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Subject: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules, as Required by
Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.05, Subdivision 5.

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, states:

By December 1 of each year, an agency must submit to the governor, the Legislative
Coordinating Commission, the policy and funding committees and divisions with
jurisdiction over the agency, and the revisor of statutes, a list of any rules or portions of rules
that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. The
list must also include an explanation of why the rule or portion of the rule is obsolete,
unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. By December 1, the
agency must either report a timetable for repeal of the rule or portion of the rule, or must
develop a bill for submission to the appropriate policy committee to repeal the obsolete,
unnecessary, or duplicative rule. Such a bill must include proposed authorization to use
the expedited procedures of section 14.389 to repeal or amend the obsolete, unnecessary,
or duplicative rule. A report submitted under this subdivision must be signed by the person in
the agency who is responsible for identifying and initiating repeal of obsolete rules. The
report also must identify the status of any rules identified in the prior year’s report as
obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative. If none of an agency’s rules are obsolete, unnecessary,
or duplicative, an agency’s December 1 report must state that conclusion.

1. Newborn Screening—Minnesota Department of Health has determined that repealing rules
4615.0300 to 4615.0700 is justified on the basis of language that is either obsolete, or is redundant
because the 2014 Legislature added explicit language to the Newborn Screening statutes (Minnesota
Statutes, sections 144.125 to 144.128).

4615.0300 — This part is obsolete because most duties of the duties stated are defined in
Minn. Statutes 144.125.
4615.0400 — This overlaps and thus partially duplicates language included in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.125 and this is unnecessary.

4615.0500 — This part is obsolete because it does not include all conditions currently on screening panel and does not reflect parents’ rights to opt out for any reason. It also duplicates language in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.125.

4615.0600 — This part is now unnecessary because it prescribes basic, standard MDH practice that is integral to operating the program.

4615.0700 — This obsolete part does not require reporting of all conditions currently on screening panel and includes an incorrect reporting address.

2. Tuberculosis testing—Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has identified the following MDH rules that govern tuberculosis testing of employees and residents in health care facilities as being obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative, because in 2013 the Legislature enacted Minnesota Laws, chapter 45, which included new statutes that supersede them:

4640.4400–4640.6000 — these hospital licensing and operation rules, which govern staff of TB hospitals, are superfluous because Minnesota has no TB hospitals.

4640.0100, subpart 12, and other specific phrases listed below — these definitions for hospital licensing and operation rules refer to TB hospitals, but there are no TB hospitals in Minnesota:

“with tuberculosis or” in subpart 3;
“a tuberculosis hospital” in subpart 10;
“tuberculosis” in subpart 11;

4655.3000 — these requirements for specific tests for nursing and boarding care home employees are now outdated because of Minnesota Statutes, sections 144A.04 and 144.56, subdivision 2c, statutes passed in 2013.

4655.4700, subpart 1 — the following specific language for a physical exam of boarding care home residents at admission requires a now-obsolete testing method:

“a report of a standard Mantoux tuberculin test or, if the Mantoux test is positive or contraindicated, a chest X-ray within three months in advance of admission and as indicated thereafter; reports of appropriate laboratory examinations”.

4658.0800, subpart 4, item E, delete "a tuberculosis program as defined in part 4658.0810," and item F, delete ", including a tuberculosis program as defined in part 4658.0815". These references are obsolete because parts 4658.0810 and 4658.0815 are superseded by Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.04, a statute passed in 2013.
4658.0810 — nursing home providers need no longer use this resident tuberculosis program since Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.04, a statute passed in 2013, makes this language obsolete.

4658.0815 — nursing home providers need no longer use this employee tuberculosis program since Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.04, a statute passed in 2013, makes this language obsolete.

4664.0190, subpart 3, item L — delete ", as required by part 4664.0290, subpart 6". This is an obsolete reference as the part was made obsolete by Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.752, subdivision 4, a statute passed in 2013.

4664.0290, subparts 1-6 and subpart 8 A-F — hospice providers need no longer use these infection control requirements because Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.752, subdivision 4, a statute passed in 2013, makes this language obsolete.

4665.1200, item A — supervised living facilities need no longer follow this staff health provision because a statute passed in 2013, Minnesota Statutes, section 144.50, subdivision 6a, makes this language obsolete.

4675.0500, item I — governs outpatient surgical centers medical staff. Minnesota Statutes, section 144.55, subdivision 3, a statute passed in 2013, makes this language obsolete.

3. **Certified Food Manager certification fees**  Minnesota Rules 4626.2015, subparts 3(c) and 6(b) — Certified Food Manager certification fees are obsolete and duplicative because Minn. Stat. § 157.16 imposes different fees that supersede the rule.

4. **Class E licenses for assisted living programs** — Minnesota Rules 4668.0012 subparts 3, items A(4) and 4, item D — Class E licenses for assisted living programs are obsolete and duplicative because Minn. Stat. § 144G.01, et seq., established a new regulatory scheme for assisted living establishments. Consequently, Class E licenses no longer exist.

5. **Local Public Health Agencies; Merit System** — This chapter, 4670, Local Public Health Agencies; Merit System, is obsolete because the Legislature repealed its statutory authority, Minnesota Statutes, section 144.071, by Laws 2014, chapter 192.

6. **Accrediting environmental laboratories**—In 2010, we identified obsolete rules in Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4740, which governs accrediting environmental laboratories. In 2009, the Legislature amended Minnesota Statutes, sections 144.98 and .99, requiring the commissioner to accredit labs according to national laboratory standards and charging the fees stated in the amended statute. Consequently, the following subparts are duplicative or obsolete for the reasons stated:

    4740.2010, subpart 39 — “Method detection limit” or “MDL” are defined terms that are no longer used in Minnesota Rules 4740.2050, subpart 1 but are defined in statutes elsewhere.
4740.2050, subpart 1, item C with the phrase beginning “The laboratory must supply...”, — MDH is converting the lab certification program’s application to an online form using an electronic signature so this item is superfluous.

4740.2050, subpart 1, item D (1) to (2), — these requirements are superseded by Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98.

4740.2050, subpart 1, item D (3) to (6) and item E, — these requirements are superseded by Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98, subd.6.

4740.2050, subpart 2, item C with the phrase beginning “With each change in location...”, — the information required here is now included in laboratory documentation required with application under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98.

4740.2050, subpart 3, — these requirements are superseded by Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98, subd.3a(b).

4740.2050, subpart 7, item B, — the required items are listed in national standards and adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98.

4740.2050, subpart 7, item D, — these requirements are superseded by Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98, subd.7.

4740.2050, subpart 12, item A with the phrase beginning “Fees include the on-site...”, — these fees and their frequency of payment are requirements that are superseded by Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98.

4740.2050, subpart 12, item C, — these requirements for approval of reciprocal agreements are in the national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98) and as replaced by Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98, subd.6(d).

4740.2050, subpart 12, item F, remove the phrase “…except the fee for out-of-state inspection under subpart 16, item D”., — requirements for approval of reciprocal agreements are in the national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98) and as replaced by Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98, subd.6(d).

4740.2050, subpart 12, item F, remove the last sentence beginning “Only fixed-base laboratories located within...”, — requirements for approval of reciprocal agreements are in the national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98) and as replaced by Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98, subd.6(d).

4740.2050, subpart 16, item A remove the phrase “…, subdivision 3.”, — this change reflects the reference change made in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98.

4740.2050, subpart 16, item C remove the phrase “…, subdivision 3.”, — this change reflects the reference change made in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.99.
4740.2050, subpart 16, item D, — current rule language contradicts Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98.

4740.2060, subpart 2, item C; subpart 3, item C; subpart 4, item C; and subpart 5, item C remove the phrase “...as required under part 4740.2050, subpart 16, item C”, — repeal of a prior reference in this rule requires repeal of the references here.

4740.2065, subpart 8, — required items listed in national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98)

4740.2070, subpart 2; subpart 3; subparts 5 to 6; and subpart 7, items A, B and D, — the required items are now listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98, eliminating the need for these references.

4740.2070, subpart 8, — the required items here are now listed in national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98).

4740.2070, subpart 11, — the required items here are now listed in national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98).

4740.2087, subpart 2, items A and C, — this rule language contradicts requirement in national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98).

4740.2089, item C, — these required items are listed in the national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98).

4740.2091, subpart 3, item E, — these required items are listed in the national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98).

4740.2100, subpart 4, item A, remove the second sentence, — not included in national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98).

4740.2100, subpart 5, item B remove “...before sample preparation or extraction.”, — not included in national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98).

4740.2100, subpart 8, item C, remove the phrase “The percent recovery of the standard must fall within plus or minus 40 percent of the true value.” and remove subpart 8, item D, — current language contradicts items required in the national standard and some items that are not included in national standard (adopted in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.98)

4740.2100, subpart 9, item A, — the national standard includes a broader list of technologies affected by selectivity and consequently this item is out of date.

The above list contains MDH’s rules identified as obsolete first now in 2014, and those identified obsolete, but not yet repealed, in previous years’ reports. Previously described plans to repeal these rules have met with other Department priorities. As in the past, MDH decided, in its judgment, that no harm would befall the public if this project were postponed further. Early in 2015, however, MDH will repeal all these rule subparts, and any related subparts inadvertently overlooked, plus the

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