

DATE February 7, 2006

DEPARTMENT Administration

MOTION
BY COMMISSIONER Peterson

SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER Hegberg

STATE MANDATE REFORM

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates, and

WHEREAS, mandate proposals will be listed on the State Auditor's website, along with the name of the local government submitting the proposal, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of mandate reform and urges the Minnesota Legislature to give serious consideration to all proposals made by cities, townships, and counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the attached mandate proposals and directs the County Administrator to submit the listing to the State Auditor.

ATTEST:


COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR


CHAIRMAN, COUNTY BOARD

	YES	NO
HEGBERG	<u>X</u>	___
KRIESEL	<u>X</u>	___
PETERSON	<u>X</u>	___
PULKRABEK	<u>X</u>	___
STAFFORD	<u>X</u>	___

Human Services

Eliminate County Share for Medical Assistance Costs for Under-65 Disabled Placed in Nursing Homes More Than 90 Days and for Certain ICF/MR and IMD Placements	256B.19	<p>Currently, the state requires counties to pay the indicated portion of the nonfederal share of medical assistance costs for stays in excess of 90 days in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10% for individuals placed in intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR's) of seven beds or more.• 20% for individuals placed in institutions of mental disease (IMD's).• 20% of for under-65 disabled individuals placed in nursing homes. <p>The state reneged on its commitment to pay all those costs when counties surrendered homestead and agricultural credit aid on a dollar-for-dollar basis for the state takeover of all income maintenance programs in the early 1990's. These cuts in state funding, enacted in 2003, should be restored now that the state finances are back in the black.</p>
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