



1           (c) "Small county" means a county that has a  
2 population of 100,000 or fewer according to the most recent  
3 decennial census.

4           (2) The governing body of a small county or small  
5 municipality or a district school board may apply for  
6 participation in the state group health insurance program  
7 authorized in s. 110.123 and the prescription drug coverage  
8 program authorized by s. 110.12315 by submitting an  
9 application along with a \$500 nonrefundable fee to the  
10 department.

11           (3) Any costs or savings to the state group health  
12 insurance program or the prescription drug coverage program  
13 resulting from such participation shall be passed on to the  
14 local government participants and their employees. Such costs  
15 or savings shall be delineated based on the impact to the  
16 state, state officers and employees, and local government  
17 employers and their employees.

18           (4) As a prerequisite to the adoption of an ordinance  
19 or resolution for participation in the state group health  
20 insurance program and prescription drug coverage program, a  
21 small county, small municipality, or district school board  
22 shall issue a request for proposals to provide health  
23 insurance and prescription drug coverage. Such request for  
24 proposals shall seek coverages equivalent to those offered  
25 currently by the small county, small municipality, or district  
26 school board and coverages equivalent to the state group  
27 health insurance program and prescription drug coverage  
28 program. Such request for proposals must provide an  
29 opportunity for the receipt of competitive proposals from all  
30 interested parties without restriction. The small county,  
31 small municipality, and district school board shall review and

1 consider all responsive proposals prior to the adoption of any  
2 ordinance or resolution for participation in the state group  
3 health insurance program and prescription drug coverage  
4 program.

5 (5) If the department determines that a small county,  
6 small municipality, or district school board is eligible to  
7 enroll, the small county, small municipality, or district  
8 school board must agree to the following terms and conditions:

9 (a) The minimum enrollment or contractual period will  
10 be 3 years.

11 (b) The small county, small municipality, or district  
12 school board must pay to the department an initial  
13 administrative fee of not less than \$2.61 per enrollee per  
14 month, or such other amount established annually to fully  
15 reimburse the department for its costs.

16 (c) Termination of participation of a small county,  
17 small municipality, or district school board requires written  
18 notice 1 year before the termination date.

19 (d) If participation is terminated, a small county,  
20 small municipality, or district school board may not reapply  
21 for participation for a period of 2 years.

22 (e) Small counties, small municipalities, and district  
23 school boards shall reimburse the state for 100 percent of its  
24 costs, including administrative costs.

25 (f) If a small county, small municipality, or district  
26 school board employer fails to make the payments required by  
27 this section to fully reimburse the state, the Department of  
28 Revenue or the Department of Banking and Finance shall, upon  
29 the request of the Department of Management Services, deduct  
30 the amount owed by the employer from any funds not pledged to  
31 bond debt service satisfaction that are to be distributed by

1 it to the small county, small municipality, or district school  
2 board. The amounts so deducted shall be transferred to the  
3 Department of Management Services for further distribution to  
4 the trust funds in accordance with this chapter.

5 (g) The small county, small municipality, or district  
6 school board shall furnish the department any information  
7 requested by the department which the department considers  
8 necessary to administer the state group health insurance  
9 program and the prescription drug coverage program.

10 (h) The small county, small municipality, or district  
11 school board shall adopt the state's eligibility rules.

12 (i) The small county, small municipality, or district  
13 school board may not participate in the state's cafeteria plan  
14 that allows for pretax treatment of premium contributions. If  
15 pretax treatment is desirable for employees of these  
16 participating employers, each employee of a participating  
17 employer shall execute a salary reduction agreement with that  
18 employer, and each participating employer shall establish its  
19 own cafeteria plan.

20 (j) The small county, small municipality, or district  
21 school board shall pay monthly premiums in amounts sufficient  
22 to cover claims costs, department administrative costs, and  
23 third-party administrative costs and provide for adequate  
24 reserves and cash flow by contributing 3 months' premiums and  
25 costs in advance of the coverage effective date.

26 (6) The provisions of ss. 624.436-624.446 do not apply  
27 to the State Group Insurance Program or to this section.

28 (7) The Department of Management Services may adopt  
29 rules necessary to administer this section.

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