

**62J.701 GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS.**

Beginning January 1, 1999, the provisions in paragraphs (a) to (d) apply.

(a) For purposes of sections 62J.695 to 62J.80, the requirements and other provisions that apply to health plan companies also apply to governmental programs.

(b) For purposes of this section, "governmental programs" means the medical assistance program, the MinnesotaCare program, the general assistance medical care program, the state employee group insurance program, the public employees insurance program under section 43A.316, and coverage provided by political subdivisions under section 471.617.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), section 62J.72 does not apply to the fee-for-service programs under medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, and general assistance medical care.

(d) If a state commissioner or local unit of government contracts with a health plan company or a third-party administrator, the contract may assign any obligations under paragraph (a) to the health plan company or third-party administrator. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to remove or diminish any enforcement responsibilities of the commissioners of health or commerce provided in sections 62J.695 to 62J.80.

**History:** 1998 c 407 art 2 s 9