



NETStudy 2.0 Onboarding System Definitions

Authorized Agent means a

- managing employee for personal care provider organizations. See [Minn. Stat. §256B.0659 subd. 1\(j\)](#);
- controlling person for programs regulated by the Minnesota Department of Health under Minn. Stat. Ch. 144A. See [Minn. Stat. §144A.01 subd. 4](#);
- license holder or controlling individual for all other entities.
 - For license holder definition see [Minn. Stat. §245A.02 subd. 9](#).
 - For controlling individual definition see [Minn. Stat §245A.02 subd. 5a](#).

Entity means a facility, program, or agency initiating background study requests under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245C. This includes but is not limited to, programs licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), programs serving children or youth licensed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC), unlicensed personal care provider organization, PCA Choice program, supplemental nursing service agency, personnel agency, educational programs, and professional services agencies.

NETStudy 2.0 means the commissioner's system that replaces both NETStudy and the department's internal background study processing system. NETStudy 2.0 is designed to enhance protection of children and vulnerable adults by improving the accuracy of background studies through fingerprint-based criminal record checks and expanding the background studies to include a review of information from the Minnesota Court Information System and the national crime information database. NETStudy 2.0 is also designed to increase efficiencies in and the speed of the hiring process by:

- (1) providing access to and updates from public Web-based data related to employment eligibility;
- (2) decreasing the need for repeat studies through electronic updates of background study subjects' criminal records;
- (3) supporting identity verification using subjects' Social Security numbers and photographs;
- (4) using electronic employer notifications; and
- (5) issuing immediate verification of subjects' eligibility to provide services as more studies are completed under the NETStudy 2.0 system.

See [Minn. Stat. §245C.02 subd. 13b](#).

Sensitive Information Person (SIP) means the individual designated to receive sensitive background study information who is capable of determining, upon request of the department, whether a background study subject is providing direct contact services in one or more of the license holder's programs or services and, if so, at which location or locations.