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, Tribal nations, and community health boards as defined in section 145A.02; provide grants to assist community health boards and Tribal nations; 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; 2023 c 70 art 4 s 1*