142G.20 APPLICANT AND PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Subdivision 1. **Applicant reporting requirements.** An applicant must provide information on an application form and supplemental forms about the applicant's circumstances according to section 256P.07.

Subd. 2. **Requirement to apply for other benefits.** An applicant or participant must apply for, accept if eligible, and follow through with appealing any denials of eligibility for benefits from other programs for which the applicant or participant is potentially eligible and which would, if received, offset assistance payments. An applicant's or participant's failure to complete application for these benefits without good cause results in denial or termination of assistance. Good cause for failure to apply for these benefits is allowed when circumstances beyond the control of the applicant or participant prevent the applicant or participant from making an application.

Subd. 3. **Responsibility to inquire.** An applicant or participant who does not know or is unsure whether a given change in circumstances will affect the applicant's or participant's MFIP eligibility or assistance payment must contact the county agency for information.

Subd. 4. **Participant's completion of recertification of eligibility form.** A participant must complete forms prescribed by the commissioner which are required for recertification of eligibility according to section 256P.04, subdivisions 8 and 9. A county agency must end benefits when the participant fails to submit the recertification form and verifications and complete the interview process before the end of the certification period. If the participant submits the recertification form by the last day of the certification period, benefits may be reinstated back to the date of closing when the recertification process is completed during the first month after benefits ended.

Subd. 5. MS 2024 [Repealed, 2023 c 70 art 10 s 98]

Subd. 6. MS 2024 [Repealed, 2023 c 70 art 10 s 98]

Subd. 7. MS 2024 [Repealed, 2023 c 70 art 10 s 98]

Subd. 8. **Changes that must be reported.** A caregiver must report changes as specified under section 256P.07.

Subd. 9. **Requirement to assign support and maintenance rights.** An assistance unit is ineligible for MFIP unless the caregiver assigns all rights to child support and spousal maintenance benefits according to section 518A.81.

Subd. 10. **Requirement to provide Social Security numbers.** Each member of the assistance unit must provide the member's Social Security number to the county agency, except for members in the assistance unit who are qualified noncitizens who are victims of domestic violence as defined under section 142G.02, subdivision 80, clauses (8) and (9). When a Social Security number is not provided to the county agency for verification, this requirement is satisfied when each member of the assistance unit cooperates with the procedures for verification of numbers, issuance of duplicate cards, and issuance of new numbers which have been established jointly between the Social Security Administration and the commissioner.

History: *1997 c 85 art 1 s 18; 1998 c 407 art 6 s 59,60; 1999 c 245 art 6 s 30-33; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 10 s 66; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 1 s 40; 2008 c 277 art 1 s 40; 2013 c 107 art 4 s 13,14; 2014 c 291 art 11 s 13,14; 2014 c 312 art 28 s 21,22; 2015 c 71 art 5 s 17,18,35; 2021 c 30 art 8 s 2; 2024 c 80 art 7 s 12; art 8 s 68*