

required in order that there exist an adequate information resource at the state level for purposes of making decisions pertaining to health manpower.

Subd. 2. INFORMATION SYSTEM. The commissioner of health shall establish a system for the collection, analysis and reporting of data on individuals licensed or registered by the commissioner or the health-related licensing boards as defined in section 214.01, subdivision 2. Individuals licensed or registered by the commissioner or the health-related licensing boards shall provide information to the commissioner of health that he may, pursuant to section 2, require. The commissioner shall publish at least biennially, a report which indicates the type of information available and methods for requesting the information.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 144, is amended by adding a section to read:

[144.052] USE OF DATA. Subdivision 1. RULES. The commissioner, after consultation with the health-related licensing boards as defined in section 214.01, subdivision 2, shall promulgate rules in accordance with chapter 15 regarding the types of information collected and the forms used for collection. The types of information collected shall include licensure or registration status, name, address, birth date, sex, professional activity status, and educational background or similar information needed in order to make decisions pertaining to health manpower.

Subd. 2. COORDINATION WITH LICENSURE RENEWAL. In order that the collection of the information specified in this section not impose an unnecessary burden on the licensed or registered individual or require additional administrative cost to the state, the commissioner of health shall, whenever possible, collect the information at the time of the individual's licensure or registration renewal. The health-related licensing boards shall include the request for the information that the commissioner may require pursuant to subdivision 1 with the licensure renewal application materials, provided, however, that the collection of health manpower data by the commissioner shall not cause the licensing boards to incur additional costs or delays with regard to the license renewal process.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall be effective the day following its enactment.

Approved April 5, 1978.

CHAPTER 760-H.F.No.1831

An act relating to public welfare; changing eligibility for medical assistance; extending the pilot dental health program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 256B.06, Subdivision 1; and Laws 1976, Chapter 305, Sections 3 and 4, Subdivision 3.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 256B.06, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

256B.06 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. Subdivision 1. Medical assistance may be paid for any person:

(1) Who is eligible for or receiving public assistance under the aid to families with dependent children program; or

(2) Who is eligible for or receiving supplemental security income for the aged, blind and disabled; or

(3) Who except for the amount of income or resources would qualify for supplemental security income for the aged, blind and disabled, or aid to families with dependent children and is in need of medical assistance; or

(4) Who is under 21 years of age and in need of medical care that neither he nor his relatives responsible under sections 256B.01 to 256B.26 are financially able to provide; or

(5) Who is residing in a hospital for treatment of mental disease or tuberculosis and is 65 years of age or older and without means sufficient to pay the per capita hospital charge; and

(6) Who resides in Minnesota, or, if absent from the state, is deemed to be a resident of Minnesota in accordance with the regulations of the state agency; and

(7) Who alone, or together with his spouse, does not have net equity in real property used as a home in excess of \$25,000 or real estate not used as a home which produces net income applicable to the family's needs or which the family is making a continuing effort to sell at a fair and reasonable price. The commissioner of public welfare shall annually adjust the limitation on net equity in real property used as a home by the same percentage as the homestead base value index provided in section 273.122, subdivision 2; and

(8) Who, if single, does not have more than \$750 in cash or liquid assets or, if married, whose cash or liquid assets do not exceed \$1,000 plus \$150 for each additional legal dependent except that the value of one automobile the market value of which does not exceed \$1,650 shall be disregarded; and

(9) Who has or anticipates receiving an annual income not in excess of \$2,600 for a single person, or \$3,250 for two family members (man and wife, parent and child, or two siblings), plus \$625 for each additional legal dependent, or who has income in excess of *these maxima and in the month of application, or during the three months prior to the month of application*, incurs expenses for medical care that total more than one-half of the annual excess income in accordance with the regulations of the state agency. In excess

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income cases, eligibility shall be limited to a period of six months beginning with the first of the month in which these medical obligations are first incurred.

(10) Who has continuing monthly expenses for medical care that are more than the amount of his excess income, computed on a monthly basis, in which case eligibility may be established before the total income obligation referred to in the preceding paragraph is incurred, and medical assistance payments may be made to cover the monthly unmet medical need. In licensed nursing home and state hospital cases, income over and above that required for justified needs, determined pursuant to a schedule of contributions established by the commissioner of public welfare, is to be applied to the cost of institutional care. The commissioner of public welfare may establish a schedule of contributions to be made by the spouse of a nursing home resident to the cost of care and shall seek a waiver from federal regulations which establish the amount required to be contributed by ~~the either spouse of when one spouse is~~ a nursing home resident; and

(11) Who has applied or agrees to apply all proceeds received or receivable by him or his spouse from automobile accident coverage and private health care coverage to the costs of medical care for himself, his spouse, and children. The state agency may require from any applicant or recipient of medical assistance the assignment of any rights accruing under private health care coverage. Any rights or amounts so assigned shall be applied against the cost of medical care paid for under this chapter. Any assignment shall not be effective as to benefits paid or provided under automobile accident coverage and private health care coverage prior to receipt of the assignment by the person or organization providing the benefits.

Sec. 2. Laws 1976, Chapter 305, Section 3, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. ~~[256B.58]~~ **ADMINISTRATION.** The pilot programs shall be administered by the commissioner. The commissioner may employ staff to administer the programs. The cost of the staff shall be met solely by funds authorized to be spent for administering the programs. The commissioner shall appoint a seven member advisory task force to advise the commissioner on the operation of the pilot programs. All of the members of the advisory task force shall be senior citizens. The compensation of members, their removal from office, and the filling of vacancies shall be as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.059.

Sec. 3. Laws 1976, Chapter 305, Section 4, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

[256B.59] Subd. 3. EVALUATION AND REPORT. The commissioner shall evaluate and ~~report~~ make reports of the results of the pilot programs to the legislature by January 2, 1978, ~~and each year thereafter for five years January 30, 1979, and March 1, 1980.~~ The reports shall include but not be limited to: (a) the optimal methods of providing dental services including the cost effectiveness of each pilot program; (b) the effect, if any, upon the general health of the individual receiving the dental services; (c) the extent and quality of dental services provided by the pilot program; (d) the number of participants in each pilot program; and (e) the types of dental care most used or needed by the participants.

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Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated to the commissioner of public welfare from the general fund in the state treasury the sum of \$415,000 until June 30, 1980 for the purpose of implementing Laws 1976, Chapter 305. No more than \$90,000 of the appropriation may be spent for administrative expenses.

Approved April 5, 1978.

CHAPTER 761-H.F.No.1838

An act relating to the St. Cloud metropolitan transit commission; providing paratransit services authority; permitting contracts for certain services; amending Laws 1969, Chapter 1134, Section 3, Subdivisions 4 and 8, as amended; and by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Laws 1969, Chapter 1134, Section 3, Subdivision 8, as amended by Laws 1971, Chapter 546, Section 4, is amended to read:

[458A.03] Subd. 8. **COMMISSION; LEGAL STATUS; GENERAL POWERS.** The transit area, with the commission as its governing body, shall be a public corporation and a political subdivision of the state. All the powers vested and obligations or duties imposed upon the commission and acts of the commission by sections 1 to 14 shall be deemed to be those of the transit area wherever necessary or appropriate, and shall be exercised, performed, and discharged in behalf of the area by the commission in its name as a public corporation and with like force and effect as if done in the name of the area, and for all such purposes, the commission shall have the same status and powers as the area. The chairman and secretary of the commission shall have such powers as are delegated to them by the commission. The commission may sue and be sued and may enter into contracts which may be necessary or proper.

The commission may operate paratransit services, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 174.22, Subdivision 6, may apply for and receive financial assistance under the paratransit service demonstration grant program established by section 174.25, and may exercise such other powers conferred upon it by Laws 1969, Chapter 1134, as amended, including the power to acquire property, as may be necessary and proper to operation of such services or the application for and receipt of such assistance.

Except as otherwise provided, the commission may, within the transit area, acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or condemnation proceedings any real or personal property, franchises, easements, or other rights which may be necessary or proper and may acquire real property in such manner for use as terminal facilities, maintenance and garage facilities, ramps, parking areas and other facilities useful for or related to any public transit system. The commission shall have power to acquire by purchase, lease, or gift all or any part of the plant, equipment, shares of stock property, real, personal, or mixed, rights in property, reserve funds, special funds, franchises, licenses, patents, permits and papers, documents and records belonging to any operator of a public transit system

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