically transmit to active employees all information necessary to administer sections 43A.22 to 43A.30, including, but not limited to, information necessary for open enrollment elections. The commissioner must provide notification that the information will be electronically transmitted.

History: 1981 c 210 s 31; 1983 c 260 s 14; 1983 c 289 s 114 subd 1; 1984 c 655 art 1 s 92; 1986 c 444; 1999 c 250 art 1 s 76,77; 2005 c 144 s 3