

**12A.08 HEALTH.**

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner responsibilities.** As used in this section, "commissioner" means the commissioner of health. In disaster-affected communities, the commissioner may provide for necessary assessment and evaluation of the following: access to health care; mental health concerns and needs; infectious disease concerns; indoor environments of public and nonprofit buildings and facilities including nursing homes and mass care facilities; food safety, lodging and shelter; public swimming pools; community and other drinking water systems; and private drinking water supply wells.

Subd. 2. **Public health.** The commissioner may take necessary steps to remediate the effects of a disaster to ensure public health is maintained.

Subd. 3. **Implementation.** To implement the requirements of this section, the commissioner may cooperate with private health care providers and facilities and community health boards as defined in section 145A.02, provide grants to assist community health boards, use volunteer services of individuals qualified to provide public health services, and enter into cooperative or mutual aid agreements to provide public health services.

**History:** 2008 c 247 s 8; 2012 c 187 art 1 s 6; 2015 c 21 art 1 s 109