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The Honorable Tim Walz
Governor of Minnesota

Michelle Yurich
Executive Director, Legislative Coordinating Commission

Ryan Inman
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Policy and Funding Committees and Divisions with
Jurisdiction over the Minnesota Department of Health
[A complete list of addressees is attached.]

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

Dear Governor Walz, Director Yurich, Revisor Inman, and Committee members,

Each year, agencies 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, as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5.

In 2023, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) identified no Minnesota Rules as being obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative.

In 2024, MDH has identified the following obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rules:

4655.1910, subp. 7 and 4658.0200, subp. 5 -- These subparts both have to do with when residents are allowed to smoke in bed in boarding care or nursing home facilities. They are obsolete because they conflict with the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, and its provisions for long term care facilities (Minn. Stat. § 144.414, subd. 3).

MDH will repeal these rules using the expedited process for repealing obsolete rules under Minn. Stat. § 14.3895, but does not yet have an estimate of the timeframe for doing so.

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If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me as provided below.

Regards,

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