

(r) When an enrollee changes county authorities, county administrative entities shall ensure coordination with the entity that is assuming responsibility for administering the medical assistance benefit set to ensure continuity of supports and services for the enrollee.

(s) The county administrative entity shall comply with additional requirements as specified in the intergovernmental contract.

(t) To the extent that alternatives are approved under subdivision 17, county administrative entities must provide for the health and safety of enrollees and protect the rights to privacy and to provide informed consent.

(u) Prepaid health plans serving counties with a nonprofit community clinic or community health services agency must contract with the clinic or agency to provide services to clients who choose to receive services from the clinic or agency, if the clinic or agency agrees to payment rates that are competitive with rates paid to other health plan providers for the same or similar services.

For purposes of this paragraph, "nonprofit community clinic" includes, but is not limited to, a community mental health center as defined in sections 245.62 and 256B.0625, subdivision 5.

Sec. 18. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 6, amending section 256B.0625, subdivision 19a, is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 11, 2000

Signed by the governor May 15, 2000, 10:27 a.m.

CHAPTER 475—H.F.No. 3229

An act relating to Hennepin county; providing for payment of county obligations by electronic transfer or credit card; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 383B.116, subdivision 2, and by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383B.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 383B.116, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **PAYMENT BY WARRANT METHODS.** Payments of claims and obligations of the county shall may be made by warrant, check, or all forms of electronic or wire funds transfer. Section 471.38 does not apply to any claim for which payment is made by electronic or wire funds transfer. Where the county is authorized by law to make investments, persons designated by the board may, in accordance with rules and procedures established by the administrator, the county may make electronic

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or wire transfers of funds notwithstanding any other law to the contrary.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 383B.116, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD OR OTHER METHODS. The county may accept payment by use of a credit card, debit card, or all forms of electronic or wire funds transfer. Subject to any other law to the contrary, the county may add to the amount due a service charge for the acceptance of a payment method authorized in this subdivision. The county shall adopt policies and procedures regarding the payments.

Sec. 3. [383B.1161] ELECTRONIC APPROVALS.

"Electronic approval" means any electronic identifier intended by the person making, executing, or adopting it to authenticate and validate a county administrative action. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the county may use electronic approvals. The electronic approval has the same validity and consequences as the actual signing by the person. The county shall establish policies and procedures to ensure the validity of electronic approvals.

Sec. 4. [383B.1162] CREDIT CARDS.

The county may allow officials, officers, and employees of the county to incur charges for county purposes by use of county credit cards. The county shall adopt policies and procedures regarding such credit card usage to establish individual accountability.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

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CHAPTER 476—H.F.No. 2516

An act relating to crime; amending the definition of harassment; modifying petition requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.748, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.748, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **DEFINITION.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them in this subdivision.

(a) "Harassment" includes:

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