

256B.0444 ENROLLMENT MORATORIUM FOR HIGH-RISK PROVIDERS.

Subdivision 1. **Provider enrollment moratorium.** (a) If the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) designates a provider type as high-risk under section 256B.044, subdivision 1, the commissioner may issue a statewide or regional enrollment moratorium and stop accepting and processing applications from providers within that category within 30 days of the date of the designation or upon federal approval of the moratorium, whichever is later. A moratorium issued under this section is effective for a period of up to 24 months from the date the moratorium is issued.

(b) Before ending the moratorium under this section, the commissioner must revalidate the enrollment of each provider within the affected category in accordance with the revalidation procedures under section 256B.0441, subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Moratorium exceptions.** The commissioner may grant exceptions to a moratorium issued under subdivision 1 and must make publicly available the processes and criteria the commissioner will use to grant exceptions. The commissioner may grant an exception if a county or Tribal agency submits a request for an exception to the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Continued enrollment of new clients.** Nothing in this section prohibits an enrolled provider subject to a moratorium under this section from enrolling new clients or beneficiaries during the period of the enrollment moratorium.

Subd. 4. **Notice.** (a) At least ten days prior to issuing an enrollment moratorium under this section, the commissioner must notify enrolled providers within the affected category and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services about the actions the commissioner plans to take under this section. The notice must:

- (1) include a list of provider types to which the moratorium applies;
- (2) provide a general explanation for the basis of the high-risk designation; and
- (3) identify the start dates and anticipated durations of the enrollment moratorium.

(b) Within 60 days of ending an enrollment moratorium under this section, the commissioner must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services about the results of the moratorium.

History: 2026 c 121 art 3 s 22