

**2740.4300 SELECTION AND APPROVAL OF WRITING CARRIERS.**

Subpart 1. **Selection.** The association may select a writing carrier or writing carriers on the basis of criteria for selection which shall include but not be limited to:

- A. the member's proven ability to handle large group accident and health insurance cases;
- B. the efficiency of the member's claim paying capacity;
- C. an estimate of total charges for administering the plan; and
- D. other criteria developed by the association and set forth in its operating rules.

Subp. 2. **Approval.** The writing carrier selected by the association shall be approved by the commissioner prior to the establishment of a contract with the association and prior to the commencement of its duties pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 62E.13 and part 2740.4400.

Subp. 3. **Term.** The writing carrier shall serve for a period of three years, unless the commissioner approves an earlier termination at the request of the writing carrier or the association in accordance with the terms of its contract with the writing carrier.

The commissioner shall approve or deny a request for termination within 90 days of receipt of such request. Failure to make a determination within 90 days of receipt of such request shall be deemed to be an approval.

Subp. 4. **Termination.** If termination is approved by the commissioner, the writing carrier shall serve for up to six months from the date of the writing carrier's request for termination, at the discretion of the association, to allow the association to select another writing carrier.

Subp. 5. **Bids for renewal.** Six months prior to the expiration of each three-year period of service by a writing carrier, the association shall invite members of the association, including the current writing carriers, to submit bids to serve as writing carrier for the succeeding three-year period.

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