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November 26, 2025

The Honorable Tim Walz
Governor of Minnesota

Michelle Yurich
Executive Director, Legislative Coordinating Commission

Ryan Inman
Revisor of Statutes

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 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) identified the following Minnesota Rules as being obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative:

4655.1910, subp. 7 and 4658.0200, subp. 5 – MDH has not yet completed the repeal of this rule but intends to do so according to the timetable provided for the rules identified below in this 2025 report.

In 2025, MDH has identified the following obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rules:

4620.0955 – This rule part governs smoking in workplaces and is unnecessary as it regulates conduct that is no longer permitted under Minnesota Statutes.

4658.0610, subp. 8 – This subpart is obsolete because it refers to a document that no longer exists.

4717.8000 - .8600 – These rule parts provide unenforceable Health Risk Values (HRV) that are obsolete as they are no longer necessary or based on current methods or data for determining appropriate values. HRVs are not required under statute and, because they

are not enforceable, MDH is able to use current methods and data to identify more reliable values without resorting to rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes chapter 14.

MDH will repeal these rules using the expedited process for repealing obsolete rules under Minn. Stat. § 14.3895, and it estimates that it will do so within the next 18 months to two years.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josh Skaar".

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