

62Q.32 LOCAL OMBUDSPERSON.

County board or community health service agencies may establish an office of ombudsperson to provide a system of consumer advocacy for persons receiving health care services through a health plan company. The ombudsperson's functions may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) mediation or advocacy on behalf of a person accessing the complaint and appeal procedures to ensure that necessary medical services are provided by the health plan company; and
- (b) investigation of the quality of services provided to a person and determine the extent to which quality assurance mechanisms are needed or any other system change may be needed.

History: *1994 c 625 art 7 s 2; 1995 c 234 art 8 s 18; 1Sp2011 c 9 art 6 s 14*