

**144.1482 OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH.**

Subdivision 1. **Duties.** The Office of Rural Health in conjunction with the University of Minnesota medical schools and other organizations in the state which are addressing rural health care problems shall:

(1) establish and maintain a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information on rural health care issues, research findings, and innovative approaches to the delivery of rural health care;

(2) coordinate the activities relating to rural health care that are carried out by the state to avoid duplication of effort;

(3) identify federal and state rural health programs and provide technical assistance to public and nonprofit entities, including community and migrant health centers, to assist them in participating in these programs;

(4) assist rural communities in improving the delivery and quality of health care in rural areas and in recruiting and retaining health professionals; and

(5) carry out the duties assigned in section 144.1483.

Subd. 2. **Contracts.** To carry out these duties, the office may contract with or provide grants to public and private, nonprofit entities.

**History:** 1992 c 549 art 5 s 8