

**256B.694 SOLE-SOURCE OR SINGLE-PLAN MANAGED CARE CONTRACT.**

(a) Notwithstanding section 256B.692, subdivision 6, clause (1), paragraph (c), the commissioner of human services shall approve a county-based purchasing health plan proposal, submitted on behalf of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties, that requires county-based purchasing on a single-plan basis contract if the implementation of the single-plan purchasing proposal does not limit an enrollee's provider choice or access to services and all other requirements applicable to health plan purchasing are satisfied. The commissioner shall continue to use single-health plan, county-based purchasing arrangements for medical assistance and general assistance medical care programs and products for the counties that were in single-health plan, county-based purchasing arrangements on March 1, 2008. This paragraph does not require the commissioner to terminate an existing contract with a noncounty-based purchasing plan that had enrollment in a medical assistance program or product in these counties on March 1, 2008. This paragraph expires on December 31, 2010, or the effective date of a new contract for medical assistance and general assistance medical care managed care programs entered into at the conclusion of the commissioner's next scheduled procurement process for the county-based purchasing entities covered by this paragraph, whichever is later.

(b) The commissioner shall consider, and may approve, contracting on a single-health plan basis with other county-based purchasing plans, or with other qualified health plans that have coordination arrangements with counties, to serve persons with a disability who voluntarily enroll, in order to promote better coordination or integration of health care services, social services and other community-based services, provided that all requirements applicable to health plan purchasing, including those in section 256B.69, subdivision 23, are satisfied. Nothing in this paragraph supersedes or modifies the requirements in paragraph (a).

**History:** *1Sp2005 c 4 art 8 s 84; 2006 c 264 s 15; 2008 c 364 s 10*