

**514B.4 Applicant for certificate of authority.**

1. The commissioner shall determine whether the applicant for a certificate of authority, with respect to health care services to be furnished:

a. Has demonstrated the willingness and potential ability to assure the availability, accessibility, and continuity of service through adequate personnel and facilities.

b. Has arrangements established in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner for a continuous review of health care processes and outcomes. If a health maintenance organization is accredited by the national committee on quality assurance, or another accreditation entity approved by the commissioner, an external peer review under rules of the commissioner shall not be applicable. However, at the discretion of the commissioner, an on-site inspection of the health maintenance organization may be conducted.

c. Has a procedure established in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner to develop, compile, evaluate, and report statistics relating to the cost of its operations, the pattern of utilization of its services, the availability and accessibility of its services, and other matters as may be reasonably required by the commissioner.

2. The commissioner, in administering [this section](#) and [sections 514B.25](#) and [514B.26](#), may contract with qualified persons to make recommendations concerning the determinations required to be made by the commissioner. Such recommendations may be accepted in full or in part by the commissioner.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §514B.4]

[92 Acts, ch 1162, §21](#); [99 Acts, ch 165, §11](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1023, §157](#)

Referred to in [§514B.3](#), [§514B.5](#)