


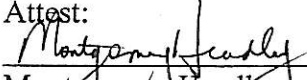
Mandate Relief Requested	Statutory Citation	Comments
Eliminate the maintenance of effort requirement for Family Services and Mental Health Collaboratives (both Human Services programs)	MN Statutes §256F.13 (Family Services Collaboratives)  MN Statutes §§245.492 and 245.4932 (Mental Health Collaboratives)	Eliminating "MOE" requirements provides counties with greater flexibility in prioritizing spending, particularly during difficult budgetary times

Provide general mandate relief for Human Service programs that ties eligibility levels to the availability of local funding	Generally, state mandates can be found in the Public Welfare Chapters of MN Statutes (Chapters 245-267)	Mandated, entitlement programs remove much discretion from County spending decisions and can be difficult to manage under levy limits
Fully fund the County's cost to administer state-mandated services for the developmentally disabled population	MN Statutes §256B.77	In certain cases, counties act as administrative extensions of state government, enforcing state regulations or administering state programs; presumably state agencies that perform similar functions are adequately funded by state resources; counties should receive the same consideration when carrying out a state-wide function

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.

  
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Attest:

  
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