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## Article 1: Licensing

This article makes various changes to licensing provisions in the Data Practices Act, Human Services Licensing Act, Department of Human Services fair hearing statute, Maltreatment of Minors Act, and Vulnerable Adults Act.

- 1 **Definition.** Amends § 13.41, subd. 1. Changes a cross reference to the welfare data section in the licensing data section of the Data Practices Act.
- 2 **Definitions.** Amends § 13.46, subd. 1. Adds a definition of private licensing agency to the Data Practices Act.
- 3 **Investigative data.** Amends § 13.46, subd. 3. Requires the commissioner of human services to provide all active and inactive investigative data to the ombudsman for mental health and retardation upon the request of the ombudsman.
- 4 **Licensing data.** Amends § 13.46, subd. 4. Permits the commissioner of human services to exchange not public data regarding a report of substantiated maltreatment with the department of corrections for purposes of completing background studies.
- 5 **Adult day care.** Amends § 245A.02, by adding subd. 2a. Adds the definition of adult day care to the Human Services Licensing Act.
- 6 **Annual or annually.** Amends § 245A.02, by adding subd. 2b. Adds the definition of annual or annually to the Human Services Licensing Act.
- 7 **Exclusion from licensure.** Amends § 245A.03, subd. 2. Strikes a provision requiring that the exclusion from licensure for certain board and lodge facilities licensed by the commissioner of health expires on July 1, 1990. Adds an exclusion from licensure for certain services provided and funded through an approved federal waiver plan.

- 8 **Requirements for emergency license.** Amends § 245A.035, subd. 3. Requires that a county not issue an emergency license to anyone requiring a background study who may be disqualified under section 245A.04 and the disqualification cannot be set aside.
- 9 **Background study of the applicant; definitions.** Amends § 245A.04, subd. 3. Paragraph (c) requires that, if a background study is initiated by an applicant or license holder and the applicant or license holder receives information about the possible criminal or maltreatment history of the individual studied, the applicant or license holder must immediately provide the information to the commissioner. Also clarifies that a volunteer or student must be studied if they have direct contact with persons served by the program if the contact is not "under the continuous, direct supervision" of an applicant or employee of the program.
- Paragraph (g) makes a technical correction by striking an unnecessary reference to "or registration."
- Paragraph (p) prohibits a disqualified person age 13 and over living in the licensed home; a disqualified person age 10 to 12 living in the licensed home; and disqualified persons who have unsupervised access to children and vulnerable adults in the licensed home from having access to persons served by the licensed program unless certain requirements are met.
- Paragraph (q) clarifies that termination means termination of "affiliation with" persons required to have a background study.
- Paragraph (v) gives county agencies access to criminal history data for purposes of background studies on legal nonlicensed child care providers to determine eligibility for child care funds under chapter 119B.
- 10 **Notification to subject and license holder of study results; determination of risk of harm.** Amends § 245A.04, subd. 3a. Requires a license holder to assure that a person whose background study reveals a disqualifying characteristic to be "under the continuous, direct supervision," instead of "within sight or hearing," of another staff person during the period the person requests a reconsideration of the disqualification.
- 11 **Reconsideration of disqualification.** Amends § 245A.04, subd. 3b. Paragraph (a) clarifies one of the grounds for requesting reconsideration of a disqualification. It also strikes provisions relocated in section 12 of the bill.
- Paragraph (e) clarifies provisions relating to reconsideration of a disqualification.
- Paragraph (f) clarifies that, if the county disqualifies an individual on multiple bases, the county agency must conduct the reconsideration of all disqualifications. It also clarifies provisions regarding a disqualified person's appeal rights.
- 12 **Conclusive determinations or dispositions.** Amends § 245A.04, by adding subd. 3f. Adds a section relating to when determinations and dispositions regarding maltreatment and appeals are conclusive.
- 13 **Immediate suspension expedited hearing.** Amends § 245A.07, subd. 2a. Provides that, if a license holder appeals a licensing sanction following an immediate suspension, the license holder continues to be prohibited from operating the program pending the commissioner's final order regarding the licensing sanction.
- 14 **License suspension, revocation, or fine.** Amends § 245A.07, subd. 3. Provides that a license holder's timely appeal of a license suspension or revocation stays the suspension or revocation until the commissioner issues a final order.
- 15 **Consolidation of hearings; reconsideration.** Adds § 245A.085. Permits hearings and reconsiderations authorized under the Human Services Licensing Act, fair hearings, and hearings under the Maltreatment of Minors Act and Vulnerable Adults Acts to be consolidated, if feasible.
- 16 **Reduction of risk of sudden infant death syndrome in child care programs.** Amends § 245A.144. Specifies amount, content, and county approval of training required under this section.

- 17 **Fire marshal inspection.** Adds § 245A.151. Permits a local fire code inspector to conduct an inspection required for licensure under the Human Services Licensing Act. If a community does not have a local fire code inspector or if the local inspector does not perform the inspection, requires the state fire marshal to conduct the inspection. A local fire code inspector or the state fire marshal may charge an applicant or license holder a fee of no more than \$50 per inspection to recover the cost of the inspection. Appropriates the fees collected by the state fire marshal under this section to the commissioner of public safety for the purpose of conducting the inspections.
- 18 **Delegation of authority to agencies.** Amends § 245A.16, subd. 1. Paragraph (a) authorizes the county to issue variances regarding disqualified individuals if the county is responsible for conducting the consolidated reconsideration of the county's maltreatment determination and disqualification.
- Paragraph (b) requires the county to report to the commissioner at least monthly with information about disqualification reconsiderations and variances.
- 19 **Standard of evidence for maltreatment and disqualification hearings.** Amends § 256.045, subd. 3b. Clarifies standard of evidence a referee must apply if an individual fails to make a report of maltreatment for incidents in which serious or recurring maltreatment is substantiated.
- 20 **Conduct of hearings.** Amends § 256.045, subd. 4. Permits consolidated hearings involving maltreatment determinations or disqualifications made by more than one county or state agency.
- 21 **Administrative reconsideration of final determination of maltreatment and disqualification based on serious or recurring maltreatment; review panel.** Amends § 626.556, subd. 10i. Specifies that an individual whose reconsideration of a maltreatment determination is denied or disqualification is not set aside or rescinded may request a fair hearing. Also specifies the scope of the hearing.
- 22 **Report not required.** Amends § 626.557, subd. 3a. Makes a conforming change to the Vulnerable Adults Act regarding when events resulting from neglect must be reported under the Act.
- 23 **Administrative reconsideration of final disposition of maltreatment and disqualification based on serious or recurring maltreatment; review panel.** Amends § 626.557, subd. 9d. Specifies that an individual whose reconsideration of a maltreatment determination is denied or disqualification is not set aside or rescinded may request a fair hearing. Also specifies the scope of the hearing.

## **Article 2: Continuing Care and Health Care**

This article contains provisions related to the alternative care program, the elderly waiver, nursing facilities, and other continuing care initiatives. This article also makes policy changes related to PCA and alternative care services, elderly waiver conversion rates, the region 10 quality assurance project, planned closure rate adjustments, contracting with border states for mental health services, deaf-blind services, and other health care initiatives.

- 1 **Definitions.** Amends § 144A.071, subd. 1a. Includes depreciable equipment as an allowable moratorium exception construction project cost. Allows facilities to elect whether the cost of new technology and depreciable equipment is to be treated as a project cost or reimbursed separately.
- 2 **Definitions.** Amends § 144A.36, subd. 1. Makes boarding care facilities that are MA certified eligible to receive transition planning grants. This is done by including these facilities in the definition of "eligible nursing home."
- 3 **Housing with services establishment or establishment.** Amends § 144D.01, subd. 4. Expands the definition of housing with services establishment to include an establishment that registers under section 4.
- 4 **Optional registration.** Adds § 144D.025. Allows a program, at its option, to register as a housing with services establishment if it meets all of the registration requirements except that less than 80

percent of the adult residents are age 55 or older. (Currently, to qualify for registration, an establishment must provide sleeping quarters for one or more adults, at least 80 percent of whom are 55 or older, and must offer for a fee one or more health-related services and two or more supportive services.)

- 5 **Case management service provider.** Amends § 245.462, subd. 4. For purposes of the adult mental health act, extends from one to two years the period within which case managers who are not credentialed by a health-related licensing board must complete 30 hours of continuing education and training.
- 6 **Case management services provider.** Amends § 245.4871, subd. 4. For purposes of the children's mental health act, extends from one to two years the period within which case managers who are not credentialed by a health-related licensing board must complete 30 hours of continuing education and training.
- 7 **Definitions.** Amends § 245.50, subd. 1. For a section governing contracting with border states for mental health services, defines the following terms: receiving state, sending agency, and sending state. Changes a term used throughout the section from receiving agency or facility to receiving agency, and clarifies that term by specifying the entity provides services to individuals from another state.
- 8 **Purpose and authority.** Amends § 245.50, subd. 2. Specifies that the purpose of this section is to allow an individual to receive appropriate treatment in a facility in another state that is closer to individual's home than a facility in an individual's home state. Also allows the commissioner of human services to contract for mental health services for Minnesota residents in border states. Makes a conforming change.
- 9 **Special contracts; bordering states.** Amends § 245.50, subd. 5. Strikes language directing the commissioner of human services to come to an agreement with the Wisconsin department of health and social services to allow Minnesota civilly committed patients to be placed in Wisconsin facilities and Wisconsin civilly committed patients to be placed in Minnesota facilities. Instead, establishes provisions governing the placement of Minnesota residents in border state facilities, and the placement of border state residents in Minnesota facilities.

Paragraph (a) allows persons civilly committed in Minnesota to be confined or treated in a border state, and allows persons civilly committed in a border state to be confined or treated in Minnesota. Specifies how court orders from a person's home state apply, what state has legal custody over the person, and a condition that must be met for a person being treated in a border state to be released.

Paragraph (b) specifies when the receiving state's laws apply to the person, and prohibits a person from being sent to a border state unless the border state recognizes the validity of this law.

Paragraph (c) describes what happens when a person receiving services in a border state leaves the border state facility without permission.

Paragraph (d) specifies that the person's home state is responsible for the person's cost of care in the border state.

Paragraph (e) specifies that this subdivision also applies to contracts for mental health services made between a county and a border state.
- 10 **Specific powers.** Amends § 256.01, subd. 2. Eliminates the commissioner's authority to operate a supplemental drug rebate program for the prescription drug program. Makes a technical change correcting a cross reference.
- 11 **Ryan White comprehensive AIDS resources emergency act.** Amends § 256.01, by adding a subdivision. Requires the commissioner to act as the designated state agency for the federal Ryan White comprehensive AIDS resources emergency act. Specifies the responsibilities of the commissioner under the act.

- 12 **Nursing home license surcharge.** Amends § 256.9657, subd. 1. Between April 1, 2002 and August 15, 2003, allows nursing facilities paying the surcharge on licensed beds to elect to participate in MA by agreeing to comply with all MA program requirements, including the equalization law. Specifies procedures for payment rate determination.
- 13 **Drugs.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 13. Amends prior authorization by requiring the commissioner to provide a 30 day notice period before implementing prior authorization of a drug, by requiring the drug formulary committee to consider state-specific data if such data is available, by clarifying that a recipient has the ability to appeal a prior authorization denial and that during the appeal the drug may be offered without prior authorization, and by specifying that prior authorization is not to be utilized under a supplemental drug rebate program for any antipsychotic drug where there is no generically equivalent drug available, unless the commissioner determines that prior authorization is necessary for patient safety. Also prohibits, through June 30, 2003, the use of prior authorization under a supplemental drug rebate program for antihemophilic factor drugs where there is no generically equivalent drug available, unless the commissioner determines that prior authorization is necessary for patient safety.
- 14 **Special education services.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 26. States that MA covers the administration of prescription medications by a licensed nurse employed by or under contract with a school district, when the administration of medication is identified in the child's individualized education plan. Provides that the section is effective April 1, 2002, or upon federal approval, if federal approval is required.
- 15 **Family community support services.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 35. Allows providers of family community support services, home-based mental health services, and therapeutic support of foster care services to continue to provide services to a child, if the child is placed in foster care or the child and family relocate, outside the original county of residence.
- 16 **Targeted case management services.** Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 44. Adds case management services for vulnerable adults and adults with developmental disabilities to the listing of MA covered services. (This language is similar to language elsewhere in the MA chapter that is later repealed.)
- 17 **Fiscal intermediary option available for personal care assistant services.** Amends § 256B.0627, subd. 10. Allows individuals receiving PCA services under the shared care option to use a fiscal intermediary, if the same fiscal intermediary is used.
- 18 **Exemptions and emergency admissions.** Amends § 256B.0911, subd. 4b. Exempts persons age 21 or older with mental illness or mental retardation or a related condition, who are admitted to a nursing facility after a hospital stay, from federal preadmission screening requirements, if the admission to the nursing facility meets the criteria in federal rules. Provides an immediate effective date.
- 19 **Preadmission screening of individuals under 65 years of age.** Amends § 256B.0911, subd. 4d. Requires persons exempted from preadmission screening under the previous section, who remain in the facility longer than 30 days, to receive a face-to-face assessment within 40 days of admission. Provides an immediate effective date.
- 20 **Eligibility for funding for services for nonmedical assistance recipients.** Amends § 256B.0913, subd. 4. Eliminates redundant language in a section dealing with eligibility for the alternative care program.
- 21 **Services covered under alternative care.** Amends § 256B.0913, subd. 5. Updates the names of covered alternative care services and replaces references to "registered nurse or mental health practitioner" with "qualified professional" to conform with terminology used for the elderly waiver and MA home care services. Adds the state of Minnesota to the list of entities exempt from liability related to a person's receipt of alternative care services. Strikes obsolete language related to consumer

support grants. Raises the county cap on alternative care payments for "other services" from 10 to 25 percent, and eliminates the \$5,000 limit. Also eliminates the requirement that cash payments not exceed 80 percent of a client's monthly payment limit.

- 22 **Requirements for individual care plan.** Amends § 256B.0913, subd. 8. Clarifies language related to denials and reductions of alternative care services.
- 23 **Allocation formula.** Amends § 256B.0913, subd. 10. Makes a technical change related to allocation of alternative care funds.
- 24 **Client premiums.** Amends § 256B.0913, subd. 12. Updates language related to calculation of monthly alternative care premiums. Also strikes an outdated reference to rulemaking.
- 25 **Provider requirements, payment, and rate adjustments.** Amends § 256B.0913, by adding subd. 14. Requires providers of alternative care services to be also enrolled as state health care program providers.
- 26 **Limits of cases, rates, payments, and forecasting.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 3. Allows the elderly waiver conversion rate (for persons who move from nursing homes into the community) to be adjusted to reflect legislatively approved increases for home and community-based services or nursing facilities.
- 27 **Termination notice.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 4. Clarifies language related to denials and reductions of elderly waiver services.
- 28 **Assessments and reassessments for waiver clients.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 5. Requires elderly waiver clients to receive initial assessments as provided through long-term care consultation services.
- 29 **Implementation of care plan.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 6. Requires elderly waiver clients to be provided with a copy of a written care plan.
- 30 **Services and supports.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 8. Requires elderly waiver services to meet the requirements of federal law governing waived services and to promote consumer choice and be consistent with individualized, written care plans. Also exempts the state, county, or tribal governments from liability related to the purchase of direct supports or goods through consumer directed community support services.
- 31 **Payment for targeted case management.** Amends § 256B.0924, subd. 6. Allows providers of targeted case management for vulnerable adults and adults with developmental disabilities to fulfill criteria related to a minimum number of visits by seeing the adult's family, primary caregiver, or other relevant persons.
- 32 **Waiver of rules.** Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 7. Makes a conforming change related to seeking a federal waiver for the region 10 alternative quality assurance project. Also removes references to the project being a pilot.
- 33 **Federal waiver.** Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 8. Directs the commissioner to seek a federal waiver to allow ICFs/MR to participate in the region 10 alternative licensing system. Provides that if a facility needs to be decertified to participate, it will not be considered a new facility at the time of recertification, provided that its capacity did not increase. States that provisions related to county proposals for voluntary ICF/MR conversion continue to apply to the region 10 counties and ICFs/MR located in those counties.
- 34 **Division of cost.** Amends § 256B.19, subd. 1. Clarifies that the language adopted in chapter 220 establishing a county share for certain nursing home placements of persons under age 65 is subject to chapter 256G, which determines the county of financial responsibility, and does not apply to placements in facilities not certified to participate in MA.
- 35 **Contracts for services for ventilator-dependent persons.** Amends § 256B.431, subd. 2e. Allows the commissioner to negotiate, rather than contract, with nursing facilities to provide services for

ventilator-dependent persons. Provides that upon implementation of the RUGs-based case mix system, the maximum payment will be 200 percent of the highest RUGs rate for persons initially admitted before July 1, 2001, and 300 percent of the highest RUGs rate for persons initially admitted on or after July 1, 2001.

- 36 **Limitations on sales of nursing facilities.** Amends § 256B.431, subd. 14. Corrects an internal reference to allowed inflation, in a section dealing with sales of nursing facilities.
- 37 **Bed layaway and delicensure.** Amends § 256B.431, subd. 30. Corrects a cross-reference to the financial incentive for downsizing, in a section dealing with bed layaways.
- 38 **Staged reduction in bed disparities.** Amends § 256B.431, subd. 33. Corrects a cross-reference to the general nursing facility rate adjustment, in a section providing additional reimbursement to certain facilities with low operating payment rates.
- 39 **Applications for planned closure of nursing facilities.** Amends § 256B.437, subd. 3. Modifies procedures for planned closures and partial closures of nursing facilities. Eliminates the requirement that a letter of intent be submitted before application. Allows facilities without an approved closure plan that are delicensing five or fewer beds, or less than 6 percent of bed capacity, whichever is greater, to assign planned closure rate adjustments to themselves (this applies only if the facility is located in a county that is in the top three quartiles, when ranked on number of beds per thousand elderly and the facility has not delicensed beds in the prior three months). For facilities delicensing more than five beds, or 6 percent of more of their capacity, whichever is greater, without approved closure plans or which are not eligible for adjustments, requires the commissioner to assign a rate adjustment to the five facilities in the region with the lowest rates.
- 40 **Planned closure rate adjustment.** Amends § 256B.437, subd. 6. Provides that if the per bed dollar amount is increased, the commissioner must recalculate planned closure rate adjustments for facilities that delicense beds on or after July 1, 2001. Makes the recalculated planned closure rate adjustment effective from the date the per bed dollar amount is increased. Allows nursing facilities that have received a planned closure rate adjustment to reassign it to another facility under the same ownership, within a three-year period.
- 41 **Scope.** Amends § 256B.438, subd. 1. Requires reimbursement classifications under the new 34 group, RUG-III model to be implemented no earlier than six weeks after the commissioner mails notices of payment rates to nursing facilities.
- 42 **Operating payment rate.** Amends § 256B.5012, subd. 2. Provides that ICF/MR operating payment rates, effective July 1, 2001, are to be adjusted to reflect increases in health department licensing fees. (This provision was funded by the 2001 legislature but mistakenly left out of the final bill.)
- 43 **Managed care contracts.** Amends § 256B.69, subd. 5a. Permits a managed care plan that is under contract with the commissioner to provide services to medical assistance and general assistance medical care recipients to include as admitted assets any amount withheld by the commissioner for purposes of performance targets if the amount withheld is reasonably expected to be returned to the managed care plan.
- 44 **Physician and dental reimbursement.** Amends § 256B.76. Effective July 1, 2001, increases MA outpatient mental health rates by 38 percent for a Medicare-certified comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility meeting specified criteria. (This provision was funded by the 2001 legislature but mistakenly left out of the final bill.)
- 45 **License required.** Amends § 256I.04, subd. 2a. Provides that a facility that registers as a housing with services establishment under the voluntary procedure established in section 4 is not eligible to be a group residential housing facility.
- 46 **Rate setting.** Amends § 256L.12, subd. 9. Permits a managed care plan that is under contract with the commissioner to provide services to MinnesotaCare recipients to include as admitted assets any

amount withheld by the commissioner for the purposes of performance targets if the amount withheld is reasonably expected to be returned to the managed care plan.

- 47 Amends Laws 2002, chapter 220, article 17, section 2, subdivision 6. Deletes language from chapter 220 related to federal funding for GRH costs that is replaced by section 48.
- 48 **Case management study.** Requires the commissioner of human services to study case management services for persons with disabilities, in consultation with specified groups, and report to the health and human services committee chairs by January 15, 2003.
- 49 **Mental health services rate increase passthrough.** Requires prepaid health plans to pass through to providers rate increases provided under section 256B.761.
- 50 **Community services development grants usage.** For FY 2003, allows the commissioner of human services to make grants, under the community services development grants program, for the development of housing options for persons under age 65 residing in nursing facilities.
- 51 **Access to affordable housing.** Requires DHS and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to make recommendations to the long-term care task force on options to increase affordable housing for persons with disabilities. The recommendations must include proposals to maximize federal funding at no additional cost to the state, and these options may be implemented prior to the report to the task force.
- 52 **Prior authorization report.** Requires the commissioner of human services to review prior authorization in terms of cost effectiveness and the quality of patient care and report back to the legislature by January 15, 2004.
- 53 **Pilot program for deaf-blind services.** Requires the commissioners of human services and children, families, and learning and state services for the blind to meet with interested parties to determine which agency can most efficiently and effectively develop and administer a pilot program for consumer-directed services to provide needed services to deaf-blind individuals. Requires planning for the pilot program to be done using current appropriations. Requires the agency that develops the pilot program to submit a report to committee chairs by January 1, 2003, that includes a program proposal, recommendations, and a fiscal note.
- 54 **Services for deaf-blind persons.** Requires the commissioner of human services to combine the \$1 million biennial base level funding for deaf-blind persons into a single grant program, and within the limits of the appropriation, requires at least \$350,000 each biennium to be awarded for services for deaf-blind children and their families and at least \$250,000 for services to deaf-blind adults. Specifies grant procedures and allows deaf-blind service providers to provide intervenor services.
- 55 **Feasibility assessment of medical assistance expansion to cover deaf-blind services.** Requires the commissioner of human services to report to the legislature by January 15, 2003 on the feasibility of expanding MA benefits to include specified services to deaf-blind persons. Allows study costs to be paid for out of funding for deaf and hard of hearing grants. Provides an exemption from the consulting contract moratorium.
- 56 **Repealer; targeted case management.** Repeals section 256B.0621, subdivision 1 (MA coverage of case management services for vulnerable adults and adults with developmental disabilities; similar language is reinstated in the MA covered services section).

### Article 3: Miscellaneous

This article amends various health and human services and education provisions. Sections amended in this article address the distribution of medical education funds, educational requirements for children in care and treatment facilities, special education aids for charter schools, identification of deceased individuals, the cost to a patient for obtaining medical records, rulemaking authority under the Clean Indoor Air Act, continuing education requirements for acupuncturists, the rural hospital

capital improvement grant program, and poor relief.

- 1 **Distribution of funds.** Amends § 62J.692, subd. 4. Makes a technical modification to a subdivision governing the distribution of medical education funds, clarifying the amount of interest to be distributed by the commissioner of health to the University of Minnesota as part of the medical education funding transfer.
- 2 **Placement of students; approval of education program.** Amends § 125A.515. Rewrites and clarifies the education requirements for children placed in care and treatment facilities. More fully defines care and treatment facilities. Sets timelines for the notification of school districts when students are placed in care and treatment facilities. Requires certain records to be transferred according to these timelines. Makes the instructional time for students in care and treatment facilities comparable to the instructional time that they would receive if they were enrolled in a school within the providing district. Does not require a personal education plan for non-disabled students.
- 3 **School district special education aid.** Amends § 125A.76, subd. 5. Allows charter schools to use current year data when calculating special education aids for the first four years, instead of the first two years of operation. This change means that fast growing charter schools are receiving more regular special education aid in their third and fourth years of existence, and billing less unreimbursed costs back to resident school districts in those two years. Special education revenue is capped. As a result, there is no statewide fiscal impact to this provision.
- 4 **Identification of deceased individuals.** Adds subd. 4 to § 144.05. When the commissioner of health receives notice of the death of an individual who cannot be identified, requires the commissioner to post information about the individual on the department's web site. Requires the information to remain on the web site until the individual is identified.
- 5 **Program.** Amends § 144.148, subd. 2. Specifies that funds awarded for a rural hospital capital improvement grant do not lapse until expended by the grantee.
- 6 **Costs.** Amends § 144.335, subd. 5. Amends a subdivision governing costs to patients for obtaining health records from providers, to allow a patient or the patient's representative to obtain free copies of records if the copies are needed to appeal a denial of social security benefits or income. If a patient brings further appeals, a patient may receive no more than two medical record updates without charge, but only for medial record information not previously provided. Prohibits units of state government from obtaining copies of records for this purpose for free.
- 7 **Rules.** Amends § 144.417, subd. 1. Amends the subdivision authorizing the commissioner of health to adopt rules to implement the Clean Indoor Air Act, to prohibit most rules to implement the act that are adopted after January 1, 2002 from taking effect unless the rules are approved by a law enacted after January 1, 2002. The requirement for legislative approval does not apply to a rule or a severable portion of a rule governing smoking in office buildings, factories, warehouses, or similar places of work, or in health care facilities. The requirement for legislative approval also does not apply to a rule changing the definition of "restaurant" to make it conform with a statutory definition. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
- 8 **Renewal.** Amends § 147B.02, subd. 9. Eliminates a requirement that acupuncture practitioners obtain one hour of continuing education in infection control.
- 9 **Death record.** Amends § 149A.90, subd. 1. Requires a person in charge of disposition of the body of an unidentified individual to notify the commissioner of health of the individual, so the commissioner may post information about the individual on the department's web site as required in section 4.
- 10 **Tax levy for social services; board duty; penalty.** Amends § 261.063. Paragraph (a) defines poor relief as county services provided under sections 261.035 (county responsibility to pay for burial costs for indigent persons); 261.04 (a county's claim against a poor person's estate for care at the University of Minnesota or for burial costs); and 261.21 to 261.231 (county authority to pay for

hospitalization of indigent persons).

Paragraph (b) provides that a county agency is not required to provide income support or cash assistance to needy persons when an individual is no longer eligible for general assistance (GA), the Minnesota family investment program (MFIP), or Minnesota supplemental aid (MSA).

- 11 **Repealer.** Repeals two definitions (definitions of blood borne disease and infection control) in the chapter on licensure of acupuncture practitioners. These definitions are being repealed to conform with section 8.