Department of Human Services Contracts with Managed Care Organizations

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Information provided to Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides:
 - Enrollment information
 - Rate information
 - Information about the health risk of the MCOs' enrollees
 - Provider information
 - Information that needs to be tracked across MCOs



Information provided to DHS

- MCOs submit a wide variety of information which includes:
 - Detailed, claim-specific encounter data
 - Beginning 2011, this will include payment data
 - Third-Party Liability and other collections
 - Information regarding incentives and withholds
 - Reports on Grievances and Appeals
 - Reports of Denials, Terminations or Reductions of services
 - Quality reports and Performance Improvement Projects



Information provided to DHS (cont.)

- Child and Teen Checkup reports
- Documents for enrollees
- Information on Provider networks and care systems
 - Includes information on changes
- Review of Annual Care systems Audit (Minnesota Senior Health Options)
- Changes to care and case management systems
- Changes to single source subcontracts
- Aggregate payment information (for 2010)
- Reports of fraud or abuse



Rate setting

- Rates are a projection based on MCO experience, actual cost trends, and anticipated cost trends
- Base rate period of 3 years
- Adjusted for changes in benefits, eligibility, payments, and medical costs,
- Benchmark to non-MCO specific data such as Medicare/Medicaid cost trends



Rate setting

- Rates must reflect :
 - Population covered in the contract
 - Regional cost differences
 - Anticipated cost of services and other required duties

Risk based contracts must include some provision for reserves



Actuarial Soundness

To be actuarially sound, rates must be:

- Sufficient to cover anticipated claims costs and other contractual obligations.
 - Service delivery
 - Administrative activities
 - Taxes and license fees
 - Certification requirements, including contribution to reserves

