256B.05 ADMINISTRATION BY COUNTY AGENCIES.

Subdivision 1. **Administration of medical assistance.** The county agencies shall administer medical assistance in their respective counties under the supervision of the state agency and the commissioner of human services as specified in section 256.01, and shall make such reports, prepare such statistics, and keep such records and accounts in relation to medical assistance as the state agency may require under section 256.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (o).

Subd. 2. **Fee or charges.** In administering the medical assistance program, no local social services agency shall pay a fee or charge for medical, dental, surgical, hospital, nursing, licensed nursing home care, medicine, or medical supplies in excess of the schedules of maximum fees and charges as established by the state agency.

Subd. 3. **Maximum allowances.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 2, the commissioner of human services shall establish a schedule of maximum allowances to be paid by the state on behalf of recipients of medical assistance toward fees charged for services rendered such medical assistance recipients.

Subd. 4. MS 1986 [Repealed, 1987 c 403 art 2 s 164]

Subd. 5. **Obligation of local agency to process medical assistance applications within established timelines.** (a) The local agency must act on an application for medical assistance within ten working days of receipt of all information needed to act on the application but no later than required under Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0090, subparts 2 and 3.

(b) A local agency must notify the commissioner within five calendar days when the local agency fails to meet at least 80 percent of the local agency's monthly application and redetermination deadlines.

Subd. 6. **Authority to intervene.** Upon receiving a notice from a local agency pursuant to subdivision 5, paragraph (b), the commissioner may provide support to the local agency to timely process the local agency's outstanding applications and redeterminations.

History: *Ex1967 c 16 s 5; 1971 c 961 s 28; 1982 c 640 s 4; 1984 c 580 s 3; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1988 c 719 art 8 s 13; 1989 c 89 s 10; 1994 c 631 s 31; 1Sp2011 c 9 art 7 s 5; 2015 c 78 art 4 s 61; 2026 c 127 art 6 s 4,5*