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Overview

The bill modifies the administration of the congregate housing services projects. The bill renames the projects on-site coordination services projects, expands the definition of congregate housing, reduces the age requirement for project participation, provides a definition of designated service area, and makes other changes.

1 **On-site coordination (OSC) services projects.** Amends § 256.9751. This section makes changes related to the administration of congregate housing services projects.

Amendments throughout the section rename the projects on-site coordination (OSC) services projects.

The amendments to subdivision 1:

(1) expand the definition of "congregate housing" to include nonsubsidized low- and moderate-income multifamily housing units which may not have common areas for activities and serving food;

(2) define "older" persons, for purposes of participation in projects, as persons age 55 or older (current law requires participants to be age 60 or older); and

(3) define "designated service area" as the congregate housing site or sites, and surrounding neighborhoods and communities that have a concentration of persons age 55 or older that is higher than the state average, in which on-site coordination services will be provided.

The amendments to subdivision 3 require the on-site coordination services grant program to be coordinated with county programs and services for the elderly and SAIL, and transfer responsibility for the program from the board on aging to the commissioner of human services.

The amendments to subdivisions 5 to 7 prohibit the commissioner from selecting a project without county board approval, make conforming and clarifying changes, and

specify that the commissioner, when selecting projects, may give preference to designated service areas with senior dining programs.

The amendments to subdivision 8 strike obsolete reporting language and require the commissioner to collect, on a quarterly basis, specified data on the projects, and provide this data and recommendations to the legislature annually, beginning January 1, 2001.

A new subdivision 9 allows the commissioner to provide technical assistance to on-site coordination services programs, or contract or delegate the provision of technical assistance.

A new subdivision 10 allows the commissioner to delegate authority to, or use or employ, governmental and private entities, to assist in implementing the section.

- 2 **Instruction to revisor.** Instructs the revisor of statutes to recodify section 256.9751, and make any necessary changes in cross-references.