

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

In the Matter of the Proposed Rules  
Governing Rural Physician Loan  
Forgiveness Program (Minn. Rules  
4810.3000-4810.3070)

STATEMENTS OF NEED  
AND REASONABLENESS

**SECTION I: AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE RULES**

The Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board is authorized by statute to adopt policies and prescribe rules and regulations for student financial aid programs. {Minnesota Statutes 1990, 136A.04, Subd. 1(9) and 136A.16}.

**SECTION II: BACKGROUND**

The proposed changes are to simplify the application procedures for physicians interested in participating in this program, and to provide more efficient processing procedures and program operations. Combining two separate documents into one, will result in less paperwork and cause less confusion for physicians applying for participation in this program.

**SECTION III: PROPOSED CHANGES**

The proposed changes are summarized below:

4810.3030 APPLICATION PROCESS.

- \* Delete subpart 2 and add language to subpart 3 to merge two separate documents into one document in order to simplify the application process for physicians interested in participation in this program, to eliminate needless confusion regarding the application process, and to provide efficient program operation.

**CHAPTER II: Part-by-Part Explanation**

This chapter provides an explanation for each proposed change to the rules relating to the Rural Physician Education Loan Forgiveness Program.

4810.3030 APPLICATION PROCESS

Subpart 2. **Application form.** Deletion is made to merge the application form with the "contract" document (4810.3030, subpart 3) in order to simplify the application process, eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort for the physician applying for participation in this program, and to provide efficient program operation.

Subpart 3. **Application form and contract.** Additions of the language from subpart 2 to subpart 3 result in the formation of one document rather than two separate documents to improve program administration, simplify the application process, meet the statutory requirements regarding a "contract", and provide efficient procedures for program administration.