

441—25.19 (331) Annual service and budget plan approval. The annual service and budget plan shall be submitted by April 1, 2014, as a part of the region's management plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. The director shall review all regional annual service and budget plans submitted by the dates specified. If the director finds the regional annual service and budget plan in compliance with these rules and state and federal laws, the director may approve the plan. A plan approved by the director for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, shall remain in effect until June 30, 2015, subject to amendment.

25.19(1) *Criteria for acceptance.* The director shall determine a plan is acceptable when it contains all the required information, meets the criteria described in this division, and is in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws. The director may request additional information to determine whether or not the plan contains all the required information and meets criteria described in this division.

25.19(2) *Notification.* Except as specified in subrule 25.19(3), the director shall notify the region in writing of the decision on the plan by June 1, 2014. The decision shall specify that either:

a. The annual service and budget plan is approved as it was submitted, either with or without supplemental information already requested and received.

b. The annual service and budget plan will not be approved until revisions are made. The letter will specify the nature of the revisions requested and the time frames for their submission.

25.19(3) *Review of late submittals.* The director may review plans not submitted by April 1, 2014, after all plans submitted by that date have been reviewed. The director will proceed with the late submittals in a timely manner.

25.19(4) *Amendments.* An amendment to the annual service and budget plan shall be approved by the regional governance board and submitted to the department at least 45 days before the date of implementation. Before implementation of any amendment to the plan, the director must approve the amendment.

a. Criteria for acceptance. The director shall determine an amendment is acceptable when it contains all the required information and meets the criteria described in this division for the applicable part of the annual service and budget plan and is in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws. The director may request additional information to determine whether or not the amendment contains all the required information and meets criteria described in this division.

b. Notification. The director shall notify the region, in writing, of the decision on the amendment within 45 days of receipt of the amendment. The decision shall specify either that:

(1) The amendment is approved as it was submitted, either with or without supplemental information already requested and received.

(2) The amendment is not approved. The notification will include why the amendment is not approved.

25.19(5) *Reconsideration.* Regions dissatisfied with the director's decision on a plan or an amendment may file a letter with the director requesting reconsideration. The letter requesting reconsideration must be received within 30 working days of the date of the notice of decision and shall include a request for the director to review the decision and the reasons for dissatisfaction. Within 30 working days of the receipt of the letter requesting reconsideration, the director will review both the reconsideration request and evidence provided. The director shall issue a final decision in writing.