

CHAPTER 4735
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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4735.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the state commissioner of health or authorized officers, employees, or agents of the Minnesota Department of Health.

Subp. 2. **Community health services plan.** "Community health services plan" means plans and plan revisions developed under Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.10, subdivision 10.

Subp. 3. **Community health board.** "Community health board" means the duly authorized administrators, officers, agents, or employees of the county, multicounty, or city community health board organized within the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 145A.09 to 145A.13.

Subp. 4. **Public health emergency.** "Public health emergency" means an unanticipated and temporary condition threatening the health of a specific population such that the resources of one or more community health boards cannot reasonably be considered adequate to respond to the emergency needs of the affected population.

Subp. 5. **Public health hazard.** "Public health hazard" means the presence of a disease organism or condition in the environment which endangers the health of a specified population.

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4735.0110 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.

Subpart 1. **General duties.** The state commissioner of health or an authorized officer shall be responsible for the collection and review of disease reports, epidemiologic investigations, and control of disease in all areas of the state.

Subp. 2. **Agreements.** The commissioner may enter into written agreements with community health boards for the purposes of specifying shared responsibilities for the collection of data and information described in parts 4605.7000 to 4605.7800. The agreement must be made a part of the biennial community health services plan. The agreement shall include but not be limited to:

- A. requirements pertaining to data to be collected and disease investigations to be conducted;
- B. minimum personnel requirements;
- C. duties of the commissioner regarding the provision of technical or other assistance to fulfill the agreement;
- D. specification of means by which the community health board as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.02, subdivision 5, shall coordinate data collection and other duties of the agreement with related activities of the commissioner or other community health boards;
- E. criteria by which the commissioner will determine that the duties and responsibilities agreed upon are met;
- F. procedures for renewal of the agreement; and
- G. grounds for termination.

Subp. 3. **Notice to community health board.** The commissioner shall bring to the attention of the community health board any conditions within the jurisdiction of the community health board which represent the potential for a public health hazard.

Subp. 4. **Assistance to community health board.** The commissioner shall provide technical assistance and personnel as he or she determines are available and necessary to answer the requests of the community health board for assistance in the investigation and control of disease.

Subp. 5. **Public health emergency.** In the event of a public health emergency, the commissioner may, after giving reasonable notice to the community health board, suspend all or certain specified terms of the agreement for a period of time sufficient to respond to the public health emergency.

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4735.0120 DUTIES OF COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD.

Subpart 1. **Community health board request.** The community health board as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.02, subdivision 5, shall, when the public health hazard exceeds the capacity of the community health board to respond, request assistance from the commissioner for the investigation and control of disease.

Subp. 2. **Duty to report health hazards.** The community health board shall bring to the attention of the commissioner any conditions which represent the potential for a public health hazard.

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