

AMENDMENTS TO PERMANENT RULES RELATING TO TEMPORARY HOUSING
PROGRAM
STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (hereinafter the Agency) administers the temporary housing program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 462A.06 subdivisions 4 and 11, and Minnesota Rules Part 4900.1700 et.seq. The proposed rule amends two definitions in Part 4900.1701 of the existing permanent rule.

Part 4900.1701, subpart 7, amends the definition of "supportive services" by adding a requirement that a supportive service develop an individualized plan to achieve independent living. This proposed requirement is necessary and reasonable to ensure that persons living in transitional housing receive individualized services to assist them in achieving independent living.

Part 4900.1701, subpart 8, amends the definition of "temporary housing" from housing provided for a period not exceeding six months to a period not exceeding 24 months. This proposed change is reasonable and necessary because it conforms to a change made in Minnesota Statutes Section 268.38, subdivision 1, defining "transitional housing" for the purpose of the Department of Jobs and Training's transitional housing program.

The Agency recognizes the provisions Minnesota Statutes Section 14.115, "Small Business Considerations in Rulemaking," but since a recipients of a grant under the proposed rule must be a local unit of government, the regulation does not affect small business directly. Section 14.155, by its terms, is inapplicable to the proposed rule. Further, to the extent that the grants which are the subject of this rule may have an ultimate and indirect effect on small businesses, the effect is to make persons without a permanent home able to achieve independent living. As a result the proposed rule has no negative effect on small businesses.