

441—25.52(77GA, HF2545) Methodology for applying for incentive funding. Beginning with the county management plan for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 1999, each county applying for funding under 1998 Iowa Acts, House File 2545, section 8, subsection 2, shall include with its county management plan a performance improvement proposal for improving the county's performance on at least five performance measures. Three of the measures must be selected from at least two of the desired results areas stated in rule 441—25.51(77GA, HF2545). For the remaining two measures, the county either may propose measures not identified in these rules or may use measures described in these rules. A performance improvement proposal is not a mandatory element of a county management plan.

25.52(1) *Performance improvement proposal.* Each county shall identify the performance measures which the county has targeted for improvement and shall propose a percentage change for each indicator. The proposal shall include the county's rationale for selecting the indicators and may include any supporting information the county deems necessary. The proposal shall describe the process the county will use to involve consumers in the evaluation.

25.52(2) *Committee responsibility.* The state county management committee shall review all county proposals, and may either accept the proposal, request modifications, or reject the proposal. In order to interpret and provide context for each county's performance improvement proposal, the state county management committee shall, by January 1, 1999, establish the background data to be collected and aggregated for all counties.

25.52(3) *County ineligibility.* A county which does not have an accepted proposal prior to July 1 will be ineligible to receive incentive funds for that fiscal year. A county may apply for an extension by petitioning the state county management committee prior to July 1. The petition shall describe the circumstances which will cause the proposal to be delayed and identify the date by which the proposal will be submitted. In addition, the state county management committee may grant an extension for the purposes of negotiation.