

Uniform Consumer Information Guide Changes

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Bill Summary:

(Amends Minnesota Statutes § 144D.08, 144D.09 and 144G.06)

House File 1, the final budget agreement between the House, the Senate and Governor Pawlenty, included language changes to the Uniform Consumer Information Guide. The guide contains information provided to all prospective and current residents in Assisted Living settings.

Section 3 of Article 17 stipulates that the guide must be provided to all prospective and current residents in the establishments. Also, Section 4 contains new language requiring a Housing with Services establishment to include information about how to contact the ombudsman for long-term care and how to request problem-solving assistance when terminating a lease. Finally, Section 5 requires the Uniform Consumer Information Guide to include information on which services may be covered by Medicare.

For your convenience, we are providing the language below for your review.

Sec. 3. **[144D.08] UNIFORM CONSUMER INFORMATION GUIDE.**
All housing with services establishments shall make available to all prospective and current residents information consistent with the uniform format and the required components adopted by the commissioner under section 144G.06.

Sec. 4. **[144D.09] TERMINATION OF LEASE.**
The housing with services establishment shall include with notice of termination of lease information about how to contact the ombudsman for long-term care, including the address and phone number along with a statement of how to request problem-solving assistance.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144G.06, is amended to read:
144G.06 UNIFORM CONSUMER INFORMATION GUIDE.
(a) The commissioner of health shall establish an advisory committee consisting of representatives of consumers, providers, county and state officials, and other groups the commissioner considers appropriate. The advisory committee shall present recommendations to the commissioner on:
(1) a format for a guide to be used by individual providers of assisted living, as defined in section 144G.01, that includes information about services offered by that provider, which services may be covered by Medicare, service costs, and other relevant provider-specific information, as well as a statement of philosophy and values associated with assisted living, presented in uniform categories that facilitate

comparison with guides issued by other providers; and
(2) requirements for informing assisted living clients, as defined in section 144G.01, of their applicable legal rights.

(b) The commissioner, after reviewing the recommendations of the advisory committee, shall adopt a uniform format for the guide to be used by individual providers, and the required components of materials to be used by providers to inform assisted living clients of their legal rights, and shall make the uniform format and the required components available to assisted living providers.