Summary: Hennepin Cnty, MN; General Obligation, Local Lease Apr 98

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The rating on Hennepin County, Minn.'s certificates reflects the county's very strong underlying credit strength and the high essentiality of the leased asset. Offsetting these strengths is a lease structure where lease payments supporting debt service are subject to annual appropriation. Certificate proceeds will refund series 1991 certificates, resulting in substantial present value savings and a shortened repayment structure. The original certificates funded the acquisition of a hospital facility, which is now part of the county's medical center. Pursuant to Minnesota statutes, the county is mandated to provide medical care to indigent persons, which it accomplishes through its operation and tax support of the Hennepin County Medical Center. The county's underlying credit characteristics include a strong and well-diversified economic base,...

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