

144A.45 REGULATION OF HOME CARE SERVICES.

Subdivision 1. **Regulations.** The commissioner shall regulate home care providers pursuant to sections 144A.43 to 144A.482. The regulations shall include the following:

(1) provisions to assure, to the extent possible, the health, safety, well-being, and appropriate treatment of persons who receive home care services while respecting a client's autonomy and choice;

(2) requirements that home care providers furnish the commissioner with specified information necessary to implement sections 144A.43 to 144A.482;

(3) standards of training of home care provider personnel;

(4) standards for provision of home care services;

(5) standards for medication management;

(6) standards for supervision of home care services;

(7) standards for client evaluation or assessment;

(8) requirements for the involvement of a client's health care provider, the documentation of health care providers' orders, if required, and the client's service plan;

(9) the maintenance of accurate, current client records;

(10) the establishment of basic and comprehensive levels of licenses based on services provided; and

(11) provisions to enforce these regulations and the home care bill of rights.

Subd. 1a. [Repealed by amendment, 2013 c 108 art 11 s 9]

Subd. 1b. [Repealed by amendment, 2013 c 108 art 11 s 9]

Subd. 2. **Regulatory functions.** The commissioner shall:

(1) license, survey, and monitor without advance notice, home care providers in accordance with sections 144A.43 to 144A.482;

(2) survey every temporary licensee within one year of the temporary license issuance date subject to the temporary licensee providing home care services to a client or clients;

(3) survey all licensed home care providers on an interval that will promote the health and safety of clients;

(4) with the consent of the client, visit the home where services are being provided;

(5) issue correction orders and assess civil penalties in accordance with section 144.653, subdivisions 5 to 8, for violations of sections 144A.43 to 144A.482;

(6) take action as authorized in section 144A.475; and

(7) take other action reasonably required to accomplish the purposes of sections 144A.43 to 144A.482.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1997 c 113 s 22]

Subd. 4. [Repealed by amendment, 2013 c 108 art 11 s 9]

Subd. 5. [Repealed by amendment, 2013 c 108 art 11 s 9]

Subd. 6. **Home care providers; tuberculosis prevention and control.** (a) A home care provider must establish and maintain a comprehensive tuberculosis infection control program according to the most current tuberculosis infection control guidelines issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, as published in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). This program must include a tuberculosis infection control plan that covers all paid and unpaid employees, contractors, students, and volunteers. The Department of Health shall provide technical assistance regarding implementation of the guidelines.

(b) Written compliance with this subdivision must be maintained by the home care provider.

History: 1987 c 378 s 5; 1989 c 282 art 2 s 25; 1991 c 286 s 8; 1997 c 113 s 2,3; 1998 c 254 art 1 s 30,31; 2002 c 252 s 5,6,24; 2003 c 37 s 2; 2008 c 326 art 1 s 2,3; 2009 c 174 art 2 s 5,6; 2010 c 246 s 1,2; 2013 c 43 s 16; 2013 c 108 art 11 s 9

NOTE: The effective date of Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 11, is in conflict with the enacted phase-in of the new licensing requirements for home care under Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 11, section 28. The conflict will be addressed in the 2014 legislative session. The intended effective date under Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 11, section 28, for the amendments to subdivisions 1 to 5 for new licensees as of January 1, 2014, is January 1, 2014, and for current licensees as of December 31, 2013, is on or after July 1, 2014, upon license renewal unless a different date is specified.