

144A.03 LICENSE APPLICATION.

Subdivision 1. **Form; requirements.** (a) The commissioner of health by rule shall establish forms and procedures for the processing of nursing home license applications.

(b) An application for a nursing home license shall include:

(1) the business name and legal entity name of the licensee;

(2) the street address, mailing address, and legal property description of the facility;

(3) the names, email addresses, telephone numbers, and mailing addresses of all owners, controlling persons, managerial officials, and the nursing home administrator;

(4) the name and email address of the managing agent and manager, if applicable;

(5) the licensed bed capacity;

(6) the license fee in the amount specified in section 144.122;

(7) documentation of compliance with the background study requirements in section 144.057 for the owner, controlling persons, and managerial officials. Each application for a new license must include documentation for the applicant and for each individual with five percent or more direct or indirect ownership in the applicant;

(8) a copy of the architectural and engineering plans and specifications of the facility as prepared and certified by an architect or engineer registered to practice in this state;

(9) a representative copy of the executed lease agreement between the landlord and the licensee, if applicable;

(10) a representative copy of the management agreement, if applicable;

(11) a representative copy of the operations transfer agreement or similar agreement, if applicable;

(12) an organizational chart that identifies all organizations and individuals with an ownership interest in the licensee of five percent or greater and that specifies their relationship with the licensee and with each other;

(13) whether the applicant, owner, controlling person, managerial official, or nursing home administrator of the facility has ever been convicted of:

(i) a crime or found civilly liable for a federal or state felony-level offense that was detrimental to the best interests of the facility and its residents within the last ten years preceding submission of the license application. Offenses include: (A) felony crimes against persons and other similar crimes for which the individual was convicted, including guilty pleas and adjudicated pretrial diversions; (B) financial crimes such as extortion, embezzlement, income tax evasion, insurance fraud, and other similar crimes for which the individual was convicted, including guilty pleas and adjudicated pretrial diversions; (C) any felonies involving malpractice that resulted in a conviction of criminal neglect or misconduct; and (D) any felonies that would result in a mandatory exclusion under section 1128(a) of the Social Security Act;

(ii) any misdemeanor under federal or state law related to the delivery of an item or service under Medicaid or a state health care program or the abuse or neglect of a patient in connection with the delivery of a health care item or service;

(iii) any misdemeanor under federal or state law related to theft, fraud, embezzlement, breach of fiduciary duty, or other financial misconduct in connection with the delivery of a health care item or service;

(iv) any felony or misdemeanor under federal or state law relating to the interference with or obstruction of any investigation into any criminal offense described in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 1001.101 or 1001.201; or

(v) any felony or misdemeanor under federal or state law relating to the unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of a controlled substance;

(14) whether the applicant, owner, controlling person, managerial official, or nursing home administrator of the facility has had:

(i) any revocation or suspension of a license to provide health care by any state licensing authority. This includes the surrender of the license while a formal disciplinary proceeding was pending before a state licensing authority;

(ii) any revocation or suspension of accreditation; or

(iii) any suspension or exclusion from participation in, or any sanction imposed by, a federal or state health care program or any debarment from participation in any federal executive branch procurement or nonprocurement program;

(15) whether in the preceding three years the applicant or any owner, controlling person, managerial official, or nursing home administrator of the facility has a record of defaulting in the payment of money collected for others, including the discharge of debts through bankruptcy proceedings;

(16) the signature of the owner of the licensee or an authorized agent of the licensee;

(17) identification of all states where the applicant or individual having a five percent or more ownership currently or previously has been licensed as an owner or operator of a long-term care, community-based, or health care facility or agency where the applicant's or individual's license or federal certification has been denied, suspended, restricted, conditioned, refused, not renewed, or revoked under a private or state-controlled receivership or where these same actions are pending under the laws of any state or federal authority; and

(18) any other relevant information which the commissioner of health by rule or otherwise may determine is necessary to properly evaluate an application for license.

(c) A controlling person which is a corporation shall submit copies of its articles of incorporation and bylaws and any amendments thereto as they occur, together with the names and addresses of its officers and directors. A controlling person which is a foreign corporation shall furnish the commissioner of health with a copy of its certificate of authority to do business in this state.

Subd. 2. **Agents.** Each application for a nursing home license or for renewal of a nursing home license shall specify one or more controlling persons or managerial employees as agents:

(1) who shall be responsible for dealing with the commissioner of health on all matters provided for in sections 144A.01 to 144A.155; and

(2) on whom personal service of all notices and orders shall be made, and who shall be authorized to accept service on behalf of all of the controlling persons of the facility, in proceedings under sections 144A.06; 144A.10, subdivisions 4, 5, and 7; 144A.11, subdivision 3; and 144A.15. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, personal service on the designated person or persons named in an application shall be

deemed to be service on all of the controlling persons or managerial official of the facility, and it shall not be a defense to any action arising under sections 144A.06; 144A.10, subdivisions 4, 5 and 7; 144A.11, subdivision 3; and 144A.15, that personal service was not made on each controlling person or managerial official of the facility. The designation of one or more controlling persons or managerial officials pursuant to this subdivision shall not affect the legal responsibility of any other controlling person or managerial official under sections 144A.01 to 144A.155.

History: *1976 c 173 s 3; 1977 c 305 s 45; 1987 c 384 art 2 s 1; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 5 s 40; 2022 c 98 art 1 s 13,71*