

**254A.16 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.**

Subdivision 1. **Needs assessment.** The commissioner may evaluate or contract for the evaluation of all comprehensive programs providing services for preventing and treating alcohol and drug abuse or dependency. The evaluation shall be directed at determining whether existent and proposed activities are the most appropriate programmatic response to existing needs and whether they are cost-effective.

Subd. 2. **Program and service guidelines.** (a) The commissioner shall provide program and service guidelines and technical assistance to the county boards in carrying out services authorized under section 254A.08.

(b) The commissioner shall recommend to the governor means of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of comprehensive program services in the state and maximizing the use of nongovernmental funds for providing comprehensive programs.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1994 c 529 s 19]

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1994 c 529 s 19]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 2007 c 147 art 11 s 27]

Subd. 6. **Monitoring.** The commissioner shall gather and placing authorities shall provide information to measure compliance with Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6600 to 9530.6655. The commissioner shall specify the format for data collection to facilitate tracking, aggregating, and using the information.

**History:** 1976 c 125 s 7; 1979 c 324 s 48; 1982 c 607 s 14; 1984 c 545 s 5,6; 1987 c 85 s 1; 1997 c 7 art 2 s 39; 2007 c 147 art 11 s 11; 2009 c 79 art 7 s 6