

**519A.7 Procedures.**

1. Upon a finding by the commissioner, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that medical malpractice insurance is not available at a reasonable cost for a specific type of licensed health care provider in the voluntary market and upon notification of that finding to the association, any licensed health care provider of the type specified in the commissioner's finding shall be entitled to apply to the association for medical malpractice insurance coverage. The application may be made on behalf of a licensed health care provider by an authorized agent.

2. If the association determines that the applicant meets the underwriting standards of the association as prescribed in the plan of operation, then the association, upon receipt of the premium or such portion thereof as is prescribed in the plan of operation, shall cause to be issued a policy of medical malpractice insurance.

[C77, 79, 81, §519A.7]