

**256C.30 DUTIES OF HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSIONER.**

(a) As described in this section, the commissioner of human services must enter into grant agreements with television stations to make live local news programming accessible to deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deafblind persons as defined in section 256C.23.

(b) The grant agreements must provide for:

(1) real-time captioning services for broadcasting that is not emergency broadcasting subject to Code of Federal Regulations, title 47, section 79.2;

(2) real-time captioning services for commercial broadcasters in areas of Minnesota where commercial broadcasters are not subject to the live programming closed-captioning requirements of Code of Federal Regulations, title 47, section 71.1(e)(3); and

(3) real-time captioning for large-market noncommercial broadcasters who produce live news programming.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "real-time captioning" means a method of captioning in which captions are simultaneously prepared and transmitted at the time of origination by specially trained real-time captioners.

**History:** 2005 c 81 s 5,7; 2008 c 171 s 1