

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S. F. No. 2934

1.2 A bill for an act

1.3 relating to human services; establishing an office of addiction and recovery;  
1.4 establishing the Minnesota board of recovery services; establishing title protection  
1.5 for sober homes; modifying provisions governing disability services, aging services,  
1.6 and behavioral health; modifying medical assistance eligibility requirements for  
1.7 certain populations; making technical and conforming changes; establishing certain  
1.8 grants; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,  
1.9 sections 4.046, subdivisions 6, 7, by adding a subdivision; 179A.54, by adding a  
1.10 subdivision; 241.021, subdivision 1; 241.31, subdivision 5; 241.415; 245A.03,  
1.11 subdivision 7; 245A.11, subdivisions 7, 7a; 245D.04, subdivision 3; 245G.01, by  
1.12 adding subdivisions; 245G.02, subdivision 2; 245G.05, subdivision 1, by adding  
1.13 a subdivision; 245G.06, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, by adding subdivisions; 245G.08,  
1.14 subdivision 3; 245G.09, subdivision 3; 245G.22, subdivision 15; 245I.10,  
1.15 subdivision 6; 246.54, subdivisions 1a, 1b; 252.27, subdivision 2a; 254B.01,  
1.16 subdivision 8, by adding subdivisions; 254B.04, by adding a subdivision; 254B.05,  
1.17 subdivisions 1, 5; 256.043, subdivisions 3, 3a; 256.9754; 256B.04, by adding a  
1.18 subdivision; 256B.056, subdivision 3; 256B.057, subdivision 9; 256B.0625,  
1.19 subdivisions 17, 17a, 18h, 22, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0638, subdivisions  
1.20 2, 4, 5; 256B.0659, subdivisions 1, 12, 19, 24; 256B.073, subdivision 3, by adding  
1.21 a subdivision; 256B.0759, subdivision 2; 256B.0911, subdivision 13; 256B.0913,  
1.22 subdivisions 4, 5; 256B.0917, subdivision 1b; 256B.0922, subdivision 1;  
1.23 256B.0949, subdivision 15; 256B.14, subdivision 2; 256B.434, by adding a  
1.24 subdivision; 256B.49, subdivisions 11, 28; 256B.4905, subdivision 5a; 256B.4911,  
1.25 by adding a subdivision; 256B.4912, by adding subdivisions; 256B.4914,  
1.26 subdivisions 3, as amended, 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 8, 9, 10, 10a, 10c, 12, 14, by  
1.27 adding a subdivision; 256B.492; 256B.5012, by adding subdivisions; 256B.766;  
1.28 256B.85, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; 256B.851, subdivisions 5, 6;  
1.29 256I.05, by adding subdivisions; 256M.42; 256R.02, subdivision 19; 256R.17,  
1.30 subdivision 2; 256R.25; 256R.47; 256R.481; 256R.53, by adding subdivisions;  
1.31 256S.15, subdivision 2; 256S.18, by adding a subdivision; 256S.19, subdivision  
1.32 3; 256S.203, subdivisions 1, 2; 256S.205, subdivisions 3, 5; 256S.21; 256S.2101,  
1.33 subdivisions 1, 2, by adding subdivisions; 256S.211, by adding subdivisions;  
1.34 256S.212; 256S.213; 256S.214; 256S.215, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,  
1.35 13, 14, 15, 16, 17; Laws 2019, chapter 63, article 3, section 1, as amended; Laws  
1.36 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 16, section 28, as amended; article  
1.37 17, sections 16; 20; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters  
1.38 121A; 144A; 245; 245D; 254B; 256; 256I; 256S; 325F; repealing Minnesota  
1.39 Statutes 2022, sections 245G.05, subdivision 2; 246.18, subdivisions 2, 2a;  
1.40 256B.0638, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 256B.0759, subdivision 6; 256B.0917,  
1.41 subdivisions 1a, 6, 7a, 13; 256B.4914, subdivision 9a; 256S.19, subdivision 4.

1.42 May 18, 2023

2.1 The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion  
2.2 President of the Senate  
2.3 The Honorable Melissa Hortman  
2.4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

2.5 We, the undersigned conferees for S. F. No. 2934 report that we have agreed upon the  
2.6 items in dispute and recommend as follows:

2.7 That the House recede from its amendments and that S. F. No. 2934 be further amended  
2.8 as follows:

2.9 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2.10 **"ARTICLE 1**  
2.11 **DISABILITY SERVICES**

2.12 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 179A.54, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.13 to read:

2.14 Subd. 11. **Home Care Orientation Trust.** (a) The state and an exclusive representative  
2.15 certified pursuant to this section may establish a joint labor and management trust, referred  
2.16 to as the Home Care Orientation Trust, for the exclusive purpose of rendering voluntary  
2.17 orientation training to individual providers of direct support services who are represented  
2.18 by the exclusive representative.

2.19 (b) Financial contributions by the state to the Home Care Orientation Trust must be  
2.20 made by the state pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated under this section.  
2.21 All such financial contributions by the state must be held in trust for the purpose of paying,  
2.22 from principal, from income, or from both, the costs associated with developing, delivering,  
2.23 and promoting voluntary orientation training for individual providers of direct support  
2.24 services working under a collective bargaining agreement and providing services through  
2.25 a covered program under section 256B.0711. The Home Care Orientation Trust must be  
2.26 administered, managed, and otherwise controlled jointly by a board of trustees composed  
2.27 of an equal number of trustees appointed by the state and trustees appointed by the exclusive  
2.28 representative under this section. The trust shall not be an agent of either the state or of the  
2.29 exclusive representative.

2.30 (c) Trust administrative, management, legal, and financial services may be provided to  
2.31 the board of trustees by a third-party administrator, financial management institution, other  
2.32 appropriate entity, or any combination thereof, as designated by the board of trustees from  
2.33 time to time, and those services must be paid from the money held in trust and created by  
2.34 the state's financial contributions to the Home Care Orientation Trust.

3.1 (d) The state is authorized to purchase liability insurance for members of the board of  
3.2 trustees appointed by the state.

3.3 (e) Financial contributions to or participation in the management or administration of  
3.4 the Home Care Orientation Trust must not be considered an unfair labor practice under  
3.5 section 179A.13, or a violation of Minnesota law.

3.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

3.7 Subd. 7. **Licensing moratorium.** (a) The commissioner shall not issue an initial license  
3.8 for child foster care licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.3000 to 2960.3340, or adult  
3.9 foster care licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9555.5105 to 9555.6265, under this chapter  
3.10 for a physical location that will not be the primary residence of the license holder for the  
3.11 entire period of licensure. If a family child foster care home or family adult foster care home  
3.12 license is issued during this moratorium, and the license holder changes the license holder's  
3.13 primary residence away from the physical location of the foster care license, the  
3.14 commissioner shall revoke the license according to section 245A.07. The commissioner  
3.15 shall not issue an initial license for a community residential setting licensed under chapter  
3.16 245D. When approving an exception under this paragraph, the commissioner shall consider  
3.17 the resource need determination process in paragraph (h), the availability of foster care  
3.18 licensed beds in the geographic area in which the licensee seeks to operate, the results of a  
3.19 person's choices during their annual assessment and service plan review, and the  
3.20 recommendation of the local county board. The determination by the commissioner is final  
3.21 and not subject to appeal. Exceptions to the moratorium include:

3.22 (1) foster care settings where at least 80 percent of the residents are 55 years of age or  
3.23 older;

3.24 (2) foster care licenses replacing foster care licenses in existence on May 15, 2009, or  
3.25 community residential setting licenses replacing adult foster care licenses in existence on  
3.26 December 31, 2013, and determined to be needed by the commissioner under paragraph  
3.27 (b);

3.28 (3) new foster care licenses or community residential setting licenses determined to be  
3.29 needed by the commissioner under paragraph (b) for the closure of a nursing facility, ICF/DD,  
3.30 or regional treatment center; restructuring of state-operated services that limits the capacity  
3.31 of state-operated facilities; or allowing movement to the community for people who no  
3.32 longer require the level of care provided in state-operated facilities as provided under section  
3.33 256B.092, subdivision 13, or 256B.49, subdivision 24;

4.1 (4) new foster care licenses or community residential setting licenses determined to be  
4.2 needed by the commissioner under paragraph (b) for persons requiring hospital-level care;  
4.3 or

4.4 (5) new foster care licenses or community residential setting licenses for people receiving  
4.5 customized living or 24-hour customized living services under the brain injury or community  
4.6 access for disability inclusion waiver plans under section 256B.49 or elderly waiver plan  
4.7 under chapter 256S and residing in the customized living setting ~~before July 1, 2022~~, for  
4.8 which a license is required. A customized living service provider subject to this exception  
4.9 may rebut the presumption that a license is required by seeking a reconsideration of the  
4.10 commissioner's determination. The commissioner's disposition of a request for  
4.11 reconsideration is final and not subject to appeal under chapter 14. The exception is available  
4.12 until ~~June 30~~ December 31, 2023. This exception is available when:

4.13 (i) the person's customized living services are provided in a customized living service  
4.14 setting serving four or fewer people ~~under the brain injury or community access for disability~~  
4.15 ~~inclusion waiver plans under section 256B.49~~ in a single-family home operational on or  
4.16 before June 30, 2021. Operational is defined in section 256B.49, subdivision 28;

4.17 (ii) the person's case manager provided the person with information about the choice of  
4.18 service, service provider, and location of service, including in the person's home, to help  
4.19 the person make an informed choice; and

4.20 (iii) the person's services provided in the licensed foster care or community residential  
4.21 setting are less than or equal to the cost of the person's services delivered in the customized  
4.22 living setting as determined by the lead agency.

4.23 (b) The commissioner shall determine the need for newly licensed foster care homes or  
4.24 community residential settings as defined under this subdivision. As part of the determination,  
4.25 the commissioner shall consider the availability of foster care capacity in the area in which  
4.26 the licensee seeks to operate, and the recommendation of the local county board. The  
4.27 determination by the commissioner must be final. A determination of need is not required  
4.28 for a change in ownership at the same address.

4.29 (c) When an adult resident served by the program moves out of a foster home that is not  
4.30 the primary residence of the license holder according to section 256B.49, subdivision 15,  
4.31 paragraph (f), or the adult community residential setting, the county shall immediately  
4.32 inform the Department of Human Services Licensing Division. The department may decrease  
4.33 the statewide licensed capacity for adult foster care settings.

5.1 (d) Residential settings that would otherwise be subject to the decreased license capacity  
5.2 established in paragraph (c) shall be exempt if the license holder's beds are occupied by  
5.3 residents whose primary diagnosis is mental illness and the license holder is certified under  
5.4 the requirements in subdivision 6a or section 245D.33.

5.5 (e) A resource need determination process, managed at the state level, using the available  
5.6 data required by section 144A.351, and other data and information shall be used to determine  
5.7 where the reduced capacity determined under section 256B.493 will be implemented. The  
5.8 commissioner shall consult with the stakeholders described in section 144A.351, and employ  
5.9 a variety of methods to improve the state's capacity to meet the informed decisions of those  
5.10 people who want to move out of corporate foster care or community residential settings,  
5.11 long-term service needs within budgetary limits, including seeking proposals from service  
5.12 providers or lead agencies to change service type, capacity, or location to improve services,  
5.13 increase the independence of residents, and better meet needs identified by the long-term  
5.14 services and supports reports and statewide data and information.

5.15 (f) At the time of application and reapplication for licensure, the applicant and the license  
5.16 holder that are subject to the moratorium or an exclusion established in paragraph (a) are  
5.17 required to inform the commissioner whether the physical location where the foster care  
5.18 will be provided is or will be the primary residence of the license holder for the entire period  
5.19 of licensure. If the primary residence of the applicant or license holder changes, the applicant  
5.20 or license holder must notify the commissioner immediately. The commissioner shall print  
5.21 on the foster care license certificate whether or not the physical location is the primary  
5.22 residence of the license holder.

5.23 (g) License holders of foster care homes identified under paragraph (f) that are not the  
5.24 primary residence of the license holder and that also provide services in the foster care home  
5.25 that are covered by a federally approved home and community-based services waiver, as  
5.26 authorized under chapter 256S or section 256B.092 or 256B.49, must inform the human  
5.27 services licensing division that the license holder provides or intends to provide these  
5.28 waiver-funded services.

5.29 (h) The commissioner may adjust capacity to address needs identified in section  
5.30 144A.351. Under this authority, the commissioner may approve new licensed settings or  
5.31 delicense existing settings. Delicensing of settings will be accomplished through a process  
5.32 identified in section 256B.493.

5.33 (i) The commissioner must notify a license holder when its corporate foster care or  
5.34 community residential setting licensed beds are reduced under this section. The notice of

6.1 reduction of licensed beds must be in writing and delivered to the license holder by certified  
6.2 mail or personal service. The notice must state why the licensed beds are reduced and must  
6.3 inform the license holder of its right to request reconsideration by the commissioner. The  
6.4 license holder's request for reconsideration must be in writing. If mailed, the request for  
6.5 reconsideration must be postmarked and sent to the commissioner within 20 calendar days  
6.6 after the license holder's receipt of the notice of reduction of licensed beds. If a request for  
6.7 reconsideration is made by personal service, it must be received by the commissioner within  
6.8 20 calendar days after the license holder's receipt of the notice of reduction of licensed beds.

6.9 (j) The commissioner shall not issue an initial license for children's residential treatment  
6.10 services licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0580 to 2960.0700, under this chapter  
6.11 for a program that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services would consider an institution  
6.12 for mental diseases. Facilities that serve only private pay clients are exempt from the  
6.13 moratorium described in this paragraph. The commissioner has the authority to manage  
6.14 existing statewide capacity for children's residential treatment services subject to the  
6.15 moratorium under this paragraph and may issue an initial license for such facilities if the  
6.16 initial license would not increase the statewide capacity for children's residential treatment  
6.17 services subject to the moratorium under this paragraph.

6.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

6.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.11, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

6.20 Subd. 7. **Adult foster care; variance for alternate overnight supervision.** (a) The  
6.21 commissioner may grant a variance under section 245A.04, subdivision 9, to rule parts  
6.22 requiring a caregiver to be present in an adult foster care home during normal sleeping hours  
6.23 to allow for alternative methods of overnight supervision. The commissioner may grant the  
6.24 variance if the local county licensing agency recommends the variance and the county  
6.25 recommendation includes documentation verifying that:

6.26 (1) the county has approved the license holder's plan for alternative methods of providing  
6.27 overnight supervision and determined the plan protects the residents' health, safety, and  
6.28 rights;

6.29 (2) the license holder has obtained written and signed informed consent from each  
6.30 resident or each resident's legal representative documenting the resident's or legal  
6.31 representative's agreement with the alternative method of overnight supervision; and

6.32 (3) the alternative method of providing overnight supervision, which may include the  
6.33 use of technology, is specified for each resident in the resident's: (i) individualized plan of

7.1 care; (ii) individual service plan under section 256B.092, subdivision 1b, if required; or (iii)  
7.2 individual resident placement agreement under Minnesota Rules, part 9555.5105, subpart  
7.3 19, if required.

7.4 (b) To be eligible for a variance under paragraph (a), the adult foster care license holder  
7.5 must not have had a conditional license issued under section 245A.06, or any other licensing  
7.6 sanction issued under section 245A.07 during the prior 24 months based on failure to provide  
7.7 adequate supervision, health care services, or resident safety in the adult foster care home.

7.8 (c) A license holder requesting a variance under this subdivision to utilize technology  
7.9 as a component of a plan for alternative overnight supervision may request the commissioner's  
7.10 review in the absence of a county recommendation. Upon receipt of such a request from a  
7.11 license holder, the commissioner shall review the variance request with the county.

7.12 (d) ~~A variance granted by the commissioner according to this subdivision before January~~  
7.13 ~~1, 2014, to a license holder for an adult foster care home must transfer with the license when~~  
7.14 ~~the license converts to a community residential setting license under chapter 245D. The~~  
7.15 ~~terms and conditions of the variance remain in effect as approved at the time the variance~~  
7.16 ~~was granted~~ The variance requirements under this subdivision for alternative overnight  
7.17 supervision do not apply to community residential settings licensed under chapter 245D.

7.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

7.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.11, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

7.20 Subd. 7a. **Alternate overnight supervision technology; adult foster care and**  
7.21 **community residential setting licenses.** (a) The commissioner may grant an applicant or  
7.22 license holder an adult foster care ~~or community residential setting~~ license for a residence  
7.23 that does not have a caregiver in the residence during normal sleeping hours as required  
7.24 under Minnesota Rules, part 9555.5105, subpart 37, item B, or section 245D.02, subdivision  
7.25 33b, but uses monitoring technology to alert the license holder when an incident occurs that  
7.26 may jeopardize the health, safety, or rights of a foster care recipient. The applicant or license  
7.27 holder must comply with all other requirements under Minnesota Rules, parts 9555.5105  
7.28 to 9555.6265, or applicable requirements under chapter 245D, and the requirements under  
7.29 this subdivision. The license printed by the commissioner must state in bold and large font:

7.30 (1) that the facility is under electronic monitoring; and

7.31 (2) the telephone number of the county's common entry point for making reports of  
7.32 suspected maltreatment of vulnerable adults under section 626.557, subdivision 9.

8.1 (b) Applications for a license under this section must be submitted directly to the  
8.2 Department of Human Services licensing division. The licensing division must immediately  
8.3 notify the county licensing agency. The licensing division must collaborate with the county  
8.4 licensing agency in the review of the application and the licensing of the program.

8.5 (c) Before a license is issued by the commissioner, and for the duration of the license,  
8.6 the applicant or license holder must establish, maintain, and document the implementation  
8.7 of written policies and procedures addressing the requirements in paragraphs (d) through  
8.8 (f).

8.9 (d) The applicant or license holder must have policies and procedures that:

8.10 (1) establish characteristics of target populations that will be admitted into the home,  
8.11 and characteristics of populations that will not be accepted into the home;

8.12 (2) explain the discharge process when a resident served by the program requires  
8.13 overnight supervision or other services that cannot be provided by the license holder due  
8.14 to the limited hours that the license holder is on site;

8.15 (3) describe the types of events to which the program will respond with a physical  
8.16 presence when those events occur in the home during time when staff are not on site, and  
8.17 how the license holder's response plan meets the requirements in paragraph (e), clause (1)  
8.18 or (2);

8.19 (4) establish a process for documenting a review of the implementation and effectiveness  
8.20 of the response protocol for the response required under paragraph (e), clause (1) or (2).  
8.21 The documentation must include:

8.22 (i) a description of the triggering incident;

8.23 (ii) the date and time of the triggering incident;

8.24 (iii) the time of the response or responses under paragraph (e), clause (1) or (2);

8.25 (iv) whether the response met the resident's needs;

8.26 (v) whether the existing policies and response protocols were followed; and

8.27 (vi) whether the existing policies and protocols are adequate or need modification.

8.28 When no physical presence response is completed for a three-month period, the license  
8.29 holder's written policies and procedures must require a physical presence response drill to  
8.30 be conducted for which the effectiveness of the response protocol under paragraph (e),  
8.31 clause (1) or (2), will be reviewed and documented as required under this clause; and

9.1 (5) establish that emergency and nonemergency phone numbers are posted in a prominent  
9.2 location in a common area of the home where they can be easily observed by a person  
9.3 responding to an incident who is not otherwise affiliated with the home.

9.4 (e) The license holder must document and include in the license application which  
9.5 response alternative under clause (1) or (2) is in place for responding to situations that  
9.6 present a serious risk to the health, safety, or rights of residents served by the program:

9.7 (1) response alternative (1) requires only the technology to provide an electronic  
9.8 notification or alert to the license holder that an event is underway that requires a response.  
9.9 Under this alternative, no more than ten minutes will pass before the license holder will be  
9.10 physically present on site to respond to the situation; or

9.11 (2) response alternative (2) requires the electronic notification and alert system under  
9.12 alternative (1), but more than ten minutes may pass before the license holder is present on  
9.13 site to respond to the situation. Under alternative (2), all of the following conditions are  
9.14 met:

9.15 (i) the license holder has a written description of the interactive technological applications  
9.16 that will assist the license holder in communicating with and assessing the needs related to  
9.17 the care, health, and safety of the foster care recipients. This interactive technology must  
9.18 permit the license holder to remotely assess the well being of the resident served by the  
9.19 program without requiring the initiation of the foster care recipient. Requiring the foster  
9.20 care recipient to initiate a telephone call does not meet this requirement;

9.21 (ii) the license holder documents how the remote license holder is qualified and capable  
9.22 of meeting the needs of the foster care recipients and assessing foster care recipients' needs  
9.23 under item (i) during the absence of the license holder on site;

9.24 (iii) the license holder maintains written procedures to dispatch emergency response  
9.25 personnel to the site in the event of an identified emergency; and

9.26 (iv) each resident's individualized plan of care, support plan under sections 256B.0913,  
9.27 subdivision 8; 256B.092, subdivision 1b; 256B.49, subdivision 15; and 256S.10, if required,  
9.28 or individual resident placement agreement under Minnesota Rules, part 9555.5105, subpart  
9.29 19, if required, identifies the maximum response time, which may be greater than ten minutes,  
9.30 for the license holder to be on site for that resident.

9.31 (f) Each resident's placement agreement, individual service agreement, and plan must  
9.32 clearly state that the adult foster care ~~or community residential setting~~ license category is  
9.33 a program without the presence of a caregiver in the residence during normal sleeping hours;

10.1 the protocols in place for responding to situations that present a serious risk to the health,  
10.2 safety, or rights of residents served by the program under paragraph (e), clause (1) or (2);  
10.3 and a signed informed consent from each resident served by the program or the person's  
10.4 legal representative documenting the person's or legal representative's agreement with  
10.5 placement in the program. If electronic monitoring technology is used in the home, the  
10.6 informed consent form must also explain the following:

10.7 (1) how any electronic monitoring is incorporated into the alternative supervision system;

10.8 (2) the backup system for any electronic monitoring in times of electrical outages or  
10.9 other equipment malfunctions;

10.10 (3) how the caregivers or direct support staff are trained on the use of the technology;

10.11 (4) the event types and license holder response times established under paragraph (e);

10.12 (5) how the license holder protects each resident's privacy related to electronic monitoring  
10.13 and related to any electronically recorded data generated by the monitoring system. A  
10.14 resident served by the program may not be removed from a program under this subdivision  
10.15 for failure to consent to electronic monitoring. The consent form must explain where and  
10.16 how the electronically recorded data is stored, with whom it will be shared, and how long  
10.17 it is retained; and

10.18 (6) the risks and benefits of the alternative overnight supervision system.

10.19 The written explanations under clauses (1) to (6) may be accomplished through  
10.20 cross-references to other policies and procedures as long as they are explained to the person  
10.21 giving consent, and the person giving consent is offered a copy.

10.22 (g) Nothing in this section requires the applicant or license holder to develop or maintain  
10.23 separate or duplicative policies, procedures, documentation, consent forms, or individual  
10.24 plans that may be required for other licensing standards, if the requirements of this section  
10.25 are incorporated into those documents.

10.26 (h) The commissioner may grant variances to the requirements of this section according  
10.27 to section 245A.04, subdivision 9.

10.28 (i) For the purposes of paragraphs (d) through (h), "license holder" has the meaning  
10.29 under section 245A.02, subdivision 9, and additionally includes all staff, volunteers, and  
10.30 contractors affiliated with the license holder.

11.1 (j) For the purposes of paragraph (e), the terms "assess" and "assessing" mean to remotely  
11.2 determine what action the license holder needs to take to protect the well-being of the foster  
11.3 care recipient.

11.4 (k) The commissioner shall evaluate license applications using the requirements in  
11.5 paragraphs (d) to (f). The commissioner shall provide detailed application forms, including  
11.6 a checklist of criteria needed for approval.

11.7 (l) To be eligible for a license under paragraph (a), the adult foster care ~~or community~~  
11.8 ~~residential setting~~ license holder must not have had a conditional license issued under section  
11.9 245A.06 or any licensing sanction under section 245A.07 during the prior 24 months based  
11.10 on failure to provide adequate supervision, health care services, or resident safety in the  
11.11 adult foster care home ~~or community residential setting~~.

11.12 (m) The commissioner shall review an application for an alternative overnight supervision  
11.13 license within 60 days of receipt of the application. When the commissioner receives an  
11.14 application that is incomplete because the applicant failed to submit required documents or  
11.15 that is substantially deficient because the documents submitted do not meet licensing  
11.16 requirements, the commissioner shall provide the applicant written notice that the application  
11.17 is incomplete or substantially deficient. In the written notice to the applicant, the  
11.18 commissioner shall identify documents that are missing or deficient and give the applicant  
11.19 45 days to resubmit a second application that is substantially complete. An applicant's failure  
11.20 to submit a substantially complete application after receiving notice from the commissioner  
11.21 is a basis for license denial under section 245A.05. The commissioner shall complete  
11.22 subsequent review within 30 days.

11.23 (n) Once the application is considered complete under paragraph (m), the commissioner  
11.24 will approve or deny an application for an alternative overnight supervision license within  
11.25 60 days.

11.26 (o) For the purposes of this subdivision, "supervision" means:

11.27 (1) oversight by a caregiver or direct support staff as specified in the individual resident's  
11.28 place agreement or support plan and awareness of the resident's needs and activities; and

11.29 (2) the presence of a caregiver or direct support staff in a residence during normal sleeping  
11.30 hours, unless a determination has been made and documented in the individual's support  
11.31 plan that the individual does not require the presence of a caregiver or direct support staff  
11.32 during normal sleeping hours.

11.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

12.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245D.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

12.2 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** (a) The commissioner shall regulate the provision of home  
12.3 and community-based services to persons with disabilities and persons age 65 and older  
12.4 pursuant to this chapter. The licensing standards in this chapter govern the provision of  
12.5 basic support services and intensive support services.

12.6 (b) Basic support services provide the level of assistance, supervision, and care that is  
12.7 necessary to ensure the health and welfare of the person and do not include services that  
12.8 are specifically directed toward the training, treatment, habilitation, or rehabilitation of the  
12.9 person. Basic support services include:

12.10 (1) in-home and out-of-home respite care services as defined in section 245A.02,  
12.11 subdivision 15, and under the brain injury, community alternative care, community access  
12.12 for disability inclusion, developmental disabilities, and elderly waiver plans, excluding  
12.13 out-of-home respite care provided to children in a family child foster care home licensed  
12.14 under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.3000 to 2960.3100, when the child foster care license  
12.15 holder complies with the requirements under section 245D.06, subdivisions 5, 6, 7, and 8,  
12.16 or successor provisions; and section 245D.061 or successor provisions, which must be  
12.17 stipulated in the statement of intended use required under Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3000,  
12.18 subpart 4;

12.19 (2) adult companion services as defined under the brain injury, community access for  
12.20 disability inclusion, community alternative care, and elderly waiver plans, excluding adult  
12.21 companion services provided under the Corporation for National and Community Services  
12.22 Senior Companion Program established under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973,  
12.23 Public Law 98-288;

12.24 (3) personal support as defined under the developmental disabilities waiver plan;

12.25 (4) 24-hour emergency assistance, personal emergency response as defined under the  
12.26 community access for disability inclusion and developmental disabilities waiver plans;

12.27 (5) night supervision services as defined under the brain injury, community access for  
12.28 disability inclusion, community alternative care, and developmental disabilities waiver  
12.29 plans;

12.30 (6) homemaker services as defined under the community access for disability inclusion,  
12.31 brain injury, community alternative care, developmental disabilities, and elderly waiver  
12.32 plans, excluding providers licensed by the Department of Health under chapter 144A and  
12.33 those providers providing cleaning services only;

13.1 (7) individual community living support under section 256S.13; and

13.2 (8) individualized home supports services as defined under the brain injury, community  
13.3 alternative care, and community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disabilities  
13.4 waiver plans.

13.5 (c) Intensive support services provide assistance, supervision, and care that is necessary  
13.6 to ensure the health and welfare of the person and services specifically directed toward the  
13.7 training, habilitation, or rehabilitation of the person. Intensive support services include:

13.8 (1) intervention services, including:

13.9 (i) positive support services as defined under the brain injury and community access for  
13.10 disability inclusion, community alternative care, and developmental disabilities waiver  
13.11 plans;

13.12 (ii) in-home or out-of-home crisis respite services as defined under the brain injury,  
13.13 community access for disability inclusion, community alternative care, and developmental  
13.14 disabilities waiver plans; and

13.15 (iii) specialist services as defined under the current brain injury, community access for  
13.16 disability inclusion, community alternative care, and developmental disabilities waiver  
13.17 plans;

13.18 (2) in-home support services, including:

13.19 (i) in-home family support and supported living services as defined under the  
13.20 developmental disabilities waiver plan;

13.21 (ii) independent living services training as defined under the brain injury and community  
13.22 access for disability inclusion waiver plans;

13.23 (iii) semi-independent living services;

13.24 (iv) individualized home support with training services as defined under the brain injury,  
13.25 community alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental  
13.26 disabilities waiver plans; and

13.27 (v) individualized home support with family training services as defined under the brain  
13.28 injury, community alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and  
13.29 developmental disabilities waiver plans;

13.30 (3) residential supports and services, including:

14.1 (i) supported living services as defined under the developmental disabilities waiver plan  
14.2 provided in a family or corporate child foster care residence, a family adult foster care  
14.3 residence, a community residential setting, or a supervised living facility;

14.4 (ii) foster care services as defined in the brain injury, community alternative care, and  
14.5 community access for disability inclusion waiver plans provided in a family or corporate  
14.6 child foster care residence, a family adult foster care residence, or a community residential  
14.7 setting;

14.8 (iii) community residential services as defined under the brain injury, community  
14.9 alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disabilities  
14.10 waiver plans provided in a corporate child foster care residence, a community residential  
14.11 setting, or a supervised living facility;

14.12 (iv) family residential services as defined in the brain injury, community alternative  
14.13 care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disabilities waiver plans  
14.14 provided in a family child foster care residence or a family adult foster care residence; ~~and~~

14.15 (v) residential services provided to more than four persons with developmental disabilities  
14.16 in a supervised living facility, including ICFs/DD; and

14.17 (vi) life sharing as defined in the brain injury, community alternative care, community  
14.18 access for disability inclusion, and developmental disabilities waiver plans;

14.19 (4) day services, including:

14.20 (i) structured day services as defined under the brain injury waiver plan;

14.21 (ii) day services under sections 252.41 to 252.46, and as defined under the brain injury,  
14.22 community alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental  
14.23 disabilities waiver plans;

14.24 (iii) day training and habilitation services under sections 252.41 to 252.46, and as defined  
14.25 under the developmental disabilities waiver plan; and

14.26 (iv) prevocational services as defined under the brain injury, community alternative care,  
14.27 community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disabilities waiver plans; and

14.28 (5) employment exploration services as defined under the brain injury, community  
14.29 alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disabilities  
14.30 waiver plans;

15.1 (6) employment development services as defined under the brain injury, community  
15.2 alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disabilities  
15.3 waiver plans;

15.4 (7) employment support services as defined under the brain injury, community alternative  
15.5 care, community access for disability inclusion, and developmental disabilities waiver plans;  
15.6 and

15.7 (8) integrated community support as defined under the brain injury and community  
15.8 access for disability inclusion waiver plans beginning January 1, 2021, and community  
15.9 alternative care and developmental disabilities waiver plans beginning January 1, 2023.

15.10 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval,  
15.11 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
15.12 when federal approval is obtained.

15.13 Sec. 6. [245D.261] COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS; REMOTE  
15.14 OVERNIGHT SUPERVISION.

15.15 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
15.16 the meanings given, unless otherwise specified.

15.17 (b) "Resident" means an adult residing in a community residential setting.

15.18 (c) "Technology" means:

15.19 (1) enabling technology, which is a device capable of live two-way communication or  
15.20 engagement between a resident and direct support staff at a remote location; or

15.21 (2) monitoring technology, which is the use of equipment to oversee, monitor, and  
15.22 supervise an individual who receives medical assistance waiver or alternative care services  
15.23 under section 256B.0913, 256B.092, or 256B.49 or chapter 256S.

15.24 Subd. 2. Documentation of permissible remote overnight supervision. A license  
15.25 holder providing remote overnight supervision in a community residential setting in lieu of  
15.26 on-site direct support staff must comply with the requirements of this chapter, including  
15.27 the requirement under section 245D.02, subdivision 33b, paragraph (a), clause (3), that the  
15.28 absence of direct support staff from the community residential setting while services are  
15.29 being delivered must be documented in the resident's support plan or support plan addendum.

15.30 Subd. 3. Provider requirements for remote overnight supervision; commissioner  
15.31 notification. (a) A license holder providing remote overnight supervision in a community  
15.32 residential setting must:

- 16.1 (1) use technology;
- 16.2 (2) notify the commissioner of the community residential setting's intent to use technology
- 16.3 in lieu of on-site staff. The notification must:
- 16.4 (i) indicate a start date for the use of technology; and
- 16.5 (ii) attest that all requirements under this section are met and policies required under
- 16.6 subdivision 4 are available upon request;
- 16.7 (3) clearly state in each person's support plan addendum that the community residential
- 16.8 setting is a program without the in-person presence of overnight direct support;
- 16.9 (4) include with each person's support plan addendum the license holder's protocols for
- 16.10 responding to situations that present a serious risk to the health, safety, or rights of residents
- 16.11 served by the program; and
- 16.12 (5) include in each person's support plan addendum the person's maximum permissible
- 16.13 response time as determined by the person's support team.
- 16.14 (b) Upon being notified via technology that an incident has occurred that may jeopardize
- 16.15 the health, safety, or rights of a resident, the license holder must document an evaluation
- 16.16 of the need for the physical presence of a staff member. If a physical presence is needed, a
- 16.17 staff person, volunteer, or contractor must be on site to respond to the situation within the
- 16.18 resident's maximum permissible response time.
- 16.19 (c) A license holder must notify the commissioner if remote overnight supervision
- 16.20 technology will no longer be used by the license holder.
- 16.21 (d) Upon receipt of notification of use of remote overnight supervision or discontinuation
- 16.22 of use of remote overnight supervision by a license holder, the commissioner shall notify
- 16.23 the county licensing agency and update the license.
- 16.24 **Subd. 4. Required policies and procedures for remote overnight supervision.** (a) A
- 16.25 license holder providing remote overnight supervision must have policies and procedures
- 16.26 that:
- 16.27 (1) protect the residents' health, safety, and rights;
- 16.28 (2) explain the discharge process if a person served by the program requires in-person
- 16.29 supervision or other services that cannot be provided by the license holder due to the limited
- 16.30 hours that direct support staff are on site, including information explaining that if a resident
- 16.31 provides informed consent to the use of monitoring technology but later revokes their

17.1 consent, the resident may be subject to a service termination in accordance with section  
17.2 245D.10, subdivision 3a;

17.3 (3) ensure that services may not be terminated for any person or resident currently served  
17.4 by the program and receiving in-person services solely because the person declines to  
17.5 provide informed consent to the initial change to the use of monitoring technology as required  
17.6 under subdivision 5;

17.7 (4) explain the backup system for technology in times of electrical outages or other  
17.8 equipment malfunctions;

17.9 (5) explain how the license holder trains the direct support staff on the use of the  
17.10 technology; and

17.11 (6) establish a plan for dispatching emergency response personnel to the site in the event  
17.12 of an identified emergency.

17.13 (b) Nothing in this section requires the license holder to develop or maintain separate  
17.14 or duplicative policies, procedures, documentation, consent forms, or individual plans that  
17.15 may be required for other licensing standards if the requirements of this section are  
17.16 incorporated into those documents.

17.17 (c) When no physical presence response is completed for a three-month period, the  
17.18 license holder must conduct a physical presence response drill. The effectiveness of the  
17.19 response protocol must be reviewed and documented.

17.20 Subd. 5. **Consent to use of monitoring technology.** If a license holder uses monitoring  
17.21 technology in a community residential setting, the license holder must obtain a signed  
17.22 informed consent form from each resident served by the program or the resident's legal  
17.23 representative documenting the resident's or legal representative's agreement to use of the  
17.24 specific monitoring technology used in the setting. The informed consent form documenting  
17.25 this agreement must also explain:

17.26 (1) how the license holder uses monitoring technology to provide remote supervision;

17.27 (2) the risks and benefits of using monitoring technology;

17.28 (3) how the license holder protects each resident's privacy while monitoring technology  
17.29 is being used in the setting; and

17.30 (4) how the license holder protects each resident's privacy when the monitoring  
17.31 technology system electronically records personally identifying data.

17.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

18.1 Sec. 7. **[252.54] STATEWIDE DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT TECHNICAL**  
18.2 **ASSISTANCE CENTER.**

18.3 The commissioner must establish a statewide technical assistance center to provide  
18.4 resources and assistance to programs, people, and families to support individuals with  
18.5 disabilities to achieve meaningful and competitive employment in integrated settings. Duties  
18.6 of the technical assistance center include but are not limited to:

18.7 (1) offering provider business model transition support to ensure ongoing access to  
18.8 employment and day services;

18.9 (2) identifying and providing training on innovative, promising, and emerging practices;

18.10 (3) maintaining a resource clearinghouse to serve as a hub of information to ensure  
18.11 programs, people, and families have access to high-quality materials and information;

18.12 (4) fostering innovation and actionable progress by providing direct technical assistance  
18.13 to programs; and

18.14 (5) cultivating partnerships and mentorship across support programs, people, and families  
18.15 in the exploration of and successful transition to competitive, integrated employment.

18.16 Sec. 8. **[252.55] LEAD AGENCY EMPLOYMENT FIRST CAPACITY BUILDING**  
18.17 **GRANTS.**

18.18 The commissioner shall establish a grant program to expand lead agency capacity to  
18.19 support people with disabilities to contemplate, explore, and maintain competitive, integrated  
18.20 employment options. Allowable uses of money include:

18.21 (1) enhancing resources and staffing to support people and families in understanding  
18.22 employment options and navigating service options;

18.23 (2) implementing and testing innovative approaches to better support people with  
18.24 disabilities and their families in achieving competitive, integrated employment; and

18.25 (3) other activities approved by the commissioner.

18.26 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.01, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

18.27 Subd. 19. **Grants for ~~ease management~~ supportive services to persons with HIV or**  
18.28 **AIDS.** The commissioner may award grants to eligible vendors for the development,  
18.29 implementation, and evaluation of ~~ease management~~ supportive services for individuals  
18.30 infected with the human immunodeficiency virus. HIV/AIDS ~~ease management~~ supportive  
18.31 services will be provided to increase access to cost effective health care services, to reduce

19.1 the risk of HIV transmission, to ensure that basic client needs are met, and to increase client  
19.2 access to needed community supports or services.

19.3 Sec. 10. [256.4764] LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS WORKFORCE  
19.4 INCENTIVE GRANTS.

19.5 Subdivision 1. Grant program established. The commissioner of human services shall  
19.6 establish grants for long-term services and supports providers and facilities to assist with  
19.7 recruiting and retaining direct support professionals.

19.8 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
19.9 meanings given.

19.10 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

19.11 (c) "Eligible employer" means an organization enrolled in a Minnesota health care  
19.12 program that is:

19.13 (1) a provider of home and community-based services under Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
19.14 245D;

19.15 (2) a facility certified as an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental  
19.16 disabilities;

19.17 (3) a nursing facility under section 256R.02, subdivision 33;

19.18 (4) a provider of personal care assistance services under section 256B.0659;

19.19 (5) a provider of community first services and supports under section 256B.85;

19.20 (6) a provider of early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention services  
19.21 under section 256B.0949;

19.22 (7) a provider of home care services as defined under section 256B.0651, subdivision  
19.23 1, paragraph (d);

19.24 (8) an eligible financial management services provider serving people through  
19.25 consumer-directed community supports under chapter 256S and sections 256B.092 and  
19.26 256B.49, or consumer support grants under section 256.476; or

19.27 (9) a provider of customized living services as defined in section 256S.02.

19.28 (d) "Eligible worker" means a worker who earns \$30 per hour or less and is currently  
19.29 employed or recruited to be employed by an eligible employer.

20.1 Subd. 3. **Allowable uses of grant money.** (a) Grantees must use grant money to provide  
20.2 payments to eligible workers for the following purposes:

20.3 (1) retention, recruitment, and incentive payments;

20.4 (2) postsecondary loan and tuition payments;

20.5 (3) child care costs;

20.6 (4) transportation-related costs;

20.7 (5) personal care assistant background study costs; and

20.8 (6) other costs associated with retaining and recruiting workers, as approved by the  
20.9 commissioner.

20.10 (b) Eligible workers may receive cumulative payments up to \$1,000 per year from the  
20.11 workforce incentive grant account and all other state money intended for the same purpose.

20.12 (c) The commissioner must develop a grant cycle distribution plan that allows for  
20.13 equitable distribution of money among eligible employers. The commissioner's determination  
20.14 of the grant awards and amounts is final and is not subject to appeal.

20.15 Subd. 4. **Attestation.** As a condition of obtaining grant payments under this section, an  
20.16 eligible employer must attest and agree to the following:

20.17 (1) the employer is an eligible employer;

20.18 (2) the total number of eligible employees;

20.19 (3) the employer will distribute the entire value of the grant to eligible workers allowed  
20.20 under this section;

20.21 (4) the employer will create and maintain records under subdivision 6;

20.22 (5) the employer will not use the money appropriated under this section for any purpose  
20.23 other than the purposes permitted under this section; and

20.24 (6) the entire value of any grant amounts will be distributed to eligible workers identified  
20.25 by the employer.

20.26 Subd. 5. **Distribution plan; report.** (a) Each grantee shall prepare, and upon request  
20.27 submit to the commissioner, a distribution plan that specifies the amount of money the  
20.28 grantee expects to receive and how that money will be distributed for recruitment and  
20.29 retention purposes for eligible employees. Within 60 days of receiving the grant, the grantee  
20.30 must post the distribution plan and leave it posted for a period of at least six months in an  
20.31 area of the grantee's operation to which all direct support professionals have access.

21.1 (b) Within 12 months of receiving a grant under this section, each grantee that receives  
21.2 a grant shall submit a report to the commissioner that includes the following information:

21.3 (1) a description of how grant money was distributed to eligible employees; and

21.4 (2) the total dollar amount distributed.

21.5 (c) Failure to submit the report under paragraph (b) may result in recoupment of grant  
21.6 money.

21.7 Subd. 6. **Audits and recoupment.** (a) The commissioner may perform an audit under  
21.8 this section up to six years after a grant is awarded to ensure:

21.9 (1) the grantee used the money solely for allowable purposes under subdivision 3;

21.10 (2) the grantee was truthful when making attestations under subdivision 4; and

21.11 (3) the grantee complied with the conditions of receiving a grant under this section.

21.12 (b) If the commissioner determines that a grantee used grant money for purposes not  
21.13 authorized under this section, the commissioner must treat any amount used for a purpose  
21.14 not authorized under this section as an overpayment. The commissioner must recover any  
21.15 overpayment.

21.16 Subd. 7. **Grants not to be considered income.** (a) Notwithstanding any law to the  
21.17 contrary, grant awards under this section must not be considered income, assets, or personal  
21.18 property for purposes of determining eligibility or recertifying eligibility for:

21.19 (1) child care assistance programs under chapter 119B;

21.20 (2) general assistance, Minnesota supplemental aid, and food support under chapter  
21.21 256D;

21.22 (3) housing support under chapter 256I;

21.23 (4) the Minnesota family investment program and diversionary work program under  
21.24 chapter 256J; and

21.25 (5) economic assistance programs under chapter 256P.

21.26 (b) The commissioner must not consider grant awards under this section as income or  
21.27 assets under section 256B.056, subdivision 1a, paragraph (a), 3, or 3c, or for persons with  
21.28 eligibility determined under section 256B.057, subdivision 3, 3a, 3b, 4, or 9.

21.29 Subd. 8. **Income tax subtractions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, "subtraction"  
21.30 has the meaning given in section 290.0132, subdivision 1, and the rules in that subdivision  
21.31 apply for this section. The definitions in section 290.01 apply to this section.

22.1 (b) The amount of a payment received under this section is a subtraction.

22.2 (c) Payments under this section and Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article  
22.3 17, section 20, as amended, are excluded from income as defined in sections 290.0674,  
22.4 subdivision 2a, and 290A.03, subdivision 3.

22.5 Subd. 9. **Account created.** A workforce incentive grant account is created in the special  
22.6 revenue fund. Appropriations made for grants and payments administered under this section  
22.7 may be transferred to this account. Amounts in the account are appropriated to the  
22.8 commissioner of human services. Appropriations transferred to this account cancel and are  
22.9 returned to the fund of origin on the date the original appropriations would have lapsed.

22.10 Subd. 10. **Nursing facilities; applicable credit.** The commissioner must treat grant  
22.11 payments awarded under this section as an applicable credit as defined under section 256R.10,  
22.12 subdivision 6.

22.13 Subd. 11. **Self-directed services workforce.** Payments administered under this section,  
22.14 including reimbursements for paid family medical leave premiums, do not constitute a  
22.15 change in a term or condition for individual providers as defined in section 256B.0711 in  
22.16 covered programs and are not subject to the state's obligation to meet and negotiate under  
22.17 chapter 179A.

22.18 Sec. 11. **[256.4773] TECHNOLOGY FOR HOME GRANT.**

22.19 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner must establish a technology for home  
22.20 grant program that provides assistive technology consultations and resources for people  
22.21 with disabilities who want to stay in their own home, move to their own home, or remain  
22.22 in a less restrictive residential setting. The grant program may be administered using a team  
22.23 approach that allows multiple professionals to assess and meet a person's assistive technology  
22.24 needs. The team may include but is not limited to occupational therapists, physical therapists,  
22.25 speech therapists, nurses, and engineers.

22.26 Subd. 2. **Eligible applicants.** An eligible applicant is a person who uses or is eligible  
22.27 for home care services under section 256B.0651, home and community-based services under  
22.28 section 256B.092 or 256B.49, personal care assistance under section 256B.0659, or  
22.29 community first services and supports under section 256B.85, and who meets one of the  
22.30 following conditions:

22.31 (1) lives in the applicant's own home and may benefit from assistive technology for  
22.32 safety, communication, community engagement, or independence;

23.1 (2) is currently seeking to live in the applicant's own home and needs assistive technology  
23.2 to meet that goal; or

23.3 (3) resides in a residential setting under section 256B.4914, subdivision 3, and is seeking  
23.4 to reduce reliance on paid staff to live more independently in the setting.

23.5 Subd. 3. **Allowable grant activities.** The technology for home grant program must  
23.6 provide at-home, in-person assistive technology consultation and technical assistance to  
23.7 help people with disabilities live more independently. Allowable activities include but are  
23.8 not limited to:

23.9 (1) consultations in people's homes, workplaces, or community locations;

23.10 (2) connecting people to resources to help them live in their own homes, transition to  
23.11 their own homes, or live more independently in residential settings;

23.12 (3) conducting training for and set up and installation of assistive technology; and

23.13 (4) participating on a person's care team to develop a plan to ensure assistive technology  
23.14 goals are met.

23.15 Subd. 4. **Data collection and outcomes.** Grantees must provide data summaries to the  
23.16 commissioner for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the grant program. The  
23.17 commissioner must identify outcome measures to evaluate program activities to assess  
23.18 whether the grant programs help people transition to or remain in the least restrictive setting.

23.19 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0659, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.20 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in  
23.21 paragraphs (b) to (r) have the meanings given unless otherwise provided in text.

23.22 (b) "Activities of daily living" means grooming, dressing, bathing, transferring, mobility,  
23.23 positioning, eating, and toileting.

23.24 (c) "Behavior," effective January 1, 2010, means a category to determine the home care  
23.25 rating and is based on the criteria found in this section. "Level I behavior" means physical  
23.26 aggression ~~towards~~ toward self, others, or destruction of property that requires the immediate  
23.27 response of another person.

23.28 (d) "Complex health-related needs," effective January 1, 2010, means a category to  
23.29 determine the home care rating and is based on the criteria found in this section.

23.30 (e) "Critical activities of daily living," effective January 1, 2010, means transferring,  
23.31 mobility, eating, and toileting.

24.1 (f) "Dependency in activities of daily living" means a person requires assistance to begin  
24.2 and complete one or more of the activities of daily living.

24.3 (g) "Extended personal care assistance service" means personal care assistance services  
24.4 included in a service plan under one of the home and community-based services waivers  
24.5 authorized under chapter 256S and sections 256B.092, subdivision 5, and 256B.49, which  
24.6 exceed the amount, duration, and frequency of the state plan personal care assistance services  
24.7 for participants who:

24.8 (1) need assistance provided periodically during a week, but less than daily will not be  
24.9 able to remain in their homes without the assistance, and other replacement services are  
24.10 more expensive or are not available when personal care assistance services are to be reduced;  
24.11 or

24.12 (2) need additional personal care assistance services beyond the amount authorized by  
24.13 the state plan personal care assistance assessment in order to ensure that their safety, health,  
24.14 and welfare are provided for in their homes.

24.15 (h) "Health-related procedures and tasks" means procedures and tasks that can be  
24.16 delegated or assigned by a licensed health care professional under state law to be performed  
24.17 by a personal care assistant.

24.18 (i) "Instrumental activities of daily living" means activities to include meal planning and  
24.19 preparation; basic assistance with paying bills; shopping for food, clothing, and other  
24.20 essential items; performing household tasks integral to the personal care assistance services;  
24.21 communication by telephone and other media; and traveling, including to medical  
24.22 appointments and to participate in the community. For purposes of this paragraph, traveling  
24.23 includes driving and accompanying the recipient in the recipient's chosen mode of  
24.24 transportation and according to the recipient's personal care assistance care plan.

24.25 (j) "Managing employee" has the same definition as Code of Federal Regulations, title  
24.26 42, section 455.

24.27 (k) "Qualified professional" means a professional providing supervision of personal care  
24.28 assistance services and staff as defined in section 256B.0625, subdivision 19c.

24.29 (l) "Personal care assistance provider agency" means a medical assistance enrolled  
24.30 provider that provides or assists with providing personal care assistance services and includes  
24.31 a personal care assistance provider organization, personal care assistance choice agency,  
24.32 class A licensed nursing agency, and Medicare-certified home health agency.

25.1 (m) "Personal care assistant" or "PCA" means an individual employed by a personal  
25.2 care assistance agency who provides personal care assistance services.

25.3 (n) "Personal care assistance care plan" means a written description of personal care  
25.4 assistance services developed by the personal care assistance provider according to the  
25.5 service plan.

25.6 (o) "Responsible party" means an individual who is capable of providing the support  
25.7 necessary to assist the recipient to live in the community.

25.8 (p) "Self-administered medication" means medication taken orally, by injection, nebulizer,  
25.9 or insertion, or applied topically without the need for assistance.

25.10 (q) "Service plan" means a written summary of the assessment and description of the  
25.11 services needed by the recipient.

25.12 (r) "Wages and benefits" means wages and salaries, the employer's share of FICA taxes,  
25.13 Medicare taxes, state and federal unemployment taxes, workers' compensation, mileage  
25.14 reimbursement, health and dental insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, long-term  
25.15 care insurance, uniform allowance, and contributions to employee retirement accounts.

25.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective 90 days following federal approval. The  
25.17 commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
25.18 is obtained.

25.19 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0659, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

25.20 Subd. 12. **Documentation of personal care assistance services provided.** (a) Personal  
25.21 care assistance services for a recipient must be documented daily by each personal care  
25.22 assistant, on a time sheet form approved by the commissioner. All documentation may be  
25.23 web-based, electronic, or paper documentation. The completed form must be submitted on  
25.24 a monthly basis to the provider and kept in the recipient's health record.

25.25 (b) The activity documentation must correspond to the personal care assistance care plan  
25.26 and be reviewed by the qualified professional.

25.27 (c) The personal care assistant time sheet must be on a form approved by the  
25.28 commissioner documenting time the personal care assistant provides services in the home.  
25.29 The following criteria must be included in the time sheet:

25.30 (1) full name of personal care assistant and individual provider number;

25.31 (2) provider name and telephone numbers;

- 26.1 (3) full name of recipient and either the recipient's medical assistance identification  
26.2 number or date of birth;
- 26.3 (4) consecutive dates, including month, day, and year, and arrival and departure times  
26.4 with a.m. or p.m. notations;
- 26.5 (5) signatures of recipient or the responsible party;
- 26.6 (6) personal signature of the personal care assistant;
- 26.7 (7) any shared care provided, if applicable;
- 26.8 (8) a statement that it is a federal crime to provide false information on personal care  
26.9 service billings for medical assistance payments; ~~and~~
- 26.10 (9) dates and location of recipient stays in a hospital, care facility, or incarceration; and
- 26.11 (10) any time spent traveling, as described in subdivision 1, paragraph (i), including  
26.12 start and stop times with a.m. and p.m. designations, the origination site, and the destination  
26.13 site.

26.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective 90 days following federal approval. The  
26.15 commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
26.16 is obtained.

26.17 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0659, is amended by adding a subdivision  
26.18 to read:

26.19 Subd. 14a. **Qualified professional; remote supervision.** (a) For recipients with chronic  
26.20 health conditions or severely compromised immune systems, a qualified professional may  
26.21 conduct the supervision required under subdivision 14 via two-way interactive audio and  
26.22 visual telecommunication if, at the recipient's request, the recipient's primary health care  
26.23 provider:

26.24 (1) determines that remote supervision is appropriate; and

26.25 (2) documents the determination under clause (1) in a statement of need or other document  
26.26 that is subsequently included in the recipient's personal care assistance care plan.

26.27 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a care plan developed or amended via  
26.28 remote supervision may be executed by electronic signature.

26.29 (c) A personal care assistance provider agency must not conduct its first supervisory  
26.30 visit for a recipient or complete its initial personal care assistance care plan via a remote  
26.31 visit.

27.1 (d) A recipient may request to return to in-person supervisory visits at any time.

27.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval,  
27.3 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
27.4 when federal approval is obtained.

27.5 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0659, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

27.6 Subd. 19. **Personal care assistance choice option; qualifications; duties.** (a) Under  
27.7 personal care assistance choice, the recipient or responsible party shall:

27.8 (1) recruit, hire, schedule, and terminate personal care assistants according to the terms  
27.9 of the written agreement required under subdivision 20, paragraph (a);

27.10 (2) develop a personal care assistance care plan based on the assessed needs and  
27.11 addressing the health and safety of the recipient with the assistance of a qualified professional  
27.12 as needed;

27.13 (3) orient and train the personal care assistant with assistance as needed from the qualified  
27.14 professional;

27.15 (4) supervise and evaluate the personal care assistant with the qualified professional,  
27.16 who is required to visit the recipient at least every 180 days;

27.17 (5) monitor and verify in writing and report to the personal care assistance choice agency  
27.18 the number of hours worked by the personal care assistant and the qualified professional;

27.19 (6) engage in an annual reassessment as required in subdivision 3a to determine  
27.20 continuing eligibility and service authorization; ~~and~~

27.21 (7) use the same personal care assistance choice provider agency if shared personal  
27.22 assistance care is being used; and

27.23 (8) ensure that a personal care assistant driving the recipient under subdivision 1,  
27.24 paragraph (i), has a valid driver's license and the vehicle used is registered and insured  
27.25 according to Minnesota law.

27.26 (b) The personal care assistance choice provider agency shall:

27.27 (1) meet all personal care assistance provider agency standards;

27.28 (2) enter into a written agreement with the recipient, responsible party, and personal  
27.29 care assistants;

27.30 (3) not be related as a parent, child, sibling, or spouse to the recipient or the personal  
27.31 care assistant; and

28.1 (4) ensure arm's-length transactions without undue influence or coercion with the recipient  
28.2 and personal care assistant.

28.3 (c) The duties of the personal care assistance choice provider agency are to:

28.4 (1) be the employer of the personal care assistant and the qualified professional for  
28.5 employment law and related regulations including but not limited to purchasing and  
28.6 maintaining workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, surety and fidelity bonds,  
28.7 and liability insurance, and submit any or all necessary documentation including but not  
28.8 limited to workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, and labor market data required  
28.9 under section 256B.4912, subdivision 1a;

28.10 (2) bill the medical assistance program for personal care assistance services and qualified  
28.11 professional services;

28.12 (3) request and complete background studies that comply with the requirements for  
28.13 personal care assistants and qualified professionals;

28.14 (4) pay the personal care assistant and qualified professional based on actual hours of  
28.15 services provided;

28.16 (5) withhold and pay all applicable federal and state taxes;

28.17 (6) verify and keep records of hours worked by the personal care assistant and qualified  
28.18 professional;

28.19 (7) make the arrangements and pay taxes and other benefits, if any, and comply with  
28.20 any legal requirements for a Minnesota employer;

28.21 (8) enroll in the medical assistance program as a personal care assistance choice agency;  
28.22 and

28.23 (9) enter into a written agreement as specified in subdivision 20 before services are  
28.24 provided.

28.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective 90 days following federal approval. The  
28.26 commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
28.27 is obtained.

28.28 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0659, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

28.29 Subd. 24. **Personal care assistance provider agency; general duties.** A personal care  
28.30 assistance provider agency shall:

- 29.1 (1) enroll as a Medicaid provider meeting all provider standards, including completion  
29.2 of the required provider training;
- 29.3 (2) comply with general medical assistance coverage requirements;
- 29.4 (3) demonstrate compliance with law and policies of the personal care assistance program  
29.5 to be determined by the commissioner;
- 29.6 (4) comply with background study requirements;
- 29.7 (5) verify and keep records of hours worked by the personal care assistant and qualified  
29.8 professional;
- 29.9 (6) not engage in any agency-initiated direct contact or marketing in person, by phone,  
29.10 or other electronic means to potential recipients, guardians, or family members;
- 29.11 (7) pay the personal care assistant and qualified professional based on actual hours of  
29.12 services provided;
- 29.13 (8) withhold and pay all applicable federal and state taxes;
- 29.14 (9) document that the agency uses a minimum of 72.5 percent of the revenue generated  
29.15 by the medical assistance rate for personal care assistance services for employee personal  
29.16 care assistant wages and benefits. The revenue generated by the qualified professional and  
29.17 the reasonable costs associated with the qualified professional shall not be used in making  
29.18 this calculation;
- 29.19 (10) make the arrangements and pay unemployment insurance, taxes, workers'  
29.20 compensation, liability insurance, and other benefits, if any;
- 29.21 (11) enter into a written agreement under subdivision 20 before services are provided;
- 29.22 (12) report suspected neglect and abuse to the common entry point according to section  
29.23 256B.0651;
- 29.24 (13) provide the recipient with a copy of the home care bill of rights at start of service;
- 29.25 (14) request reassessments at least 60 days prior to the end of the current authorization  
29.26 for personal care assistance services, on forms provided by the commissioner;
- 29.27 (15) comply with the labor market reporting requirements described in section 256B.4912,  
29.28 subdivision 1a; ~~and~~
- 29.29 (16) document that the agency uses the additional revenue due to the enhanced rate under  
29.30 subdivision 17a for the wages and benefits of the PCAs whose services meet the requirements  
29.31 under subdivision 11, paragraph (d); and

30.1 (17) ensure that a personal care assistant driving a recipient under subdivision 1,  
30.2 paragraph (i), has a valid driver's license and the vehicle used is registered and insured  
30.3 according to Minnesota law.

30.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective 90 days following federal approval. The  
30.5 commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
30.6 is obtained.

30.7 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0911, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

30.8 Subd. 13. **MnCHOICES assessor qualifications, training, and certification.** (a) The  
30.9 commissioner shall develop and implement a curriculum and an assessor certification  
30.10 process.

30.11 (b) MnCHOICES certified assessors must:

30.12 (1) either have a bachelor's degree in social work, nursing with a public health nursing  
30.13 certificate, or other closely related field ~~with at least one year of home and community-based~~  
30.14 ~~experience~~ or be a registered nurse with at least two years of home and community-based  
30.15 experience; and

30.16 (2) have received training and certification specific to assessment and consultation for  
30.17 long-term care services in the state.

30.18 (c) Certified assessors shall demonstrate best practices in assessment and support  
30.19 planning, including person-centered planning principles, and have a common set of skills  
30.20 that ensures consistency and equitable access to services statewide.

30.21 (d) Certified assessors must be recertified every three years.

30.22 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.092, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

30.23 Subd. 1a. **Case management services.** (a) Each recipient of a home and community-based  
30.24 waiver shall be provided case management services by qualified vendors as described in  
30.25 the federally approved waiver application.

30.26 (b) Case management service activities provided to or arranged for a person include:

30.27 (1) development of the person-centered support plan under subdivision 1b;

30.28 (2) informing the individual or the individual's legal guardian or conservator, or parent  
30.29 if the person is a minor, of service options, including all service options available under the  
30.30 waiver plan;

- 31.1 (3) consulting with relevant medical experts or service providers;
- 31.2 (4) assisting the person in the identification of potential providers of chosen services,
- 31.3 including:
- 31.4 (i) providers of services provided in a non-disability-specific setting;
- 31.5 (ii) employment service providers;
- 31.6 (iii) providers of services provided in settings that are not controlled by a provider; and
- 31.7 (iv) providers of financial management services;
- 31.8 (5) assisting the person to access services and assisting in appeals under section 256.045;
- 31.9 (6) coordination of services, if coordination is not provided by another service provider;
- 31.10 (7) evaluation and monitoring of the services identified in the support plan, which must
- 31.11 incorporate at least one annual face-to-face visit by the case manager with each person; and
- 31.12 (8) reviewing support plans and providing the lead agency with recommendations for
- 31.13 service authorization based upon the individual's needs identified in the support plan.
- 31.14 (c) Case management service activities that are provided to the person with a
- 31.15 developmental disability shall be provided directly by county agencies or under contract.
- 31.16 If a county agency contracts for case management services, the county agency must provide
- 31.17 each recipient of home and community-based services who is receiving contracted case
- 31.18 management services with the contact information the recipient may use to file a grievance
- 31.19 with the county agency about the quality of the contracted services the recipient is receiving
- 31.20 from a county-contracted case manager. Case management services must be provided by a
- 31.21 public or private agency that is enrolled as a medical assistance provider determined by the
- 31.22 commissioner to meet all of the requirements in the approved federal waiver plans. Case
- 31.23 management services must not be provided to a recipient by a private agency that has a
- 31.24 financial interest in the provision of any other services included in the recipient's support
- 31.25 plan. For purposes of this section, "private agency" means any agency that is not identified
- 31.26 as a lead agency under section 256B.0911, subdivision 10.
- 31.27 (d) Case managers are responsible for service provisions listed in paragraphs (a) and
- 31.28 (b). Case managers shall collaborate with consumers, families, legal representatives, and
- 31.29 relevant medical experts and service providers in the development and annual review of the
- 31.30 person-centered support plan and habilitation plan.
- 31.31 (e) For persons who need a positive support transition plan as required in chapter 245D,
- 31.32 the case manager shall participate in the development and ongoing evaluation of the plan

32.1 with the expanded support team. At least quarterly, the case manager, in consultation with  
32.2 the expanded support team, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the plan based on progress  
32.3 evaluation data submitted by the licensed provider to the case manager. The evaluation must  
32.4 identify whether the plan has been developed and implemented in a manner to achieve the  
32.5 following within the required timelines:

32.6 (1) phasing out the use of prohibited procedures;

32.7 (2) acquisition of skills needed to eliminate the prohibited procedures within the plan's  
32.8 timeline; and

32.9 (3) accomplishment of identified outcomes.

32.10 If adequate progress is not being made, the case manager shall consult with the person's  
32.11 expanded support team to identify needed modifications and whether additional professional  
32.12 support is required to provide consultation.

32.13 (f) The Department of Human Services shall offer ongoing education in case management  
32.14 to case managers. Case managers shall receive no less than ~~ten~~ 20 hours of case management  
32.15 education and disability-related training each year. The education and training must include  
32.16 person-centered planning, informed choice, cultural competency, employment planning,  
32.17 community living planning, self-direction options, and use of technology supports. By  
32.18 August 1, 2024, all case managers must complete an employment support training course  
32.19 identified by the commissioner of human services. For case managers hired after August  
32.20 1, 2024, this training must be completed within the first six months of providing case  
32.21 management services. For the purposes of this section, "person-centered planning" or  
32.22 "person-centered" has the meaning given in section 256B.0911, subdivision 10. Case  
32.23 managers must document completion of training in a system identified by the commissioner.

32.24 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0949, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

32.25 Subd. 15. **EIDBI provider qualifications.** (a) A QSP must be employed by an agency  
32.26 and be:

32.27 (1) a licensed mental health professional who has at least 2,000 hours of supervised  
32.28 clinical experience or training in examining or treating people with ASD or a related condition  
32.29 or equivalent documented coursework at the graduate level by an accredited university in  
32.30 ASD diagnostics, ASD developmental and behavioral treatment strategies, and typical child  
32.31 development; or

32.32 (2) a developmental or behavioral pediatrician who has at least 2,000 hours of supervised  
32.33 clinical experience or training in examining or treating people with ASD or a related condition

33.1 or equivalent documented coursework at the graduate level by an accredited university in  
33.2 the areas of ASD diagnostics, ASD developmental and behavioral treatment strategies, and  
33.3 typical child development.

33.4 (b) A level I treatment provider must be employed by an agency and:

33.5 (1) have at least 2,000 hours of supervised clinical experience or training in examining  
33.6 or treating people with ASD or a related condition or equivalent documented coursework  
33.7 at the graduate level by an accredited university in ASD diagnostics, ASD developmental  
33.8 and behavioral treatment strategies, and typical child development or an equivalent  
33.9 combination of documented coursework or hours of experience; and

33.10 (2) have or be at least one of the following:

33.11 (i) a master's degree in behavioral health or child development or related fields including,  
33.12 but not limited to, mental health, special education, social work, psychology, speech  
33.13 pathology, or occupational therapy from an accredited college or university;

33.14 (ii) a bachelor's degree in a behavioral health, child development, or related field  
33.15 including, but not limited to, mental health, special education, social work, psychology,  
33.16 speech pathology, or occupational therapy, from an accredited college or university, and  
33.17 advanced certification in a treatment modality recognized by the department;

33.18 (iii) a board-certified behavior analyst; or

33.19 (iv) a board-certified assistant behavior analyst with 4,000 hours of supervised clinical  
33.20 experience that meets all registration, supervision, and continuing education requirements  
33.21 of the certification.

33.22 (c) A level II treatment provider must be employed by an agency and must be:

33.23 (1) a person who has a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in a  
33.24 behavioral or child development science or related field including, but not limited to, mental  
33.25 health, special education, social work, psychology, speech pathology, or occupational  
33.26 therapy; and meets at least one of the following:

33.27 (i) has at least 1,000 hours of supervised clinical experience or training in examining or  
33.28 treating people with ASD or a related condition or equivalent documented coursework at  
33.29 the graduate level by an accredited university in ASD diagnostics, ASD developmental and  
33.30 behavioral treatment strategies, and typical child development or a combination of  
33.31 coursework or hours of experience;

34.1 (ii) has certification as a board-certified assistant behavior analyst from the Behavior  
34.2 Analyst Certification Board;

34.3 (iii) is a registered behavior technician as defined by the Behavior Analyst Certification  
34.4 Board; or

34.5 (iv) is certified in one of the other treatment modalities recognized by the department;  
34.6 or

34.7 (2) a person who has:

34.8 (i) an associate's degree in a behavioral or child development science or related field  
34.9 including, but not limited to, mental health, special education, social work, psychology,  
34.10 speech pathology, or occupational therapy from an accredited college or university; and

34.11 (ii) at least 2,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in delivering treatment to people  
34.12 with ASD or a related condition. Hours worked as a mental health behavioral aide or level  
34.13 III treatment provider may be included in the required hours of experience; or

34.14 (3) a person who has at least 4,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in delivering  
34.15 treatment to people with ASD or a related condition. Hours worked as a mental health  
34.16 behavioral aide or level III treatment provider may be included in the required hours of  
34.17 experience; or

34.18 (4) a person who is a graduate student in a behavioral science, child development science,  
34.19 or related field and is receiving clinical supervision by a QSP affiliated with an agency to  
34.20 meet the clinical training requirements for experience and training with people with ASD  
34.21 or a related condition; or

34.22 (5) a person who is at least 18 years of age and who:

34.23 (i) is fluent in a non-English language or is an individual certified by a Tribal Nation;

34.24 (ii) completed the level III EIDBI training requirements; and

34.25 (iii) receives observation and direction from a QSP or level I treatment provider at least  
34.26 once a week until the person meets 1,000 hours of supervised clinical experience.

34.27 (d) A level III treatment provider must be employed by an agency, have completed the  
34.28 level III training requirement, be at least 18 years of age, and have at least one of the  
34.29 following:

34.30 (1) a high school diploma or commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency  
34.31 certification;

35.1 (2) fluency in a non-English language or Tribal Nation certification;

35.2 (3) one year of experience as a primary personal care assistant, community health worker,  
35.3 waiver service provider, or special education assistant to a person with ASD or a related  
35.4 condition within the previous five years; or

35.5 (4) completion of all required EIDBI training within six months of employment.

35.6 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
35.7 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
35.8 when federal approval is obtained.

35.9 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.49, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

35.10 Subd. 13. **Case management.** (a) Each recipient of a home and community-based waiver  
35.11 shall be provided case management services by qualified vendors as described in the federally  
35.12 approved waiver application. The case management service activities provided must include:

35.13 (1) finalizing the person-centered written support plan within the timelines established  
35.14 by the commissioner and section 256B.0911, subdivision 29;

35.15 (2) informing the recipient or the recipient's legal guardian or conservator of service  
35.16 options, including all service options available under the waiver plans;

35.17 (3) assisting the recipient in the identification of potential service providers of chosen  
35.18 services, including:

35.19 (i) available options for case management service and providers;

35.20 (ii) providers of services provided in a non-disability-specific setting;

35.21 (iii) employment service providers;

35.22 (iv) providers of services provided in settings that are not community residential settings;  
35.23 and

35.24 (v) providers of financial management services;

35.25 (4) assisting the recipient to access services and assisting with appeals under section  
35.26 256.045; and

35.27 (5) coordinating, evaluating, and monitoring of the services identified in the service  
35.28 plan.

36.1 (b) The case manager may delegate certain aspects of the case management service  
36.2 activities to another individual provided there is oversight by the case manager. The case  
36.3 manager may not delegate those aspects which require professional judgment including:

36.4 (1) finalizing the person-centered support plan;

36.5 (2) ongoing assessment and monitoring of the person's needs and adequacy of the  
36.6 approved person-centered support plan; and

36.7 (3) adjustments to the person-centered support plan.

36.8 (c) Case management services must be provided by a public or private agency that is  
36.9 enrolled as a medical assistance provider determined by the commissioner to meet all of  
36.10 the requirements in the approved federal waiver plans. Case management services must not  
36.11 be provided to a recipient by a private agency that has any financial interest in the provision  
36.12 of any other services included in the recipient's support plan. For purposes of this section,  
36.13 "private agency" means any agency that is not identified as a lead agency under section  
36.14 256B.0911, subdivision 10.

36.15 (d) For persons who need a positive support transition plan as required in chapter 245D,  
36.16 the case manager shall participate in the development and ongoing evaluation of the plan  
36.17 with the expanded support team. At least quarterly, the case manager, in consultation with  
36.18 the expanded support team, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the plan based on progress  
36.19 evaluation data submitted by the licensed provider to the case manager. The evaluation must  
36.20 identify whether the plan has been developed and implemented in a manner to achieve the  
36.21 following within the required timelines:

36.22 (1) phasing out the use of prohibited procedures;

36.23 (2) acquisition of skills needed to eliminate the prohibited procedures within the plan's  
36.24 timeline; and

36.25 (3) accomplishment of identified outcomes.

36.26 If adequate progress is not being made, the case manager shall consult with the person's  
36.27 expanded support team to identify needed modifications and whether additional professional  
36.28 support is required to provide consultation.

36.29 (e) The Department of Human Services shall offer ongoing education in case management  
36.30 to case managers. Case managers shall receive no less than ~~ten~~ 20 hours of case management  
36.31 education and disability-related training each year. The education and training must include  
36.32 person-centered planning, informed choice, cultural competency, employment planning,  
36.33 community living planning, self-direction options, and use of technology supports. By

37.1 August 1, 2024, all case managers must complete an employment support training course  
37.2 identified by the commissioner of human services. For case managers hired after August  
37.3 1, 2024, this training must be completed within the first six months of providing case  
37.4 management services. For the purposes of this section, "person-centered planning" or  
37.5 "person-centered" has the meaning given in section 256B.0911, subdivision 10. Case  
37.6 managers shall document completion of training in a system identified by the commissioner.

37.7 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4905, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

37.8 Subd. 4a. **Informed choice in employment policy.** It is the policy of this state that  
37.9 working-age individuals who have disabilities:

37.10 (1) can work and achieve competitive integrated employment with appropriate services  
37.11 and supports, as needed;

37.12 (2) make informed choices about their postsecondary education, work, and career goals;  
37.13 ~~and~~

37.14 (3) will be offered the opportunity to make an informed choice, at least annually, to  
37.15 pursue postsecondary education or to work and earn a competitive wage; and

37.16 (4) will be offered benefits planning assistance and supports to understand available  
37.17 work incentive programs and to understand the impact of work on benefits.

37.18 Sec. 22. [256B.4906] SUBMINIMUM WAGES IN HOME AND  
37.19 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES REPORTING.

37.20 (a) A provider of home and community-based services for people with developmental  
37.21 disabilities under section 256B.092 or home and community-based services for people with  
37.22 disabilities under section 256B.49 that holds a credential listed in clause (1) or (2) as of  
37.23 August 1, 2023, must submit to the commissioner of human services data on individuals  
37.24 who are currently being paid subminimum wages or were being paid subminimum wages  
37.25 by the provider organization as of August 1, 2023:

37.26 (1) a certificate through the United States Department of Labor under United States  
37.27 Code, title 29, section 214(c), of the Fair Labor Standards Act authorizing the payment of  
37.28 subminimum wages to workers with disabilities; or

37.29 (2) a permit by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry under section 177.28.

37.30 (b) The report required under paragraph (a) must include the following data about each  
37.31 individual being paid subminimum wages:

- 38.1 (1) name;
- 38.2 (2) date of birth;
- 38.3 (3) identified race and ethnicity;
- 38.4 (4) disability type;
- 38.5 (5) key employment status measures as determined by the commissioner; and
- 38.6 (6) key community-life engagement measures as determined by the commissioner.
- 38.7 (c) The information in paragraph (b) must be submitted in a format determined by the
- 38.8 commissioner.
- 38.9 (d) A provider must submit the data required under this section annually on a date
- 38.10 specified by the commissioner. The commissioner must give a provider at least 30 calendar
- 38.11 days to submit the data following notice of the due date. If a provider fails to submit the
- 38.12 requested data by the date specified by the commissioner, the commissioner may delay
- 38.13 medical assistance reimbursement until the requested data is submitted.
- 38.14 (e) Individually identifiable data submitted to the commissioner under this section are
- 38.15 considered private data on individuals as defined by section 13.02, subdivision 12.
- 38.16 (f) The commissioner must analyze data annually for tracking employment and
- 38.17 community-life engagement outcomes.
- 38.18 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4911, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 38.19 to read:
- 38.20 Subd. 6. **Services provided by parents and spouses.** (a) This subdivision limits medical
- 38.21 assistance payments under the consumer-directed community supports option for personal
- 38.22 assistance services provided by a parent to the parent's minor child or by a participant's
- 38.23 spouse. This subdivision applies to the consumer-directed community supports option
- 38.24 available under all of the following:
- 38.25 (1) alternative care program;
- 38.26 (2) brain injury waiver;
- 38.27 (3) community alternative care waiver;
- 38.28 (4) community access for disability inclusion waiver;
- 38.29 (5) developmental disabilities waiver; and
- 38.30 (6) elderly waiver.

39.1 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "parent" means a parent, stepparent, or legal  
39.2 guardian of a minor.

39.3 (c) If multiple parents are providing personal assistance services to their minor child or  
39.4 children, each parent may provide up to 40 hours of personal assistance services in any  
39.5 seven-day period regardless of the number of children served. The total number of hours  
39.6 of medical assistance home and community-based services provided by all of the parents  
39.7 must not exceed 80 hours in a seven-day period regardless of the number of children served.

39.8 (d) If only one parent is providing personal assistance services to a minor child or  
39.9 children, the parent may provide up to 60 hours of medical assistance home and  
39.10 community-based services in a seven-day period regardless of the number of children served.

39.11 (e) If a participant's spouse is providing personal assistance services, the spouse may  
39.12 provide up to 60 hours of medical assistance home and community-based services in a  
39.13 seven-day period.

39.14 (f) This subdivision must not be construed to permit an increase in the total authorized  
39.15 consumer-directed community supports budget for an individual.

39.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval,  
39.17 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
39.18 when federal approval is obtained.

39.19 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4912, is amended by adding a subdivision  
39.20 to read:

39.21 Subd. 1b. **Direct support professional annual labor market survey.** (a) The  
39.22 commissioner shall develop and administer a survey of direct care staff who work for  
39.23 organizations that provide services under the following programs:

39.24 (1) home and community-based services for seniors under chapter 256S and section  
39.25 256B.0913, home and community-based services for people with developmental disabilities  
39.26 under section 256B.092, and home and community-based services for people with disabilities  
39.27 under section 256B.49;

39.28 (2) personal care assistance services under section 256B.0625, subdivision 19a;  
39.29 community first services and supports under section 256B.85; nursing services and home  
39.30 health services under section 256B.0625, subdivision 6a; home care nursing services under  
39.31 section 256B.0625, subdivision 7; and

40.1 (3) financial management services for participants who directly employ direct-care staff  
40.2 through consumer support grants under section 256.476; the personal care assistance choice  
40.3 program under section 256B.0659, subdivisions 18 to 20; community first services and  
40.4 supports under section 256B.85; and the consumer-directed community supports option  
40.5 available under the alternative care program, the brain injury waiver, the community  
40.6 alternative care waiver, the community access for disability inclusion waiver, the  
40.7 developmental disabilities waiver, the elderly waiver, and the Minnesota senior health  
40.8 option, except financial management services providers are not required to submit the data  
40.9 listed in subdivision 1a, clauses (7) to (11).

40.10 (b) The survey must collect information about the individual experience of the direct-care  
40.11 staff and any other information necessary to assess the overall economic viability and  
40.12 well-being of the workforce.

40.13 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "direct-care staff" means employees, including  
40.14 self-employed individuals and individuals directly employed by a participant in a  
40.15 consumer-directed service delivery option, providing direct service to participants under  
40.16 this section. Direct-care staff does not include executive, managerial, or administrative staff.

40.17 (d) Individually identifiable data submitted to the commissioner under this section are  
40.18 considered private data on individuals as defined by section 13.02, subdivision 12.

40.19 (e) The commissioner shall analyze data submitted under this section annually to assess  
40.20 the overall economic viability and well-being of the workforce and the impact of the state  
40.21 of the workforce on access to services.

40.22 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4912, is amended by adding a subdivision  
40.23 to read:

40.24 Subd. 1c. **Annual labor market report.** The commissioner shall publish annual reports  
40.25 on provider and state-level labor market data, including but not limited to the data outlined  
40.26 in subdivisions 1a and 1b.

40.27 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4912, is amended by adding a subdivision  
40.28 to read:

40.29 Subd. 16. **Rates established by the commissioner.** For homemaker services eligible  
40.30 for reimbursement under the developmental disabilities waiver, the brain injury waiver, the  
40.31 community alternative care waiver, and the community access for disability inclusion waiver,

41.1 the commissioner must establish rates equal to the rates established under sections 256S.21  
41.2 to 256S.215 for the corresponding homemaker services.

41.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
41.4 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
41.5 when federal approval is obtained.

41.6 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

41.7 Subd. 3. **Applicable services.** (a) Applicable services are those authorized under the  
41.8 state's home and community-based services waivers under sections 256B.092 and 256B.49,  
41.9 including the following, as defined in the federally approved home and community-based  
41.10 services plan:

- 41.11 (1) 24-hour customized living;
- 41.12 (2) adult day services;
- 41.13 (3) adult day services bath;
- 41.14 (4) community residential services;
- 41.15 (5) customized living;
- 41.16 (6) day support services;
- 41.17 (7) employment development services;
- 41.18 (8) employment exploration services;
- 41.19 (9) employment support services;
- 41.20 (10) family residential services;
- 41.21 (11) individualized home supports;
- 41.22 (12) individualized home supports with family training;
- 41.23 (13) individualized home supports with training;
- 41.24 (14) integrated community supports;
- 41.25 (15) life sharing;
- 41.26 ~~(15)~~ (16) night supervision;
- 41.27 ~~(16)~~ (17) positive support services;
- 41.28 ~~(17)~~ (18) prevocational services;

42.1 ~~(18)~~ (19) residential support services;

42.2 ~~(19)~~ (20) respite services;

42.3 ~~(20)~~ (21) transportation services; and

42.4 ~~(21)~~ (22) other services as approved by the federal government in the state home and  
42.5 community-based services waiver plan.

42.6 (b) Effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, respite  
42.7 services under paragraph (a), clause (20), are not an applicable service under this section.

42.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval,  
42.9 whichever is later, except that paragraph (b) is effective the day following final enactment.  
42.10 The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
42.11 is obtained.

42.12 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

42.13 Subd. 4. **Data collection for rate determination.** (a) Rates for applicable home and  
42.14 community-based waived services, including customized rates under subdivision 12, are  
42.15 set by the rates management system.

42.16 (b) Data and information in the rates management system must be used to calculate an  
42.17 individual's rate.

42.18 (c) Service providers, with information from the support plan and oversight by lead  
42.19 agencies, shall provide values and information needed to calculate an individual's rate in  
42.20 the rates management system. The determination of service levels must be part of a discussion  
42.21 with members of the support team as defined in section 245D.02, subdivision 34. This  
42.22 discussion must occur prior to the final establishment of each individual's rate. The values  
42.23 and information include:

42.24 (1) shared staffing hours;

42.25 (2) individual staffing hours;

42.26 (3) direct registered nurse hours;

42.27 (4) direct licensed practical nurse hours;

42.28 (5) staffing ratios;

42.29 (6) information to document variable levels of service qualification for variable levels  
42.30 of reimbursement in each framework;

43.1 (7) shared or individualized arrangements for unit-based services, including the staffing  
43.2 ratio;

43.3 (8) number of trips and miles for transportation services; and

43.4 (9) service hours provided through monitoring technology.

43.5 (d) Updates to individual data must include:

43.6 (1) data for each individual that is updated annually when renewing service plans; and

43.7 (2) requests by individuals or lead agencies to update a rate whenever there is a change  
43.8 in an individual's service needs, with accompanying documentation.

43.9 (e) Lead agencies shall review and approve all services reflecting each individual's needs,  
43.10 and the values to calculate the final payment rate for services with variables under  
43.11 subdivisions 6 to ~~9a~~ 9 for each individual. Lead agencies must notify the individual and the  
43.12 service provider of the final agreed-upon values and rate, and provide information that is  
43.13 identical to what was entered into the rates management system. If a value used was  
43.14 mistakenly or erroneously entered and used to calculate a rate, a provider may petition lead  
43.15 agencies to correct it. Lead agencies must respond to these requests. When responding to  
43.16 the request, the lead agency must consider:

43.17 (1) meeting the health and welfare needs of the individual or individuals receiving  
43.18 services by service site, identified in their support plan under section 245D.02, subdivision  
43.19 4b, and any addendum under section 245D.02, subdivision 4c;

43.20 (2) meeting the requirements for staffing under subdivision 2, paragraphs (h), (n), and  
43.21 (o); and meeting or exceeding the licensing standards for staffing required under section  
43.22 245D.09, subdivision 1; and

43.23 (3) meeting the staffing ratio requirements under subdivision 2, paragraph (o), and  
43.24 meeting or exceeding the licensing standards for staffing required under section 245D.31.

43.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
43.26 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
43.27 when federal approval is obtained.

43.28 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

43.29 Subd. 5. **Base wage index; establishment and updates.** (a) The base wage index is  
43.30 established to determine staffing costs associated with providing services to individuals  
43.31 receiving home and community-based services. For purposes of calculating the base wage,  
43.32 Minnesota-specific wages taken from job descriptions and standard occupational

44.1 classification (SOC) codes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics as defined in the Occupational  
44.2 Handbook must be used.

44.3 (b) The commissioner shall update the base wage index in subdivision 5a, publish these  
44.4 updated values, and load them into the rate management system as follows:

44.5 (1) on January 1, 2022, based on wage data by SOC from the Bureau of Labor Statistics  
44.6 available as of December 31, 2019;

44.7 (2) on ~~November~~ January 1, 2024, based on wage data by SOC from the Bureau of Labor  
44.8 Statistics ~~available as of December 31, 2021~~ published in March 2022; and

44.9 (3) on ~~July~~ January 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter, based on wage data by SOC  
44.10 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics ~~available 30 months and one day~~ published in the spring  
44.11 approximately 21 months prior to the scheduled update.

44.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
44.13 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
44.14 when federal approval is obtained.

44.15 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

44.16 Subd. 5a. **Base wage index; calculations.** The base wage index must be calculated as  
44.17 follows:

44.18 (1) for supervisory staff, 100 percent of the median wage for community and social  
44.19 services specialist (SOC code 21-1099), with the exception of the supervisor of positive  
44.20 supports professional, positive supports analyst, and positive supports specialist, which is  
44.21 100 percent of the median wage for clinical counseling and school psychologist (SOC code  
44.22 19-3031);

44.23 (2) for registered nurse staff, 100 percent of the median wage for registered nurses (SOC  
44.24 code 29-1141);

44.25 (3) for licensed practical nurse staff, 100 percent of the median wage for licensed practical  
44.26 nurses (SOC code 29-2061);

44.27 (4) for residential asleep-overnight staff, the minimum wage in Minnesota for large  
44.28 employers, ~~with the exception of asleep-overnight staff for family residential services, which~~  
44.29 ~~is 36 percent of the minimum wage in Minnesota for large employers;~~

44.30 (5) for residential direct care staff, the sum of:

45.1 (i) 15 percent of the subtotal of 50 percent of the median wage for home health and  
45.2 personal care aide (SOC code 31-1120); 30 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant  
45.3 (SOC code 31-1131); and 20 percent of the median wage for social and human services  
45.4 aide (SOC code 21-1093); and

45.5 (ii) 85 percent of the subtotal of 40 percent of the median wage for home health and  
45.6 personal care aide (SOC code 31-1120); 20 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant  
45.7 (SOC code ~~31-1014~~ 31-1131); 20 percent of the median wage for psychiatric technician  
45.8 (SOC code 29-2053); and 20 percent of the median wage for social and human services  
45.9 aide (SOC code 21-1093);

45.10 (6) for adult day services staff, 70 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant (SOC  
45.11 code 31-1131); and 30 percent of the median wage for home health and personal care aide  
45.12 (SOC code 31-1120);

45.13 (7) for day support services staff and prevocational services staff, 20 percent of the  
45.14 median wage for nursing assistant (SOC code 31-1131); 20 percent of the median wage for  
45.15 psychiatric technician (SOC code 29-2053); and 60 percent of the median wage for social  
45.16 and human services aide (SOC code 21-1093);

45.17 (8) for positive supports analyst staff, 100 percent of the median wage for substance  
45.18 abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselor (SOC code 21-1018);

45.19 (9) for positive supports professional staff, 100 percent of the median wage for clinical  
45.20 counseling and school psychologist (SOC code 19-3031);

45.21 (10) for positive supports specialist staff, 100 percent of the median wage for psychiatric  
45.22 technicians (SOC code 29-2053);

45.23 (11) for individualized home supports with family training staff, 20 percent of the median  
45.24 wage for nursing aide (SOC code 31-1131); 30 percent of the median wage for community  
45.25 social service specialist (SOC code 21-1099); 40 percent of the median wage for social and  
45.26 human services aide (SOC code 21-1093); and ten percent of the median wage for psychiatric  
45.27 technician (SOC code 29-2053);

45.28 (12) for individualized home supports with training services staff, 40 percent of the  
45.29 median wage for community social service specialist (SOC code 21-1099); 50 percent of  
45.30 the median wage for social and human services aide (SOC code 21-1093); and ten percent  
45.31 of the median wage for psychiatric technician (SOC code 29-2053);

46.1 (13) for employment support services staff, 50 percent of the median wage for  
46.2 rehabilitation counselor (SOC code 21-1015); and 50 percent of the median wage for  
46.3 community and social services specialist (SOC code 21-1099);

46.4 (14) for employment exploration services staff, 50 percent of the median wage for  
46.5 ~~rehabilitation counselor (SOC code 21-1015)~~ education, guidance, school, and vocational  
46.6 counselor (SOC code 21-1012); and 50 percent of the median wage for community and  
46.7 social services specialist (SOC code 21-1099);

46.8 (15) for employment development services staff, 50 percent of the median wage for  
46.9 education, guidance, school, and vocational counselors (SOC code 21-1012); and 50 percent  
46.10 of the median wage for community and social services specialist (SOC code 21-1099);

46.11 (16) for individualized home support without training staff, 50 percent of the median  
46.12 wage for home health and personal care aide (SOC code 31-1120); and 50 percent of the  
46.13 median wage for nursing assistant (SOC code 31-1131); and

46.14 (17) for night supervision staff, 40 percent of the median wage for home health and  
46.15 personal care aide (SOC code 31-1120); 20 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant  
46.16 (SOC code 31-1131); 20 percent of the median wage for psychiatric technician (SOC code  
46.17 29-2053); and 20 percent of the median wage for social and human services aide (SOC code  
46.18 21-1093); ~~and.~~

46.19 ~~(18) for respite staff, 50 percent of the median wage for home health and personal care~~  
46.20 ~~aide (SOC code 31-1131); and 50 percent of the median wage for nursing assistant (SOC~~  
46.21 ~~code 31-1014).~~

46.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendment to clause (5), item (ii), the amendment to clause  
46.23 (14), and the amendment striking clause (18) are effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal  
46.24 approval, whichever is later. The amendment to clause (4) is effective January 1, 2026, or  
46.25 upon federal approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify  
46.26 the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

46.27 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 5b, is amended to read:

46.28 Subd. 5b. **Standard component value adjustments.** The commissioner shall update  
46.29 the client and programming support, transportation, and program facility cost component  
46.30 values as required in subdivisions 6 to ~~9~~ 9 and the rates identified in subdivision 19 for  
46.31 changes in the Consumer Price Index. The commissioner shall adjust these values higher  
46.32 or lower, publish these updated values, and load them into the rate management system as  
46.33 follows:

47.1 (1) on January 1, 2022, by the percentage change in the CPI-U from the date of the  
47.2 previous update to the data available on December 31, 2019;

47.3 (2) on ~~November~~ January 1, 2024, by the percentage change in the CPI-U from the date  
47.4 of the previous update to the data available as of December 31, ~~2021~~ 2022; and

47.5 (3) on ~~July~~ January 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter, by the percentage change  
47.6 in the CPI-U from the date of the previous update to the data available ~~30~~ 24 months and  
47.7 one day prior to the scheduled update.

47.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval,  
47.9 whichever is later, except that the amendment striking the cross-reference to subdivision  
47.10 9a and the amendments to clauses (2) and (3) are effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal  
47.11 approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor  
47.12 of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

47.13 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

47.14 Subd. 6. **Residential support services; generally.** (a) For purposes of this section,  
47.15 residential support services includes 24-hour customized living services, community  
47.16 residential services, customized living services, ~~family residential services~~, and integrated  
47.17 community supports.

47.18 (b) A unit of service for residential support services is a day. Any portion of any calendar  
47.19 day, within allowable Medicaid rules, where an individual spends time in a residential setting  
47.20 is billable as a day. The number of days authorized for all individuals enrolling in residential  
47.21 support services must include every day that services start and end.

47.22 (c) When the available shared staffing hours in a residential setting are insufficient to  
47.23 meet the needs of an individual who enrolled in residential support services after January  
47.24 1, 2014, then individual staffing hours shall be used.

47.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval,  
47.26 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
47.27 when federal approval is obtained.

47.28 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

47.29 Subd. 6a. **Community residential services; component values and calculation of**  
47.30 **payment rates.** (a) Component values for community residential services are:

47.31 (1) competitive workforce factor: ~~4.7~~ 6.7 percent;

48.1 (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;

48.2 (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;

48.3 (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;

48.4 (5) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;

48.5 (6) program-related expense ratio: 1.3 percent; and

48.6 (7) absence and utilization factor ratio: 3.9 percent.

48.7 (b) Payments for community residential services must be calculated as follows:

48.8 (1) determine the number of shared direct staffing and individual direct staffing hours  
48.9 to meet a recipient's needs provided on site or through monitoring technology;

48.10 (2) determine the appropriate hourly staff wage rates derived by the commissioner as  
48.11 provided in subdivisions 5 and 5a;

48.12 (3) except for subdivision 5a, clauses (1) to (4), multiply the result of clause (2) by the  
48.13 product of one plus the competitive workforce factor;

48.14 (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
48.15 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
48.16 to the result of clause (3);

48.17 (5) multiply the number of shared direct staffing and individual direct staffing hours  
48.18 provided on site or through monitoring technology and nursing hours by the appropriate  
48.19 staff wages;

48.20 (6) multiply the number of shared direct staffing and individual direct staffing hours  
48.21 provided on site or through monitoring technology and nursing hours by the product of the  
48.22 supervision span of control ratio and the appropriate supervisory staff wage in subdivision  
48.23 5a, clause (1);

48.24 (7) combine the results of clauses (5) and (6), excluding any shared direct staffing and  
48.25 individual direct staffing hours provided through monitoring technology, and multiply the  
48.26 result by one plus the employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio. This is defined  
48.27 as the direct staffing cost;

48.28 (8) for employee-related expenses, multiply the direct staffing cost, excluding any shared  
48.29 direct staffing and individual hours provided through monitoring technology, by one plus  
48.30 the employee-related cost ratio;

49.1 (9) for client programming and supports, add \$2,260.21 divided by 365. The  
49.2 commissioner shall update the amount in this clause as specified in subdivision 5b;

49.3 (10) for transportation, if provided, add \$1,742.62 divided by 365, or \$3,111.81 divided  
49.4 by 365 if customized for adapted transport, based on the resident with the highest assessed  
49.5 need. The commissioner shall update the amounts in this clause as specified in subdivision  
49.6 5b;

49.7 (11) subtotal clauses (8) to (10) and the direct staffing cost of any shared direct staffing  
49.8 and individual direct staffing hours provided through monitoring technology that was  
49.9 excluded in clause (8);

49.10 (12) sum the standard general administrative support ratio, the program-related expense  
49.11 ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

49.12 (13) divide the result of clause (11) by one minus the result of clause (12). This is the  
49.13 total payment amount; and

49.14 (14) adjust the result of clause (13) by a factor to be determined by the commissioner  
49.15 to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

49.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
49.17 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
49.18 when federal approval is obtained.

49.19 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 6b, is amended to read:

49.20 Subd. 6b. **Family residential services; component values and calculation of payment**  
49.21 **rates.** (a) Component values for family residential services are:

49.22 (1) competitive workforce factor: ~~4.7~~ 6.7 percent;

49.23 (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;

49.24 (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;

49.25 (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;

49.26 (5) general administrative support ratio: 3.3 percent;

49.27 (6) program-related expense ratio: 1.3 percent; and

49.28 (7) absence factor: 1.7 percent.

49.29 (b) Payments for family residential services must be calculated as follows:

50.1 (1) determine the number of shared direct staffing and individual direct staffing hours  
50.2 to meet a recipient's needs provided on site or through monitoring technology;

50.3 (2) determine the appropriate hourly staff wage rates derived by the commissioner as  
50.4 provided in subdivisions 5 and 5a;

50.5 (3) except for subdivision 5a, clauses (1) to (4), multiply the result of clause (2) by the  
50.6 product of one plus the competitive workforce factor;

50.7 (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
50.8 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
50.9 to the result of clause (3);

50.10 (5) multiply the number of shared direct staffing and individual direct staffing hours  
50.11 provided on site or through monitoring technology and nursing hours by the appropriate  
50.12 staff wages;

50.13 (6) multiply the number of shared direct staffing and individual direct staffing hours  
50.14 provided on site or through monitoring technology and nursing hours by the product of the  
50.15 supervisory span of control ratio and the appropriate supervisory staff wage in subdivision  
50.16 5a, clause (1);

50.17 (7) combine the results of clauses (5) and (6), excluding any shared direct staffing and  
50.18 individual direct staffing hours provided through monitoring technology, and multiply the  
50.19 result by one plus the employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio. This is defined  
50.20 as the direct staffing cost;

50.21 (8) for employee-related expenses, multiply the direct staffing cost, excluding any shared  
50.22 and individual direct staffing hours provided through monitoring technology, by one plus  
50.23 the employee-related cost ratio;

50.24 (9) for client programming and supports, add \$2,260.21 divided by 365. The  
50.25 commissioner shall update the amount in this clause as specified in subdivision 5b;

50.26 (10) for transportation, if provided, add \$1,742.62 divided by 365, or \$3,111.81 divided  
50.27 by 365 if customized for adapted transport, based on the resident with the highest assessed  
50.28 need. The commissioner shall update the amounts in this clause as specified in subdivision  
50.29 5b;

50.30 (11) subtotal clauses (8) to (10) and the direct staffing cost of any shared direct staffing  
50.31 and individual direct staffing hours provided through monitoring technology that was  
50.32 excluded in clause (8);

51.1 (12) sum the standard general administrative support ratio, the program-related expense  
51.2 ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

51.3 (13) divide the result of clause (11) by one minus the result of clause (12). This is the  
51.4 total payment rate; and

51.5 (14) adjust the result of clause (13) by a factor to be determined by the commissioner  
51.6 to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

51.7 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
51.8 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
51.9 when federal approval is obtained.

51.10 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 6c, is amended to read:

51.11 Subd. 6c. **Integrated community supports; component values and calculation of**  
51.12 **payment rates.** (a) Component values for integrated community supports are:

51.13 (1) competitive workforce factor: ~~4.7~~ 6.7 percent;

51.14 (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;

51.15 (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;

51.16 (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;

51.17 (5) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;

51.18 (6) program-related expense ratio: 1.3 percent; and

51.19 (7) absence and utilization factor ratio: 3.9 percent.

51.20 (b) Payments for integrated community supports must be calculated as follows:

51.21 (1) determine the number of shared direct staffing and individual direct staffing hours  
51.22 to meet a recipient's needs. The base shared direct staffing hours must be eight hours divided  
51.23 by the number of people receiving support in the integrated community support setting, and  
51.24 the individual direct staffing hours must be the average number of direct support hours  
51.25 provided directly to the service recipient;

51.26 (2) determine the appropriate hourly staff wage rates derived by the commissioner as  
51.27 provided in subdivisions 5 and 5a;

51.28 (3) except for subdivision 5a, clauses (1) to (4), multiply the result of clause (2) by the  
51.29 product of one plus the competitive workforce factor;

52.1 (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
52.2 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
52.3 to the result of clause (3);

52.4 (5) multiply the number of shared direct staffing and individual direct staffing hours in  
52.5 clause (1) by the appropriate staff wages;

52.6 (6) multiply the number of shared direct staffing and individual direct staffing hours in  
52.7 clause (1) by the product of the supervisory span of control ratio and the appropriate  
52.8 supervisory staff wage in subdivision 5a, clause (1);

52.9 (7) combine the results of clauses (5) and (6) and multiply the result by one plus the  
52.10 employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio. This is defined as the direct staffing  
52.11 cost;

52.12 (8) for employee-related expenses, multiply the direct staffing cost by one plus the  
52.13 employee-related cost ratio;

52.14 (9) for client programming and supports, add \$2,260.21 divided by 365. The  
52.15 commissioner shall update the amount in this clause as specified in subdivision 5b;

52.16 (10) add the results of clauses (8) and (9);

52.17 (11) add the standard general administrative support ratio, the program-related expense  
52.18 ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

52.19 (12) divide the result of clause (10) by one minus the result of clause (11). This is the  
52.20 total payment amount; and

52.21 (13) adjust the result of clause (12) by a factor to be determined by the commissioner  
52.22 to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

52.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
52.24 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
52.25 when federal approval is obtained.

52.26 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

52.27 Subd. 7a. **Adult day services; component values and calculation of payment rates.** (a)  
52.28 Component values for adult day services are:

52.29 (1) competitive workforce factor: ~~4.7~~ 6.7 percent;

52.30 (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;

52.31 (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;

- 53.1 (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;
- 53.2 (5) program plan support ratio: 5.6 percent;
- 53.3 (6) client programming and support ratio: 7.4 percent, updated as specified in subdivision
- 53.4 5b;
- 53.5 (7) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;
- 53.6 (8) program-related expense ratio: 1.8 percent; and
- 53.7 (9) absence and utilization factor ratio: 9.4 percent.
- 53.8 (b) A unit of service for adult day services is either a day or 15 minutes. A day unit of
- 53.9 service is six or more hours of time spent providing direct service.
- 53.10 (c) Payments for adult day services must be calculated as follows:
- 53.11 (1) determine the number of units of service and the staffing ratio to meet a recipient's
- 53.12 needs;
- 53.13 (2) determine the appropriate hourly staff wage rates derived by the commissioner as
- 53.14 provided in subdivisions 5 and 5a;
- 53.15 (3) except for subdivision 5a, clauses (1) to (4), multiply the result of clause (2) by the
- 53.16 product of one plus the competitive workforce factor;
- 53.17 (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language
- 53.18 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12
- 53.19 to the result of clause (3);
- 53.20 (5) multiply the number of day program direct staffing hours and nursing hours by the
- 53.21 appropriate staff wage;
- 53.22 (6) multiply the number of day program direct staffing hours by the product of the
- 53.23 supervisory span of control ratio and the appropriate supervisory staff wage in subdivision
- 53.24 5a, clause (1);
- 53.25 (7) combine the results of clauses (5) and (6), and multiply the result by one plus the
- 53.26 employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio. This is defined as the direct staffing
- 53.27 rate;
- 53.28 (8) for program plan support, multiply the result of clause (7) by one plus the program
- 53.29 plan support ratio;
- 53.30 (9) for employee-related expenses, multiply the result of clause (8) by one plus the
- 53.31 employee-related cost ratio;

54.1 (10) for client programming and supports, multiply the result of clause (9) by one plus  
54.2 the client programming and support ratio;

54.3 (11) for program facility costs, add \$19.30 per week with consideration of staffing ratios  
54.4 to meet individual needs, updated as specified in subdivision 5b;

54.5 (12) for adult day bath services, add \$7.01 per 15 minute unit;

54.6 (13) this is the subtotal rate;

54.7 (14) sum the standard general administrative rate support ratio, the program-related  
54.8 expense ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

54.9 (15) divide the result of clause (13) by one minus the result of clause (14). This is the  
54.10 total payment amount; and

54.11 (16) adjust the result of clause (15) by a factor to be determined by the commissioner  
54.12 to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

54.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
54.14 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
54.15 when federal approval is obtained.

54.16 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 7b, is amended to read:

54.17 Subd. 7b. **Day support services; component values and calculation of payment**  
54.18 **rates.** (a) Component values for day support services are:

54.19 (1) competitive workforce factor: ~~4.7~~ 6.7 percent;

54.20 (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;

54.21 (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;

54.22 (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;

54.23 (5) program plan support ratio: 5.6 percent;

54.24 (6) client programming and support ratio: 10.37 percent, updated as specified in  
54.25 subdivision 5b;

54.26 (7) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;

54.27 (8) program-related expense ratio: 1.8 percent; and

54.28 (9) absence and utilization factor ratio: 9.4 percent.

54.29 (b) A unit of service for day support services is 15 minutes.

55.1 (c) Payments for day support services must be calculated as follows:

55.2 (1) determine the number of units of service and the staffing ratio to meet a recipient's  
55.3 needs;

55.4 (2) determine the appropriate hourly staff wage rates derived by the commissioner as  
55.5 provided in subdivisions 5 and 5a;

55.6 (3) except for subdivision 5a, clauses (1) to (4), multiply the result of clause (2) by the  
55.7 product of one plus the competitive workforce factor;

55.8 (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
55.9 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
55.10 to the result of clause (3);

55.11 (5) multiply the number of day program direct staffing hours and nursing hours by the  
55.12 appropriate staff wage;

55.13 (6) multiply the number of day program direct staffing hours by the product of the  
55.14 supervisory span of control ratio and the appropriate supervisory staff wage in subdivision  
55.15 5a, clause (1);

55.16 (7) combine the results of clauses (5) and (6), and multiply the result by one plus the  
55.17 employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio. This is defined as the direct staffing  
55.18 rate;

55.19 (8) for program plan support, multiply the result of clause (7) by one plus the program  
55.20 plan support ratio;

55.21 (9) for employee-related expenses, multiply the result of clause (8) by one plus the  
55.22 employee-related cost ratio;

55.23 (10) for client programming and supports, multiply the result of clause (9) by one plus  
55.24 the client programming and support ratio;

55.25 (11) for program facility costs, add \$19.30 per week with consideration of staffing ratios  
55.26 to meet individual needs, updated as specified in subdivision 5b;

55.27 (12) this is the subtotal rate;

55.28 (13) sum the standard general administrative rate support ratio, the program-related  
55.29 expense ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

55.30 (14) divide the result of clause (12) by one minus the result of clause (13). This is the  
55.31 total payment amount; and

56.1 (15) adjust the result of clause (14) by a factor to be determined by the commissioner  
56.2 to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

56.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
56.4 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
56.5 when federal approval is obtained.

56.6 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 7c, is amended to read:

56.7 Subd. 7c. **Prevocational services; component values and calculation of payment**  
56.8 **rates.** (a) Component values for prevocational services are:

56.9 (1) competitive workforce factor: ~~4.7~~ 6.7 percent;

56.10 (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;

56.11 (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;

56.12 (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;

56.13 (5) program plan support ratio: 5.6 percent;

56.14 (6) client programming and support ratio: 10.37 percent, updated as specified in  
56.15 subdivision 5b;

56.16 (7) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;

56.17 (8) program-related expense ratio: 1.8 percent; and

56.18 (9) absence and utilization factor ratio: 9.4 percent.

56.19 (b) A unit of service for prevocational services is either a day or 15 minutes. A day unit  
56.20 of service is six or more hours of time spent providing direct service.

56.21 (c) Payments for prevocational services must be calculated as follows:

56.22 (1) determine the number of units of service and the staffing ratio to meet a recipient's  
56.23 needs;

56.24 (2) determine the appropriate hourly staff wage rates derived by the commissioner as  
56.25 provided in subdivisions 5 and 5a;

56.26 (3) except for subdivision 5a, clauses (1) to (4), multiply the result of clause (2) by the  
56.27 product of one plus the competitive workforce factor;

56.28 (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
56.29 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
56.30 to the result of clause (3);

57.1 (5) multiply the number of day program direct staffing hours and nursing hours by the  
57.2 appropriate staff wage;

57.3 (6) multiply the number of day program direct staffing hours by the product of the  
57.4 supervisory span of control ratio and the appropriate supervisory staff wage in subdivision  
57.5 5a, clause (1);

57.6 (7) combine the results of clauses (5) and (6), and multiply the result by one plus the  
57.7 employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio. This is defined as the direct staffing  
57.8 rate;

57.9 (8) for program plan support, multiply the result of clause (7) by one plus the program  
57.10 plan support ratio;

57.11 (9) for employee-related expenses, multiply the result of clause (8) by one plus the  
57.12 employee-related cost ratio;

57.13 (10) for client programming and supports, multiply the result of clause (9) by one plus  
57.14 the client programming and support ratio;

57.15 (11) for program facility costs, add \$19.30 per week with consideration of staffing ratios  
57.16 to meet individual needs, updated as specified in subdivision 5b;

57.17 (12) this is the subtotal rate;

57.18 (13) sum the standard general administrative rate support ratio, the program-related  
57.19 expense ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

57.20 (14) divide the result of clause (12) by one minus the result of clause (13). This is the  
57.21 total payment amount; and

57.22 (15) adjust the result of clause (14) by a factor to be determined by the commissioner  
57.23 to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

57.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
57.25 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
57.26 when federal approval is obtained.

57.27 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

57.28 Subd. 8. **Unit-based services with programming; component values and calculation**  
57.29 **of payment rates.** (a) For the purpose of this section, unit-based services with programming  
57.30 include employment exploration services, employment development services, employment  
57.31 support services, individualized home supports with family training, individualized home

58.1 supports with training, and positive support services provided to an individual outside of  
58.2 any service plan for a day program or residential support service.

58.3 (b) Component values for unit-based services with programming are:

58.4 (1) competitive workforce factor: ~~4.7~~ 6.7 percent;

58.5 (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;

58.6 (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;

58.7 (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;

58.8 (5) program plan support ratio: 15.5 percent;

58.9 (6) client programming and support ratio: 4.7 percent, updated as specified in subdivision  
58.10 5b;

58.11 (7) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;

58.12 (8) program-related expense ratio: 6.1 percent; and

58.13 (9) absence and utilization factor ratio: 3.9 percent.

58.14 (c) A unit of service for unit-based services with programming is 15 minutes.

58.15 (d) Payments for unit-based services with programming must be calculated as follows,  
58.16 unless the services are reimbursed separately as part of a residential support services or day  
58.17 program payment rate:

58.18 (1) determine the number of units of service to meet a recipient's needs;

58.19 (2) determine the appropriate hourly staff wage rates derived by the commissioner as  
58.20 provided in subdivisions 5 and 5a;

58.21 (3) except for subdivision 5a, clauses (1) to (4), multiply the result of clause (2) by the  
58.22 product of one plus the competitive workforce factor;

58.23 (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
58.24 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
58.25 to the result of clause (3);

58.26 (5) multiply the number of direct staffing hours by the appropriate staff wage;

58.27 (6) multiply the number of direct staffing hours by the product of the supervisory span  
58.28 of control ratio and the appropriate supervisory staff wage in subdivision 5a, clause (1);

59.1 (7) combine the results of clauses (5) and (6), and multiply the result by one plus the  
59.2 employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio. This is defined as the direct staffing  
59.3 rate;

59.4 (8) for program plan support, multiply the result of clause (7) by one plus the program  
59.5 plan support ratio;

59.6 (9) for employee-related expenses, multiply the result of clause (8) by one plus the  
59.7 employee-related cost ratio;

59.8 (10) for client programming and supports, multiply the result of clause (9) by one plus  
59.9 the client programming and support ratio;

59.10 (11) this is the subtotal rate;

59.11 (12) sum the standard general administrative support ratio, the program-related expense  
59.12 ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

59.13 (13) divide the result of clause (11) by one minus the result of clause (12). This is the  
59.14 total payment amount;

59.15 (14) for services provided in a shared manner, divide the total payment in clause (13)  
59.16 as follows:

59.17 (i) for employment exploration services, divide by the number of service recipients, not  
59.18 to exceed five;

59.19 (ii) for employment support services, divide by the number of service recipients, not to  
59.20 exceed six; ~~and~~

59.21 (iii) for individualized home supports with training and individualized home supports  
59.22 with family training, divide by the number of service recipients, not to exceed ~~two~~ three;  
59.23 and

59.24 (iv) for night supervision, divide by the number of service recipients, not to exceed two;  
59.25 and

59.26 (15) adjust the result of clause (14) by a factor to be determined by the commissioner  
59.27 to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

59.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
59.29 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
59.30 when federal approval is obtained.

60.1 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

60.2 Subd. 9. **Unit-based services without programming; component values and**  
60.3 **calculation of payment rates.** (a) For the purposes of this section, unit-based services  
60.4 without programming include individualized home supports without training and night  
60.5 supervision provided to an individual outside of any service plan for a day program or  
60.6 residential support service. Unit-based services without programming do not include respite.

60.7 (b) Component values for unit-based services without programming are:

60.8 (1) competitive workforce factor: ~~4.7~~ 6.7 percent;

60.9 (2) supervisory span of control ratio: 11 percent;

60.10 (3) employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio: 8.71 percent;

60.11 (4) employee-related cost ratio: 23.6 percent;

60.12 (5) program plan support ratio: 7.0 percent;

60.13 (6) client programming and support ratio: 2.3 percent, updated as specified in subdivision  
60.14 5b;

60.15 (7) general administrative support ratio: 13.25 percent;

60.16 (8) program-related expense ratio: 2.9 percent; and

60.17 (9) absence and utilization factor ratio: 3.9 percent.

60.18 (c) A unit of service for unit-based services without programming is 15 minutes.

60.19 (d) Payments for unit-based services without programming must be calculated as follows  
60.20 unless the services are reimbursed separately as part of a residential support services or day  
60.21 program payment rate:

60.22 (1) determine the number of units of service to meet a recipient's needs;

60.23 (2) determine the appropriate hourly staff wage rates derived by the commissioner as  
60.24 provided in subdivisions 5 to 5a;

60.25 (3) except for subdivision 5a, clauses (1) to (4), multiply the result of clause (2) by the  
60.26 product of one plus the competitive workforce factor;

60.27 (4) for a recipient requiring customization for deaf and hard-of-hearing language  
60.28 accessibility under subdivision 12, add the customization rate provided in subdivision 12  
60.29 to the result of clause (3);

60.30 (5) multiply the number of direct staffing hours by the appropriate staff wage;

61.1 (6) multiply the number of direct staffing hours by the product of the supervisory span  
61.2 of control ratio and the appropriate supervisory staff wage in subdivision 5a, clause (1);

61.3 (7) combine the results of clauses (5) and (6), and multiply the result by one plus the  
61.4 employee vacation, sick, and training allowance ratio. This is defined as the direct staffing  
61.5 rate;

61.6 (8) for program plan support, multiply the result of clause (7) by one plus the program  
61.7 plan support ratio;

61.8 (9) for employee-related expenses, multiply the result of clause (8) by one plus the  
61.9 employee-related cost ratio;

61.10 (10) for client programming and supports, multiply the result of clause (9) by one plus  
61.11 the client programming and support ratio;

61.12 (11) this is the subtotal rate;

61.13 (12) sum the standard general administrative support ratio, the program-related expense  
61.14 ratio, and the absence and utilization factor ratio;

61.15 (13) divide the result of clause (11) by one minus the result of clause (12). This is the  
61.16 total payment amount;

61.17 (14) for individualized home supports without training provided in a shared manner,  
61.18 divide the total payment amount in clause (13) by the number of service recipients, not to  
61.19 exceed ~~two~~ three; and

61.20 (15) adjust the result of clause (14) by a factor to be determined by the commissioner  
61.21 to adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing services.

61.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
61.23 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
61.24 when federal approval is obtained.

61.25 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

61.26 Subd. 10. **Evaluation of information and data.** (a) The commissioner shall, within  
61.27 available resources, conduct research and gather data and information from existing state  
61.28 systems or other outside sources on the following items:

61.29 (1) differences in the underlying cost to provide services and care across the state;

62.1 (2) mileage, vehicle type, lift requirements, incidents of individual and shared rides, and  
62.2 units of transportation for all day services, which must be collected from providers using  
62.3 the rate management worksheet and entered into the rates management system; and

62.4 (3) the distinct underlying costs for services provided by a license holder under sections  
62.5 245D.05, 245D.06, 245D.07, 245D.071, 245D.081, and 245D.09, and for services provided  
62.6 by a license holder certified under section 245D.33.

62.7 (b) The commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders, shall review and evaluate the  
62.8 following values already in subdivisions 6 to ~~9a~~ 9, or issues that impact all services, including,  
62.9 but not limited to:

62.10 (1) values for transportation rates;

62.11 (2) values for services where monitoring technology replaces staff time;

62.12 (3) values for indirect services;

62.13 (4) values for nursing;

62.14 (5) values for the facility use rate in day services, and the weightings used in the day  
62.15 service ratios and adjustments to those weightings;

62.16 (6) values for workers' compensation as part of employee-related expenses;

62.17 (7) values for unemployment insurance as part of employee-related expenses;

62.18 (8) direct care workforce labor market measures;

62.19 (9) any changes in state or federal law with a direct impact on the underlying cost of  
62.20 providing home and community-based services;

62.21 (10) outcome measures, determined by the commissioner, for home and community-based  
62.22 services rates determined under this section; and

62.23 (11) different competitive workforce factors by service, as determined under subdivision  
62.24 10b.

62.25 (c) The commissioner shall report to the chairs and the ranking minority members of  
62.26 the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over health and human services  
62.27 policy and finance with the information and data gathered under paragraphs (a) and (b) on  
62.28 January 15, 2021, with a full report, and a full report once every four years thereafter.

62.29 (d) Beginning July 1, 2022, the commissioner shall renew analysis and implement  
62.30 changes to the regional adjustment factors once every six years. Prior to implementation,

63.1 the commissioner shall consult with stakeholders on the methodology to calculate the  
63.2 adjustment.

63.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
63.4 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
63.5 when federal approval is obtained.

63.6 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 10a, is amended to  
63.7 read:

63.8 Subd. 10a. **Reporting and analysis of cost data.** (a) The commissioner must ensure  
63.9 that wage values and component values in subdivisions 5 to ~~9a~~ 9 reflect the cost to provide  
63.10 the service. As determined by the commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders identified  
63.11 in subdivision 17, a provider enrolled to provide services with rates determined under this  
63.12 section must submit requested cost data to the commissioner to support research on the cost  
63.13 of providing services that have rates determined by the disability waiver rates system.  
63.14 Requested cost data may include, but is not limited to:

63.15 (1) worker wage costs;

63.16 (2) benefits paid;

63.17 (3) supervisor wage costs;

63.18 (4) executive wage costs;

63.19 (5) vacation, sick, and training time paid;

63.20 (6) taxes, workers' compensation, and unemployment insurance costs paid;

63.21 (7) administrative costs paid;

63.22 (8) program costs paid;

63.23 (9) transportation costs paid;

63.24 (10) vacancy rates; and

63.25 (11) other data relating to costs required to provide services requested by the  
63.26 commissioner.

63.27 (b) At least once in any five-year period, a provider must submit cost data for a fiscal  
63.28 year that ended not more than 18 months prior to the submission date. The commissioner  
63.29 shall provide each provider a 90-day notice prior to its submission due date. If a provider  
63.30 fails to submit required reporting data, the commissioner shall provide notice to providers  
63.31 that have not provided required data 30 days after the required submission date, and a second

64.1 notice for providers who have not provided required data 60 days after the required  
64.2 submission date. The commissioner shall temporarily suspend payments to the provider if  
64.3 cost data is not received 90 days after the required submission date. Withheld payments  
64.4 shall be made once data is received by the commissioner.

64.5 (c) The commissioner shall conduct a random validation of data submitted under  
64.6 paragraph (a) to ensure data accuracy. The commissioner shall analyze cost documentation  
64.7 in paragraph (a) and provide recommendations for adjustments to cost components.

64.8 (d) The commissioner shall analyze cost data submitted under paragraph (a) and, in  
64.9 consultation with stakeholders identified in subdivision 17, may submit recommendations  
64.10 on component values and inflationary factor adjustments to the chairs and ranking minority  
64.11 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services once every  
64.12 four years beginning January 1, 2021. The commissioner shall make recommendations in  
64.13 conjunction with reports submitted to the legislature according to subdivision 10, paragraph  
64.14 (c). The commissioner shall release cost data in an aggregate form. Cost data from individual  
64.15 providers must not be released except as provided for in current law.

64.16 (e) ~~The commissioner shall release cost data in an aggregate form, and cost data from~~  
64.17 ~~individual providers shall not be released except as provided for in current law.~~ The  
64.18 commissioner shall use data collected in paragraph (a) to determine the compliance with  
64.19 requirements identified under subdivision 10d. The commissioner shall identify providers  
64.20 who have not met the thresholds identified under subdivision 10d on the Department of  
64.21 Human Services website for the year for which the providers reported their costs.

64.22 (f) ~~The commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders identified in subdivision 17,~~  
64.23 ~~shall develop and implement a process for providing training and technical assistance~~  
64.24 ~~necessary to support provider submission of cost documentation required under paragraph~~  
64.25 ~~(a).~~

64.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025, except that the  
64.27 amendment striking the cross-reference to subdivision 9a is effective January 1, 2024, or  
64.28 upon federal approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify  
64.29 the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

64.30 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 10c, is amended to  
64.31 read:

64.32 Subd. 10c. **Reporting and analysis of competitive workforce factor.** (a) Beginning  
64.33 February 1, 2021 2025, and every two years thereafter, the commissioner shall report to the

65.1 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with  
65.2 jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance an analysis of the competitive  
65.3 workforce factor.

65.4 (b) The report must include ~~recommendations to update the competitive workforce factor~~  
65.5 ~~using:~~

65.6 (1) the most recently available wage data by SOC code for the weighted average wage  
65.7 for direct care staff for residential services and direct care staff for day services;

65.8 (2) the most recently available wage data by SOC code of the weighted average wage  
65.9 of comparable occupations; and

65.10 (3) workforce data as required under subdivision 10b.

65.11 ~~(c) The commissioner shall not recommend an increase or decrease of the competitive~~  
65.12 ~~workforce factor from the current value by more than two percentage points. If, after a~~  
65.13 ~~biennial analysis for the next report, the competitive workforce factor is less than or equal~~  
65.14 ~~to zero, the commissioner shall recommend a competitive workforce factor of zero. This~~  
65.15 ~~subdivision expires June 30, 2031.~~

65.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

65.17 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, is amended by adding a subdivision  
65.18 to read:

65.19 Subd. 10d. **Direct care staff; compensation.** (a) A provider paid with rates determined  
65.20 under subdivision 6 must use a minimum of 66 percent of the revenue generated by rates  
65.21 determined under that subdivision for direct care staff compensation.

65.22 (b) A provider paid with rates determined under subdivision 7 must use a minimum of  
65.23 45 percent of the revenue generated by rates determined under that subdivision for direct  
65.24 care compensation.

65.25 (c) A provider paid with rates determined under subdivision 8 or 9 must use a minimum  
65.26 of 60 percent of the revenue generated by rates determined under those subdivisions for  
65.27 direct care compensation.

65.28 (d) Compensation under this subdivision includes:

65.29 (1) wages;

65.30 (2) taxes and workers' compensation;

65.31 (3) health insurance;

- 66.1 (4) dental insurance;
- 66.2 (5) vision insurance;
- 66.3 (6) life insurance;
- 66.4 (7) short-term disability insurance;
- 66.5 (8) long-term disability insurance;
- 66.6 (9) retirement spending;
- 66.7 (10) tuition reimbursement;
- 66.8 (11) wellness programs;
- 66.9 (12) paid vacation time;
- 66.10 (13) paid sick time; or
- 66.11 (14) other items of monetary value provided to direct care staff.
- 66.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

66.13 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

66.14 Subd. 12. **Customization of rates for individuals.** (a) For persons determined to have  
66.15 higher needs based on being deaf or hard-of-hearing, the direct-care costs must be increased  
66.16 by an adjustment factor prior to calculating the rate under subdivisions 6 to ~~9~~9. The  
66.17 customization rate with respect to deaf or hard-of-hearing persons shall be \$2.50 per hour  
66.18 for waiver recipients who meet the respective criteria as determined by the commissioner.

66.19 (b) For the purposes of this section, "deaf and hard-of-hearing" means:

66.20 (1) the person has a developmental disability and:

66.21 (i) an assessment score which indicates a hearing impairment that is severe or that the  
66.22 person has no useful hearing;

66.23 (ii) an expressive communications score that indicates the person uses single signs or  
66.24 gestures, uses an augmentative communication aid, or does not have functional  
66.25 communication, or the person's expressive communications is unknown; and

66.26 (iii) a communication score which indicates the person comprehends signs, gestures,  
66.27 and modeling prompts or does not comprehend verbal, visual, or gestural communication,  
66.28 or that the person's receptive communication score is unknown; or

67.1 (2) the person receives long-term care services and has an assessment score that indicates  
67.2 the person hears only very loud sounds, the person has no useful hearing, or a determination  
67.3 cannot be made; and the person receives long-term care services and has an assessment that  
67.4 indicates the person communicates needs with sign language, symbol board, written  
67.5 messages, gestures, or an interpreter; communicates with inappropriate content, makes  
67.6 garbled sounds or displays echolalia, or does not communicate needs.

67.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
67.8 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
67.9 when federal approval is obtained.

67.10 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

67.11 Subd. 14. **Exceptions.** (a) In a format prescribed by the commissioner, lead agencies  
67.12 must identify individuals with exceptional needs that cannot be met under the disability  
67.13 waiver rate system. The commissioner shall use that information to evaluate and, if necessary,  
67.14 approve an alternative payment rate for those individuals. Whether granted, denied, or  
67.15 modified, the commissioner shall respond to all exception requests in writing. The  
67.16 commissioner shall include in the written response the basis for the action and provide  
67.17 notification of the right to appeal under paragraph (h).

67.18 (b) Lead agencies must act on an exception request within 30 days and notify the initiator  
67.19 of the request of their recommendation in writing. A lead agency shall submit all exception  
67.20 requests along with its recommendation to the commissioner.

67.21 (c) An application for a rate exception may be submitted for the following criteria:

67.22 (1) an individual has service needs that cannot be met through additional units of service;

67.23 (2) an individual's rate determined under subdivisions 6 to ~~9a~~ 9 is so insufficient that it  
67.24 has resulted in an individual receiving a notice of discharge from the individual's provider;  
67.25 or

67.26 (3) an individual's service needs, including behavioral changes, require a level of service  
67.27 which necessitates a change in provider or which requires the current provider to propose  
67.28 service changes beyond those currently authorized.

67.29 (d) Exception requests must include the following information:

67.30 (1) the service needs required by each individual that are not accounted for in subdivisions  
67.31 6 to ~~9a~~ 9;

68.1 (2) the service rate requested and the difference from the rate determined in subdivisions  
68.2 6 to ~~9a~~ 9;

68.3 (3) a basis for the underlying costs used for the rate exception and any accompanying  
68.4 documentation; and

68.5 (4) any contingencies for approval.

68.6 (e) Approved rate exceptions shall be managed within lead agency allocations under  
68.7 sections 256B.092 and 256B.49.

68.8 (f) Individual disability waiver recipients, an interested party, or the license holder that  
68.9 would receive the rate exception increase may request that a lead agency submit an exception  
68.10 request. A lead agency that denies such a request shall notify the individual waiver recipient,  
68.11 interested party, or license holder of its decision and the reasons for denying the request in  
68.12 writing no later than 30 days after the request has been made and shall submit its denial to  
68.13 the commissioner in accordance with paragraph (b). The reasons for the denial must be  
68.14 based on the failure to meet the criteria in paragraph (c).

68.15 (g) The commissioner shall determine whether to approve or deny an exception request  
68.16 no more than 30 days after receiving the request. If the commissioner denies the request,  
68.17 the commissioner shall notify the lead agency and the individual disability waiver recipient,  
68.18 the interested party, and the license holder in writing of the reasons for the denial.

68.19 (h) The individual disability waiver recipient may appeal any denial of an exception  
68.20 request by either the lead agency or the commissioner, pursuant to sections 256.045 and  
68.21 256.0451. When the denial of an exception request results in the proposed demission of a  
68.22 waiver recipient from a residential or day habilitation program, the commissioner shall issue  
68.23 a temporary stay of demission, when requested by the disability waiver recipient, consistent  
68.24 with the provisions of section 256.045, subdivisions 4a and 6, paragraph (c). The temporary  
68.25 stay shall remain in effect until the lead agency can provide an informed choice of  
68.26 appropriate, alternative services to the disability waiver.

68.27 (i) Providers may petition lead agencies to update values that were entered incorrectly  
68.28 or erroneously into the rate management system, based on past service level discussions  
68.29 and determination in subdivision 4, without applying for a rate exception.

68.30 (j) The starting date for the rate exception will be the later of the date of the recipient's  
68.31 change in support or the date of the request to the lead agency for an exception.

68.32 (k) The commissioner shall track all exception requests received and their dispositions.  
68.33 The commissioner shall issue quarterly public exceptions statistical reports, including the

69.1 number of exception requests received and the numbers granted, denied, withdrawn, and  
69.2 pending. The report shall include the average amount of time required to process exceptions.

69.3 (l) Approved rate exceptions remain in effect in all cases until an individual's needs  
69.4 change as defined in paragraph (c).

69.5 (m) Rates determined under subdivision 19 are ineligible for rate exceptions.

69.6 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
69.7 whichever is later, except that paragraph (m) is effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal  
69.8 approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor  
69.9 of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

69.10 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, is amended by adding a subdivision  
69.11 to read:

69.12 Subd. 19. **Payments for family residential and life sharing services.** The commissioner  
69.13 shall establish rates for family residential services and life sharing services based on a  
69.14 person's assessed need, as described in the federally-approved waiver plans. Rates for life  
69.15 sharing services must be ten percent higher than the corresponding family residential services  
69.16 rate.

69.17 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval,  
69.18 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
69.19 when federal approval is obtained.

69.20 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.5012, is amended by adding a subdivision  
69.21 to read:

69.22 Subd. 19. **ICF/DD rate increase effective January 1, 2024.** (a) Effective January 1,  
69.23 2024, the daily operating payment rate for a class A intermediate care facility for persons  
69.24 with developmental disabilities is increased by \$40.

69.25 (b) Effective January 1, 2024, the daily operating payment rate for a class B intermediate  
69.26 care facility for persons with developmental disabilities is increased by \$40.

69.27 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
69.28 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
69.29 when federal approval is obtained.

70.1 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.5012, is amended by adding a subdivision  
70.2 to read:

70.3 Subd. 20. **ICF/DD minimum daily operating payment rates.** (a) The minimum daily  
70.4 operating payment rate for a class A intermediate care facility for persons with developmental  
70.5 disabilities is \$275.

70.6 (b) The minimum daily operating payment rate for a class B intermediate care facility  
70.7 for persons with developmental disabilities is \$316.

70.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
70.9 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
70.10 when federal approval is obtained.

70.11 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.5012, is amended by adding a subdivision  
70.12 to read:

70.13 Subd. 21. **ICF/DD rate increases after January 1, 2025.** Beginning January 1, 2025,  
70.14 and every year thereafter, the rates under this section must be updated for the percentage  
70.15 change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) from the previous July 1 to the data available  
70.16 12 months and one day prior.

70.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025, or upon federal approval,  
70.18 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
70.19 when federal approval is obtained.

70.20 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.85, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

70.21 Subd. 7. **Community first services and supports; covered services.** Services and  
70.22 supports covered under CFSS include:

70.23 (1) assistance to accomplish activities of daily living (ADLs), instrumental activities of  
70.24 daily living (IADLs), and health-related procedures and tasks through hands-on assistance  
70.25 to accomplish the task or constant supervision and cueing to accomplish the task;

70.26 (2) assistance to acquire, maintain, or enhance the skills necessary for the participant to  
70.27 accomplish activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, or health-related  
70.28 tasks;

70.29 (3) expenditures for items, services, supports, environmental modifications, or goods,  
70.30 including assistive technology. These expenditures must:

70.31 (i) relate to a need identified in a participant's CFSS service delivery plan; and

71.1 (ii) increase independence or substitute for human assistance, to the extent that  
71.2 expenditures would otherwise be made for human assistance for the participant's assessed  
71.3 needs;

71.4 (4) observation and redirection for behavior or symptoms where there is a need for  
71.5 assistance;

71.6 (5) back-up systems or mechanisms, such as the use of pagers or other electronic devices,  
71.7 to ensure continuity of the participant's services and supports;

71.8 (6) services provided by a consultation services provider as defined under subdivision  
71.9 17, that is under contract with the department and enrolled as a Minnesota health care  
71.10 program provider;

71.11 (7) services provided by an FMS provider as defined under subdivision 13a, that is an  
71.12 enrolled provider with the department;

71.13 (8) CFSS services provided by a support worker who is a parent, stepparent, or legal  
71.14 guardian of a participant under age 18, or who is the participant's spouse. ~~These support~~  
71.15 ~~workers shall not:~~ Covered services under this clause are subject to the limitations described  
71.16 in subdivision 7b; and

71.17 ~~(i) provide any medical assistance home and community-based services in excess of 40~~  
71.18 ~~hours per seven-day period regardless of the number of parents providing services,~~  
71.19 ~~combination of parents and spouses providing services, or number of children who receive~~  
71.20 ~~medical assistance services; and~~

71.21 ~~(ii) have a wage that exceeds the current rate for a CFSS support worker including the~~  
71.22 ~~wage, benefits, and payroll taxes; and~~

71.23 (9) worker training and development services as described in subdivision 18a.

71.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval,  
71.25 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
71.26 when federal approval is obtained.

71.27 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.85, is amended by adding a subdivision  
71.28 to read:

71.29 **Subd. 7b. Services provided by parents and spouses.** (a) This subdivision applies to  
71.30 services and supports described in subdivision 7, clause (8).

71.31 (b) If multiple parents are support workers providing CFSS services to their minor child  
71.32 or children, each parent may provide up to 40 hours of medical assistance home and

72.1 community-based services in any seven-day period regardless of the number of children  
72.2 served. The total number of hours of medical assistance home and community-based services  
72.3 provided by all of the parents must not exceed 80 hours in a seven-day period regardless of  
72.4 the number of children served.

72.5 (c) If only one parent is a support worker providing CFSS services to the parent's minor  
72.6 child or children, the parent may provide up to 60 hours of medical assistance home and  
72.7 community-based services in a seven-day period regardless of the number of children served.

72.8 (d) If a participant's spouse is a support worker providing CFSS services, the spouse  
72.9 may provide up to 60 hours of medical assistance home and community-based services in  
72.10 a seven-day period.

72.11 (e) Paragraphs (b) to (d) must not be construed to permit an increase in either the total  
72.12 authorized service budget for an individual or the total number of authorized service units.

72.13 (f) A parent or participant's spouse must not receive a wage that exceeds the current rate  
72.14 for a CFSS support worker, including wages, benefits, and payroll taxes.

72.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval,  
72.16 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
72.17 when federal approval is obtained.

72.18 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.851, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

72.19 Subd. 3. **Payment rates; base wage index.** When initially establishing the base wage  
72.20 component values, the commissioner must use the Minnesota-specific median wage for the  
72.21 standard occupational classification (SOC) codes published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics  
72.22 in the edition of the Occupational Handbook ~~available January 1,~~ published in March 2021.  
72.23 The commissioner must calculate the base wage component values as follows for:

72.24 (1) personal care assistance services, CFSS, extended personal care assistance services,  
72.25 and extended CFSS. The base wage component value equals the median wage for personal  
72.26 care aide (SOC code 31-1120);

72.27 (2) enhanced rate personal care assistance services and enhanced rate CFSS. The base  
72.28 wage component value equals the product of median wage for personal care aide (SOC  
72.29 code 31-1120) and the value of the enhanced rate under section 256B.0659, subdivision  
72.30 17a; and

72.31 (3) qualified professional services and CFSS worker training and development. The base  
72.32 wage component value equals the sum of 70 percent of the median wage for registered nurse

73.1 (SOC code 29-1141), 15 percent of the median wage for health care social worker (SOC  
73.2 code 21-1099), and 15 percent of the median wage for social and human service assistant  
73.3 (SOC code 21-1093).

73.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or 90 days after federal  
73.5 approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor  
73.6 of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

73.7 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.851, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

73.8 Subd. 5. **Payment rates; component values.** (a) The commissioner must use the  
73.9 following component values:

73.10 (1) employee vacation, sick, and training factor, 8.71 percent;

73.11 (2) employer taxes and workers' compensation factor, 11.56 percent;

73.12 (3) employee benefits factor, 12.04 percent;

73.13 (4) client programming and supports factor, 2.30 percent;

73.14 (5) program plan support factor, 7.00 percent;

73.15 (6) general business and administrative expenses factor, 13.25 percent;

73.16 (7) program administration expenses factor, 2.90 percent; and

73.17 (8) absence and utilization factor, 3.90 percent.

73.18 (b) For purposes of implementation, the commissioner shall use the following  
73.19 implementation components:

73.20 (1) personal care assistance services and CFSS: ~~75.45~~ 88.19 percent;

73.21 (2) enhanced rate personal care assistance services and enhanced rate CFSS: ~~75.45~~ 88.19  
73.22 percent; and

73.23 (3) qualified professional services and CFSS worker training and development: ~~75.45~~  
73.24 88.19 percent.

73.25 (c) Effective January 1, 2025, for purposes of implementation, the commissioner shall  
73.26 use the following implementation components:

73.27 (1) personal care assistance services and CFSS: 92.08 percent;

73.28 (2) enhanced rate personal care assistance services and enhanced rate CFSS: 92.08  
73.29 percent; and

74.1 (3) qualified professional services and CFSS worker training and development: 92.08  
74.2 percent.

74.3 (d) The commissioner shall use the following worker retention components:

74.4 (1) for workers who have provided fewer than 1,001 cumulative hours in personal care  
74.5 assistance services or CFSS, the worker retention component is zero percent;

74.6 (2) for workers who have provided between 1,001 and 2,000 cumulative hours in personal  
74.7 care assistance services or CFSS, the worker retention component is 2.17 percent;

74.8 (3) for workers who have provided between 2,001 and 6,000 cumulative hours in personal  
74.9 care assistance services or CFSS, the worker retention component is 4.36 percent;

74.10 (4) for workers who have provided between 6,001 and 10,000 cumulative hours in  
74.11 personal care assistance services or CFSS, the worker retention component is 7.35 percent;  
74.12 and

74.13 (5) for workers who have provided more than 10,000 cumulative hours in personal care  
74.14 assistance services or CFSS, the worker retention component is 10.81 percent.

74.15 (e) The commissioner shall define the appropriate worker retention component based  
74.16 on the total number of units billed for services rendered by the individual provider since  
74.17 July 1, 2017. The worker retention component must be determined by the commissioner  
74.18 for each individual provider and is not subject to appeal.

74.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to paragraph (b) are effective January 1, 2024,  
74.20 or 90 days after federal approval, whichever is later. Paragraph (b) expires January 1, 2025,  
74.21 or 90 days after federal approval of paragraph (c), whichever is later. Paragraphs (c) to (e)  
74.22 are effective January 1, 2025, or 90 days after federal approval, whichever is later. The  
74.23 commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval  
74.24 is obtained.

74.25 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.851, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

74.26 **Subd. 6. Payment rates; rate determination.** (a) The commissioner must determine  
74.27 the rate for personal care assistance services, CFSS, extended personal care assistance  
74.28 services, extended CFSS, enhanced rate personal care assistance services, enhanced rate  
74.29 CFSS, qualified professional services, and CFSS worker training and development as  
74.30 follows:

74.31 (1) multiply the appropriate total wage component value calculated in subdivision 4 by  
74.32 one plus the employee vacation, sick, and training factor in subdivision 5;

75.1 (2) for program plan support, multiply the result of clause (1) by one plus the program  
75.2 plan support factor in subdivision 5;

75.3 (3) for employee-related expenses, add the employer taxes and workers' compensation  
75.4 factor in subdivision 5 and the employee benefits factor in subdivision 5. The sum is  
75.5 employee-related expenses. Multiply the product of clause (2) by one plus the value for  
75.6 employee-related expenses;

75.7 (4) for client programming and supports, multiply the product of clause (3) by one plus  
75.8 the client programming and supports factor in subdivision 5;

75.9 (5) for administrative expenses, add the general business and administrative expenses  
75.10 factor in subdivision 5, the program administration expenses factor in subdivision 5, and  
75.11 the absence and utilization factor in subdivision 5;

75.12 (6) divide the result of clause (4) by one minus the result of clause (5). The quotient is  
75.13 the hourly rate;

75.14 (7) multiply the hourly rate by the appropriate implementation component under  
75.15 subdivision 5. This is the adjusted hourly rate; and

75.16 (8) divide the adjusted hourly rate by four. The quotient is the total adjusted payment  
75.17 rate.

75.18 (b) In processing claims, the commissioner shall incorporate the worker retention  
75.19 component specified in subdivision 5, by multiplying one plus the total adjusted payment  
75.20 rate by the appropriate worker retention component under subdivision 5, paragraph (d).

75.21 ~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner must publish the total adjusted final payment rates.

75.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025, or 90 days after federal  
75.23 approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor  
75.24 of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

75.25 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.425, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.26 Subdivision 1. **Persons entitled to receive aid.** A person who is aged, blind, or 18 years  
75.27 of age or older and disabled and who is receiving supplemental security benefits under Title  
75.28 XVI on the basis of age, blindness, or disability (or would be eligible for such benefits  
75.29 except for excess income) is eligible for a payment under the Minnesota supplemental aid  
75.30 program, if the person's net income is less than the standards in section 256D.44. A person  
75.31 who is receiving benefits under the Minnesota supplemental aid program in the month prior  
75.32 to becoming eligible under section 1619(b) of the Social Security Act is eligible for a

76.1 payment under the Minnesota supplemental aid program while they remain in section 1619(b)  
76.2 status. Persons who are not receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits under Title  
76.3 XVI of the Social Security Act or disability insurance benefits under Title II of the Social  
76.4 Security Act due to exhausting time limited benefits are not eligible to receive benefits  
76.5 under the MSA program. Persons who are not receiving Social Security or other maintenance  
76.6 benefits for failure to meet or comply with the Social Security or other maintenance program  
76.7 requirements are not eligible to receive benefits under the MSA program. Persons who are  
76.8 found ineligible for Supplemental Security Income because of excess income, but whose  
76.9 income is within the limits of the Minnesota supplemental aid program, must have blindness  
76.10 or disability determined by the state medical review team.

76.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

76.12 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.2101, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.13 Subdivision 1. **Phase-in for disability waiver customized living rates.** All rates and  
76.14 rate components for community access for disability inclusion customized living and brain  
76.15 injury customized living under section 256B.4914 ~~shall~~ must be the sum of ~~ten~~ 29.6 percent  
76.16 of the rates calculated under sections 256S.211 to 256S.215 and ~~90~~ 70.4 percent of the rates  
76.17 calculated using the rate methodology in effect as of June 30, 2017.

76.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
76.19 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
76.20 when federal approval is obtained.

76.21 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 268.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.22 Subdivision 1. **Use of data.** (a) Except as provided by this section, data gathered from  
76.23 any person under the administration of the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Law are  
76.24 private data on individuals or nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02,  
76.25 subdivisions 9 and 12, and may not be disclosed except according to a district court order  
76.26 or section 13.05. A subpoena is not considered a district court order. These data may be  
76.27 disseminated to and used by the following agencies without the consent of the subject of  
76.28 the data:

76.29 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal  
76.30 law;

76.31 (2) any agency of any other state or any federal agency charged with the administration  
76.32 of an unemployment insurance program;

77.1 (3) any agency responsible for the maintenance of a system of public employment offices  
77.2 for the purpose of assisting individuals in obtaining employment;

77.3 (4) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in  
77.4 accordance with section 256.978;

77.5 (5) human rights agencies within Minnesota that have enforcement powers;

77.6 (6) the Department of Revenue to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota  
77.7 laws;

77.8 (7) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance  
77.9 programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

77.10 (8) the Department of Labor and Industry and the Commerce Fraud Bureau in the  
77.11 Department of Commerce for uses consistent with the administration of their duties under  
77.12 Minnesota law;

77.13 (9) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its agents  
77.14 within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for  
77.15 investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the  
77.16 provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

77.17 (10) the Department of Human Services for the purpose of evaluating medical assistance  
77.18 services and supporting program improvement;

77.19 ~~(10)~~ (11) local and state welfare agencies for monitoring the eligibility of the data subject  
77.20 for assistance programs, or for any employment or training program administered by those  
77.21 agencies, whether alone, in combination with another welfare agency, or in conjunction  
77.22 with the department or to monitor and evaluate the statewide Minnesota family investment  
77.23 program and other cash assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,  
77.24 and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program by  
77.25 providing data on recipients and former recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
77.26 Program (SNAP) benefits, cash assistance under chapter 256, 256D, 256J, or 256K, child  
77.27 care assistance under chapter 119B, or medical programs under chapter 256B or 256L or  
77.28 formerly codified under chapter 256D;

77.29 ~~(11)~~ (12) local and state welfare agencies for the purpose of identifying employment,  
77.30 wages, and other information to assist in the collection of an overpayment debt in an  
77.31 assistance program;

78.1 ~~(12)~~ (13) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining  
78.2 the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a  
78.3 criminal investigation;

78.4 ~~(13)~~ (14) the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement has access to data  
78.5 on specific individuals and specific employers provided the specific individual or specific  
78.6 employer is the subject of an investigation by that agency;

78.7 ~~(14)~~ (15) the Department of Health for the purposes of epidemiologic investigations;

78.8 ~~(15)~~ (16) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of case planning and internal  
78.9 research for preprobation, probation, and postprobation employment tracking of offenders  
78.10 sentenced to probation and preconfinement and postconfinement employment tracking of  
78.11 committed offenders;

78.12 ~~(16)~~ (17) the state auditor to the extent necessary to conduct audits of job opportunity  
78.13 building zones as required under section 469.3201; and

78.14 ~~(17)~~ (18) the Office of Higher Education for purposes of supporting program  
78.15 improvement, system evaluation, and research initiatives including the Statewide  
78.16 Longitudinal Education Data System.

78.17 (b) Data on individuals and employers that are collected, maintained, or used by the  
78.18 department in an investigation under section 268.182 are confidential as to data on individuals  
78.19 and protected nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3  
78.20 and 13, and must not be disclosed except under statute or district court order or to a party  
78.21 named in a criminal proceeding, administrative or judicial, for preparation of a defense.

78.22 (c) Data gathered by the department in the administration of the Minnesota unemployment  
78.23 insurance program must not be made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil  
78.24 proceedings, administrative or judicial, unless the action is initiated by the department.

78.25 **Sec. 59. PROVIDER CAPACITY GRANTS FOR RURAL AND UNDERSERVED**  
78.26 **COMMUNITIES.**

78.27 **Subdivision 1. Establishment and authority.** (a) The commissioner of human services  
78.28 shall award grants to organizations that provide community-based services to rural or  
78.29 underserved communities. The grants must be used to build organizational capacity to  
78.30 provide home and community-based services in the state and to build new or expanded  
78.31 infrastructure to access medical assistance reimbursement.

79.1 (b) The commissioner shall conduct community engagement, provide technical assistance,  
79.2 and establish a collaborative learning community related to the grants available under this  
79.3 section and shall work with the commissioners of management and budget and administration  
79.4 to mitigate barriers in accessing grant money.

79.5 (c) The commissioner shall limit expenditures under this subdivision to the amount  
79.6 appropriated for this purpose.

79.7 (d) The commissioner shall give priority to organizations that provide culturally specific  
79.8 and culturally responsive services or that serve historically underserved communities  
79.9 throughout the state.

79.10 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** An eligible applicant for the capacity grants under subdivision 1 is  
79.11 an organization or provider that serves, or will serve, rural or underserved communities  
79.12 and:

79.13 (1) provides, or will provide, home and community-based services in the state; or

79.14 (2) serves, or will serve, as a connector for communities to available home and  
79.15 community-based services.

79.16 Subd. 3. **Allowable grant activities.** Grants under this section must be used by recipients  
79.17 for the following activities:

79.18 (1) expanding existing services;

79.19 (2) increasing access in rural or underserved areas;

79.20 (3) creating new home and community-based organizations;

79.21 (4) connecting underserved communities to benefits and available services; or

79.22 (5) building new or expanded infrastructure to access medical assistance reimbursement.

79.23 Sec. 60. **NEW AMERICAN LEGAL, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND LONG-TERM**  
79.24 **CARE WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

79.25 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "New American" means an individual born abroad and the  
79.26 individual's children, irrespective of immigration status.

79.27 Subd. 2. **Grant program established.** The commissioner of human services shall  
79.28 establish a new American legal, social services, and long-term care workforce grant program  
79.29 for organizations that serve and support new Americans:

79.30 (1) in seeking or maintaining legal or citizenship status to legally obtain or retain  
79.31 employment in any field or industry; or

80.1 (2) to provide specialized services and supports to new Americans to enter the long-term  
80.2 care workforce.

80.3 Subd. 3. **Eligible grantees.** (a) The commissioner shall select grantees as provided in  
80.4 this subdivision.

80.5 (b) Eligible applicants for a grant under this section must demonstrate the qualifications,  
80.6 legal or other expertise, cultural competency, and experience in working with new Americans  
80.7 necessary to perform the activities required under subdivision 4 statewide or in discreet  
80.8 portions of the state.

80.9 (c) Eligible applicants seeking to provide services include governmental units, federally  
80.10 recognized Tribal Nations, nonprofit organizations as defined under section 501(c)(3) of  
80.11 the Internal Revenue Code, for-profit organizations, and legal services organizations  
80.12 specializing in obtaining visas for health care workers.

80.13 (d) Eligible applicants seeking to provide supports for new Americans to obtain or  
80.14 maintain employment must demonstrate expertise and capacity to provide training, peer  
80.15 mentoring, supportive services, workforce development, and other services to develop and  
80.16 implement strategies for recruiting and retaining qualified employees.

80.17 (e) The commissioner shall prioritize:

80.18 (1) for applicants providing legal or social services, organizations that serve populations  
80.19 in areas of the state where worker shortages are most acute or for whom existing legal  
80.20 services and social services during the legal process or while seeking qualified legal  
80.21 assistance are unavailable or insufficient; and

80.22 (2) for applicants providing supports for new Americans to obtain or maintain  
80.23 employment in the long-term care workforce, applications from joint labor management  
80.24 programs.

80.25 Subd. 4. **Allowable uses of grant money.** (a) Organizations receiving grant money  
80.26 under this section must provide one or more of the following:

80.27 (1) intake, assessment, referral, orientation, legal advice, or representation to new  
80.28 Americans to seek or maintain legal or citizenship status and secure or maintain legal  
80.29 authorization for employment in the United States;

80.30 (2) social services designed to help eligible populations meet their immediate basic needs  
80.31 during the process of seeking or maintaining legal status and legal authorization for  
80.32 employment, including but not limited to accessing housing, food, employment or  
80.33 employment training, education, course fees, community orientation, transportation, child

81.1 care, and medical care. Social services may also include navigation services to address  
81.2 ongoing needs once immediate basic needs have been met; or

81.3 (3) specialized activities targeted to individuals to support recruitment and connection  
81.4 to long-term care employment opportunities including:

81.5 (i) developing connections to employment with long-term care employers and potential  
81.6 employees;

81.7 (ii) providing recruitment, training, guidance, mentorship, and other support services  
81.8 necessary to encourage employment, employee retention, and successful community  
81.9 integration;

81.10 (iii) providing career education, wraparound support services, and job skills training in  
81.11 high-demand health care and long-term care fields;

81.12 (iv) paying for program expenses related to long-term care professions, including but  
81.13 not limited to hiring instructors and navigators, space rentals, and supportive services to  
81.14 help participants attend classes. Allowable uses for supportive services include but are not  
81.15 limited to:

81.16 (A) course fees;

81.17 (B) child care costs;

81.18 (C) transportation costs;

81.19 (D) tuition fees;

81.20 (E) financial coaching fees;

81.21 (F) mental health supports; and

81.22 (G) uniform costs incurred as a direct result of participating in classroom instruction or  
81.23 training; or

81.24 (v) repaying student loan debt directly incurred as a result of pursuing a qualifying course  
81.25 of study or training.

81.26 Subd. 5. **Reporting.** (a) Grant recipients under this section must collect and report to  
81.27 the commissioner information on program participation and program outcomes. The  
81.28 commissioner shall determine the form and timing of reports.

81.29 (b) Grant recipients providing immigration legal services under this section must collect  
81.30 and report to the commissioner data that are consistent with the requirements established

82.1 for the advisory committee established by the supreme court under Minnesota Statutes,  
82.2 section 480.242, subdivision 1.

82.3 Subd. 6. **Impact study and evaluation.** (a) The commissioner shall conduct a study of  
82.4 the long-term care workforce portion of the grant program under this section to assess the  
82.5 impacts on new Americans served by the grant program and may evaluate the following:

82.6 (1) employee retention;

82.7 (2) employee compensation;

82.8 (3) career advancement and mobility;

82.9 (4) career satisfaction; and

82.10 (5) safety in the workplace.

82.11 (b) By June 30, 2027, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
82.12 minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over human  
82.13 services finance and policy on the impacts on new Americans engaged in the grant program,  
82.14 based on the results of the evaluation under paragraph (a). Where feasible, the report must  
82.15 include recommendations to improve the experience of new Americans in the long-term  
82.16 care workforce.

82.17 Sec. 61. **SUPPORTED-DECISION-MAKING PROGRAMS.**

82.18 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** The commissioner of human services shall award general  
82.19 operating grants to public and private nonprofit organizations, counties, and Tribes to provide  
82.20 and promote supported decision making.

82.21 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this section have  
82.22 the meanings given.

82.23 (b) "Supported decision making" has the meaning given in section 524.5-102, subdivision  
82.24 16a.

82.25 (c) "Supported-decision-making services" means services provided to help an individual  
82.26 consider, access, or develop supported decision making, potentially as an alternative to  
82.27 more restrictive forms of decision making, including guardianship and conservatorship.  
82.28 The services may be provided to the individual, family members, or trusted support people.  
82.29 The individual may currently be a person subject to guardianship or conservatorship, but  
82.30 the services must not be used to help a person access a guardianship or conservatorship.

82.31 Subd. 3. **Grants.** (a) The grants must be distributed as follows:

83.1 (1) at least 75 percent of the grant money must be used to fund programs or organizations  
83.2 that provide supported-decision-making services;

83.3 (2) no more than 20 percent of the grant money may be used to fund county or Tribal  
83.4 programs that provide supported-decision-making services; and

83.5 (3) no more than five percent of the grant money may be used to fund programs or  
83.6 organizations that do not provide supported-decision-making services but do promote the  
83.7 use and advancement of supported decision making.

83.8 (b) The grants must be distributed in a manner to promote racial and geographic diversity  
83.9 in the populations receiving services as determined by the commissioner.

83.10 Subd. 4. **Evaluation and report.** By December 1, 2024, the commissioner must submit  
83.11 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
83.12 over human services finance and policy an interim report on the impact and outcomes of  
83.13 the grants, including the number of grants awarded and the organizations receiving the  
83.14 grants. The interim report must include any available evidence of how grantees were able  
83.15 to increase utilization of supported decision making and reduce or avoid more restrictive  
83.16 forms of decision making such as guardianship and conservatorship. By December 1, 2025,  
83.17 the commissioner must submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
83.18 committees with jurisdiction over human services finance and policy a final report on the  
83.19 impact and outcomes of the grants, including any updated information from the interim  
83.20 report and the total number of people served by the grants. The final report must also detail  
83.21 how the money was used to achieve the requirements in subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

83.22 Subd. 5. **Applications.** Any public or private nonprofit agency may apply to the  
83.23 commissioner for a grant under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (1) or (3). Any county  
83.24 or Tribal agency in Minnesota may apply to the commissioner for a grant under subdivision  
83.25 3, paragraph (a), clause (2). The application must be submitted in a form approved by the  
83.26 commissioner.

83.27 Subd. 6. **Duties of grantees.** Every public or private nonprofit agency, county, or Tribal  
83.28 agency that receives a grant to provide or promote supported decision making must comply  
83.29 with rules related to the administration of the grants.

83.30 Sec. 62. **APPROVAL OF CORPORATE FOSTER CARE MORATORIUM**  
83.31 **EXCEPTIONS.**

83.32 (a) The commissioner of human services may approve or deny corporate foster care  
83.33 moratorium exceptions requested under Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.03, subdivision

84.1 7, paragraph (a), clause (5), prior to approval of a service provider's home and  
84.2 community-based services license under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245D. Approval of  
84.3 the moratorium exception must not be construed as final approval of a service provider's  
84.4 home and community-based services or community residential setting license.

84.5 (b) Approval under paragraph (a) must be available only for service providers that have  
84.6 requested a home and community-based services license under Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
84.7 245D.

84.8 (c) Approval under paragraph (a) must be rescinded if the service provider's application  
84.9 for a home and community-based services or community residential setting license is denied.

84.10 (d) This section expires December 31, 2023.

84.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

84.12 **Sec. 63. EARLY INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL**  
84.13 **INTERVENTION LICENSURE STUDY.**

84.14 (a) The commissioner of human services must review the medical assistance early  
84.15 intensive developmental and behavioral intervention (EIDBI) service and evaluate the need  
84.16 for licensure or other regulatory modifications. At a minimum, the evaluation must include:

84.17 (1) an examination of current Department of Human Services-licensed programs that  
84.18 are similar to EIDBI;

84.19 (2) an environmental scan of licensure requirements for Medicaid autism programs in  
84.20 other states; and

84.21 (3) consideration of health and safety needs for populations with autism and related  
84.22 conditions.

84.23 (b) The commissioner must consult with interested stakeholders, including self-advocates  
84.24 who use EIDBI services, EIDBI providers, parents of youth who use EIDBI services, and  
84.25 advocacy organizations. The commissioner must convene stakeholder meetings to obtain  
84.26 feedback on licensure or regulatory recommendations.

84.27 **Sec. 64. MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING.**

84.28 The memorandums of understanding with Service Employees International Union  
84.29 Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa, submitted by the commissioner of management and budget  
84.30 on February 27, 2023, are ratified.

85.1      Sec. 65. **SELF-DIRECTED WORKER CONTRACT RATIFICATION.**

85.2           The labor agreement between the state of Minnesota and the Service Employees  
85.3 International Union Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa, submitted to the Legislative  
85.4 Coordinating Commission on February 27, 2023, is ratified.

85.5      Sec. 66. **BUDGET INCREASE FOR CONSUMER-DIRECTED COMMUNITY**  
85.6 **SUPPORTS.**

85.7           (a) Effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval, whichever is later,  
85.8 consumer-directed community support budgets identified in the waiver plans under Minnesota  
85.9 Statutes, sections 256B.092 and 256B.49, and chapter 256S; and the alternative care program  
85.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0913, must be increased by 8.49 percent.

85.11          (b) Effective January 1, 2025, or upon federal approval, whichever is later,  
85.12 consumer-directed community support budgets identified in the waiver plans under Minnesota  
85.13 Statutes, sections 256B.092 and 256B.49, and chapter 256S; and the alternative care program  
85.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0913, must be increased by 4.53 percent.

85.15      Sec. 67. **DIRECT CARE SERVICE CORPS PILOT PROJECT.**

85.16          Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Metropolitan Center for Independent Living must  
85.17 develop a pilot project establishing the Minnesota Direct Care Service Corps. The pilot  
85.18 project must utilize financial incentives to attract postsecondary students to work as personal  
85.19 care assistants or direct support professionals. The Metropolitan Center for Independent  
85.20 Living must establish the financial incentives and minimum work requirements to be eligible  
85.21 for incentive payments. The financial incentive must increase with each semester that the  
85.22 student participates in the Minnesota Direct Care Service Corps.

85.23          Subd. 2. **Pilot sites.** (a) Pilot sites must include one postsecondary institution in the  
85.24 seven-county metropolitan area and at least one postsecondary institution outside of the  
85.25 seven-county metropolitan area. If more than one postsecondary institution outside the  
85.26 metropolitan area is selected, one must be located in northern Minnesota and the other must  
85.27 be located in southern Minnesota.

85.28          (b) After satisfactorily completing the work requirements for a semester, the pilot site  
85.29 or its fiscal agent must pay students the financial incentive developed for the pilot project.

85.30          Subd. 3. **Evaluation and report.** (a) The Metropolitan Center for Independent Living  
85.31 must contract with a third party to evaluate the pilot project's impact on health care costs,  
85.32 retention of personal care assistants, and patients' and providers' satisfaction of care. The

86.1 evaluation must include the number of participants, the hours of care provided by participants,  
86.2 and the retention of participants from semester to semester.

86.3 (b) By January 15, 2025, the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living must report  
86.4 the findings under paragraph (a) to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
86.5 committees with jurisdiction over human services finance and policy.

86.6 **Sec. 68. RATE INCREASE FOR HOME CARE SERVICES.**

86.7 (a) The commissioner of human services shall increase payment rates for home health  
86.8 agency services under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0653, by 14.99 percent from the  
86.9 rates in effect on December 31, 2023.

86.10 (b) The commissioner shall increase payment rates for home care nursing under  
86.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0651, subdivision 2, clause (2), by 25 percent from the  
86.12 rates in effect on December 31, 2023.

86.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
86.14 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
86.15 when federal approval is obtained.

86.16 **Sec. 69. SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES LIMIT INCREASE.**

86.17 Upon federal approval, the commissioner of human services must increase the annual  
86.18 limit for specialized equipment and supplies under Minnesota's federally approved home  
86.19 and community-based service waiver plans, alternative care, and essential community  
86.20 supports to \$10,000.

86.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
86.22 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
86.23 when federal approval is obtained.

86.24 **Sec. 70. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; APPLICATION OF INTERMEDIATE**  
86.25 **CARE FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
86.26 **RATE INCREASES.**

86.27 The commissioner of human services shall apply the rate increases under Minnesota  
86.28 Statutes, section 256B.5012, subdivisions 19 and 20, as follows:

86.29 (1) apply Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.5012, subdivision 19; and

86.30 (2) apply any required rate increase as required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
86.31 256B.5012, subdivision 20, to the results of clause (1).

87.1 **Sec. 71. RATE INCREASE FOR CERTAIN DISABILITY WAIVER SERVICES.**

87.2 The commissioner of human services shall increase payment rates for chore services  
87.3 and home-delivered meals provided under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.092 and  
87.4 256B.49, by 14.99 percent from the rates in effect on December 31, 2023.

87.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
87.6 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
87.7 when federal approval is obtained.

87.8 **Sec. 72. RATE INCREASE FOR EARLY INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENTAL AND**  
87.9 **BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION BENEFIT SERVICES.**

87.10 The commissioner of human services shall increase payment rates for early intensive  
87.11 developmental and behavioral intervention services under Minnesota Statutes, section  
87.12 256B.0949, by 14.99 percent from the rates in effect on December 31, 2023.

87.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
87.14 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
87.15 when federal approval is obtained.

87.16 **Sec. 73. RATE INCREASE FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR**  
87.17 **PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DAY TRAINING AND**  
87.18 **HABILITATION SERVICES.**

87.19 The commissioner of human services shall increase payment rates for day training and  
87.20 habilitation services under Minnesota Statutes, section 252.46, by 14.99 percent from the  
87.21 rates in effect on December 31, 2023.

87.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
87.23 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
87.24 when federal approval is obtained.

87.25 **Sec. 74. STUDY TO EXPAND ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH**  
87.26 **CO-OCCURRING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND DISABILITIES.**

87.27 The commissioner of human services, in consultation with stakeholders, must evaluate  
87.28 options to expand services authorized under Minnesota's federally approved home and  
87.29 community-based waivers, including positive support, crisis respite, respite, and specialist  
87.30 services. The evaluation may include surveying community providers as to the barriers to  
87.31 meeting people's needs and options to authorize services under Minnesota's medical assistance

88.1 state plan and strategies to decrease the number of people who remain in hospitals, jails,  
88.2 and other acute or crisis settings when they no longer meet medical or other necessity criteria.

88.3 **Sec. 75. TEMPORARY GRANT FOR SMALL CUSTOMIZED LIVING**  
88.4 **PROVIDERS.**

88.5 (a) The commissioner of human services must establish a temporary grant for:

88.6 (1) customized living providers that serve six or fewer people in a single-family home;  
88.7 and

88.8 (2) community residential service providers and integrated community supports providers  
88.9 who transitioned from providing customized living or 24-hour customized living on or after  
88.10 June 30, 2021.

88.11 (b) Allowable uses of grant money include physical plant updates required for community  
88.12 residential services or integrated community supports licensure, technical assistance to adapt  
88.13 business models and meet policy and regulatory guidance, and other uses approved by the  
88.14 commissioner. Allowable uses of grant money also include reimbursement for eligible costs  
88.15 incurred by a community residential service provider or integrated community supports  
88.16 provider directly related to the provider's transition from providing customized living or  
88.17 24-hour customized living. License holders of eligible settings must apply for grant money  
88.18 using an application process determined by the commissioner. Grant money approved by  
88.19 the commissioner is a onetime award of up to \$50,000 per eligible setting. To be considered  
88.20 for grant money, eligible license holders must submit a grant application by June 30, 2024.  
88.21 The commissioner may approve grant applications on a rolling basis.

88.22 **Sec. 76. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; SUPPORTED-DECISION-MAKING**  
88.23 **REIMBURSEMENT STUDY.**

88.24 By December 15, 2024, the commissioner shall issue a report to the governor and the  
88.25 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
88.26 human services finance and policy detailing how medical assistance service providers could  
88.27 be reimbursed for providing supported-decision-making services. The report must detail  
88.28 recommendations for all medical assistance programs, including all home and  
88.29 community-based programs, to provide for reimbursement for supported-decision-making  
88.30 services. The report must develop detailed provider requirements for reimbursement,  
88.31 including the criteria necessary to provide high-quality services. In developing provider  
88.32 requirements, the commissioner shall consult with all relevant stakeholders, including  
88.33 organizations currently providing supported-decision-making services. The report must also

89.1 include strategies to promote equitable access to supported-decision-making services to  
89.2 individuals who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color; people from culturally specific  
89.3 communities; people from rural communities; and other people who may experience barriers  
89.4 to accessing medical assistance home and community-based services.

89.5 **Sec. 77. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; SHARED SERVICES.**

89.6 (a) By December 31, 2023, the commissioner of human services shall seek any necessary  
89.7 changes to home and community-based services waiver plans regarding sharing services in  
89.8 order to:

89.9 (1) permit shared services for chore, homemaker, and night supervision;

89.10 (2) permit existing shared services at higher ratios, including individualized home  
89.11 supports without training, individualized home supports with training, and individualized  
89.12 home supports with family training at a ratio of one staff person to three recipients;

89.13 (3) ensure that individuals who are seeking to share services permitted under the waiver  
89.14 plans in an own-home setting are not required to live in a licensed setting in order to share  
89.15 services so long as all other requirements are met; and

89.16 (4) issue guidance for shared services, including:

89.17 (i) informed choice for all individuals sharing the services;

89.18 (ii) guidance on how lead agencies and individuals shall determine that shared service  
89.19 is appropriate to meet the needs, health, and safety of each individual for whom the lead  
89.20 agency provides case management or care coordination; and

89.21 (iii) guidance clarifying that an individual's decision to share services does not reduce  
89.22 any determination of the individual's overall or assessed needs for services.

89.23 (b) The commissioner shall develop or provide guidance outlining:

89.24 (1) instructions for shared services support planning;

89.25 (2) person-centered approaches and informed choice in shared services support planning;  
89.26 and

89.27 (3) required contents of shared services agreements.

89.28 (c) The commissioner shall seek and utilize stakeholder input for any proposed changes  
89.29 to waiver plans and any shared services guidance.

90.1       Sec. 78. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; DISABILITY WAIVER SHARED**  
90.2 **SERVICES RATES.**

90.3       The commissioner of human services shall establish a rate system for shared homemaker  
90.4 services and shared chore services provided under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.092  
90.5 and 256B.49. For two persons sharing services, the rate paid to a provider must not exceed  
90.6 1-1/2 times the rate paid for serving a single individual, and for three persons sharing  
90.7 services, the rate paid to a provider must not exceed two times the rate paid for serving a  
90.8 single individual. These rates apply only when all of the criteria for the shared service have  
90.9 been met.

90.10       **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
90.11 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
90.12 when approval is obtained.

90.13       Sec. 79. **INTERAGENCY EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS ALIGNMENT STUDY.**

90.14       The commissioners of human services, employment and economic development, and  
90.15 education must conduct an interagency alignment study on employment supports for people  
90.16 with disabilities. The study must evaluate:

90.17       (1) service rates;

90.18       (2) provider enrollment and monitoring standards; and

90.19       (3) eligibility processes and people's lived experience transitioning between employment  
90.20 programs.

90.21       Sec. 80. **MONITORING EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES.**

90.22       By January 15, 2025, the Departments of Human Services, Employment and Economic  
90.23 Development, and Education must provide the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
90.24 legislative committees with jurisdiction over health, human services, and labor finance and  
90.25 policy with a plan for tracking employment outcomes for people with disabilities served by  
90.26 programs administered by the agencies. This plan must include any needed changes to state  
90.27 law to track supports received and outcomes across programs.

90.28       Sec. 81. **STUDY ON PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR LONG-TERM SERVICES**  
90.29 **AND SUPPORTS.**

90.30       (a) The commissioner of human services must study presumptive financial and functional  
90.31 eligibility for people with disabilities and older adults in the following programs:

91.1 (1) medical assistance, alternative care, and essential community supports; and

91.2 (2) home and community-based services.

91.3 (b) The commissioner must evaluate the following in the study of presumptive eligibility  
91.4 within the programs listed in paragraph (a):

91.5 (1) current eligibility processes;

91.6 (2) barriers to timely eligibility determinations; and

91.7 (3) strategies to enhance access to home and community-based services in the least  
91.8 restrictive setting.

91.9 (c) By January 1, 2025, the commissioner must report recommendations and draft  
91.10 legislation to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
91.11 jurisdiction over health and human services finance and policy.

91.12 Sec. 82. **ACUTE CARE TRANSITIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

91.13 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services shall establish an  
91.14 Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council to advise and assist the commissioner in  
91.15 establishing and implementing a statewide vision and systemic approach to acute care  
91.16 transitions in Minnesota.

91.17 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council consists of  
91.18 the following members:

91.19 (1) two individuals or their representatives who have lived experiences with acute care  
91.20 transitions;

91.21 (2) two members representing home and community-based services providers;

91.22 (3) two members representing the Minnesota Hospital Association;

91.23 (4) one member representing the Minnesota Association of County Social Service  
91.24 Administrators;

91.25 (5) one member representing the Local Public Health Association;

91.26 (6) one member representing a Tribal government;

91.27 (7) one member representing the University of Minnesota;

91.28 (8) one member representing the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and  
91.29 Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health;

91.30 (9) one member representing a public sector labor union;

- 92.1 (10) one member representing the Minnesota County Attorney's Association;
- 92.2 (11) one individual who has had an acute hospital stay initiated during a crisis;
- 92.3 (12) one parent of a child who has had an acute hospital stay initiated during a crisis;
- 92.4 (13) one individual who meets the definition of a caring professional;
- 92.5 (14) the commissioner of human services or a designee;
- 92.6 (15) the commissioner of health or a designee; and
- 92.7 (16) the commissioner of education or a designee.

92.8 (b) To the extent possible, the advisory council members must represent diverse  
92.9 populations and different areas of the state.

92.10 (c) A member of the legislature may not serve as a member of the advisory council.

92.11 Subd. 3. **Cochairs; convening first meeting.** The commissioner of human services shall  
92.12 convene the first meeting. Advisory council members must select advisory council cochairs  
92.13 at the first meeting.

92.14 Subd. 4. **Compensation; expenses; reimbursement.** Advisory council members must  
92.15 be compensated and reimbursed for expenses as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section  
92.16 15.059, subdivision 3.

92.17 Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The commissioner of human services shall provide  
92.18 meeting space and administrative support to the advisory council.

92.19 Subd. 6. **Public and community engagement.** The commissioner of human services  
92.20 shall conduct public and community engagement to obtain information about barriers and  
92.21 potential solutions to transitioning patients from acute care settings to more appropriate  
92.22 nonacute care settings and must provide the information collected through public and  
92.23 community engagement to the advisory council.

92.24 Subd. 7. **Duties.** (a) By October 1, 2024, the advisory council shall develop and present  
92.25 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with  
92.26 jurisdiction over health and human services finance and policy and the commissioner of  
92.27 human services an action plan for creating a systemic approach to acute care transitions for  
92.28 Minnesotans. The action plan must include but is not limited to the following:

92.29 (1) recommendations to improve regional capacity for acute care transitions, including  
92.30 examining the roles and experience of counties and Tribes in delivering services and

93.1 identifying any conflicting and duplicative roles and responsibilities among health and  
93.2 human services agencies, counties, and Tribes;

93.3 (2) recommendations to create a measurement and evaluation system using  
93.4 implementation science to analyze regional and statewide data in transitions and make  
93.5 ongoing recommendations for policy and program improvement; and

93.6 (3) statewide strategies for improving access to transitioning from acute care settings  
93.7 with a focus on addressing geographic, racial, and ethnic disparities.

93.8 (b) The advisory council may contract with a private entity or consultant as necessary  
93.9 to complete its duties under this section, and is exempt from state procurement process  
93.10 requirements under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

93.11 Subd. 8. **Limitations.** (a) In developing the action plan, the advisory council shall take  
93.12 into consideration the impact of its recommendations on:

93.13 (1) the existing capacity of state agencies, including staffing needs, technology resources,  
93.14 and existing agency responsibilities; and

93.15 (2) the capacity of county and Tribal partners.

93.16 (b) The advisory council shall not include in the action plan recommendations that may  
93.17 result in loss of benefits for the individuals eligible for state health and human services  
93.18 public programs or exacerbate health disparities and inequities in access to health care and  
93.19 human services.

93.20 Subd. 9. **Expiration.** The Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council expires October 2,  
93.21 2024, or the day after submitting the action plan required under subdivision 7, whichever  
93.22 is earlier.

93.23 Sec. 83. **OVERPAYMENTS FOR DISABILITY WAIVER CUSTOMIZED LIVING**  
93.24 **SERVICES.**

93.25 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.064, or any other law to the  
93.26 contrary, providers that received ineligible payments for customized living services under  
93.27 the community access for disability inclusion or brain injury waivers for people under age  
93.28 55 who were not residing in the setting before January 11, 2021, must not be required to  
93.29 repay ineligible payments related to the age restrictions for customized living services  
93.30 delivered between January 11, 2021, and July 1, 2023. The state must not sanction providers  
93.31 for receipt of these ineligible payments or otherwise seek recovery of these payments.

94.1 (b) The state must repay with state money any amount owed to the Centers for Medicare  
94.2 and Medicaid Services for the federal financial participation amount received by the state  
94.3 for ineligible payments identified in paragraph (a).

94.4 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits the commissioner from recouping past claims due  
94.5 to false claims or for reasons other than ineligible payments related to age restrictions for  
94.6 disability waiver customized living services for people who were not residing in the setting  
94.7 between January 11, 2021, and July 1, 2023, or from recouping future ineligible payments  
94.8 for disability customized living services, including from providers who received the ineligible  
94.9 payments described in paragraph (a).

94.10 (d) The commissioner must update guidance and communicate with lead agencies and  
94.11 customized living service providers to ensure that lead agencies and providers understand  
94.12 the requirements for medical assistance disability waiver customized living service payments.

94.13 **Sec. 84. PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES**  
94.14 **PROVIDED BY A PARENT OR SPOUSE.**

94.15 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0659, subdivisions 3, paragraph  
94.16 (a), clause (a); 11, paragraph (c); and 19, paragraph (b), clause (3), a parent, stepparent, or  
94.17 legal guardian of a minor who is a personal care assistance recipient or the spouse of a  
94.18 personal care assistance recipient may provide and be paid for providing personal care  
94.19 assistance services under medical assistance. The commissioner shall seek federal approval  
94.20 for these payments. If federal approval is not received, the commissioner shall make payments  
94.21 for services rendered, prior to federal disapproval, without federal financial participation.

94.22 (b) This section expires November 11, 2023, or upon the expiration of federal approval,  
94.23 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
94.24 when federal approval expires.

94.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from May 12, 2023.

94.26 **Sec. 85. REPEALER.**

94.27 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 9a, is repealed.

94.28 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.4914, subdivision 6b, is repealed.

94.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal  
94.30 approval, whichever is later, and paragraph (b) is effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal  
94.31 approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor  
94.32 of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

ARTICLE 2

AGING SERVICES

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.975, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. ~~Indian Native American elders coordinator position.~~ (a) The Minnesota Board on Aging shall create ~~an Indian~~ a Native American elders coordinator position; and shall hire staff as appropriations permit for the purposes of ~~coordinating efforts with the National Indian Council on Aging and developing~~ facilitating the coordination and development of a comprehensive statewide Tribal-based service system for ~~Indian Native American~~ Indian Native American elders. ~~An Indian elder is defined for purposes of this subdivision as an Indian enrolled in a band or tribe who is 55 years or older.~~

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the meanings given:

(1) "Native American elder" means an individual enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe and identified as an elder according to the requirements of the individual's home Tribe; and

(2) "Tribal government" means representatives of each of the 11 federally recognized Native American Tribes located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the state of Minnesota.

(c) The statewide Tribal-based service system ~~must~~ may include the following components:

~~(1) an assessment of the program eligibility, examining the need to change the age-based eligibility criteria to need-based eligibility criteria;~~

~~(2) (1) a planning system that would plan to grant, or make recommendations for granting, federal and state funding for statewide Tribal-based Native American programs and services;~~

(2) a plan to develop business initiatives involving Tribal members that will qualify for federal- and state-funded elder service contracts;

(3) a plan for statewide Tribal-based service focal points, ~~senior centers, or community centers~~ for socialization and service accessibility for ~~Indian~~ Indian Native American elders;

(4) a plan to develop and implement statewide education and public awareness ~~campaigns~~ promotions, including ~~awareness programs, sensitivity~~ cultural sensitivity training; and public education on ~~Indian elder needs~~ Native American elders;

96.1 (5) a plan for statewide culturally appropriate information and referral services for Native  
96.2 American elders, including legal advice and counsel and trained advocates and an Indian  
96.3 elder newsletter;

96.4 (6) a plan for a coordinated statewide Tribal-based health care system including health  
96.5 promotion/prevention promotion and prevention, in-home service, long-term care service,  
96.6 and health care services;

96.7 (7) a plan for ongoing ~~research involving Indian elders including needs assessment and~~  
96.8 ~~needs analysis;~~ collection of significant data on Native American elders, including population,  
96.9 health, socialization, mortality, homelessness, and economic status; and

96.10 ~~(8) information and referral services for legal advice or legal counsel; and~~

96.11 ~~(9)~~ (8) a plan to coordinate services with existing organizations, including but not limited  
96.12 to the state of Minnesota, the Council of Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, the Minnesota  
96.13 Indian Council of Elders, the Minnesota Board on Aging, Wisdom Steps, and Minnesota  
96.14 Tribal governments.

96.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.9754, is amended to read:

96.16 **256.9754 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT LIVE WELL AT HOME**  
96.17 **GRANTS PROGRAM.**

96.18 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
96.19 meanings given.

96.20 (a) "Community" means a town, township, city, or targeted neighborhood within a city,  
96.21 or a consortium of towns, townships, cities, or targeted neighborhoods within cities.

96.22 (b) "Core home and community-based services provider" means a Faith in Action, Living  
96.23 at Home/Block Nurse, congregational nurse, or similar community-based program governed  
96.24 by a board, the majority of whose members reside within the program's service area, that  
96.25 organizes and uses volunteers and paid staff to deliver nonmedical services intended to  
96.26 assist older adults to identify and manage risks and to maintain the older adults' community  
96.27 living and integration in the community.

96.28 (c) "Long-term services and supports" means any service available under the elderly  
96.29 waiver program or alternative care grant programs, nursing facility services, transportation  
96.30 services, caregiver support and respite care services, and other home and community-based  
96.31 services identified as necessary either to maintain lifestyle choices for older adults or to  
96.32 support older adults to remain in their own home.

97.1 ~~(b)~~ (d) "Older adult services" means any services available under the elderly waiver  
97.2 program or alternative care grant programs; nursing facility services; transportation services;  
97.3 respite services; and other community-based services identified as necessary either to  
97.4 maintain lifestyle choices for older Minnesotans, or to promote independence.

97.5 ~~(e)~~ (e) "Older adult" refers to individuals 65 years of age and older.

97.6 Subd. 2. **Creation; purpose.** (a) ~~The community services development live well at home~~  
97.7 ~~grants program is~~ are created under the administration of the commissioner of human  
97.8 services.

97.9 (b) The purpose of projects selected by the commissioner of human services under this  
97.10 section is to make strategic changes in the long-term services and supports system for older  
97.11 adults and people with dementia, including statewide capacity for local service development  
97.12 and technical assistance and statewide availability of home and community-based services  
97.13 for older adult services, caregiver support and respite care services, and other supports in  
97.14 Minnesota. These projects are intended to create incentives for new and expanded home  
97.15 and community-based services in Minnesota in order to:

97.16 (1) reach older adults early in the progression of older adults' need for long-term services  
97.17 and supports, providing them with low-cost, high-impact services that will prevent or delay  
97.18 the use of more costly services;

97.19 (2) support older adults to live in the most integrated, least restrictive community setting;

97.20 (3) support the informal caregivers of older adults;

97.21 (4) develop and implement strategies to integrate long-term services and supports with  
97.22 health care services, in order to improve the quality of care and enhance the quality of life  
97.23 of older adults and older adults' informal caregivers;

97.24 (5) ensure cost-effective use of financial and human resources;

97.25 (6) build community-based approaches and community commitment to delivering  
97.26 long-term services and supports for older adults in their own homes;

97.27 (7) achieve a broad awareness and use of lower-cost in-home services as an alternative  
97.28 to nursing homes and other residential services;

97.29 (8) strengthen and develop additional home and community-based services and  
97.30 alternatives to nursing homes and other residential services; and

97.31 (9) strengthen programs that use volunteers.

98.1 (c) The services provided by these projects are available to older adults who are eligible  
98.2 for medical assistance and the elderly waiver under chapter 256S, the alternative care  
98.3 program under section 256B.0913, or the essential community supports grant under section  
98.4 256B.0922, and to older adults who have their own money to pay for services.

98.5 Subd. 3. **Provision of Community services development grants.** The commissioner  
98.6 shall make community services development grants available to communities, providers of  
98.7 older adult services ~~identified in subdivision 1~~, or to a consortium of providers of older  
98.8 adult services; to establish older adult services. Grants may be provided for capital and other  
98.9 costs including, but not limited to, start-up and training costs, equipment, and supplies  
98.10 related to older adult services or other residential or service alternatives to nursing facility  
98.11 care. Grants may also be made to renovate current buildings, provide transportation services,  
98.12 fund programs that would allow older adults or individuals with a disability to stay in their  
98.13 own homes by sharing a home, fund programs that coordinate and manage formal and  
98.14 informal services to older adults in their homes to enable them to live as independently as  
98.15 possible in their own homes as an alternative to nursing home care, or expand state-funded  
98.16 programs in the area.

98.17 Subd. 3a. **Priority for other grants.** The commissioner of health shall give priority to  
98.18 a grantee selected under subdivision 3 when awarding technology-related grants, if the  
98.19 grantee is using technology as part of the proposal unless that priority conflicts with existing  
98.20 state or federal guidance related to grant awards by the Department of Health. The  
98.21 commissioner of transportation shall give priority to a grantee under subdivision 3 when  
98.22 distributing transportation-related funds to create transportation options for older adults  
98.23 unless that preference conflicts with existing state or federal guidance related to grant awards  
98.24 by the Department of Transportation.

98.25 Subd. 3b. **State waivers.** The commissioner of health may waive applicable state laws  
98.26 and rules for grantees under subdivision 3 on a time-limited basis if the commissioner of  
98.27 health determines that a participating grantee requires a waiver in order to achieve  
98.28 demonstration project goals.

98.29 **Subd. 3c. Caregiver support and respite care projects.** (a) The commissioner shall  
98.30 establish projects to expand the availability of caregiver support and respite care services  
98.31 for family and other caregivers. The commissioner shall use a request for proposals to select  
98.32 nonprofit entities to administer the projects. Projects must:

98.33 (1) establish a local coordinated network of volunteer and paid respite workers;

98.34 (2) coordinate assignment of respite care services to caregivers of older adults;

- 99.1 (3) assure the health and safety of the older adults;
- 99.2 (4) identify at-risk caregivers;
- 99.3 (5) provide information, education, and training for caregivers in the designated
- 99.4 community; and
- 99.5 (6) demonstrate the need in the proposed service area, particularly where nursing facility
- 99.6 closures have occurred or are occurring or areas with service needs identified by section
- 99.7 144A.351. Preference must be given for projects that reach underserved populations.
- 99.8 (b) Projects must clearly describe:
- 99.9 (1) how they will achieve their purpose;
- 99.10 (2) the process for recruiting, training, and retraining volunteers; and
- 99.11 (3) a plan to promote the project in the designated community, including outreach to
- 99.12 older adults needing the services.
- 99.13 (c) Money for all projects under this subdivision may be used to:
- 99.14 (1) hire a coordinator to develop a coordinated network of volunteer and paid respite
- 99.15 care services and assign workers to clients;
- 99.16 (2) recruit and train volunteer providers;
- 99.17 (3) provide information, training, and education to caregivers;
- 99.18 (4) advertise the availability of the caregiver support and respite care project; and
- 99.19 (5) purchase equipment to maintain a system of assigning workers to clients.
- 99.20 (d) Volunteer and caregiver training must include resources on how to support an
- 99.21 individual with dementia.
- 99.22 (e) Project money may not be used to supplant existing funding sources.
- 99.23 Subd. 3d. **Core home and community-based services projects.** The commissioner
- 99.24 shall select and contract with core home and community-based services providers for projects
- 99.25 to provide services and supports to older adults both with and without family and other
- 99.26 informal caregivers using a request for proposals process. Projects must:
- 99.27 (1) have a credible public or private nonprofit sponsor providing ongoing financial
- 99.28 support;
- 99.29 (2) have a specific, clearly defined geographic service area;

100.1 (3) use a practice framework designed to identify high-risk older adults and help them  
100.2 take action to better manage their chronic conditions and maintain their community living;

100.3 (4) have a team approach to coordination and care, ensuring that the older adult  
100.4 participants, participants families, and the formal and informal providers are all part of  
100.5 planning and providing services;

100.6 (5) provide information, support services, homemaking services, counseling, and training  
100.7 for the older adults and family caregivers;

100.8 (6) encourage service area or neighborhood residents and local organizations to  
100.9 collaborate in meeting the needs of older adults in their geographic service areas;

100.10 (7) recruit, train, and direct the use of volunteers to provide informal services and other  
100.11 appropriate support to older adults and their caregivers; and

100.12 (8) provide coordination and management of formal and informal services to older adults  
100.13 and older adults families using less expensive alternatives.

100.14 Subd. 3e. **Community service grants.** The commissioner shall award contracts for  
100.15 grants to public and private nonprofit agencies to establish services that strengthen a  
100.16 community's ability to provide a system of home and community-based services for elderly  
100.17 persons. The commissioner shall use a request for proposals process.

100.18 Subd. 3f. **Live Well at Home grant extensions.** (a) A current grantee under subdivision  
100.19 3, 3c, 3d, or 3e may apply to the commissioner to receive on a noncompetitive basis up to  
100.20 two years of additional funding.

100.21 (b) To be eligible for a grant extension, a grant extension applicant must have been  
100.22 awarded a grant under this section within the previous five years and provide at least one  
100.23 eligible service in an underserved community. The grantee must submit to the commissioner  
100.24 a letter of intent to continue providing the eligible service after the expiration of a grant  
100.25 extension provided under this subdivision.

100.26 (c) The commissioner of human services must give priority to submitted letters of intent  
100.27 from grantees who have demonstrated success in providing chore services, homemaker  
100.28 services, transportation services, grocery services, caregiver supports, service coordination,  
100.29 or other home and community-based services to older adults in underserved communities.

100.30 (d) Notwithstanding section 16B.98, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), the commissioner  
100.31 may from within available appropriations extend a grant agreement up to two additional  
100.32 years, not to exceed seven years, for grantees the commissioner determines can successfully

101.1 sustain the grantee's Live Well at Home project with the additional funds made available  
101.2 through the grant agreement extension.

101.3 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** Grants may be awarded only to communities and providers or to a  
101.4 consortium of providers that have a local match of 50 percent of the costs for the project in  
101.5 the form of donations, local tax dollars, in-kind donations, fundraising, or other local matches.

101.6 Subd. 5. **Grant preference.** The commissioner of human services shall give preference  
101.7 when awarding grants under this section to areas where nursing facility closures have  
101.8 occurred or are occurring or areas with service needs identified by section 144A.351. The  
101.9 commissioner may award grants to the extent grant funds are available and to the extent  
101.10 applications are approved by the commissioner. Denial of approval of an application in one  
101.11 year does not preclude submission of an application in a subsequent year. The maximum  
101.12 grant amount is limited to \$750,000.

101.13 Sec. 3. **[256.9756] CAREGIVER RESPITE SERVICES GRANTS.**

101.14 Subdivision 1. Caregiver respite services grant program established. The Minnesota  
101.15 Board on Aging must establish a caregiver respite services grant program to increase the  
101.16 availability of respite services for family caregivers of people with dementia and older adults  
101.17 and to provide information, education, and training to respite caregivers and volunteers  
101.18 regarding caring for people with dementia. From the money made available for this purpose,  
101.19 the board must award grants on a competitive basis to respite service providers, giving  
101.20 priority to areas of the state where there is a high need of respite services.

101.21 Subd. 2. Eligible uses. Grant recipients awarded grant money under this section must  
101.22 use a portion of the grant award as determined by the board to provide free or subsidized  
101.23 respite services for family caregivers of people with dementia and older adults.

101.24 Subd. 3. Report. By January 15, 2026, the board shall submit a progress report about  
101.25 the caregiver respite services grants in this section to the chairs and ranking minority members  
101.26 of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over human services finance  
101.27 and policy. The progress report must include metrics of the use of grant program money.  
101.28 This subdivision expires upon submission of the report. The board shall notify the revisor  
101.29 of statutes when the report is submitted.

102.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0913, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

102.2 Subd. 4. **Eligibility for funding for services for nonmedical assistance recipients.** (a)

102.3 Funding for services under the alternative care program is available to persons who meet  
102.4 the following criteria:

102.5 (1) the person is a citizen of the United States or a United States national;

102.6 (2) the person has been determined by a community assessment under section 256B.0911  
102.7 to be a person who would require the level of care provided in a nursing facility, as  
102.8 determined under section 256B.0911, subdivision 26, but for the provision of services under  
102.9 the alternative care program;

102.10 (3) the person is age 65 or older;

102.11 (4) the person would be eligible for medical assistance within 135 days of admission to  
102.12 a nursing facility;

102.13 (5) the person is not ineligible for the payment of long-term care services by the medical  
102.14 assistance program due to an asset transfer penalty under section 256B.0595 or equity  
102.15 interest in the home exceeding \$500,000 as stated in section 256B.056;

102.16 (6) the person needs long-term care services that are not funded through other state or  
102.17 federal funding, or other health insurance or other third-party insurance such as long-term  
102.18 care insurance;

102.19 (7) except for individuals described in clause (8), the monthly cost of the alternative  
102.20 care services funded by the program for this person does not exceed 75 percent of the  
102.21 monthly limit described under section 256S.18. This monthly limit does not prohibit the  
102.22 alternative care client from payment for additional services, but in no case may the cost of  
102.23 additional services purchased under this section exceed the difference between the client's  
102.24 monthly service limit defined under section 256S.04, and the alternative care program  
102.25 monthly service limit defined in this paragraph. If care-related supplies and equipment or  
102.26 environmental modifications and adaptations are or will be purchased for an alternative  
102.27 care services recipient, the costs may be prorated on a monthly basis for up to 12 consecutive  
102.28 months beginning with the month of purchase. If the monthly cost of a recipient's other  
102.29 alternative care services exceeds the monthly limit established in this paragraph, the annual  
102.30 cost of the alternative care services shall be determined. In this event, the annual cost of  
102.31 alternative care services shall not exceed 12 times the monthly limit described in this  
102.32 paragraph;

103.1 (8) for individuals assigned a case mix classification A as described under section  
103.2 256S.18, with (i) no dependencies in activities of daily living, or (ii) up to two dependencies  
103.3 in bathing, dressing, grooming, walking, and eating when the dependency score in eating  
103.4 is three or greater as determined by an assessment performed under section 256B.0911, the  
103.5 monthly cost of alternative care services funded by the program cannot exceed \$593 per  
103.6 month for all new participants enrolled in the program on or after July 1, 2011. This monthly  
103.7 limit shall be applied to all other participants who meet this criteria at reassessment. This  
103.8 monthly limit shall be increased annually as described in section 256S.18. This monthly  
103.9 limit does not prohibit the alternative care client from payment for additional services, but  
103.10 in no case may the cost of additional services purchased exceed the difference between the  
103.11 client's monthly service limit defined in this clause and the limit described in clause (7) for  
103.12 case mix classification A; ~~and~~

103.13 (9) the person is making timely payments of the assessed monthly fee. A person is  
103.14 ineligible if payment of the fee is over 60 days past due, unless the person agrees to:

103.15 (i) the appointment of a representative payee;

103.16 (ii) automatic payment from a financial account;

103.17 (iii) the establishment of greater family involvement in the financial management of  
103.18 payments; or

103.19 (iv) another method acceptable to the lead agency to ensure prompt fee payments; and

103.20 (10) for a person participating in consumer-directed community supports, the person's  
103.21 monthly service limit must be equal to the monthly service limits in clause (7), except that  
103.22 a person assigned a case mix classification L must receive the monthly service limit for  
103.23 case mix classification A.

103.24 (b) The lead agency may extend the client's eligibility as necessary while making  
103.25 arrangements to facilitate payment of past-due amounts and future premium payments.  
103.26 Following disenrollment due to nonpayment of a monthly fee, eligibility shall not be  
103.27 reinstated for a period of 30 days.

103.28 (c) Alternative care funding under this subdivision is not available for a person who is  
103.29 a medical assistance recipient or who would be eligible for medical assistance without a  
103.30 spenddown or waiver obligation. A person whose initial application for medical assistance  
103.31 and the elderly waiver program is being processed may be served under the alternative care  
103.32 program for a period up to 60 days. If the individual is found to be eligible for medical  
103.33 assistance, medical assistance must be billed for services payable under the federally

104.1 approved elderly waiver plan and delivered from the date the individual was found eligible  
104.2 for the federally approved elderly waiver plan. Notwithstanding this provision, alternative  
104.3 care funds may not be used to pay for any service the cost of which: (i) is payable by medical  
104.4 assistance; (ii) is used by a recipient to meet a waiver obligation; or (iii) is used to pay a  
104.5 medical assistance income spenddown for a person who is eligible to participate in the  
104.6 federally approved elderly waiver program under the special income standard provision.

104.7 (d) Alternative care funding is not available for a person who resides in a licensed nursing  
104.8 home, certified boarding care home, hospital, or intermediate care facility, except for case  
104.9 management services which are provided in support of the discharge planning process for  
104.10 a nursing home resident or certified boarding care home resident to assist with a relocation  
104.11 process to a community-based setting.

104.12 (e) Alternative care funding is not available for a person whose income is greater than  
104.13 the maintenance needs allowance under section 256S.05, but equal to or less than 120 percent  
104.14 of the federal poverty guideline effective July 1 in the fiscal year for which alternative care  
104.15 eligibility is determined, who would be eligible for the elderly waiver with a waiver  
104.16 obligation.

104.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
104.18 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
104.19 when approval is obtained.

104.20 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0913, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

104.21 Subd. 5. **Services covered under alternative care.** Alternative care funding may be  
104.22 used for payment of costs of:

104.23 (1) adult day services and adult day services bath;

104.24 (2) home care;

104.25 (3) homemaker services;

104.26 (4) personal care;

104.27 (5) case management and conversion case management;

104.28 (6) respite care;

104.29 (7) specialized supplies and equipment;

104.30 (8) home-delivered meals;

104.31 (9) nonmedical transportation;

- 105.1 (10) nursing services;
- 105.2 (11) chore services;
- 105.3 (12) companion services;
- 105.4 (13) nutrition services;
- 105.5 (14) family caregiver training and education;
- 105.6 (15) coaching and counseling;
- 105.7 (16) telehome care to provide services in their own homes in conjunction with in-home
- 105.8 visits;
- 105.9 (17) consumer-directed community supports ~~under the alternative care programs which~~
- 105.10 ~~are available statewide and limited to the average monthly expenditures representative of~~
- 105.11 ~~all alternative care program participants for the same case mix resident class assigned in~~
- 105.12 ~~the most recent fiscal year for which complete expenditure data is available;~~
- 105.13 (18) environmental accessibility and adaptations; and
- 105.14 (19) discretionary services, for which lead agencies may make payment from their
- 105.15 alternative care program allocation for services not otherwise defined in this section or
- 105.16 section 256B.0625, following approval by the commissioner.

105.17 Total annual payments for discretionary services for all clients served by a lead agency

105.18 must not exceed 25 percent of that lead agency's annual alternative care program base

105.19 allocation, except that when alternative care services receive federal financial participation

105.20 under the 1115 waiver demonstration, funding shall be allocated in accordance with

105.21 subdivision 17.

105.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,

105.23 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes

105.24 when approval is obtained.

105.25 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0917, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

105.26 Subd. 1b. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the

105.27 meanings given.

105.28 (b) ~~"Community" means a town, township, city, or targeted neighborhood within a city;~~

105.29 ~~or a consortium of towns, townships, cities, or specific neighborhoods within a city.~~

105.30 (c) ~~"Core home and community-based services provider" means a Faith in Action, Living~~

105.31 ~~at Home Block Nurse, Congregational Nurse, or similar community-based program governed~~

106.1 ~~by a board, the majority of whose members reside within the program's service area, that~~  
106.2 ~~organizes and uses volunteers and paid staff to deliver nonmedical services intended to~~  
106.3 ~~assist older adults to identify and manage risks and to maintain their community living and~~  
106.4 ~~integration in the community.~~

106.5 (d) "Eldercare development partnership" means a team of representatives of county  
106.6 social service and public health agencies, the area agency on aging, local nursing home  
106.7 providers, local home care providers, and other appropriate home and community-based  
106.8 providers in the area agency's planning and service area.

106.9 (e) (c) "Long-term services and supports" means any service available under the elderly  
106.10 waiver program or alternative care grant programs, nursing facility services, transportation  
106.11 services, caregiver support and respite care services, and other home and community-based  
106.12 services identified as necessary either to maintain lifestyle choices for older adults or to  
106.13 support them to remain in their own home.

106.14 (f) (d) "Older adult" refers to an individual who is 65 years of age or older.

106.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256M.42, is amended to read:

106.16 **256M.42 ADULT PROTECTION GRANT ALLOCATIONS.**

106.17 Subdivision 1. **Formula.** (a) The commissioner shall allocate state money appropriated  
106.18 under this section on an annual basis to each county board and tribal government approved  
106.19 ~~by the commissioner to assume county agency duties for adult protective services or as a~~  
106.20 ~~lead investigative agency protection~~ under section 626.557 on an annual basis in an amount  
106.21 ~~determined~~ and to Tribal Nations that have voluntarily chosen by resolution of Tribal  
106.22 government to participate in vulnerable adult protection programs according to the following  
106.23 formula after the award of the amounts in paragraph (c):

106.24 (1) 25 percent must be allocated to the responsible agency on the basis of the number  
106.25 of reports of suspected vulnerable adult maltreatment under sections 626.557 and 626.5572,  
106.26 ~~when the county or tribe is responsible~~ as determined by the most recent data of the  
106.27 commissioner; and

106.28 (2) 75 percent must be allocated to the responsible agency on the basis of the number  
106.29 of screened-in reports for adult protective services or vulnerable adult maltreatment  
106.30 investigations under sections 626.557 and 626.5572, ~~when the county or tribe is responsible~~  
106.31 as determined by the most recent data of the commissioner.

106.32 (b) ~~The commissioner is precluded from changing the formula under this subdivision~~  
106.33 ~~or recommending a change to the legislature without public review and input.~~

107.1 Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner must not award a county less than a  
107.2 minimum allocation established by the commissioner.

107.3 (c) To receive money under this subdivision, a participating Tribal Nation must apply  
107.4 to the commissioner. Of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section, the  
107.5 commissioner must award \$100,000 to each federally recognized Tribal Nation that has  
107.6 applied to the commissioner and has a Tribal resolution establishing a vulnerable adult  
107.7 protection program. Money received by a Tribal Nation under this section must be used for  
107.8 its vulnerable adult protection program.

107.9 Subd. 2. **Payment.** The commissioner shall make allocations for the state fiscal year  
107.10 starting July 1, ~~2019~~ 2023, and to each county board or Tribal government on or before  
107.11 October 10, ~~2019~~ 2023. The commissioner shall make allocations under subdivision 1 to  
107.12 each county board or Tribal government each year thereafter on or before July 10.

107.13 Subd. 3. ~~Prohibition on supplanting existing money~~ **Purpose of expenditures.** Money  
107.14 received under this section must be used ~~for staffing for protection of vulnerable adults or~~  
107.15 to meet the agency's duties under section 626.557 and to expand adult protective services  
107.16 to stop, prevent, and reduce risks of maltreatment for adults accepted for services under  
107.17 section 626.557, or for multidisciplinary teams under section 626.5571. Money must not  
107.18 ~~be used to supplant current county or tribe expenditures for these purposes.~~

107.19 Subd. 4. **Required expenditures.** State money must be used to expand, not supplant,  
107.20 county or Tribal expenditures for the fiscal year 2023 base for adult protection programs,  
107.21 service interventions, or multidisciplinary teams. A county receiving money under this  
107.22 section must maintain a level of yearly county expenditures for adult protection services  
107.23 under chapter 626 at least equal to that county's average expenditures for those services for  
107.24 calendar years 2022 and 2023.

107.25 Subd. 5. **County performance on adult protection measures.** The commissioner must  
107.26 set vulnerable adult protection measures and standards for money received under this section.  
107.27 The commissioner must require an underperforming county to demonstrate that the county  
107.28 designated money allocated under this section for the purpose required and implemented a  
107.29 reasonable strategy to improve adult protection performance, including the development of  
107.30 a performance improvement plan and additional remedies identified by the commissioner.  
107.31 The commissioner may redirect up to 20 percent of an underperforming county's money  
107.32 under this section toward the performance improvement plan.

108.1 Subd. 6. American Indian adult protection. Tribal Nations receiving money under  
108.2 this section must establish vulnerable adult protection measures and standards and report  
108.3 annually to the commissioner on these outcomes and the number of adults served.

108.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

108.5 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256R.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

108.6 Subd. 2. **Case mix indices.** (a) The commissioner shall assign a case mix index to each  
108.7 case mix classification ~~based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services staff time~~  
108.8 ~~measurement study~~ as determined by the commissioner of health under section 144.0724.

108.9 (b) An index maximization approach shall be used to classify residents. "Index  
108.10 maximization" has the meaning given in section 144.0724, subdivision 2, paragraph (c).

108.11 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256R.25, is amended to read:

108.12 **256R.25 EXTERNAL FIXED COSTS PAYMENT RATE.**

108.13 (a) The payment rate for external fixed costs is the sum of the amounts in paragraphs  
108.14 (b) to ~~(o)~~ (p).

108.15 (b) For a facility licensed as a nursing home, the portion related to the provider surcharge  
108.16 under section 256.9657 is equal to \$8.86 per resident day. For a facility licensed as both a  
108.17 nursing home and a boarding care home, the portion related to the provider surcharge under  
108.18 section 256.9657 is equal to \$8.86 per resident day multiplied by the result of its number  
108.19 of nursing home beds divided by its total number of licensed beds.

108.20 (c) The portion related to the licensure fee under section 144.122, paragraph (d), is the  
108.21 amount of the fee divided by the sum of the facility's resident days.

108.22 (d) The portion related to development and education of resident and family advisory  
108.23 councils under section 144A.33 is \$5 per resident day divided by 365.

108.24 (e) The portion related to scholarships is determined under section 256R.37.

108.25 (f) The portion related to planned closure rate adjustments is as determined under section  
108.26 256R.40, subdivision 5, and Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256B.436.

108.27 (g) The portion related to consolidation rate adjustments shall be as determined under  
108.28 section 144A.071, subdivisions 4c, paragraph (a), clauses (5) and (6), and 4d.

108.29 (h) The portion related to single-bed room incentives is as determined under section  
108.30 256R.41.

109.1 (i) The portions related to real estate taxes, special assessments, and payments made in  
109.2 lieu of real estate taxes directly identified or allocated to the nursing facility are the allowable  
109.3 amounts divided by the sum of the facility's resident days. Allowable costs under this  
109.4 paragraph for payments made by a nonprofit nursing facility that are in lieu of real estate  
109.5 taxes shall not exceed the amount which the nursing facility would have paid to a city or  
109.6 township and county for fire, police, sanitation services, and road maintenance costs had  
109.7 real estate taxes been levied on that property for those purposes.

109.8 (j) The portion related to employer health insurance costs is the allowable costs divided  
109.9 by the sum of the facility's resident days.

109.10 (k) The portion related to the Public Employees Retirement Association is the allowable  
109.11 costs divided by the sum of the facility's resident days.

109.12 (l) The portion related to quality improvement incentive payment rate adjustments is  
109.13 the amount determined under section 256R.39.

109.14 (m) The portion related to performance-based incentive payments is the amount  
109.15 determined under section 256R.38.

109.16 (n) The portion related to special dietary needs is the amount determined under section  
109.17 256R.51.

109.18 (o) The portion related to the rate adjustments for border city facilities is the amount  
109.19 determined under section 256R.481.

109.20 (p) The portion related to the rate adjustment for critical access nursing facilities is the  
109.21 amount determined under section 256R.47.

109.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval,  
109.23 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
109.24 when federal approval is obtained.

109.25 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256R.47, is amended to read:

109.26 **256R.47 RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR CRITICAL ACCESS NURSING**  
109.27 **FACILITIES.**

109.28 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, may designate  
109.29 certain nursing facilities as critical access nursing facilities. The designation shall be granted  
109.30 on a competitive basis, within the limits of funds appropriated for this purpose.

109.31 (b) The commissioner shall request proposals from nursing facilities every two years.  
109.32 Proposals must be submitted in the form and according to the timelines established by the

110.1 commissioner. In selecting applicants to designate, the commissioner, in consultation with  
 110.2 the commissioner of health, and with input from stakeholders, shall develop criteria designed  
 110.3 to preserve access to nursing facility services in isolated areas, rebalance long-term care,  
 110.4 and improve quality. To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall ensure an even  
 110.5 distribution of designations across the state.

110.6 ~~(c) The commissioner shall allow the benefits in clauses (1) to (5)~~ For nursing facilities  
 110.7 designated as critical access nursing facilities; ~~the commissioner shall allow a supplemental~~  
 110.8 payment above a facility's operating payment rate as determined to be necessary by the  
 110.9 commissioner to maintain access to nursing facility services in isolated areas identified in  
 110.10 paragraph (b). The commissioner must approve the amounts of supplemental payments  
 110.11 through a memorandum of understanding. Supplemental payments to facilities under this  
 110.12 section must be in the form of time-limited rate adjustments included in the external fixed  
 110.13 costs payment rate under section 256R.25.

110.14 ~~(1) partial rebasing, with the commissioner allowing a designated facility operating~~  
 110.15 ~~payment rates being the sum of up to 60 percent of the operating payment rate determined~~  
 110.16 ~~in accordance with section 256R.21, subdivision 3, and at least 40 percent, with the sum of~~  
 110.17 ~~the two portions being equal to 100 percent, of the operating payment rate that would have~~  
 110.18 ~~been allowed had the facility not been designated. The commissioner may adjust these~~  
 110.19 ~~percentages by up to 20 percent and may approve a request for less than the amount allowed;~~

110.20 ~~(2) enhanced payments for leave days. Notwithstanding section 256R.43, upon~~  
 110.21 ~~designation as a critical access nursing facility, the commissioner shall limit payment for~~  
 110.22 ~~leave days to 60 percent of that nursing facility's total payment rate for the involved resident,~~  
 110.23 ~~and shall allow this payment only when the occupancy of the nursing facility, inclusive of~~  
 110.24 ~~bed hold days, is equal to or greater than 90 percent;~~

110.25 ~~(3) two designated critical access nursing facilities, with up to 100 beds in active service,~~  
 110.26 ~~may jointly apply to the commissioner of health for a waiver of Minnesota Rules, part~~  
 110.27 ~~4658.0500, subpart 2, in order to jointly employ a director of nursing. The commissioner~~  
 110.28 ~~of health shall consider each waiver request independently based on the criteria under~~  
 110.29 ~~Minnesota Rules, part 4658.0040;~~

110.30 ~~(4) the minimum threshold under section 256B.431, subdivision 15, paragraph (e), shall~~  
 110.31 ~~be 40 percent of the amount that would otherwise apply; and~~

110.32 ~~(5) the quality-based rate limits under section 256R.23, subdivisions 5 to 7, apply to~~  
 110.33 ~~designated critical access nursing facilities.~~

111.1 (d) Designation of a critical access nursing facility is for a maximum period of up to  
111.2 two years, after which the ~~benefits~~ benefit allowed under paragraph (c) shall be removed.  
111.3 Designated facilities may apply for continued designation.

111.4 ~~(e) This section is suspended and no state or federal funding shall be appropriated or~~  
111.5 ~~allocated for the purposes of this section from January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2019.~~

111.6 (e) The memorandum of understanding required by paragraph (c) must state that the  
111.7 designation of a critical access nursing facility must be removed if the facility undergoes a  
111.8 change of ownership as defined in section 144A.06, subdivision 2.

111.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval,  
111.10 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
111.11 when federal approval is obtained.

111.12 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256R.53, is amended by adding a subdivision  
111.13 to read:

111.14 Subd. 3. **Nursing facility in Red Wing.** (a) The operating payment rate for a facility  
111.15 located in the city of Red Wing at 1412 West 4th Street is the sum of its direct care costs  
111.16 per standardized day, its other care-related costs per resident day, and its other operating  
111.17 costs per day.

111.18 (b) This subdivision expires June 30, 2025.

111.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval,  
111.20 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
111.21 when federal approval is obtained.

111.22 Sec. 12. **[256R.55] FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED NURSING FACILITY LOAN**  
111.23 **PROGRAM.**

111.24 Subdivision 1. **Financially distressed nursing facility loans.** The commissioner of  
111.25 human services shall establish a competitive financially distressed nursing facility loan  
111.26 program to provide operating loans to eligible nursing facilities. The commissioner shall  
111.27 initiate the application process for the loan described in this section at least once annually.  
111.28 A second application process may be initiated each year at the discretion of the commissioner.

111.29 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be an eligible applicant for a loan under this section, a nursing  
111.30 facility must submit to the commissioner of human services a loan application in the form  
111.31 and according to the timelines established by the commissioner. In its loan application, a  
111.32 loan applicant must demonstrate that:

112.1 (1) the total net income of the nursing facility is not generating sufficient revenue to  
112.2 cover the nursing facility's operating expenses;

112.3 (2) the nursing facility is at risk of closure; and

112.4 (3) additional operating revenue is necessary to either preserve access to nursing facility  
112.5 services within the community or support people with complex, high-acuity support needs.

112.6 Subd. 3. **Approving loans.** The commissioner must evaluate all loan applications on a  
112.7 competitive basis and award loans to successful applicants within available appropriations  
112.8 for this purpose. The commissioner's decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

112.9 Subd. 4. **Disbursement schedule.** Successful loan applicants under this section may  
112.10 receive loan disbursements as a lump sum, on an agreed upon disbursement schedule, or as  
112.11 a time-limited line of credit. The commissioner shall approve disbursements to successful  
112.12 loan applicants through a memorandum of understanding. Memoranda of understanding  
112.13 must specify the amount and schedule of loan disbursements.

112.14 Subd. 5. **Loan administration.** The commissioner may contract with an independent  
112.15 third party to administer the loan program under this section.

112.16 Subd. 6. **Loan payments.** The commissioner shall negotiate the terms of the loan  
112.17 repayment, including the start of the repayment plan, the due date of the repayment, and  
112.18 the frequency of the repayment installments. Repayment installments must not begin until  
112.19 at least 18 months after the first disbursement date. The memoranda of understanding must  
112.20 specify the amount and schedule of loan payments. The repayment term must not exceed  
112.21 72 months. If any loan payment to the commissioner is not paid within the time specified  
112.22 by the memoranda of understanding, the late payment must be assessed a penalty rate of  
112.23 0.01 percent of the original loan amount each month the payment is past due. This late fee  
112.24 is not an allowable cost on the department's cost report. The commissioner shall have the  
112.25 power to abate penalties when discrepancies occur resulting from but not limited to  
112.26 circumstances of error and mail delivery.

112.27 Subd. 7. **Loan repayment.** (a) If a borrower is more than 60 calendar days delinquent  
112.28 in the timely payment of a contractual payment under this section, the provisions in  
112.29 paragraphs (b) to (e) apply.

112.30 (b) The commissioner may withhold some or all of the amount of the delinquent loan  
112.31 payment, together with any penalties due and owing on those amounts, from any money  
112.32 the department owes to the borrower. The commissioner may, at the commissioner's  
112.33 discretion, also withhold future contractual payments from any money the commissioner

113.1 owes the provider as those contractual payments become due and owing. The commissioner  
113.2 may continue this withholding until the commissioner determines there is no longer any  
113.3 need to do so.

113.4 (c) The commissioner shall give prior notice of the commissioner's intention to withhold  
113.5 by mail, facsimile, or email at least ten business days before the date of the first payment  
113.6 period for which the withholding begins. The notice must be deemed received as of the date  
113.7 of mailing or receipt of the facsimile or electronic notice. The notice must:

113.8 (1) state the amount of the delinquent contractual payment;

113.9 (2) state the amount of the withholding per payment period;

113.10 (3) state the date on which the withholding is to begin;

113.11 (4) state whether the commissioner intends to withhold future installments of the  
113.12 provider's contractual payments; and

113.13 (5) state other contents as the commissioner deems appropriate.

113.14 (d) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may enter into written settlement  
113.15 agreements with a provider to resolve disputes and other matters involving unpaid loan  
113.16 contractual payments or future loan contractual payments.

113.17 (e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all unpaid loans, plus any accrued penalties,  
113.18 are overpayments for the purposes of section 256B.0641, subdivision 1. The current owner  
113.19 of a nursing home or boarding care home is liable for the overpayment amount owed by a  
113.20 former owner for any facility sold, transferred, or reorganized.

113.21 Subd. 8. **Audit.** Loan money allocated under this section are subject to audit to determine  
113.22 whether the money was spent as authorized under this section.

113.23 Subd. 9. **Carryforward.** Notwithstanding section 16A.28, subdivision 3, any  
113.24 appropriation for the purposes under this section carry forward and do not lapse until the  
113.25 close of the fiscal year in which this section expires.

113.26 Subd. 10. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2029.

113.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

113.28 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

113.29 Subd. 2. **Foster care limit.** The elderly waiver payment for the foster care service in  
113.30 combination with the payment for all other elderly waiver services, including case  
113.31 management, must not exceed the monthly case mix budget cap for the participant as

114.1 specified in sections 256S.18, subdivision 3, and 256S.19, ~~subdivisions~~ subdivision 3 and  
114.2 4.

114.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
114.4 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
114.5 when approval is obtained.

114.6 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.18, is amended by adding a subdivision  
114.7 to read:

114.8 Subd. 3a. **Monthly case mix budget caps for consumer-directed community**  
114.9 **supports.** The monthly case mix budget caps for each case mix classification for  
114.10 consumer-directed community supports must be equal to the monthly case mix budget caps  
114.11 in subdivision 3.

114.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
114.13 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
114.14 when approval is obtained.

114.15 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

114.16 Subd. 3. ~~Calculation of monthly conversion budget cap without consumer-directed~~  
114.17 ~~community supports caps.~~ (a) The elderly waiver monthly conversion budget cap for the  
114.18 cost of elderly waiver services ~~without consumer-directed community supports~~ must be  
114.19 based on the nursing facility case mix adjusted total payment rate of the nursing facility  
114.20 where the elderly waiver applicant currently resides for the applicant's case mix classification  
114.21 as determined according to section 256R.17.

114.22 (b) The elderly waiver monthly conversion budget cap for the cost of elderly waiver  
114.23 services ~~without consumer-directed community supports shall~~ must be calculated by  
114.24 multiplying the applicable nursing facility case mix adjusted total payment rate by 365,  
114.25 dividing by 12, and subtracting the participant's maintenance needs allowance.

114.26 (c) A participant's initially approved monthly conversion budget cap for elderly waiver  
114.27 services ~~without consumer-directed community supports shall~~ must be adjusted at least  
114.28 annually as described in section 256S.18, subdivision 5.

114.29 (d) Conversion budget caps for individuals participating in consumer-directed community  
114.30 supports must be set as described in paragraphs (a) to (c).

115.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
115.2 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
115.3 when approval is obtained.

115.4 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.21, is amended to read:

115.5 **256S.21 RATE SETTING; APPLICATION; EVALUATION.**

115.6 Subdivision 1. **Application of rate setting.** The ~~payment~~ rate methodologies in sections  
115.7 256S.2101 to 256S.215 apply to:

115.8 (1) elderly waiver, elderly waiver customized living, and elderly waiver foster care under  
115.9 this chapter;

115.10 (2) alternative care under section 256B.0913;

115.11 (3) essential community supports under section 256B.0922; and

115.12 (4) community access for disability inclusion customized living and brain injury  
115.13 customized living under section 256B.49.

115.14 Subd. 2. **Evaluation of rate setting.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2024, and every two years  
115.15 thereafter, the commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders, shall use all available data  
115.16 and resources to evaluate the following rate setting elements:

115.17 (1) the base wage index;

115.18 (2) the factors and supervision wage components; and

115.19 (3) the formulas to calculate adjusted base wages and rates.

115.20 (b) Beginning January 15, 2026, and every two years thereafter, the commissioner shall  
115.21 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions  
115.22 with jurisdiction over health and human services finance and policy with a full report on  
115.23 the information and data gathered under paragraph (a).

115.24 Subd. 3. **Cost reporting.** (a) As determined by the commissioner, in consultation with  
115.25 stakeholders, a provider enrolled to provide services with rates determined under this chapter  
115.26 must submit requested cost data to the commissioner to support evaluation of the rate  
115.27 methodologies in this chapter. Requested cost data may include but are not limited to:

115.28 (1) worker wage costs;

115.29 (2) benefits paid;

115.30 (3) supervisor wage costs;

- 116.1 (4) executive wage costs;
- 116.2 (5) vacation, sick, and training time paid;
- 116.3 (6) taxes, workers' compensation, and unemployment insurance costs paid;
- 116.4 (7) administrative costs paid;
- 116.5 (8) program costs paid;
- 116.6 (9) transportation costs paid;
- 116.7 (10) vacancy rates; and
- 116.8 (11) other data relating to costs required to provide services requested by the
- 116.9 commissioner.
- 116.10 (b) At least once in any five-year period, a provider must submit cost data for a fiscal
- 116.11 year that ended not more than 18 months prior to the submission date. The commissioner
- 116.12 shall provide each provider a 90-day notice prior to the provider's submission due date. If
- 116.13 by 30 days after the required submission date a provider fails to submit required reporting
- 116.14 data, the commissioner shall provide notice to the provider, and if by 60 days after the
- 116.15 required submission date a provider has not provided the required data, the commissioner
- 116.16 shall provide a second notice. The commissioner shall temporarily suspend payments to the
- 116.17 provider if cost data is not received 90 days after the required submission date. Withheld
- 116.18 payments must be made once data is received by the commissioner.
- 116.19 (c) The commissioner shall coordinate the cost reporting activities required under this
- 116.20 section with the cost reporting activities directed under section 256B.4914, subdivision 10a.
- 116.21 (d) The commissioner shall analyze cost documentation in paragraph (a) and, in
- 116.22 consultation with stakeholders, may submit recommendations on rate methodologies in this
- 116.23 chapter, including ways to monitor and enforce the spending requirements directed in section
- 116.24 256S.2101, subdivision 3, through the reports directed by subdivision 2.
- 116.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivisions 1 and 2 are effective January 1, 2024, or upon
- 116.26 federal approval, whichever is later. Subdivision 3 is effective January 1, 2025. The
- 116.27 commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when approval is obtained.

117.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.211, is amended to read:

117.2 **256S.211 RATE SETTING; ~~RATE ESTABLISHMENT~~ UPDATING RATES;**  
117.3 **SPENDING REQUIREMENTS.**

117.4 Subdivision 1. **Establishing base wages.** When establishing and updating the base wages  
117.5 according to section 256S.212, the commissioner shall use standard occupational  
117.6 classification (SOC) codes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics as defined in the edition of  
117.7 the Occupational Handbook published immediately prior to January 1, 2019, using  
117.8 Minnesota-specific wages taken from job descriptions.

117.9 Subd. 2. ~~Establishing~~ **Updating rates.** ~~By January 1 of each year,~~ On January 1, 2024,  
117.10 the commissioner shall ~~establish factors,~~ update component rates, and rates according to  
117.11 sections ~~256S.213 and~~ 256S.212 to 256S.215, using ~~base wages established according to~~  
117.12 ~~section 256S.212~~ the data referenced in subdivision 1.

117.13 Subd. 3. **Updating home-delivered meals rate.** On January 1 of each year, the  
117.14 commissioner must update the home-delivered meals rate in section 256S.215, subdivision  
117.15 15, by the percent increase in the nursing facility dietary per diem using the two most recently  
117.16 available nursing facility cost reports.

117.17 Subd. 4. **Spending requirements.** (a) Except for community access for disability  
117.18 inclusion customized living and brain injury customized living under section 256B.49,  
117.19 home-delivered meals, and designated disproportionate share facilities under section  
117.20 256S.205, at least 80 percent of the marginal increase in revenue from the implementation  
117.21 of any rate adjustments under this section must be used to increase compensation-related  
117.22 costs for employees directly employed by the provider.

117.23 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, compensation-related costs include:

117.24 (1) wages and salaries;

117.25 (2) the employer's share of FICA taxes, Medicare taxes, state and federal unemployment  
117.26 taxes, workers' compensation, and mileage reimbursement;

117.27 (3) the employer's paid share of health and dental insurance, life insurance, disability  
117.28 insurance, long-term care insurance, uniform allowance, pensions, and contributions to  
117.29 employee retirement accounts; and

117.30 (4) benefits that address direct support professional workforce needs above and beyond  
117.31 what employees were offered prior to the implementation of any rate adjustments under  
117.32 this section, including any concurrent or subsequent adjustments to the base wage indices.

118.1 (c) Compensation-related costs for persons employed in the central office of a corporation  
 118.2 or entity that has an ownership interest in the provider or exercises control over the provider,  
 118.3 or for persons paid by the provider under a management contract, do not count toward the  
 118.4 80 percent requirement under this subdivision.

118.5 (d) A provider agency or individual provider that receives additional revenue subject to  
 118.6 the requirements of this subdivision shall prepare, and upon request submit to the  
 118.7 commissioner, a distribution plan that specifies the amount of money the provider expects  
 118.8 to receive that is subject to the requirements of this subdivision, including how that money  
 118.9 was or will be distributed to increase compensation-related costs for employees. Within 60  
 118.10 days of final implementation of the new phase-in proportion or adjustment to the base wage  
 118.11 indices subject to the requirements of this subdivision, the provider must post the distribution  
 118.12 plan and leave it posted for a period of at least six months in an area of the provider's  
 118.13 operation to which all employees have access. The posted distribution plan must include  
 118.14 instructions regarding how to contact the commissioner, or the commissioner's representative,  
 118.15 if an employee has not received the compensation-related increase described in the plan.

118.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
 118.17 whichever is later, except that subdivision 3 is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal  
 118.18 approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor  
 118.19 of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

118.20 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.212, is amended to read:

118.21 **256S.212 RATE SETTING; BASE WAGE INDEX.**

118.22 Subdivision 1. **Updating SOC codes.** If any of the SOC codes and positions used in  
 118.23 this section are no longer available, the commissioner shall, in consultation with stakeholders,  
 118.24 select a new SOC code and position that is the closest match to the previously used SOC  
 118.25 position.

118.26 Subd. 2. **Home management and support services base wage.** For customized living,  
 118.27 and foster care, and residential care component services, the home management and support  
 118.28 services base wage equals 33.33 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI  
 118.29 MetroSA average wage for home health and personal and home care aide (SOC code 39-9021  
 118.30 31-1120); 33.33 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average  
 118.31 wage for food preparation workers (SOC code 35-2021); and 33.34 percent of the  
 118.32 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for maids and  
 118.33 housekeeping cleaners (SOC code 37-2012).

119.1 Subd. 3. **Home care aide base wage.** For customized living, and foster care, ~~and~~  
 119.2 ~~residential care~~ component services, the home care aide base wage equals ~~50~~ 75 percent of  
 119.3 the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for home health  
 119.4 and personal care aides (SOC code ~~31-1014~~ 31-1120); and ~~50~~ 25 percent of the  
 119.5 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for nursing assistants  
 119.6 (SOC code ~~31-1014~~ 31-1131).

119.7 Subd. 4. **Home health aide base wage.** For customized living, and foster care, ~~and~~  
 119.8 ~~residential care~~ component services, the home health aide base wage equals ~~20~~ 33.33 percent  
 119.9 of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for licensed  
 119.10 practical and licensed vocational nurses (SOC code 29-2061); ~~and 80~~ 33.33 percent of the  
 119.11 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for nursing assistants  
 119.12 (SOC code ~~31-1014~~ 31-1131); and 33.34 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington,  
 119.13 MN-WI MetroSA average wage for home health and personal care aides (SOC code  
 119.14 31-1120).

119.15 Subd. 5. **Medication setups by licensed nurse base wage.** For customized living, and  
 119.16 foster care, ~~and residential care~~ component services, the medication setups by licensed nurse  
 119.17 base wage equals ~~ten~~ 25 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA  
 119.18 average wage for licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses (SOC code 29-2061);  
 119.19 and ~~90~~ 75 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average  
 119.20 wage for registered nurses (SOC code 29-1141).

119.21 Subd. 6. **Chore services base wage.** The chore services base wage equals ~~100~~ 50 percent  
 119.22 of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for landscaping  
 119.23 and groundskeeping workers (SOC code 37-3011); and 50 percent of the Minneapolis-St.  
 119.24 Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for maids and housekeeping cleaners  
 119.25 (SOC code 37-2012).

119.26 Subd. 7. **Companion services base wage.** The companion services base wage equals  
 119.27 ~~50~~ 80 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage  
 119.28 for home health and personal ~~and home~~ care aides (SOC code ~~39-9021~~ 31-1120); and ~~50~~  
 119.29 20 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for  
 119.30 maids and housekeeping cleaners (SOC code 37-2012).

119.31 Subd. 8. **Homemaker services and assistance with personal care base wage.** The  
 119.32 homemaker ~~services and~~ assistance with personal care base wage equals ~~60~~ 50 percent of  
 119.33 the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for home health  
 119.34 and personal ~~and home~~ care aide aides (SOC code ~~39-9021~~ 31-1120); ~~20~~ and 50 percent of

120.1 the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for nursing assistants  
 120.2 (SOC code ~~31-1014~~ 31-1131); and ~~20~~ percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington,  
 120.3 MN-WI MetroSA average wage for maids and housekeeping cleaners (SOC code ~~37-2012~~).

120.4 Subd. 9. **Homemaker services and cleaning base wage.** The homemaker services and  
 120.5 cleaning base wage equals ~~60~~ percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI  
 120.6 MetroSA average wage for personal and home care aide (SOC code ~~39-9021~~); ~~20~~ percent  
 120.7 of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for nursing  
 120.8 assistants (SOC code ~~31-1014~~); and ~~20~~ 100 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington,  
 120.9 MN-WI MetroSA average wage for maids and housekeeping cleaners (SOC code ~~37-2012~~).

120.10 Subd. 10. **Homemaker services and home management base wage.** The homemaker  
 120.11 ~~services and~~ home management base wage equals ~~60~~ 50 percent of the Minneapolis-St.  
 120.12 Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for home health and personal and home  
 120.13 ~~care aide aides~~ (SOC code ~~39-9021~~ 31-1120); ~~20~~ and 50 percent of the Minneapolis-St.  
 120.14 Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for nursing assistants (SOC code  
 120.15 ~~31-1014~~ 31-1131); and ~~20~~ percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI  
 120.16 MetroSA average wage for maids and housekeeping cleaners (SOC code ~~37-2012~~).

120.17 Subd. 11. **In-home respite care services base wage.** The in-home respite care services  
 120.18 base wage equals ~~five~~ 15 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA  
 120.19 average wage for registered nurses (SOC code ~~29-1141~~); ~~75~~ percent of the Minneapolis-St.  
 120.20 Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for ~~nursing assistants~~ home health and  
 120.21 personal care aides (SOC code ~~31-1014~~ 31-1120); and ~~20~~ ten percent of the Minneapolis-St.  
 120.22 Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for licensed practical and licensed  
 120.23 vocational nurses (SOC code ~~29-2061~~).

120.24 Subd. 12. **Out-of-home respite care services base wage.** The out-of-home respite care  
 120.25 services base wage equals ~~five~~ 15 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI  
 120.26 MetroSA average wage for registered nurses (SOC code ~~29-1141~~); ~~75~~ percent of the  
 120.27 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for ~~nursing assistants~~  
 120.28 home health and personal care aides (SOC code ~~31-1014~~ 31-1120); and ~~20~~ ten percent of  
 120.29 the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for licensed practical  
 120.30 and licensed vocational nurses (SOC code ~~29-2061~~).

120.31 Subd. 13. **Individual community living support base wage.** The individual community  
 120.32 living support base wage equals ~~20~~ 60 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington,  
 120.33 MN-WI MetroSA average wage for ~~licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses~~ social  
 120.34 and human services assistants (SOC code ~~29-2061~~ 21-1093); and ~~80~~ 40 percent of the

121.1 Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for nursing assistants  
121.2 (SOC code ~~31-1014~~ 31-1131).

121.3 Subd. 14. **Registered nurse base wage.** The registered nurse base wage equals 100  
121.4 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for  
121.5 registered nurses (SOC code 29-1141).

121.6 Subd. 15. ~~Social worker~~ **Unlicensed supervisor base wage.** The ~~social worker~~  
121.7 unlicensed supervisor base wage equals 100 percent of the Minneapolis-St.  
121.8 Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for ~~medical and public health social~~  
121.9 first-line supervisors of personal service workers (SOC code ~~21-1022~~ 39-1022).

121.10 Subd. 16. **Adult day services base wage.** The adult day services base wage equals 75  
121.11 percent of the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for home  
121.12 health and personal care aides (SOC code 31-1120); and 25 percent of the Minneapolis-St.  
121.13 Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MetroSA average wage for nursing assistants (SOC code  
121.14 31-1131).

121.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
121.16 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
121.17 when approval is obtained.

121.18 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.213, is amended to read:

121.19 **256S.213 RATE SETTING; FACTORS.**

121.20 Subdivision 1. **Payroll taxes and benefits factor.** The payroll taxes and benefits factor  
121.21 is the sum of net payroll taxes and benefits, divided by the sum of all salaries for all nursing  
121.22 facilities on the most recent and available cost report.

121.23 Subd. 2. **General and administrative factor.** The general and administrative factor is  
121.24 ~~the difference of net general and administrative expenses and administrative salaries, divided~~  
121.25 ~~by total operating expenses for all nursing facilities on the most recent and available cost~~  
121.26 ~~report~~ 14.4 percent.

121.27 Subd. 3. **Program plan support factor.** (a) The program plan support factor is ~~12.8~~ ten  
121.28 percent for the following services to cover the cost of direct service staff needed to provide  
121.29 support for ~~home and community-based~~ the service when not engaged in direct contact with  
121.30 participants:;

121.31 (1) adult day services;

121.32 (2) customized living; and

122.1 (3) foster care.

122.2 (b) The program plan support factor is 15.5 percent for the following services to cover  
122.3 the cost of direct service staff needed to provide support for the service when not engaged  
122.4 in direct contact with participants:

122.5 (1) chore services;

122.6 (2) companion services;

122.7 (3) homemaker assistance with personal care;

122.8 (4) homemaker cleaning;

122.9 (5) homemaker home management;

122.10 (6) in-home respite care;

122.11 (7) individual community living support; and

122.12 (8) out-of-home respite care.

122.13 Subd. 4. **Registered nurse management and supervision ~~factor~~ wage component.** The  
122.14 registered nurse management and supervision ~~factor~~ wage component equals 15 percent of  
122.15 the registered nurse adjusted base wage as defined in section 256S.214.

122.16 Subd. 5. ~~Social worker~~ **Unlicensed supervisor supervision factor wage**  
122.17 **component**. The ~~social worker~~ unlicensed supervisor supervision factor wage component  
122.18 equals 15 percent of the ~~social worker~~ unlicensed supervisor adjusted base wage as defined  
122.19 in section 256S.214.

122.20 Subd. 6. **Facility and equipment factor**. The facility and equipment factor for adult  
122.21 day services is 16.2 percent.

122.22 Subd. 7. **Food, supplies, and transportation factor**. The food, supplies, and  
122.23 transportation factor for adult day services is 24 percent.

122.24 Subd. 8. **Supplies and transportation factor**. The supplies and transportation factor  
122.25 for the following services is 1.56 percent:

122.26 (1) chore services;

122.27 (2) companion services;

122.28 (3) homemaker assistance with personal care;

122.29 (4) homemaker cleaning;

122.30 (5) homemaker home management;

123.1 (6) in-home respite care;

123.2 (7) individual community support services; and

123.3 (8) out-of-home respite care.

123.4 Subd. 9. **Absence factor.** The absence factor for the following services is 4.5 percent:

123.5 (1) adult day services;

123.6 (2) chore services;

123.7 (3) companion services;

123.8 (4) homemaker assistance with personal care;

123.9 (5) homemaker cleaning;

123.10 (6) homemaker home management;

123.11 (7) in-home respite care;

123.12 (8) individual community living support; and

123.13 (9) out-of-home respite care.

123.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,

123.15 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes

123.16 when approval is obtained.

123.17 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.214, is amended to read:

123.18 **256S.214 RATE SETTING; ADJUSTED BASE WAGE.**

123.19 (a) For the purposes of section 256S.215, the adjusted base wage for each position equals

123.20 the position's base wage under section 256S.212 plus:

123.21 (1) the position's base wage multiplied by the payroll taxes and benefits factor under

123.22 section 256S.213, subdivision 1;

123.23 ~~(2) the position's base wage multiplied by the general and administrative factor under~~

123.24 ~~section 256S.213, subdivision 2; and~~

123.25 ~~(3)~~(2) the position's base wage multiplied by the applicable program plan support factor

123.26 under section 256S.213, subdivision 3; and

123.27 (3) the position's base wage multiplied by the absence factor under section 256S.213,

123.28 subdivision 9, if applicable.

124.1 (b) If the base wage described in paragraph (a) is below \$16.68, the base wage must  
124.2 equal \$16.68.

124.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
124.4 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
124.5 when approval is obtained.

124.6 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

124.7 Subd. 2. **Home management and support services component rate.** The component  
124.8 rate for home management and support services is calculated as follows:

124.9 (1) sum the home management and support services adjusted base wage ~~plus~~ and the  
124.10 registered nurse management and supervision ~~factor.~~ wage component;

124.11 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor; and

124.12 (3) sum the results of clauses (1) and (2).

124.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
124.14 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
124.15 when approval is obtained.

124.16 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

124.17 Subd. 3. **Home care aide services component rate.** The component rate for home care  
124.18 aide services is calculated as follows:

124.19 (1) sum the home health aide services adjusted base wage ~~plus~~ and the registered nurse  
124.20 management and supervision ~~factor.~~ wage component;

124.21 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor; and

124.22 (3) sum the results of clauses (1) and (2).

124.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
124.24 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
124.25 when approval is obtained.

124.26 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

124.27 Subd. 4. **Home health aide services component rate.** The component rate for home  
124.28 health aide services is calculated as follows:

125.1 (1) sum the home health aide services adjusted base wage ~~plus~~ and the registered nurse  
125.2 management and supervision ~~factor~~ wage component;

125.3 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor; and

125.4 (3) sum the results of clauses (1) and (2).

125.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
125.6 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
125.7 when approval is obtained.

125.8 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

125.9 Subd. 7. **Chore services rate.** The 15-minute unit rate for chore services is calculated  
125.10 as follows:

125.11 (1) sum the chore services adjusted base wage and the ~~social worker~~ unlicensed supervisor  
125.12 supervision ~~factor~~ wage component; and

125.13 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor;

125.14 (3) multiply the result of clause (1) by the supplies and transportation factor; and

125.15 (4) sum the results of clauses (1) to (3) and divide the result of ~~clause (1)~~ by four.

125.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
125.17 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
125.18 when approval is obtained.

125.19 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

125.20 Subd. 8. **Companion services rate.** The 15-minute unit rate for companion services is  
125.21 calculated as follows:

125.22 (1) sum the companion services adjusted base wage and the ~~social worker~~ unlicensed  
125.23 supervisor supervision ~~factor~~ wage component; and

125.24 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor;

125.25 (3) multiply the result of clause (1) by the supplies and transportation factor; and

125.26 (4) sum the results of clauses (1) to (3) and divide the result of ~~clause (1)~~ by four.

125.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
125.28 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
125.29 when approval is obtained.

126.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

126.2 Subd. 9. **Homemaker services and assistance with personal care rate.** The 15-minute  
126.3 unit rate for homemaker ~~services and~~ assistance with personal care is calculated as follows:

126.4 (1) sum the homemaker ~~services and~~ assistance with personal care adjusted base wage  
126.5 and the ~~registered nurse management and~~ unlicensed supervisor supervision factor wage  
126.6 component; and

126.7 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor;

126.8 (3) multiply the result of clause (1) by the supplies and transportation factor; and

126.9 (4) sum the results of clauses (1) to (3) and divide the result of clause (1) by four.

126.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
126.11 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
126.12 when approval is obtained.

126.13 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

126.14 Subd. 10. **Homemaker services and cleaning rate.** The 15-minute unit rate for  
126.15 homemaker ~~services and~~ cleaning is calculated as follows:

126.16 (1) sum the homemaker ~~services and~~ cleaning adjusted base wage and the ~~registered~~  
126.17 ~~nurse management and~~ unlicensed supervisor supervision factor wage component; and

126.18 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor;

126.19 (3) multiply the result of clause (1) by the supplies and transportation factor; and

126.20 (4) sum the results of clauses (1) to (3) and divide the result of clause (1) by four.

126.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
126.22 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
126.23 when approval is obtained.

126.24 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

126.25 Subd. 11. **Homemaker services and home management rate.** The 15-minute unit rate  
126.26 for homemaker ~~services and~~ home management is calculated as follows:

126.27 (1) sum the homemaker ~~services and~~ home management adjusted base wage and the  
126.28 ~~registered nurse management and~~ unlicensed supervisor supervision factor wage component;

126.29 and

- 127.1 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor;  
127.2 (3) multiply the result of clause (1) by the supplies and transportation factor; and  
127.3 (4) sum the results of clauses (1) to (3) and divide the result of clause (1) by four.

127.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
127.5 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
127.6 when approval is obtained.

127.7 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

127.8 Subd. 12. **In-home respite care services rates.** (a) The 15-minute unit rate for in-home  
127.9 respite care services is calculated as follows:

127.10 (1) sum the in-home respite care services adjusted base wage and the registered nurse  
127.11 management and supervision ~~factor~~ wage component; and

127.12 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor;

127.13 (3) multiply the result of clause (1) by the supplies and transportation factor; and

127.14 (4) sum the results of clauses (1) to (3) and divide the result of clause (1) by four.

127.15 (b) The in-home respite care services daily rate equals the in-home respite care services  
127.16 15-minute unit rate multiplied by 18.

127.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
127.18 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
127.19 when approval is obtained.

127.20 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

127.21 Subd. 13. **Out-of-home respite care services rates.** (a) The 15-minute unit rate for  
127.22 out-of-home respite care is calculated as follows:

127.23 (1) sum the out-of-home respite care services adjusted base wage and the registered  
127.24 nurse management and supervision ~~factor~~ wage component; and

127.25 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor;

127.26 (3) multiply the result of clause (1) by the supplies and transportation factor; and

127.27 (4) sum the results of clauses (1) to (3) and divide the result of clause (1) by four.

127.28 (b) The out-of-home respite care services daily rate equals the 15-minute unit rate for  
127.29 out-of-home respite care services multiplied by 18.

128.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
128.2 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
128.3 when approval is obtained.

128.4 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

128.5 Subd. 14. **Individual community living support rate.** The individual community living  
128.6 support rate is calculated as follows:

128.7 (1) ~~sum the home care aide~~ individual community living support adjusted base wage  
128.8 ~~and the social worker~~ registered nurse management and supervision factor wage component;  
128.9 ~~and~~

128.10 (2) multiply the result of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor;

128.11 (3) multiply the result of clause (1) by the supplies and transportation factor; and

128.12 (4) sum the results of clauses (1) to (3) and divide the result of clause (1) by four.

128.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
128.14 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
128.15 when approval is obtained.

128.16 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

128.17 Subd. 15. **Home-delivered meals rate.** Effective January 1, 2024, the home-delivered  
128.18 meals rate equals \$9.30 is \$8.17, updated as directed in section 256S.211, subdivision 3.  
128.19 ~~The commissioner shall increase the home delivered meals rate every July 1 by the percent~~  
128.20 ~~increase in the nursing facility dietary per diem using the two most recent and available~~  
128.21 ~~nursing facility cost reports.~~

128.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval,  
128.23 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
128.24 when approval is obtained.

128.25 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

128.26 Subd. 16. **Adult day services rate.** The 15-minute unit rate for adult day services, ~~with~~  
128.27 ~~an assumed staffing ratio of one staff person to four participants, is the sum of~~ is calculated  
128.28 as follows:

128.29 (1) ~~one-sixteenth of the home care aide~~ divide the adult day services adjusted base wage,  
128.30 ~~except that the general and administrative factor used to determine the home care aide~~

129.1 ~~services adjusted base wage is 20 percent~~ by five to reflect an assumed staffing ratio of one  
129.2 to five;

129.3 (2) ~~one-fourth of the registered nurse management and supervision factor~~ sum the result  
129.4 of clause (1) and the registered nurse management and supervision wage component; and

129.5 (3) ~~\$0.63 to cover the cost of meals.~~ multiply the result of clause (2) by the general and  
129.6 administrative factor;

129.7 (4) multiply the result of clause (2) by the facility and equipment factor;

129.8 (5) multiply the result of clause (2) by the food, supplies, and transportation factor; and

129.9 (6) sum the results of clauses (2) to (5) and divide the result by four.

129.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
129.11 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
129.12 when approval is obtained.

129.13 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256S.215, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

129.14 Subd. 17. **Adult day services bath rate.** The 15-minute unit rate for adult day services  
129.15 bath is ~~the sum of~~ calculated as follows:

129.16 (1) ~~one-fourth of the home care aide~~ sum the adult day services adjusted base wage,  
129.17 ~~except that the general and administrative factor used to determine the home care aide~~  
129.18 ~~services adjusted base wage is 20 percent~~ and the nurse management and supervision wage  
129.19 component;

129.20 (2) ~~one-fourth of the registered nurse management and supervision~~ multiply the result  
129.21 of clause (1) by the general and administrative factor; and

129.22 (3) ~~\$0.63 to cover the cost of meals.~~ multiply the result of clause (1) by the facility and  
129.23 equipment factor;

129.24 (4) multiply the result of clause (1) by the food, supplies, and transportation factor; and

129.25 (5) sum the results of clauses (1) to (4) and divide the result by four.

129.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
129.27 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
129.28 when approval is obtained.

130.1 Sec. 35. Laws 2021, chapter 30, article 12, section 5, as amended by Laws 2021, First  
130.2 Special Session chapter 7, article 17, section 2, is amended to read:

130.3 **Sec. 5. GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON AN AGE-FRIENDLY MINNESOTA.**

130.4 The Governor's Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota, established in Executive Order  
130.5 19-38, shall: (1) work to advance age-friendly policies; and (2) coordinate state, local, and  
130.6 private partners' collaborative work on emergency preparedness, with a focus on older  
130.7 adults, communities, and persons in zip codes most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.  
130.8 The Governor's Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota is extended and expires June 30,  
130.9 ~~2024~~ 2027.

130.10 Sec. 36. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 17, section 8, is amended to  
130.11 read:

130.12 **Sec. 8. AGE-FRIENDLY MINNESOTA.**

130.13 Subdivision 1. **Age-friendly community grants.** (a) This act includes \$0 in fiscal year  
130.14 2022 and \$875,000 in fiscal year 2023 for age-friendly community grants. The commissioner  
130.15 of human services, in collaboration with the Minnesota Board on Aging and the Governor's  
130.16 Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota, established in Executive Order 19-38, shall develop  
130.17 the age-friendly community grant program to help communities, including cities, counties,  
130.18 other municipalities, Tribes, and collaborative efforts, to become age-friendly communities,  
130.19 with an emphasis on structures, services, and community features necessary to support older  
130.20 adult residents over the next decade, including but not limited to:

- 130.21 (1) coordination of health and social services;
- 130.22 (2) transportation access;
- 130.23 (3) safe, affordable places to live;
- 130.24 (4) reducing social isolation and improving wellness;
- 130.25 (5) combating ageism and racism against older adults;
- 130.26 (6) accessible outdoor space and buildings;
- 130.27 (7) communication and information technology access; and
- 130.28 (8) opportunities to stay engaged and economically productive.

130.29 The general fund base in this act for this purpose is \$875,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$0 in  
130.30 fiscal year 2025.

131.1 (b) All grant activities must be completed by March 31, ~~2024~~ 2027.

131.2 (c) This subdivision expires June 30, ~~2024~~ 2027.

131.3 Subd. 2. **Technical assistance grants.** (a) This act includes \$0 in fiscal year 2022 and  
131.4 \$575,000 in fiscal year 2023 for technical assistance grants. The commissioner of human  
131.5 services, in collaboration with the Minnesota Board on Aging and the Governor's Council  
131.6 on an Age-Friendly Minnesota, established in Executive Order 19-38, shall develop the  
131.7 age-friendly technical assistance grant program. The general fund base in this act for this  
131.8 purpose is \$575,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$0 in fiscal year 2025.

131.9 (b) All grant activities must be completed by March 31, ~~2024~~ 2027.

131.10 (c) This subdivision expires June 30, ~~2024~~ 2027.

131.11 **Sec. 37. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; FUTURE PACE IMPLEMENTATION**  
131.12 **FUNDING.**

131.13 (a) The commissioner of human services shall work collaboratively with stakeholders  
131.14 to undertake an actuarial analysis of Medicaid costs for nursing home eligible beneficiaries  
131.15 for the purposes of establishing a monthly Medicaid capitation rate for the program of  
131.16 all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE). The analysis must include all sources of state  
131.17 Medicaid expenditures for nursing home eligible beneficiaries, including but not limited to  
131.18 capitation payments to plans and additional state expenditures to skilled nursing facilities  
131.19 consistent with Code of Federal Regulations, chapter 42, part 447, and long-term care costs.

131.20 (b) The commissioner shall also estimate the administrative costs associated with  
131.21 implementing and monitoring PACE.

131.22 (c) The commissioner shall provide a report to the chairs and ranking minority members  
131.23 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care finance on the actuarial  
131.24 analysis, proposed capitation rate, and estimated administrative costs by March 1, 2024.  
131.25 The commissioner shall recommend a financing mechanism and administrative framework  
131.26 by September 1, 2024.

131.27 (d) By September 1, 2024, the commissioner shall inform the chairs and ranking minority  
131.28 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care finance on the  
131.29 commissioner's progress toward developing a recommended financing mechanism. For  
131.30 purposes of this section, the commissioner may issue or extend a request for proposal to an  
131.31 outside vendor.

132.1 Sec. 38. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; CAREGIVER RESPITE SERVICES**  
132.2 **GRANTS.**

132.3 Beginning in fiscal year 2025, the commissioner of human services must continue the  
132.4 respite services for older adults grant program established under Laws 2021, First Special  
132.5 Session chapter 7, article 17, section 17, subdivision 3, under the authority granted under  
132.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 256.9756. The commissioner may begin the grant application  
132.7 process for awarding grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.9756, during fiscal year  
132.8 2024 in order to facilitate the continuity of the grant program during the transition from a  
132.9 temporary program to a permanent one.

132.10 Sec. 39. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONERS; SMALL PROVIDER REGULATORY**  
132.11 **RELIEF.**

132.12 The commissioners of human services and health must consult with assisted living  
132.13 facility license holders who provide customized living and whose facilities are smaller than  
132.14 11 beds to compile a list of regulatory requirements, compliance with which is particularly  
132.15 difficult for small providers. The commissioners must provide the chairs and ranking minority  
132.16 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over assisted living licensure and  
132.17 customized living with recommendations, including draft legislation, to reduce the regulatory  
132.18 burden on small providers.

132.19 Sec. 40. **RATE INCREASE FOR CERTAIN HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED**  
132.20 **SERVICES.**

132.21 The commissioner of human services shall increase payment rates for community living  
132.22 assistance and family caregiver services under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.0913 and  
132.23 256B.0922, and chapter 256S by 14.99 percent from the rates in effect on December 31,  
132.24 2023.

132.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
132.26 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
132.27 when federal approval is obtained.

132.28 Sec. 41. **NURSING FACILITY RATE STUDY.**

132.29 (a) The commissioner of human services shall contract with an independent organization  
132.30 with subject matter expertise in nursing facility accounting to conduct a study of nursing  
132.31 facility rates that includes:

- 133.1 (1) a review of nursing facility rates of all states bordering Minnesota and the states  
133.2 included in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Region V;
- 133.3 (2) the data necessary to determine the total net income and the operating margin of a  
133.4 nursing facility;
- 133.5 (3) the data necessary to determine whether a nursing facility can generate sufficient  
133.6 revenue to cover the nursing facility's operating expenses;
- 133.7 (4) the average reimbursement rate per resident day in each state and the data used to  
133.8 compute that rate;
- 133.9 (5) facility-level data on all types of Medicaid payments to nursing facilities, including  
133.10 but not limited to:
- 133.11 (i) supplemental rate add-ons;
- 133.12 (ii) rate components;
- 133.13 (iii) data on the sources of the nonfederal share of spending necessary to determine the  
133.14 net Medicaid payment at the facility level; and
- 133.15 (iv) disclosure of transactions from a related party; and
- 133.16 (6) any other information determined necessary by the commissioner to complete the  
133.17 study.
- 133.18 (b) Upon request, a nursing facility must provide information to the commissioner  
133.19 pertaining to the nursing facility's financial operations.
- 133.20 (c) By January 1, 2025, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
133.21 minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over human  
133.22 services policy and finance recommending adjustments to the nursing facility rate  
133.23 methodology under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256R, based on the results of the study in  
133.24 paragraph (a). The commissioner shall consult with the Office of the Legislative Auditor  
133.25 Financial Audit Division and Program Evaluation Division on study design methods.
- 133.26 Sec. 42. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**
- 133.27 The revisor of statutes shall change the headnote in Minnesota Statutes, section  
133.28 256B.0917, from "HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR OLDER  
133.29 ADULTS" to "ELDERCARE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS."

134.1 Sec. 43. **REPEALER.**

134.2 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0917, subdivisions 1a, 6, 7a, and 13, are  
134.3 repealed.

134.4 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 256S.19, subdivision 4; and 256S.2101, subdivision  
134.5 2, are repealed.

134.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective July 1, 2023. Paragraph (b) is effective  
134.7 January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human  
134.8 services shall notify the revisor of statutes when approval is obtained.

134.9 **ARTICLE 3**  
134.10 **HEALTH CARE**

134.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 252.27, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

134.12 Subd. 2a. **Contribution amount.** (a) The natural or adoptive parents of a minor child,  
134.13 not including a child determined eligible for medical assistance without consideration of  
134.14 parental income under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) option or a  
134.15 child accessing home and community-based waiver services, must contribute to the cost of  
134.16 services used by making monthly payments on a sliding scale based on income, unless the  
134.17 child is married or has been married, parental rights have been terminated, or the child's  
134.18 adoption is subsidized according to chapter 259A or through title IV-E of the Social Security  
134.19 Act. The parental contribution is a partial or full payment for medical services provided for  
134.20 diagnostic, therapeutic, curing, treating, mitigating, rehabilitation, maintenance, and personal  
134.21 care services as defined in United States Code, title 26, section 213, needed by the child  
134.22 with a chronic illness or disability.

134.23 (b) For households with adjusted gross income equal to or greater than 275 percent of  
134.24 federal poverty guidelines, the parental contribution shall be computed by applying the  
134.25 following schedule of rates to the adjusted gross income of the natural or adoptive parents:

134.26 (1) if the adjusted gross income is equal to or greater than 275 percent of federal poverty  
134.27 guidelines and less than or equal to 545 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the parental  
134.28 contribution shall be determined using a sliding fee scale established by the commissioner  
134.29 of human services which begins at 1.65 percent of adjusted gross income at 275 percent of  
134.30 federal poverty guidelines and increases to 4.5 percent of adjusted gross income for those  
134.31 with adjusted gross income up to 545 percent of federal poverty guidelines;

135.1 (2) if the adjusted gross income is greater than 545 percent of federal poverty guidelines  
135.2 and less than 675 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the parental contribution shall be  
135.3 4.5 percent of adjusted gross income;

135.4 (3) if the adjusted gross income is equal to or greater than 675 percent of federal poverty  
135.5 guidelines and less than 975 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the parental contribution  
135.6 shall be determined using a sliding fee scale established by the commissioner of human  
135.7 services which begins at 4.5 percent of adjusted gross income at 675 percent of federal  
135.8 poverty guidelines and increases to 5.99 percent of adjusted gross income for those with  
135.9 adjusted gross income up to 975 percent of federal poverty guidelines; and

135.10 (4) if the adjusted gross income is equal to or greater than 975 percent of federal poverty  
135.11 guidelines, the parental contribution shall be 7.49 percent of adjusted gross income.

135.12 If the child lives with the parent, the annual adjusted gross income is reduced by \$2,400  
135.13 prior to calculating the parental contribution. If the child resides in an institution specified  
135.14 in section 256B.35, the parent is responsible for the personal needs allowance specified  
135.15 under that section in addition to the parental contribution determined under this section.  
135.16 The parental contribution is reduced by any amount required to be paid directly to the child  
135.17 pursuant to a court order, but only if actually paid.

135.18 (c) The household size to be used in determining the amount of contribution under  
135.19 paragraph (b) includes natural and adoptive parents and their dependents, including the  
135.20 child receiving services. Adjustments in the contribution amount due to annual changes in  
135.21 the federal poverty guidelines shall be implemented on the first day of July following  
135.22 publication of the changes.

135.23 (d) For purposes of paragraph (b), "income" means the adjusted gross income of the  
135.24 natural or adoptive parents determined according to the previous year's federal tax form,  
135.25 except, effective retroactive to July 1, 2003, taxable capital gains to the extent the funds  
135.26 have been used to purchase a home shall not be counted as income.

135.27 (e) The contribution shall be explained in writing to the parents at the time eligibility  
135.28 for services is being determined. The contribution shall be made on a monthly basis effective  
135.29 with the first month in which the child receives services. Annually upon redetermination  
135.30 or at termination of eligibility, if the contribution exceeded the cost of services provided,  
135.31 the local agency or the state shall reimburse that excess amount to the parents, either by  
135.32 direct reimbursement if the parent is no longer required to pay a contribution, or by a  
135.33 reduction in or waiver of parental fees until the excess amount is exhausted. All  
135.34 reimbursements must include a notice that the amount reimbursed may be taxable income

136.1 if the parent paid for the parent's fees through an employer's health care flexible spending  
136.2 account under the Internal Revenue Code, section 125, and that the parent is responsible  
136.3 for paying the taxes owed on the amount reimbursed.

136.4 (f) The monthly contribution amount must be reviewed at least every 12 months; when  
136.5 there is a change in household size; and when there is a loss of or gain in income from one  
136.6 month to another in excess of ten percent. The local agency shall mail a written notice 30  
136.7 days in advance of the effective date of a change in the contribution amount. A decrease in  
136.8 the contribution amount is effective in the month that the parent verifies a reduction in  
136.9 income or change in household size.

136.10 (g) Parents of a minor child who do not live with each other shall each pay the  
136.11 contribution required under paragraph (a). An amount equal to the annual court-ordered  
136.12 child support payment actually paid on behalf of the child receiving services shall be deducted  
136.13 from the adjusted gross income of the parent making the payment prior to calculating the  
136.14 parental contribution under paragraph (b).

136.15 (h) The contribution under paragraph (b) shall be increased by an additional five percent  
136.16 if the local agency determines that insurance coverage is available but not obtained for the  
136.17 child. For purposes of this section, "available" means the insurance is a benefit of employment  
136.18 for a family member at an annual cost of no more than five percent of the family's annual  
136.19 income. For purposes of this section, "insurance" means health and accident insurance  
136.20 coverage, enrollment in a nonprofit health service plan, health maintenance organization,  
136.21 self-insured plan, or preferred provider organization.

136.22 Parents who have more than one child receiving services shall not be required to pay  
136.23 more than the amount for the child with the highest expenditures. There shall be no resource  
136.24 contribution from the parents. The parent shall not be required to pay a contribution in  
136.25 excess of the cost of the services provided to the child, not counting payments made to  
136.26 school districts for education-related services. Notice of an increase in fee payment must  
136.27 be given at least 30 days before the increased fee is due.

136.28 (i) The contribution under paragraph (b) shall be reduced by \$300 per fiscal year if, in  
136.29 the 12 months prior to July 1:

136.30 (1) the parent applied for insurance for the child;

136.31 (2) the insurer denied insurance;

137.1 (3) the parents submitted a complaint or appeal, in writing to the insurer, submitted a  
137.2 complaint or appeal, in writing, to the commissioner of health or the commissioner of  
137.3 commerce, or litigated the complaint or appeal; and

137.4 (4) as a result of the dispute, the insurer reversed its decision and granted insurance.

137.5 For purposes of this section, "insurance" has the meaning given in paragraph (h).

137.6 A parent who has requested a reduction in the contribution amount under this paragraph  
137.7 shall submit proof in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner or county agency,  
137.8 including, but not limited to, the insurer's denial of insurance, the written letter or complaint  
137.9 of the parents, court documents, and the written response of the insurer approving insurance.  
137.10 The determinations of the commissioner or county agency under this paragraph are not rules  
137.11 subject to chapter 14.

137.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
137.13 read:

137.14 Subd. 26. **Notice of employed persons with disabilities program.** At the time of initial  
137.15 enrollment and at least annually thereafter, the commissioner shall provide information on  
137.16 the medical assistance program for employed persons with disabilities under section  
137.17 256B.057, subdivision 9, to all medical assistance enrollees who indicate they have a  
137.18 disability.

137.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.056, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

137.20 Subd. 3. **Asset limitations for certain individuals.** (a) To be eligible for medical  
137.21 assistance, a person must not individually own more than \$3,000 in assets, or if a member  
137.22 of a household with two family members, husband and wife, or parent and child, the  
137.23 household must not own more than \$6,000 in assets, plus \$200 for each additional legal  
137.24 dependent. In addition to these maximum amounts, an eligible individual or family may  
137.25 accrue interest on these amounts, but they must be reduced to the maximum at the time of  
137.26 an eligibility redetermination. The accumulation of the clothing and personal needs allowance  
137.27 according to section 256B.35 must also be reduced to the maximum at the time of the  
137.28 eligibility redetermination. The value of assets that are not considered in determining  
137.29 eligibility for medical assistance is the value of those assets excluded under the Supplemental  
137.30 Security Income program for aged, blind, and disabled persons, with the following  
137.31 exceptions:

137.32 (1) household goods and personal effects are not considered;

138.1 (2) capital and operating assets of a trade or business that the local agency determines  
138.2 are necessary to the person's ability to earn an income are not considered;

138.3 (3) motor vehicles are excluded to the same extent excluded by the Supplemental Security  
138.4 Income program;

138.5 (4) assets designated as burial expenses are excluded to the same extent excluded by the  
138.6 Supplemental Security Income program. Burial expenses funded by annuity contracts or  
138.7 life insurance policies must irrevocably designate the individual's estate as contingent  
138.8 beneficiary to the extent proceeds are not used for payment of selected burial expenses;

138.9 (5) for a person who no longer qualifies as an employed person with a disability due to  
138.10 loss of earnings, assets allowed while eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.057,  
138.11 subdivision 9, are not considered for 12 months, beginning with the first month of ineligibility  
138.12 as an employed person with a disability, ~~to the extent that the person's total assets remain~~  
138.13 ~~within the allowed limits of section 256B.057, subdivision 9, paragraph (d);~~

138.14 (6) a designated employment incentives asset account is disregarded when determining  
138.15 eligibility for medical assistance for a person age 65 years or older under section 256B.055,  
138.16 subdivision 7. An employment incentives asset account must only be designated by a person  
138.17 who has been enrolled in medical assistance under section 256B.057, subdivision 9, for a  
138.18 24-consecutive-month period. A designated employment incentives asset account contains  
138.19 qualified assets owned by the person ~~and the person's spouse~~ in the last month of enrollment  
138.20 in medical assistance under section 256B.057, subdivision 9. Qualified assets include  
138.21 retirement and pension accounts, medical expense accounts, and up to \$17,000 of the person's  
138.22 other nonexcluded liquid assets. An employment incentives asset account is no longer  
138.23 designated when a person loses medical assistance eligibility for a calendar month or more  
138.24 before turning age 65. A person who loses medical assistance eligibility before age 65 can  
138.25 establish a new designated employment incentives asset account by establishing a new  
138.26 24-consecutive-month period of enrollment under section 256B.057, subdivision 9. ~~The~~  
138.27 ~~income of a spouse of a person enrolled in medical assistance under section 256B.057,~~  
138.28 ~~subdivision 9, during each of the 24 consecutive months before the person's 65th birthday~~  
138.29 ~~must be disregarded when determining eligibility for medical assistance under section~~  
138.30 ~~256B.055, subdivision 7.~~ Persons eligible under this clause are not subject to the provisions  
138.31 in section 256B.059; and

138.32 (7) effective July 1, 2009, certain assets owned by American Indians are excluded as  
138.33 required by section 5006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public

139.1 Law 111-5. For purposes of this clause, an American Indian is any person who meets the  
139.2 definition of Indian according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 447.50.

139.3 (b) No asset limit shall apply to persons eligible under ~~section~~ sections 256B.055,  
139.4 subdivision 15, and 256B.057, subdivision 9.

139.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

139.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.057, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

139.7 Subd. 9. **Employed persons with disabilities.** (a) Medical assistance may be paid for  
139.8 a person who is employed and who:

139.9 (1) but for excess earnings or assets, meets the definition of disabled under the  
139.10 Supplemental Security Income program; and

139.11 (2) ~~meets the asset limits in paragraph (d); and~~

139.12 ~~(3)~~ pays a premium and other obligations under paragraph (e).

139.13 (b) For purposes of eligibility, there is a \$65 earned income disregard. To be eligible  
139.14 for medical assistance under this subdivision, a person must have more than \$65 of earned  
139.15 income. Earned income must have Medicare, Social Security, and applicable state and  
139.16 federal taxes withheld. The person must document earned income tax withholding. Any  
139.17 spousal income ~~or assets~~ shall be disregarded for purposes of eligibility and premium  
139.18 determinations.

139.19 (c) After the month of enrollment, a person enrolled in medical assistance under this  
139.20 subdivision who:

139.21 (1) is temporarily unable to work and without receipt of earned income due to a medical  
139.22 condition, as verified by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician  
139.23 assistant; or

139.24 (2) loses employment for reasons not attributable to the enrollee, and is without receipt  
139.25 of earned income may retain eligibility for up to four consecutive months after the month  
139.26 of job loss. To receive a four-month extension, enrollees must verify the medical condition  
139.27 or provide notification of job loss. All other eligibility requirements must be met and the  
139.28 enrollee must pay all calculated premium costs for continued eligibility.

139.29 ~~(d) For purposes of determining eligibility under this subdivision, a person's assets must~~  
139.30 ~~not exceed \$20,000, excluding:~~

139.31 ~~(1) all assets excluded under section 256B.056;~~

140.1 ~~(2) retirement accounts, including individual accounts, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, Keogh~~  
140.2 ~~plans, and pension plans;~~

140.3 ~~(3) medical expense accounts set up through the person's employer; and~~

140.4 ~~(4) spousal assets, including spouse's share of jointly held assets.~~

140.5 ~~(e)~~ All enrollees must pay a premium to be eligible for medical assistance under this  
140.6 subdivision, except as provided under clause (5).

140.7 (1) An enrollee must pay the greater of a \$35 premium or the premium calculated based  
140.8 on the person's gross earned and unearned income and the applicable family size using a  
140.9 sliding fee scale established by the commissioner, which begins at one percent of income  
140.10 at 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and increases to 7.5 percent of income for  
140.11 those with incomes at or above 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

140.12 (2) Annual adjustments in the premium schedule based upon changes in the federal  
140.13 poverty guidelines shall be effective for premiums due in July of each year.

140.14 (3) All enrollees who receive unearned income must pay one-half of one percent of  
140.15 unearned income in addition to the premium amount, except as provided under clause (5).

140.16 (4) Increases in benefits under title II of the Social Security Act shall not be counted as  
140.17 income for purposes of this subdivision until July 1 of each year.

140.18 (5) Effective July 1, 2009, American Indians are exempt from paying premiums as  
140.19 required by section 5006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public  
140.20 Law 111-5. For purposes of this clause, an American Indian is any person who meets the  
140.21 definition of Indian according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 447.50.

140.22 ~~(f)~~ (e) A person's eligibility and premium shall be determined by the local county agency.  
140.23 Premiums must be paid to the commissioner. All premiums are dedicated to the  
140.24 commissioner.

140.25 ~~(g)~~ (f) Any required premium shall be determined at application and redetermined at the  
140.26 enrollee's six-month income review or when a change in income or household size is reported.  
140.27 Enrollees must report any change in income or household size within ten days of when the  
140.28 change occurs. A decreased premium resulting from a reported change in income or  
140.29 household size shall be effective the first day of the next available billing month after the  
140.30 change is reported. Except for changes occurring from annual cost-of-living increases, a  
140.31 change resulting in an increased premium shall not affect the premium amount until the  
140.32 next six-month review.

141.1 ~~(h)~~ (g) Premium payment is due upon notification from the commissioner of the premium  
 141.2 amount required. Premiums may be paid in installments at the discretion of the commissioner.

141.3 ~~(i)~~ (h) Nonpayment of the premium shall result in denial or termination of medical  
 141.4 assistance unless the person demonstrates good cause for nonpayment. "Good cause" means  
 141.5 an excuse for the enrollee's failure to pay the required premium when due because the  
 141.6 circumstances were beyond the enrollee's control or not reasonably foreseeable. The  
 141.7 commissioner shall determine whether good cause exists based on the weight of the  
 141.8 supporting evidence submitted by the enrollee to demonstrate good cause. Except when an  
 141.9 installment agreement is accepted by the commissioner, all persons disenrolled for  
 141.10 nonpayment of a premium must pay any past due premiums as well as current premiums  
 141.11 due prior to being reenrolled. Nonpayment shall include payment with a returned, refused,  
 141.12 or dishonored instrument. The commissioner may require a guaranteed form of payment as  
 141.13 the only means to replace a returned, refused, or dishonored instrument.

141.14 ~~(j)~~ (i) For enrollees whose income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty  
 141.15 guidelines and who are also enrolled in Medicare, the commissioner shall reimburse the  
 141.16 enrollee for Medicare part B premiums under section 256B.0625, subdivision 15, paragraph  
 141.17 (a).

141.18 (j) The commissioner is authorized to determine that a premium amount was calculated  
 141.19 or billed in error, make corrections to financial records and billing systems, and refund  
 141.20 premiums collected in error.

141.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
 141.22 whichever occurs later, except that paragraph (j) is effective the day following final  
 141.23 enactment. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when  
 141.24 federal approval is obtained.

141.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

141.26 Subd. 17. **Transportation costs.** (a) "Nonemergency medical transportation service"  
 141.27 means motor vehicle transportation provided by a public or private person that serves  
 141.28 Minnesota health care program beneficiaries who do not require emergency ambulance  
 141.29 service, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 3, to obtain covered medical services.

141.30 (b) Medical assistance covers medical transportation costs incurred solely for obtaining  
 141.31 emergency medical care or transportation costs incurred by eligible persons in obtaining  
 141.32 emergency or nonemergency medical care when paid directly to an ambulance company,

142.1 nonemergency medical transportation company, or other recognized providers of  
142.2 transportation services. Medical transportation must be provided by:

142.3 (1) nonemergency medical transportation providers who meet the requirements of this  
142.4 subdivision;

142.5 (2) ambulances, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 2;

142.6 (3) taxicabs that meet the requirements of this subdivision;

142.7 (4) public transit, as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7; or

142.8 (5) not-for-hire vehicles, including volunteer drivers, as defined in section 65B.472,  
142.9 subdivision 1, paragraph (h).

142.10 (c) Medical assistance covers nonemergency medical transportation provided by  
142.11 nonemergency medical transportation providers enrolled in the Minnesota health care  
142.12 programs. All nonemergency medical transportation providers must comply with the  
142.13 operating standards for special transportation service as defined in sections 174.29 to 174.30  
142.14 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 8840, and all drivers must be individually enrolled with the  
142.15 commissioner and reported on the claim as the individual who provided the service. All  
142.16 nonemergency medical transportation providers shall bill for nonemergency medical  
142.17 transportation services in accordance with Minnesota health care programs criteria. Publicly  
142.18 operated transit systems, volunteers, and not-for-hire vehicles are exempt from the  
142.19 requirements outlined in this paragraph.

142.20 (d) An organization may be terminated, denied, or suspended from enrollment if:

142.21 (1) the provider has not initiated background studies on the individuals specified in  
142.22 section 174.30, subdivision 10, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3); or

142.23 (2) the provider has initiated background studies on the individuals specified in section  
142.24 174.30, subdivision 10, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), and:

142.25 (i) the commissioner has sent the provider a notice that the individual has been  
142.26 disqualified under section 245C.14; and

142.27 (ii) the individual has not received a disqualification set-aside specific to the special  
142.28 transportation services provider under sections 245C.22 and 245C.23.

142.29 (e) The administrative agency of nonemergency medical transportation must:

142.30 (1) adhere to the policies defined by the commissioner;

143.1 (2) pay nonemergency medical transportation providers for services provided to  
143.2 Minnesota health care programs beneficiaries to obtain covered medical services;

143.3 (3) provide data monthly to the commissioner on appeals, complaints, no-shows, canceled  
143.4 trips, and number of trips by mode; and

143.5 (4) by July 1, 2016, in accordance with subdivision 18e, utilize a web-based single  
143.6 administrative structure assessment tool that meets the technical requirements established  
143.7 by the commissioner, reconciles trip information with claims being submitted by providers,  
143.8 and ensures prompt payment for nonemergency medical transportation services.

143.9 (f) Until the commissioner implements the single administrative structure and delivery  
143.10 system under subdivision 18e, clients shall obtain their level-of-service certificate from the  
143.11 commissioner or an entity approved by the commissioner that does not dispatch rides for  
143.12 clients using modes of transportation under paragraph (i), clauses (4), (5), (6), and (7).

143.13 (g) The commissioner may use an order by the recipient's attending physician, advanced  
143.14 practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or a medical or mental health professional to  
143.15 certify that the recipient requires nonemergency medical transportation services.

143.16 Nonemergency medical transportation providers shall perform driver-assisted services for  
143.17 eligible individuals, when appropriate. Driver-assisted service includes passenger pickup  
143.18 at and return to the individual's residence or place of business, assistance with admittance  
143.19 of the individual to the medical facility, and assistance in passenger securement or in securing  
143.20 of wheelchairs, child seats, or stretchers in the vehicle.

143.21 Nonemergency medical transportation providers must take clients to the health care  
143.22 provider using the most direct route, and must not exceed 30 miles for a trip to a primary  
143.23 care provider or 60 miles for a trip to a specialty care provider, unless the client receives  
143.24 authorization from the local agency.

143.25 Nonemergency medical transportation providers may not bill for separate base rates for  
143.26 the continuation of a trip beyond the original destination. Nonemergency medical  
143.27 transportation providers must maintain trip logs, which include pickup and drop-off times,  
143.28 signed by the medical provider or client, whichever is deemed most appropriate, attesting  
143.29 to mileage traveled to obtain covered medical services. Clients requesting client mileage  
143.30 reimbursement must sign the trip log attesting mileage traveled to obtain covered medical  
143.31 services.

143.32 (h) The administrative agency shall use the level of service process established by the  
143.33 commissioner to determine the client's most appropriate mode of transportation. If public

144.1 transit or a certified transportation provider is not available to provide the appropriate service  
144.2 mode for the client, the client may receive a onetime service upgrade.

144.3 (i) The covered modes of transportation are:

144.4 (1) client reimbursement, which includes client mileage reimbursement provided to  
144.5 clients who have their own transportation, or to family or an acquaintance who provides  
144.6 transportation to the client;

144.7 (2) volunteer transport, which includes transportation by volunteers using their own  
144.8 vehicle;

144.9 (3) unassisted transport, which includes transportation provided to a client by a taxicab  
144.10 or public transit. If a taxicab or public transit is not available, the client can receive  
144.11 transportation from another nonemergency medical transportation provider;

144.12 (4) assisted transport, which includes transport provided to clients who require assistance  
144.13 by a nonemergency medical transportation provider;

144.14 (5) lift-equipped/ramp transport, which includes transport provided to a client who is  
144.15 dependent on a device and requires a nonemergency medical transportation provider with  
144.16 a vehicle containing a lift or ramp;

144.17 (6) protected transport, which includes transport provided to a client who has received  
144.18 a prescreening that has deemed other forms of transportation inappropriate and who requires  
144.19 a provider: (i) with a protected vehicle that is not an ambulance or police car and has safety  
144.20 locks, a video recorder, and a transparent thermoplastic partition between the passenger and  
144.21 the vehicle driver; and (ii) who is certified as a protected transport provider; and

144.22 (7) stretcher transport, which includes transport for a client in a prone or supine position  
144.23 and requires a nonemergency medical transportation provider with a vehicle that can transport  
144.24 a client in a prone or supine position.

144.25 (j) The local agency shall be the single administrative agency and shall administer and  
144.26 reimburse for modes defined in paragraph (i) according to paragraphs (m) and (n) when the  
144.27 commissioner has developed, made available, and funded the web-based single administrative  
144.28 structure, assessment tool, and level of need assessment under subdivision 18e. The local  
144.29 agency's financial obligation is limited to funds provided by the state or federal government.

144.30 (k) The commissioner shall:

144.31 (1) verify that the mode and use of nonemergency medical transportation is appropriate;

144.32 (2) verify that the client is going to an approved medical appointment; and

145.1 (3) investigate all complaints and appeals.

145.2 (l) The administrative agency shall pay for the services provided in this subdivision and  
145.3 seek reimbursement from the commissioner, if appropriate. As vendors of medical care,  
145.4 local agencies are subject to the provisions in section 256B.041, the sanctions and monetary  
145.5 recovery actions in section 256B.064, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2160 to 9505.2245.

145.6 (m) Payments for nonemergency medical transportation must be paid based on the client's  
145.7 assessed mode under paragraph (h), not the type of vehicle used to provide the service. The  
145.8 medical assistance reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation services  
145.9 that are payable by or on behalf of the commissioner for nonemergency medical  
145.10 transportation services are:

145.11 (1) \$0.22 per mile for client reimbursement;

145.12 (2) up to 100 percent of the Internal Revenue Service business deduction rate for volunteer  
145.13 transport;

145.14 (3) equivalent to the standard fare for unassisted transport when provided by public  
145.15 transit, and ~~\$11~~ \$12.10 for the base rate and ~~\$1.30~~ \$1.43 per mile when provided by a  
145.16 nonemergency medical transportation provider;

145.17 (4) ~~\$13~~ \$14.30 for the base rate and ~~\$1.30~~ \$1.43 per mile for assisted transport;

145.18 (5) ~~\$18~~ \$19.80 for the base rate and ~~\$1.55~~ \$1.70 per mile for lift-equipped/ramp transport;

145.19 (6) \$75 for the base rate and \$2.40 per mile for protected transport; and

145.20 (7) \$60 for the base rate and \$2.40 per mile for stretcher transport, and \$9 per trip for  
145.21 an additional attendant if deemed medically necessary.

145.22 (n) The base rate for nonemergency medical transportation services in areas defined  
145.23 under RUCA to be super rural is equal to 111.3 percent of the respective base rate in  
145.24 paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7). The mileage rate for nonemergency medical transportation  
145.25 services in areas defined under RUCA to be rural or super rural areas is:

145.26 (1) for a trip equal to 17 miles or less, equal to 125 percent of the respective mileage  
145.27 rate in paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7); and

145.28 (2) for a trip between 18 and 50 miles, equal to 112.5 percent of the respective mileage  
145.29 rate in paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7).

145.30 (o) For purposes of reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation  
145.31 services under paragraphs (m) and (n), the zip code of the recipient's place of residence  
145.32 shall determine whether the urban, rural, or super rural reimbursement rate applies.

146.1 (p) For purposes of this subdivision, "rural urban commuting area" or "RUCA" means  
146.2 a census-tract based classification system under which a geographical area is determined  
146.3 to be urban, rural, or super rural.

146.4 (q) The commissioner, when determining reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical  
146.5 transportation under paragraphs (m) and (n), shall exempt all modes of transportation listed  
146.6 under paragraph (i) from Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0445, item R, subitem (2).

146.7 (r) Effective for the first day of each calendar quarter in which the price of gasoline as  
146.8 posted publicly by the United States Energy Information Administration exceeds \$3.00 per  
146.9 gallon, the commissioner shall adjust the rate paid per mile in paragraph (m) by one percent  
146.10 up or down for every increase or decrease of ten cents for the price of gasoline. The increase  
146.11 or decrease must be calculated using a base gasoline price of \$3.00. The percentage increase  
146.12 or decrease must be calculated using the average of the most recently available price of all  
146.13 grades of gasoline for Minnesota as posted publicly by the United States Energy Information  
146.14 Administration.

146.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
146.16 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
146.17 when federal approval is obtained.

146.18 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17a, is amended to read:

146.19 Subd. 17a. **Payment for ambulance services.** (a) Medical assistance covers ambulance  
146.20 services. Providers shall bill ambulance services according to Medicare criteria.  
146.21 Nonemergency ambulance services shall not be paid as emergencies. Effective for services  
146.22 rendered on or after July 1, 2001, medical assistance payments for ambulance services shall  
146.23 be paid at the Medicare reimbursement rate or at the medical assistance payment rate in  
146.24 effect on July 1, 2000, whichever is greater.

146.25 (b) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2016, medical assistance payment  
146.26 rates for ambulance services identified in this paragraph are increased by five percent.  
146.27 Capitation payments made to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans for  
146.28 ambulance services provided on or after January 1, 2017, shall be increased to reflect this  
146.29 rate increase. The increased rate described in this paragraph applies to ambulance service  
146.30 providers whose base of operations as defined in section 144E.10 is located:

146.31 (1) outside the metropolitan counties listed in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and outside  
146.32 the cities of Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, St. Cloud, and Rochester; or

146.33 (2) within a municipality with a population of less than 1,000.

147.1 (c) Effective for the first day of each calendar quarter in which the price of gasoline as  
 147.2 posted publicly by the United States Energy Information Administration exceeds \$3.00 per  
 147.3 gallon, the commissioner shall adjust the rate paid per mile in paragraph (a) by one percent  
 147.4 up or down for every increase or decrease of ten cents for the price of gasoline. The increase  
 147.5 or decrease must be calculated using a base gasoline price of \$3.00. The percentage increase  
 147.6 or decrease must be calculated using the average of the most recently available price of all  
 147.7 grades of gasoline for Minnesota as posted publicly by the United States Energy Information  
 147.8 Administration.

147.9 (d) Managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans must provide a fuel adjustment  
 147.10 for ambulance services rates when fuel exceeds \$3 per gallon. If, for any contract year,  
 147.11 federal approval is not received for this paragraph, the commissioner must adjust the  
 147.12 capitation rates paid to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans for that  
 147.13 contract year to reflect the removal of this provision. Contracts between managed care plans  
 147.14 and county-based purchasing plans and providers to whom this paragraph applies must  
 147.15 allow recovery of payments from those providers if capitation rates are adjusted in accordance  
 147.16 with this paragraph. Payment recoveries must not exceed the amount equal to any increase  
 147.17 in rates that results from this paragraph. This paragraph expires if federal approval is not  
 147.18 received for this paragraph at any time.

147.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
 147.20 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
 147.21 when federal approval is obtained.

147.22 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17b, is amended to read:

147.23 Subd. 17b. **Documentation required.** (a) As a condition for payment, nonemergency  
 147.24 medical transportation providers must document each occurrence of a service provided to  
 147.25 a recipient according to this subdivision. Providers must maintain ~~odometer and other~~ records  
 147.26 sufficient to distinguish individual trips with specific vehicles and drivers. The documentation  
 147.27 may be collected and maintained using electronic systems or software or in paper form but  
 147.28 must be made available and produced upon request. Program funds paid for transportation  
 147.29 that is not documented according to this subdivision ~~shall be recovered by the department~~  
 147.30 may be subject to recovery by the commissioner pursuant to section 256B.064.

147.31 (b) A nonemergency medical transportation provider must compile transportation trip  
 147.32 records that are written in English and legible according to the standard of a reasonable  
 147.33 person and that meet include each of the following requirements elements:

- 148.1 ~~(1) the record must be in English and must be legible according to the standard of a~~  
148.2 ~~reasonable person;~~
- 148.3 ~~(2) (1) the recipient's name must be on each page of the record; and~~
- 148.4 ~~(3) each entry in the record must document:~~
- 148.5 ~~(i) the date on which the entry is made;~~
- 148.6 ~~(ii) (2) the date or dates the service is provided, if different than the date the entry was~~  
148.7 ~~made;~~
- 148.8 ~~(iii) (3) either the printed last name, first name, and middle initial name of the driver~~  
148.9 ~~sufficient to distinguish the driver of service or the driver's provider number;~~
- 148.10 ~~(iv) (4) the date and the signature of the driver attesting to the following: "I certify that~~  
148.11 ~~I have accurately reported in this record the trip miles I actually drove and the dates and~~  
148.12 ~~times I actually drove them. I understand that misreporting the miles driven and hours~~  
148.13 ~~worked is fraud for which I could face criminal prosecution or civil proceedings." that the~~  
148.14 ~~record accurately represents the services provided and the actual miles driven, and~~  
148.15 ~~acknowledging that misreporting information that results in ineligible or excessive payments~~  
148.16 ~~may result in civil or criminal action;~~
- 148.17 ~~(v) (5) the date and the signature of the recipient or authorized party attesting to the~~  
148.18 ~~following: "I certify that I received the reported transportation service.", or the signature of~~  
148.19 ~~the provider of medical services certifying that the recipient was delivered to the provider~~  
148.20 ~~that transportation services were provided as indicated on the transportation trip record, or~~  
148.21 ~~the signature of the medical services provider certifying that the recipient was transported~~  
148.22 ~~to the medical services provider destination. In the event that both the medical services~~  
148.23 ~~provider and the recipient or authorized party refuse or are unable to provide signatures,~~  
148.24 ~~the driver must document on the transportation trip record that signatures were requested~~  
148.25 ~~and not provided;~~
- 148.26 ~~(vi) (6) the address, or the description if the address is not available, of both the origin~~  
148.27 ~~and destination, and the mileage for the most direct route from the origin to the destination;~~
- 148.28 ~~(vii) (7) the name or number of the mode of transportation in which the service is~~  
148.29 ~~provided;~~
- 148.30 ~~(viii) (8) the license plate number of the vehicle used to transport the recipient;~~
- 148.31 ~~(ix) whether the service was ambulatory or nonambulatory;~~
- 148.32 ~~(x) (9) the time of the recipient pickup;~~

149.1 ~~and~~ (10) the time of the recipient drop-off with "a.m." and "p.m." designations;

149.2 (11) the odometer reading of the vehicle used to transport the recipient taken at the time  
149.3 of pickup;

149.4 (12) the odometer reading of the vehicle used to transport the recipient taken at the time  
149.5 of drop-off;

149.6 ~~(xi)~~ (13) the name of the extra attendant when an extra attendant is used to provide  
149.7 special transportation service; and

149.8 ~~(xii)~~ (14) the electronic source documentation indicating the method that was used to  
149.9 calculate driving directions and mileage determine the most direct route.

149.10 (c) In determining whether the commissioner will seek recovery, the documentation  
149.11 requirements in this section apply retroactively to audit findings beginning January 1, 2020,  
149.12 and to all audit findings thereafter.

149.13 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, subdivision 18h, is amended to read:

149.14 Subd. 18h. **Nonemergency medical transportation provisions related to managed**  
149.15 **care.** (a) The following nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) subdivisions apply  
149.16 to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans:

149.17 (1) subdivision 17, paragraphs (a), (b), (i), and (n);

149.18 (2) subdivision 18; and

149.19 (3) subdivision 18a.

149.20 (b) A nonemergency medical transportation provider must comply with the operating  
149.21 standards for special transportation service specified in sections 174.29 to 174.30 and  
149.22 Minnesota Rules, chapter 8840. Publicly operated transit systems, volunteers, and not-for-hire  
149.23 vehicles are exempt from the requirements in this paragraph.

149.24 (c) Managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans must provide a fuel adjustment  
149.25 for NEMT rates when fuel exceeds \$3 per gallon. If, for any contract year, federal approval  
149.26 is not received for this paragraph, the commissioner must adjust the capitation rates paid to  
149.27 managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans for that contract year to reflect the  
149.28 removal of this provision. Contracts between managed care plans and county-based  
149.29 purchasing plans and providers to whom this paragraph applies must allow recovery of  
149.30 payments from those providers if capitation rates are adjusted in accordance with this  
149.31 paragraph. Payment recoveries must not exceed the amount equal to any increase in rates

150.1 that results from this paragraph. This paragraph expires if federal approval is not received  
150.2 for this paragraph at any time.

150.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

150.4 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

150.5 Subd. 22. **Hospice care.** Medical assistance covers hospice care services under Public  
150.6 Law 99-272, section 9505, to the extent authorized by rule, except that a recipient age 21  
150.7 or under who elects to receive hospice services does not waive coverage for services that  
150.8 are related to the treatment of the condition for which a diagnosis of terminal illness has  
150.9 been made. Hospice respite and end-of-life care under subdivision 22a are not hospice care  
150.10 services under this subdivision.

150.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

150.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
150.13 to read:

150.14 Subd. 22a. **Residential hospice facility; hospice respite and end-of-life care for**  
150.15 **children.** (a) Medical assistance covers hospice respite and end-of-life care if the care is  
150.16 for children who elect to receive hospice care delivered in a facility that is licensed under  
150.17 sections 144A.75 to 144A.755 and that is a residential hospice facility under section 144A.75,  
150.18 subdivision 13, paragraph (a). Hospice care services under subdivision 22 are not hospice  
150.19 respite or end-of-life care under this subdivision.

150.20 (b) The payment rates for coverage under this subdivision must be 100 percent of the  
150.21 Medicare rate for continuous home care hospice services as published in the Centers for  
150.22 Medicare and Medicaid Services annual final rule updating payments and policies for hospice  
150.23 care. Payment for hospice respite and end-of-life care under this subdivision must be made  
150.24 from state money, though the commissioner must seek to obtain federal financial participation  
150.25 for the payments. Payment for hospice respite and end-of-life care must be paid to the  
150.26 residential hospice facility and are not included in any limit or cap amount applicable to  
150.27 hospice services payments to the elected hospice services provider.

150.28 (c) Certification of the residential hospice facility by the federal Medicare program must  
150.29 not be a requirement of medical assistance payment for hospice respite and end-of-life care  
150.30 under this subdivision.

150.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

151.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.073, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

151.2 Subd. 3. **Requirements.** (a) In developing implementation requirements for electronic  
151.3 visit verification, the commissioner shall ensure that the requirements:

151.4 (1) are minimally administratively and financially burdensome to a provider;

151.5 (2) are minimally burdensome to the service recipient and the least disruptive to the  
151.6 service recipient in receiving and maintaining allowed services;

151.7 (3) consider existing best practices and use of electronic visit verification;

151.8 (4) are conducted according to all state and federal laws;

151.9 (5) are effective methods for preventing fraud when balanced against the requirements  
151.10 of clauses (1) and (2); and

151.11 (6) are consistent with the Department of Human Services' policies related to covered  
151.12 services, flexibility of service use, and quality assurance.

151.13 (b) The commissioner shall make training available to providers on the electronic visit  
151.14 verification system requirements.

151.15 (c) The commissioner shall establish baseline measurements related to preventing fraud  
151.16 and establish measures to determine the effect of electronic visit verification requirements  
151.17 on program integrity.

151.18 (d) The commissioner shall make a state-selected electronic visit verification system  
151.19 available to providers of services.

151.20 (e) The commissioner shall make available and publish on the agency website the name  
151.21 and contact information for the vendor of the state-selected electronic visit verification  
151.22 system and the other vendors that offer alternative electronic visit verification systems. The  
151.23 information provided must state that the state-selected electronic visit verification system  
151.24 is offered at no cost to the provider of services and that the provider may choose an alternative  
151.25 system that may be at a cost to the provider.

151.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.073, is amended by adding a subdivision  
151.27 to read:

151.28 Subd. 5. **Vendor requirements.** (a) The vendor of the electronic visit verification system  
151.29 selected by the commissioner and the vendor's affiliate must comply with the requirements  
151.30 of this subdivision.

152.1 (b) The vendor of the state-selected electronic visit verification system and the vendor's  
152.2 affiliate must:

152.3 (1) notify the provider of services that the provider may choose the state-selected  
152.4 electronic visit verification system at no cost to the provider;

152.5 (2) offer the state-selected electronic visit verification system to the provider of services  
152.6 prior to offering any fee-based electronic visit verification system;

152.7 (3) notify the provider of services that the provider may choose any fee-based electronic  
152.8 visit verification system prior to offering the vendor's or its affiliate's fee-based electronic  
152.9 visit verification system; and

152.10 (4) when offering the state-selected electronic visit verification system, clearly  
152.11 differentiate between the state-selected electronic visit verification system and the vendor's  
152.12 or its affiliate's alternative fee-based system.

152.13 (c) The vendor of the state-selected electronic visit verification system and the vendor's  
152.14 affiliate must not use state data that are not available to other vendors of electronic visit  
152.15 verification systems to promote or sell the vendor's or its affiliate's alternative electronic  
152.16 visit verification system.

152.17 (d) Upon request from the provider, the vendor of the state-selected electronic visit  
152.18 verification system must provide proof of compliance with the requirements of paragraph  
152.19 (b).

152.20 (e) An agreement between the vendor of the state-selected electronic visit verification  
152.21 system or its affiliate and a provider of services for an electronic visit verification system  
152.22 that is not the state-selected system entered into on or after July 1, 2023, is subject to  
152.23 immediate termination by the provider if the vendor violates any of the requirements of  
152.24 paragraph (b).

152.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

152.26 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

152.27 Subd. 2. **Actions to obtain payment.** The state agency shall promulgate rules to  
152.28 determine the ability of responsible relatives to contribute partial or complete payment or  
152.29 repayment of medical assistance furnished to recipients for whom they are responsible. All  
152.30 medical assistance exclusions shall be allowed, and a resource limit of \$10,000 for  
152.31 nonexcluded resources shall be implemented. Above these limits, a contribution of one-third  
152.32 of the excess resources shall be required. These rules shall not require payment or repayment

153.1 when payment would cause undue hardship to the responsible relative or that relative's  
153.2 immediate family. These rules ~~shall be consistent with the requirements of section 252.27~~  
153.3 ~~for~~ do not apply to parents of children whose eligibility for medical assistance was determined  
153.4 without deeming of the parents' resources and income under the Tax Equity and Fiscal  
153.5 Responsibility Act (TEFRA) option or to parents of children accessing home and  
153.6 community-based waiver services. The county agency shall give the responsible relative  
153.7 notice of the amount of the payment or repayment. If the state agency or county agency  
153.8 finds that notice of the payment obligation was given to the responsible relative, but that  
153.9 the relative failed or refused to pay, a cause of action exists against the responsible relative  
153.10 for that portion of medical assistance granted after notice was given to the responsible  
153.11 relative, which the relative was determined to be able to pay.

153.12 The action may be brought by the state agency or the county agency in the county where  
153.13 assistance was granted, for the assistance, together with the costs of disbursements incurred  
153.14 due to the action.

153.15 In addition to granting the county or state agency a money judgment, the court may,  
153.16 upon a motion or order to show cause, order continuing contributions by a responsible  
153.17 relative found able to repay the county or state agency. The order shall be effective only  
153.18 for the period of time during which the recipient receives medical assistance from the county  
153.19 or state agency.

153.20 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.766, is amended to read:

153.21 **256B.766 REIMBURSEMENT FOR BASIC CARE SERVICES.**

153.22 (a) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2009, total payments for basic care  
153.23 services, shall be reduced by three percent, except that for the period July 1, 2009, through  
153.24 June 30, 2011, total payments shall be reduced by 4.5 percent for the medical assistance  
153.25 and general assistance medical care programs, prior to third-party liability and spenddown  
153.26 calculation. Effective July 1, 2010, the commissioner shall classify physical therapy services,  
153.27 occupational therapy services, and speech-language pathology and related services as basic  
153.28 care services. The reduction in this paragraph shall apply to physical therapy services,  
153.29 occupational therapy services, and speech-language pathology and related services provided  
153.30 on or after July 1, 2010.

153.31 (b) Payments made to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans shall be  
153.32 reduced for services provided on or after October 1, 2009, to reflect the reduction effective  
153.33 July 1, 2009, and payments made to the plans shall be reduced effective October 1, 2010,  
153.34 to reflect the reduction effective July 1, 2010.

154.1 (c) Effective for services provided on or after September 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013,  
154.2 total payments for outpatient hospital facility fees shall be reduced by five percent from the  
154.3 rates in effect on August 31, 2011.

154.4 (d) Effective for services provided on or after September 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013,  
154.5 total payments for ambulatory surgery centers facility fees, medical supplies and durable  
154.6 medical equipment not subject to a volume purchase contract, prosthetics and orthotics,  
154.7 renal dialysis services, laboratory services, public health nursing services, physical therapy  
154.8 services, occupational therapy services, speech therapy services, eyeglasses not subject to  
154.9 a volume purchase contract, hearing aids not subject to a volume purchase contract, and  
154.10 anesthesia services shall be reduced by three percent from the rates in effect on August 31,  
154.11 2011.

154.12 (e) Effective for services provided on or after September 1, 2014, payments for  
154.13 ambulatory surgery centers facility fees, hospice services, renal dialysis services, laboratory  
154.14 services, public health nursing services, eyeglasses not subject to a volume purchase contract,  
154.15 and hearing aids not subject to a volume purchase contract shall be increased by three percent  
154.16 and payments for outpatient hospital facility fees shall be increased by three percent.  
154.17 Payments made to managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans shall not be  
154.18 adjusted to reflect payments under this paragraph.

154.19 (f) Payments for medical supplies and durable medical equipment not subject to a volume  
154.20 purchase contract, and prosthetics and orthotics, provided on or after July 1, 2014, through  
154.21 June 30, 2015, shall be decreased by .33 percent. Payments for medical supplies and durable  
154.22 medical equipment not subject to a volume purchase contract, and prosthetics and orthotics,  
154.23 provided on or after July 1, 2015, shall be increased by three percent from the rates as  
154.24 determined under paragraphs (i) and (j).

154.25 (g) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2015, payments for outpatient  
154.26 hospital facility fees, medical supplies and durable medical equipment not subject to a  
154.27 volume purchase contract, prosthetics, and orthotics to a hospital meeting the criteria specified  
154.28 in section 62Q.19, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (4), shall be increased by 90 percent  
154.29 from the rates in effect on June 30, 2015. Payments made to managed care plans and  
154.30 county-based purchasing plans shall not be adjusted to reflect payments under this paragraph.

154.31 (h) This section does not apply to physician and professional services, inpatient hospital  
154.32 services, family planning services, mental health services, dental services, prescription  
154.33 drugs, medical transportation, federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, Indian  
154.34 health services, and Medicare cost-sharing.

155.1 (i) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2015, the following categories of  
155.2 medical supplies and durable medical equipment shall be individually priced items: ~~enteral~~  
155.3 ~~nutrition and supplies~~, customized and other specialized tracheostomy tubes and supplies,  
155.4 electric patient lifts, and durable medical equipment repair and service. This paragraph does  
155.5 not apply to medical supplies and durable medical equipment subject to a volume purchase  
155.6 contract, products subject to the preferred diabetic testing supply program, and items provided  
155.7 to dually eligible recipients when Medicare is the primary payer for the item. The  
155.8 commissioner shall not apply any medical assistance rate reductions to durable medical  
155.9 equipment as a result of Medicare competitive bidding.

155.10 (j) Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2015, medical assistance payment  
155.11 rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies shall be increased  
155.12 as follows:

155.13 (1) payment rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies that  
155.14 were subject to the Medicare competitive bid that took effect in January of 2009 shall be  
155.15 increased by 9.5 percent; and

155.16 (2) payment rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, or supplies on  
155.17 the medical assistance fee schedule, whether or not subject to the Medicare competitive bid  
155.18 that took effect in January of 2009, shall be increased by 2.94 percent, with this increase  
155.19 being applied after calculation of any increased payment rate under clause (1).

155.20 This paragraph does not apply to medical supplies and durable medical equipment subject  
155.21 to a volume purchase contract, products subject to the preferred diabetic testing supply  
155.22 program, items provided to dually eligible recipients when Medicare is the primary payer  
155.23 for the item, and individually priced items identified in paragraph (i). Payments made to  
155.24 managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans shall not be adjusted to reflect the  
155.25 rate increases in this paragraph.

155.26 (k) Effective for nonpressure support ventilators provided on or after January 1, 2016,  
155.27 the rate shall be the lower of the submitted charge or the Medicare fee schedule rate. Effective  
155.28 for pressure support ventilators provided on or after January 1, 2016, the rate shall be the  
155.29 lower of the submitted charge or 47 percent above the Medicare fee schedule rate. For  
155.30 payments made in accordance with this paragraph, if, and to the extent that, the commissioner  
155.31 identifies that the state has received federal financial participation for ventilators in excess  
155.32 of the amount allowed effective January 1, 2018, under United States Code, title 42, section  
155.33 1396b(i)(27), the state shall repay the excess amount to the Centers for Medicare and  
155.34 Medicaid Services with state funds and maintain the full payment rate under this paragraph.

156.1 (l) Payment rates for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics or supplies, that  
156.2 are subject to the upper payment limit in accordance with section 1903(i)(27) of the Social  
156.3 Security Act, shall be paid the Medicare rate. Rate increases provided in this chapter shall  
156.4 not be applied to the items listed in this paragraph.

156.5 (m) For dates of service on or after July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, enteral nutrition  
156.6 and supplies must be paid according to this paragraph. If sufficient data exists for a product  
156.7 or supply, payment must be based upon the 50th percentile of the usual and customary  
156.8 charges per product code submitted to the commissioner, using only charges submitted per  
156.9 unit. Increases in rates resulting from the 50th percentile payment method must not exceed  
156.10 150 percent of the previous fiscal year's rate per code and product combination. Data are  
156.11 sufficient if: (1) the commissioner has at least 100 paid claim lines by at least ten different  
156.12 providers for a given product or supply; or (2) in the absence of the data in clause (1), the  
156.13 commissioner has at least 20 claim lines by at least five different providers for a product or  
156.14 supply that does not meet the requirements of clause (1). If sufficient data are not available  
156.15 to calculate the 50th percentile for enteral products or supplies, the payment rate must be  
156.16 the payment rate in effect on June 30, 2023.

156.17 (n) For dates of service on or after July 1, 2024, enteral nutrition and supplies must be  
156.18 paid according to this paragraph and updated annually each January 1. If sufficient data  
156.19 exists for a product or supply, payment must be based upon the 50th percentile of the usual  
156.20 and customary charges per product code submitted to the commissioner for the previous  
156.21 calendar year, using only charges submitted per unit. Increases in rates resulting from the  
156.22 50th percentile payment method must not exceed 150 percent of the previous year's rate per  
156.23 code and product combination. Data are sufficient if: (1) the commissioner has at least 100  
156.24 paid claim lines by at least ten different providers for a given product or supply; or (2) in  
156.25 the absence of the data in clause (1), the commissioner has at least 20 claim lines by at least  
156.26 five different providers for a product or supply that does not meet the requirements of clause  
156.27 (1). If sufficient data are not available to calculate the 50th percentile for enteral products  
156.28 or supplies, the payment must be the manufacturer's suggested retail price of that product  
156.29 or supply minus 20 percent. If the manufacturer's suggested retail price is not available,  
156.30 payment must be the actual acquisition cost of that product or supply plus 20 percent.

157.1 **ARTICLE 4**

157.2 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

157.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 4.046, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

157.4 Subd. 6. **Office of Addiction and Recovery; director.** The Office of Addiction and  
157.5 Recovery is created in the Department of Management and Budget. The governor must  
157.6 appoint an addiction and recovery director, who shall serve as chair of the subcabinet and  
157.7 administer the Office of Addiction and Recovery. The director shall serve in the unclassified  
157.8 service and shall report to the governor. The director must:

157.9 (1) make efforts to break down silos and work across agencies to better target the state's  
157.10 role in addressing addiction, treatment, and recovery for youth and adults;

157.11 (2) assist in leading the subcabinet and the advisory council toward progress on  
157.12 measurable goals that track the state's efforts in combatting addiction for youth and adults,  
157.13 and preventing substance use and addiction among the state's youth population; and

157.14 (3) establish and manage external partnerships and build relationships with communities,  
157.15 community leaders, and those who have direct experience with addiction to ensure that all  
157.16 voices of recovery are represented in the work of the subcabinet and advisory council.

157.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 4.046, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

157.18 Subd. 7. **Staff and administrative support.** The commissioner of ~~human services~~  
157.19 management and budget, in coordination with other state agencies and boards as applicable,  
157.20 must provide staffing and administrative support to the Office of Addiction and Recovery,  
157.21 the addiction and recovery director, the subcabinet, and the advisory council established in  
157.22 this section.

157.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245.91, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

157.24 Subd. 4. **Facility or program.** "Facility" or "program" means a nonresidential or  
157.25 residential program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivisions 10 and 14, and any agency,  
157.26 facility, or program that provides services or treatment for mental illness, developmental  
157.27 disability, substance use disorder, or emotional disturbance that is required to be licensed,  
157.28 certified, or registered by the commissioner of human services, health, or education; a sober  
157.29 home as defined in section 254B.01, subdivision 10; and an acute care inpatient facility that  
157.30 provides services or treatment for mental illness, developmental disability, substance use  
157.31 disorder, or emotional disturbance.

158.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245G.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

158.2 Subd. 2. **Exemption from license requirement.** This chapter does not apply to a county  
158.3 or recovery community organization that is providing a service for which the county or  
158.4 recovery community organization is an eligible vendor under section 254B.05. This chapter  
158.5 does not apply to an organization whose primary functions are information, referral,  
158.6 diagnosis, case management, and assessment for the purposes of client placement, education,  
158.7 support group services, or self-help programs. This chapter does not apply to the activities  
158.8 of a licensed professional in private practice. A license holder providing the initial set of  
158.9 substance use disorder services allowable under section 254A.03, subdivision 3, paragraph  
158.10 (c), to an individual referred to a licensed nonresidential substance use disorder treatment  
158.11 program after a positive screen for alcohol or substance misuse is exempt from sections  
158.12 245G.05; 245G.06, subdivisions 1, ~~2~~ 1a, and 4; 245G.07, subdivisions 1, paragraph (a),  
158.13 clauses (2) to (4), and 2, clauses (1) to (7); and 245G.17.

158.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245G.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

158.15 Subd. 3. **Contents.** Client records must contain the following:

158.16 (1) documentation that the client was given information on client rights and  
158.17 responsibilities, grievance procedures, tuberculosis, and HIV, and that the client was provided  
158.18 an orientation to the program abuse prevention plan required under section 245A.65,  
158.19 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (4). If the client has an opioid use disorder, the record  
158.20 must contain documentation that the client was provided educational information according  
158.21 to section 245G.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

158.22 (2) an initial services plan completed according to section 245G.04;

158.23 (3) a comprehensive assessment completed according to section 245G.05;

158.24 (4) an assessment summary completed according to section 245G.05, subdivision 2;

158.25 (5) an individual abuse prevention plan according to sections 245A.65, subdivision 2,  
158.26 and 626.557, subdivision 14, when applicable;

158.27 (6) an individual treatment plan according to section 245G.06, subdivisions 1 ~~and 2~~ and  
158.28 1a;

158.29 (7) documentation of treatment services, significant events, appointments, concerns, and  
158.30 treatment plan reviews according to section 245G.06, subdivisions 2a, 2b, and 3; and

158.31 (8) a summary at the time of service termination according to section 245G.06,  
158.32 subdivision 4.

159.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245G.22, subdivision 15, as amended by 2023  
159.2 H.F. No. 1403, article 1, section 17, if enacted, is amended to read:

159.3 Subd. 15. **Nonmedication treatment services; documentation.** (a) The program must  
159.4 offer at least 50 consecutive minutes of individual or group therapy treatment services as  
159.5 defined in section 245G.07, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), per week, for the first  
159.6 ten weeks following the day of service initiation, and at least 50 consecutive minutes per  
159.7 month thereafter. As clinically appropriate, the program may offer these services cumulatively  
159.8 and not consecutively in increments of no less than 15 minutes over the required time period,  
159.9 and for a total of 60 minutes of treatment services over the time period, and must document  
159.10 the reason for providing services cumulatively in the client's record. The program may offer  
159.11 additional levels of service when deemed clinically necessary.

159.12 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of comprehensive assessments in section 245G.05,  
159.13 the assessment must be completed within 21 days from the day of service initiation.

159.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

159.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 253B.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

159.16 Subdivision 1. **Administrative requirements.** (a) When a person is committed, the  
159.17 court shall issue a warrant or an order committing the patient to the custody of the head of  
159.18 the treatment facility, state-operated treatment program, or community-based treatment  
159.19 program. The warrant or order shall state that the patient meets the statutory criteria for  
159.20 civil commitment.

159.21 (b) The commissioner shall prioritize patients being admitted from jail or a correctional  
159.22 institution who are:

159.23 (1) ordered confined in a state-operated treatment program for an examination under  
159.24 Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure, rules 20.01, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), and  
159.25 20.02, subdivision 2;

159.26 (2) under civil commitment for competency treatment and continuing supervision under  
159.27 Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure, rule 20.01, subdivision 7;

159.28 (3) found not guilty by reason of mental illness under Minnesota Rules of Criminal  
159.29 Procedure, rule 20.02, subdivision 8, and under civil commitment or are ordered to be  
159.30 detained in a state-operated treatment program pending completion of the civil commitment  
159.31 proceedings; or

160.1 (4) committed under this chapter to the commissioner after dismissal of the patient's  
160.2 criminal charges.

160.3 Patients described in this paragraph must be admitted to a state-operated treatment program  
160.4 within 48 hours. The commitment must be ordered by the court as provided in section  
160.5 253B.09, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

160.6 (c) Upon the arrival of a patient at the designated treatment facility, state-operated  
160.7 treatment program, or community-based treatment program, the head of the facility or  
160.8 program shall retain the duplicate of the warrant and endorse receipt upon the original  
160.9 warrant or acknowledge receipt of the order. The endorsed receipt or acknowledgment must  
160.10 be filed in the court of commitment. After arrival, the patient shall be under the control and  
160.11 custody of the head of the facility or program.

160.12 (d) Copies of the petition for commitment, the court's findings of fact and conclusions  
160.13 of law, the court order committing the patient, the report of the court examiners, and the  
160.14 prepetition report, and any medical and behavioral information available shall be provided  
160.15 at the time of admission of a patient to the designated treatment facility or program to which  
160.16 the patient is committed. Upon a patient's referral to the commissioner of human services  
160.17 for admission pursuant to subdivision 1, paragraph (b), any inpatient hospital, treatment  
160.18 facility, jail, or correctional facility that has provided care or supervision to the patient in  
160.19 the previous two years shall, when requested by the treatment facility or commissioner,  
160.20 provide copies of the patient's medical and behavioral records to the Department of Human  
160.21 Services for purposes of preadmission planning. This information shall be provided by the  
160.22 head of the treatment facility to treatment facility staff in a consistent and timely manner  
160.23 and pursuant to all applicable laws.

160.24 (e) Patients described in paragraph (b) must be admitted to a state-operated treatment  
160.25 program within 48 hours of the Office of Medical Director, under section 246.018, or a  
160.26 designee determining that a medically appropriate bed is available. This paragraph expires  
160.27 on June 30, 2025.

160.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

160.29 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 254B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
160.30 read:

160.31 Subd. 10. **Sober home.** A sober home is a cooperative living residence, a room and  
160.32 board residence, an apartment, or any other living accommodation that:

160.33 (1) provides temporary housing to persons with substance use disorders;

161.1 (2) stipulates that residents must abstain from using alcohol or other illicit drugs or  
161.2 substances not prescribed by a physician;

161.3 (3) charges a fee for living there;

161.4 (4) does not provide counseling or treatment services to residents;

161.5 (5) promotes sustained recovery from substance use disorders; and

161.6 (6) follows the sober living guidelines published by the federal Substance Abuse and  
161.7 Mental Health Services Administration.

161.8 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 254B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

161.9 Subdivision 1. **Licensure required** . (a) Programs licensed by the commissioner are  
161.10 eligible vendors. Hospitals may apply for and receive licenses to be eligible vendors,  
161.11 notwithstanding the provisions of section 245A.03. American Indian programs that provide  
161.12 substance use disorder treatment, extended care, transitional residence, or outpatient treatment  
161.13 services, and are licensed by tribal government are eligible vendors.

161.14 (b) A licensed professional in private practice as defined in section 245G.01, subdivision  
161.15 17, who meets the requirements of section 245G.11, subdivisions 1 and 4, is an eligible  
161.16 vendor of a comprehensive assessment and assessment summary provided according to  
161.17 section 245G.05, and treatment services provided according to sections 245G.06 and  
161.18 245G.07, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), clauses (1) to (5), and (b); and subdivision 2, clauses  
161.19 (1) to (6).

161.20 (c) A county is an eligible vendor for a comprehensive assessment and assessment  
161.21 summary when provided by an individual who meets the staffing credentials of section  
161.22 245G.11, subdivisions 1 and 5, and completed according to the requirements of section  
161.23 245G.05. A county is an eligible vendor of care coordination services when provided by an  
161.24 individual who meets the staffing credentials of section 245G.11, subdivisions 1 and 7, and  
161.25 provided according to the requirements of section 245G.07, subdivision 1, paragraph (a),  
161.26 clause (5). A county is an eligible vendor of peer recovery services when the services are  
161.27 provided by an individual who meets the requirements of section 245G.11, subdivision 8.

161.28 (d) A recovery community organization that meets certification requirements identified  
161.29 by the commissioner is an eligible vendor of peer support services.

161.30 (e) Detoxification programs licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6510 to  
161.31 9530.6590, are not eligible vendors. Programs that are not licensed as a residential or  
161.32 nonresidential substance use disorder treatment or withdrawal management program by the

162.1 commissioner or by tribal government or do not meet the requirements of subdivisions 1a  
162.2 and 1b are not eligible vendors.

162.3 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 254B.05, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

162.4 Subd. 5. **Rate requirements.** (a) The commissioner shall establish rates for substance  
162.5 use disorder services and service enhancements funded under this chapter.

162.6 (b) Eligible substance use disorder treatment services include:

162.7 (1) outpatient treatment services that are licensed according to sections 245G.01 to  
162.8 245G.17, or applicable tribal license;

162.9 (2) comprehensive assessments provided according to sections 245.4863, paragraph (a),  
162.10 and 245G.05;

162.11 (3) care coordination services provided according to section 245G.07, subdivision 1,  
162.12 paragraph (a), clause (5);

162.13 (4) peer recovery support services provided according to section 245G.07, subdivision  
162.14 2, clause (8);

162.15 (5) on July 1, 2019, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, withdrawal management  
162.16 services provided according to chapter 245F;

162.17 ~~(6) substance use disorder treatment services with medications for opioid use disorder~~  
162.18 ~~that are licensed according to sections 245G.01 to 245G.17 and 245G.22, or applicable~~  
162.19 ~~tribal license;~~

162.20 ~~(7) substance use disorder treatment with medications for opioid use disorder plus~~  
162.21 ~~enhanced treatment services that meet the requirements of clause (6) and provide nine hours~~  
162.22 ~~of clinical services each week;~~

162.23 ~~(8)~~ (6) high, medium, and low intensity residential treatment services that are licensed  
162.24 according to sections 245G.01 to 245G.17 and 245G.21 or applicable tribal license which  
162.25 provide, respectively, 30, 15, and five hours of clinical services each week;

162.26 ~~(9)~~ (7) hospital-based treatment services that are licensed according to sections 245G.01  
162.27 to 245G.17 or applicable tribal license and licensed as a hospital under sections 144.50 to  
162.28 144.56;

162.29 ~~(10)~~ (8) adolescent treatment programs that are licensed as outpatient treatment programs  
162.30 according to sections 245G.01 to 245G.18 or as residential treatment programs according

163.1 to Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0010 to 2960.0220, and 2960.0430 to 2960.0490, or  
163.2 applicable tribal license;

163.3 ~~(11)~~ (9) high-intensity residential treatment services that are licensed according to sections  
163.4 245G.01 to 245G.17 and 245G.21 or applicable tribal license, which provide 30 hours of  
163.5 clinical services each week provided by a state-operated vendor or to clients who have been  
163.6 civilly committed to the commissioner, present the most complex and difficult care needs,  
163.7 and are a potential threat to the community; and

163.8 ~~(12)~~ (10) room and board facilities that meet the requirements of subdivision 1a.

163.9 (c) The commissioner shall establish higher rates for programs that meet the requirements  
163.10 of paragraph (b) and one of the following additional requirements:

163.11 (1) programs that serve parents with their children if the program:

163.12 (i) provides on-site child care during the hours of treatment activity that:

163.13 (A) is licensed under chapter 245A as a child care center under Minnesota Rules, chapter  
163.14 9503; or

163.15 (B) meets the licensure exclusion criteria of section 245A.03, subdivision 2, paragraph  
163.16 (a), clause (6), and meets the requirements under section 245G.19, subdivision 4; or

163.17 (ii) arranges for off-site child care during hours of treatment activity at a facility that is  
163.18 licensed under chapter 245A as:

163.19 (A) a child care center under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9503; or

163.20 (B) a family child care home under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502;

163.21 (2) culturally specific or culturally responsive programs as defined in section 254B.01,  
163.22 subdivision 4a;

163.23 (3) disability responsive programs as defined in section 254B.01, subdivision 4b;

163.24 (4) programs that offer medical services delivered by appropriately credentialed health  
163.25 care staff in an amount equal to two hours per client per week if the medical needs of the  
163.26 client and the nature and provision of any medical services provided are documented in the  
163.27 client file; or

163.28 (5) programs that offer services to individuals with co-occurring mental health and  
163.29 substance use disorder problems if:

163.30 (i) the program meets the co-occurring requirements in section 245G.20;

164.1 (ii) 25 percent of the counseling staff are licensed mental health professionals under  
164.2 section 245I.04, subdivision 2, or are students or licensing candidates under the supervision  
164.3 of a licensed alcohol and drug counselor supervisor and mental health professional under  
164.4 section 245I.04, subdivision 2, except that no more than 50 percent of the mental health  
164.5 staff may be students or licensing candidates with time documented to be directly related  
164.6 to provisions of co-occurring services;

164.7 (iii) clients scoring positive on a standardized mental health screen receive a mental  
164.8 health diagnostic assessment within ten days of admission;

164.9 (iv) the program has standards for multidisciplinary case review that include a monthly  
164.10 review for each client that, at a minimum, includes a licensed mental health professional  
164.11 and licensed alcohol and drug counselor, and their involvement in the review is documented;

164.12 (v) family education is offered that addresses mental health and substance use disorder  
164.13 and the interaction between the two; and

164.14 (vi) co-occurring counseling staff shall receive eight hours of co-occurring disorder  
164.15 training annually.

164.16 (d) In order to be eligible for a higher rate under paragraph (c), clause (1), a program  
164.17 that provides arrangements for off-site child care must maintain current documentation at  
164.18 the substance use disorder facility of the child care provider's current licensure to provide  
164.19 child care services. Programs that provide child care according to paragraph (c), clause (1),  
164.20 must be deemed in compliance with the licensing requirements in section 245G.19.

164.21 (e) Adolescent residential programs that meet the requirements of Minnesota Rules,  
164.22 parts 2960.0430 to 2960.0490 and 2960.0580 to 2960.0690, are exempt from the requirements  
164.23 in paragraph (c), clause (4), items (i) to (iv).

164.24 (f) Subject to federal approval, substance use disorder services that are otherwise covered  
164.25 as direct face-to-face services may be provided via telehealth as defined in section 256B.0625,  
164.26 subdivision 3b. The use of telehealth to deliver services must be medically appropriate to  
164.27 the condition and needs of the person being served. Reimbursement shall be at the same  
164.28 rates and under the same conditions that would otherwise apply to direct face-to-face services.

164.29 (g) For the purpose of reimbursement under this section, substance use disorder treatment  
164.30 services provided in a group setting without a group participant maximum or maximum  
164.31 client to staff ratio under chapter 245G shall not exceed a client to staff ratio of 48 to one.  
164.32 At least one of the attending staff must meet the qualifications as established under this

165.1 chapter for the type of treatment service provided. A recovery peer may not be included as  
165.2 part of the staff ratio.

165.3 (h) Payment for outpatient substance use disorder services that are licensed according  
165.4 to sections 245G.01 to 245G.17 is limited to six hours per day or 30 hours per week unless  
165.5 prior authorization of a greater number of hours is obtained from the commissioner.

165.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
165.7 whichever is later. The commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal  
165.8 approval is obtained.

165.9 Sec. 11. **[254B.121] RATE METHODOLOGY; SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**  
165.10 **TREATMENT SERVICES WITH MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER.**

165.11 Subdivision 1. **Rates established.** Notwithstanding sections 254B.03, subdivision 9,  
165.12 paragraph (a), clause (2); 254B.05, subdivision 5, paragraph (a); and 254B.12, subdivision  
165.13 1, the commissioner shall use the rates in this section for substance use disorder treatment  
165.14 services with medications for opioid use disorder.

165.15 Subd. 2. **Rate updates.** Effective each January 1, the commissioner must update the  
165.16 rates for substance use disorder treatment services with medications for opioid use disorder  
165.17 that are licensed according to sections 245G.01 to 245G.17 and 245G.22, or applicable  
165.18 Tribal license, to equal the corresponding Minnesota-specific, locality-adjusted Medicare  
165.19 rates for the same or comparable services in the calendar year in which the services are  
165.20 provided. This rate does not apply to federally qualified health centers, rural health centers,  
165.21 Indian health services, and certified community behavioral health centers.

165.22 Subd. 3. **Nondrug weekly bundle annual limit.** No more than 30 weekly nondrug  
165.23 bundle charges are eligible for coverage in the first calendar year that an enrollee is being  
165.24 treated by an opioid treatment provider and no more than 15 weekly nondrug bundle charges  
165.25 are eligible for coverage in subsequent calendar years. The commissioner may override the  
165.26 coverage limitation on the number of weekly nondrug bundle charges for an enrollee if the  
165.27 provider obtains authorization to exceed the limit and documents the medical necessity,  
165.28 services to be provided, and rationale for requiring the enrollee to report to the provider's  
165.29 facility for a face-to-face encounter more frequently.

165.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
165.31 whichever is later. The commissioner shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal  
165.32 approval is obtained.

166.1 Sec. 12. **[254B.17] WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT START-UP AND**  
166.2 **CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS.**

166.3 The commissioner must establish start-up and capacity-building grants for prospective  
166.4 or new withdrawal management programs licensed under chapter 245F that will meet  
166.5 medically monitored or clinically monitored levels of care. Grants may be used for expenses  
166.6 that are not reimbursable under Minnesota health care programs, including but not limited  
166.7 to:

166.8 (1) costs associated with hiring staff;

166.9 (2) costs associated with staff retention;

166.10 (3) the purchase of office equipment and supplies;

166.11 (4) the purchase of software;

166.12 (5) costs associated with obtaining applicable and required licenses;

166.13 (6) business formation costs;

166.14 (7) costs associated with staff training; and

166.15 (8) the purchase of medical equipment and supplies necessary to meet health and safety  
166.16 requirements.

166.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

166.18 Sec. 13. **[254B.18] SAFE RECOVERY SITES START-UP AND**  
166.19 **CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS.**

166.20 (a) The commissioner of human services must establish start-up and capacity-building  
166.21 grants for current or prospective harm reduction organizations to promote health, wellness,  
166.22 safety, and recovery to people who are in active stages of substance use disorder. Grants  
166.23 must be used to establish safe recovery sites that offer harm reduction services and supplies,  
166.24 including but not limited to:

166.25 (1) safe injection spaces;

166.26 (2) sterile needle exchange;

166.27 (3) opiate antagonist rescue kits;

166.28 (4) fentanyl and other drug testing;

166.29 (5) street outreach;

166.30 (6) educational and referral services;

167.1 (7) health, safety, and wellness services; and

167.2 (8) access to hygiene and sanitation.

167.3 (b) The commissioner must conduct local community outreach and engagement in  
167.4 collaboration with newly established safe recovery sites. The commissioner must evaluate  
167.5 the efficacy of safe recovery sites and collect data to measure health-related and public  
167.6 safety outcomes.

167.7 (c) The commissioner must prioritize grant applications for organizations that are  
167.8 culturally specific or culturally responsive and that commit to serving individuals from  
167.9 communities that are disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic, including:

167.10 (1) Native American, American Indian, and Indigenous communities; and

167.11 (2) Black, African American, and African-born communities.

167.12 (d) For purposes of this section, a "culturally specific" or "culturally responsive"  
167.13 organization is an organization that is designed to address the unique needs of individuals  
167.14 who share a common language, racial, ethnic, or social background, and is governed with  
167.15 significant input from individuals of that specific background.

167.16 Sec. 14. [254B.181] SOBER HOMES.

167.17 Subdivision 1. Requirements. All sober homes must comply with applicable state laws  
167.18 and regulations and local ordinances related to maximum occupancy, fire safety, and  
167.19 sanitation. In addition, all sober homes must:

167.20 (1) maintain a supply of an opiate antagonist in the home and post information on proper  
167.21 use;

167.22 (2) have written policies regarding access to all prescribed medications;

167.23 (3) have written policies regarding evictions;

167.24 (4) return all property and medications to a person discharged from the home and retain  
167.25 the items for a minimum of 60 days if the person did not collect them upon discharge. The  
167.26 owner must make an effort to contact persons listed as emergency contacts for the discharged  
167.27 person so that the items are returned;

167.28 (5) document the names and contact information for persons to contact in case of an  
167.29 emergency or upon discharge and notification of a family member, or other emergency  
167.30 contact designated by the resident under certain circumstances, including but not limited to  
167.31 death due to an overdose;

- 168.1 (6) maintain contact information for emergency resources in the community to address  
168.2 mental health and health emergencies;
- 168.3 (7) have policies on staff qualifications and prohibition against fraternization;
- 168.4 (8) have a policy on whether the use of medications for opioid use disorder is permissible;
- 168.5 (9) have a fee schedule and refund policy;
- 168.6 (10) have rules for residents;
- 168.7 (11) have policies that promote resident participation in treatment, self-help groups, or  
168.8 other recovery supports;
- 168.9 (12) have policies requiring abstinence from alcohol and illicit drugs; and
- 168.10 (13) distribute the sober home bill of rights.
- 168.11 Subd. 2. **Bill of rights.** An individual living in a sober home has the right to:
- 168.12 (1) have access to an environment that supports recovery;
- 168.13 (2) have access to an environment that is safe and free from alcohol and other illicit  
168.14 drugs or substances;
- 168.15 (3) be free from physical and verbal abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and all forms  
168.16 of maltreatment covered under the Vulnerable Adults Act, sections 626.557 to 626.5572;
- 168.17 (4) be treated with dignity and respect and to have personal property treated with respect;
- 168.18 (5) have personal, financial, and medical information kept private and to be advised of  
168.19 the sober home's policies and procedures regarding disclosure of such information;
- 168.20 (6) access, while living in the residence, to other community-based support services as  
168.21 needed;
- 168.22 (7) be referred to appropriate services upon leaving the residence, if necessary;
- 168.23 (8) retain personal property that does not jeopardize safety or health;
- 168.24 (9) assert these rights personally or have them asserted by the individual's representative  
168.25 or by anyone on behalf of the individual without retaliation;
- 168.26 (10) be provided with the name, address, and telephone number of the ombudsman for  
168.27 mental health, substance use disorder, and developmental disabilities and information about  
168.28 the right to file a complaint;
- 168.29 (11) be fully informed of these rights and responsibilities, as well as program policies  
168.30 and procedures; and

169.1 (12) not be required to perform services for the residence that are not included in the  
169.2 usual expectations for all residents.

169.3 **Subd. 3. Complaints; ombudsman for mental health and developmental**  
169.4 **disabilities. Any complaints about a sober home may be made to and reviewed or**  
169.5 **investigated by the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities, pursuant**  
169.6 **to sections 245.91 and 245.94.**

169.7 **Subd. 4. Private right of action. In addition to pursuing other remedies, an individual**  
169.8 **may bring an action to recover damages caused by a violation of this section.**

169.9 **Sec. 15. [254B.191] EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING.**

169.10 **The commissioner of human services must establish training opportunities for substance**  
169.11 **use disorder treatment providers under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 245F and 245G, and**  
169.12 **applicable Tribal licenses, to increase knowledge and develop skills to adopt evidence-based**  
169.13 **and promising practices in substance use disorder treatment programs. Training opportunities**  
169.14 **must support the transition to American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) standards.**  
169.15 **Training formats may include self or organizational assessments, virtual modules, one-to-one**  
169.16 **coaching, self-paced courses, interactive hybrid courses, and in-person courses. Foundational**  
169.17 **and skill-building training topics may include:**

169.18 **(1) ASAM criteria;**

169.19 **(2) person-centered and culturally responsive services;**

169.20 **(3) medical and clinical decision making;**

169.21 **(4) conducting assessments and appropriate level of care;**

169.22 **(5) treatment and service planning;**

169.23 **(6) identifying and overcoming systems challenges;**

169.24 **(7) conducting clinical case reviews; and**

169.25 **(8) appropriate and effective transfer and discharge.**

169.26 **Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0759, subdivision 2, is amended to read:**

169.27 **Subd. 2. Provider participation. (a) ~~Outpatient~~ Programs licensed by the Department**  
169.28 **of Human Services as nonresidential substance use disorder treatment providers may elect**  
169.29 **to participate in the demonstration project and meet the requirements of subdivision 3. To**  
169.30 **participate, a provider must notify the commissioner of the provider's intent to participate**

170.1 ~~in a format required by the commissioner and enroll as a demonstration project provider~~  
 170.2 programs that receive payment under this chapter must enroll as demonstration project  
 170.3 providers and meet the requirements of subdivision 3 by January 1, 2025. Programs that do  
 170.4 not meet the requirements of this paragraph are ineligible for payment for services provided  
 170.5 under section 256B.0625.

170.6 (b) Programs licensed by the Department of Human Services as residential treatment  
 170.7 programs according to section 245G.21 that receive payment under this chapter must enroll  
 170.8 as demonstration project providers and meet the requirements of subdivision 3 by January  
 170.9 1, 2024. Programs that do not meet the requirements of this paragraph are ineligible for  
 170.10 payment for services provided under section 256B.0625.

170.11 (c) Programs licensed by the Department of Human Services as residential treatment  
 170.12 programs according to section 245G.21 that receive payment under this chapter and are  
 170.13 licensed as a hospital under sections 144.50 to 144.581 must enroll as demonstration project  
 170.14 providers and meet the requirements of subdivision 3 by January 1, 2025.

170.15 ~~(e)~~ (d) Programs licensed by the Department of Human Services as withdrawal  
 170.16 management programs according to chapter 245F that receive payment under this chapter  
 170.17 must enroll as demonstration project providers and meet the requirements of subdivision 3  
 170.18 by January 1, 2024. Programs that do not meet the requirements of this paragraph are  
 170.19 ineligible for payment for services provided under section 256B.0625.

170.20 ~~(d)~~ (e) Out-of-state residential substance use disorder treatment programs that receive  
 170.21 payment under this chapter must enroll as demonstration project providers and meet the  
 170.22 requirements of subdivision 3 by January 1, 2024. Programs that do not meet the requirements  
 170.23 of this paragraph are ineligible for payment for services provided under section 256B.0625.

170.24 ~~(e)~~ (f) Tribally licensed programs may elect to participate in the demonstration project  
 170.25 and meet the requirements of subdivision 3. The Department of Human Services must  
 170.26 consult with Tribal nations to discuss participation in the substance use disorder  
 170.27 demonstration project.

170.28 ~~(f)~~ (g) The commissioner shall allow providers enrolled in the demonstration project  
 170.29 before July 1, 2021, to receive applicable rate enhancements authorized under subdivision  
 170.30 4 for all services provided on or after the date of enrollment, except that the commissioner  
 170.31 shall allow a provider to receive applicable rate enhancements authorized under subdivision  
 170.32 4 for services provided on or after July 22, 2020, to fee-for-service enrollees, and on or after  
 170.33 January 1, 2021, to managed care enrollees, if the provider meets all of the following  
 170.34 requirements:

171.1 (1) the provider attests that during the time period for which the provider is seeking the  
171.2 rate enhancement, the provider took meaningful steps in their plan approved by the  
171.3 commissioner to meet the demonstration project requirements in subdivision 3; and

171.4 (2) the provider submits attestation and evidence, including all information requested  
171.5 by the commissioner, of meeting the requirements of subdivision 3 to the commissioner in  
171.6 a format required by the commissioner.

171.7 ~~(g)~~ (h) The commissioner may recoup any rate enhancements paid under paragraph ~~(f)~~  
171.8 (g) to a provider that does not meet the requirements of subdivision 3 by July 1, 2021.

171.9 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.05, is amended by adding a subdivision  
171.10 to read:

171.11 Subd. 1s. **Supplemental rate; Douglas County.** Notwithstanding the provisions of  
171.12 subdivisions 1a and 1c, beginning July 1, 2023, a county agency shall negotiate a  
171.13 supplementary rate in addition to the rate specified in subdivision 1, not to exceed \$750 per  
171.14 month, including any legislatively authorized inflationary adjustments, for a housing support  
171.15 provider located in Douglas County that operates a long-term residential facility with a total  
171.16 of 74 beds that serve chemically dependent men and provide 24-hour-a-day supervision  
171.17 and other support services.

171.18 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.05, is amended by adding a subdivision  
171.19 to read:

171.20 Subd. 1t. **Supplemental rate; Crow Wing County.** Notwithstanding the provisions of  
171.21 subdivisions 1a and 1c, beginning July 1, 2023, a county agency shall negotiate a  
171.22 supplementary rate in addition to the rate specified in subdivision 1, not to exceed \$750 per  
171.23 month, including any legislatively authorized inflationary adjustments, for a housing support  
171.24 provider located in Crow Wing County that operates a long-term residential facility with a  
171.25 total of 90 beds that serves chemically dependent men and women and provides  
171.26 24-hour-a-day supervision and other support services.

171.27 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.05, is amended by adding a subdivision  
171.28 to read:

171.29 Subd. 1u. **Supplemental rate; Douglas County.** Notwithstanding the provisions in this  
171.30 section, beginning July 1, 2023, a county agency shall negotiate a supplemental rate for up  
171.31 to 20 beds in addition to the rate specified in subdivision 1, not to exceed the maximum rate  
171.32 allowed under subdivision 1a, including any legislatively authorized inflationary adjustments,

172.1 for a housing support provider located in Douglas County that operates two facilities and  
172.2 provides room and board and supplementary services to adult males recovering from  
172.3 substance use disorder, mental illness, or housing instability.

172.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

172.5 Sec. 20. **[325F.725] SOBER HOME TITLE PROTECTION.**

172.6 No person or entity may use the phrase "sober home," whether alone or in combination  
172.7 with other words and whether orally or in writing, to advertise, market, or otherwise describe,  
172.8 offer, or promote itself, or any housing, service, service package, or program that it provides  
172.9 within this state, unless the person or entity meets the definition of a sober home in section  
172.10 254B.01, subdivision 10, and meets the requirements of section 254B.181.

172.11 Sec. 21. **CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE RECOVERY COMMUNITY GRANTS.**

172.12 The commissioner must establish start-up and capacity-building grants for prospective  
172.13 or new recovery community organizations serving or intending to serve culturally specific  
172.14 or population-specific recovery communities. Grants may be used for expenses that are not  
172.15 reimbursable under Minnesota health care programs, including but not limited to:

172.16 (1) costs associated with hiring and retaining staff;

172.17 (2) staff training, purchasing office equipment and supplies;

172.18 (3) purchasing software and website services;

172.19 (4) costs associated with establishing nonprofit status;

172.20 (5) rental and lease costs and community outreach; and

172.21 (6) education and recovery events.

172.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

172.23 Sec. 22. **FAMILY TREATMENT START-UP AND CAPACITY-BUILDING**  
172.24 **GRANTS.**

172.25 The commissioner of human services must establish start-up and capacity-building grants  
172.26 for prospective or new substance use disorder treatment programs that serve parents with  
172.27 their children. Grants must be used for expenses that are not reimbursable under Minnesota  
172.28 health care programs, including but not limited to:

172.29 (1) physical plant upgrades to support larger family units;

173.1 (2) supporting the expansion or development of programs that provide holistic services,  
173.2 including trauma supports, conflict resolution, and parenting skills;

173.3 (3) increasing awareness, education, and outreach utilizing culturally responsive  
173.4 approaches to develop relationships between culturally specific communities and clinical  
173.5 treatment provider programs; and

173.6 (4) expanding culturally specific family programs and accommodating diverse family  
173.7 units.

173.8 **Sec. 23. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM**  
173.9 **TRANSFORMATION STUDY.**

173.10 The commissioner of human services, in consultation with stakeholders, must evaluate  
173.11 the feasibility, potential design, and federal authorities needed to cover traditional healing,  
173.12 behavioral health services in correctional facilities, and contingency management under the  
173.13 medical assistance program.

173.14 **Sec. 24. OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM WORK GROUP.**

173.15 The commissioner of human services must convene a work group of community partners  
173.16 to evaluate the opioid treatment program model under Minnesota Statutes, section 245G.22,  
173.17 and to make recommendations on overall service design; simplification or improvement of  
173.18 regulatory oversight; increasing access to opioid treatment programs and improving the  
173.19 quality of care; addressing geographic, racial, and justice-related disparities for individuals  
173.20 who utilize or may benefit from medications for opioid use disorder; and other related topics,  
173.21 as determined by the work group. The commissioner must report the work group's  
173.22 recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
173.23 with jurisdiction over health and human services by January 15, 2024.

173.24 **Sec. 25. ENROLLMENT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PEER RECOVERY**  
173.25 **SUPPORT SERVICES VENDORS.**

173.26 The commissioner of human services must consult with providers, counties, Tribes,  
173.27 recovery community organizations, and the recovery community at large to develop  
173.28 recommendations on whether entities seeking vendor eligibility for medical assistance peer  
173.29 recovery support services should be subject to additional provider enrollment and oversight  
173.30 requirements. The commissioner must submit recommendations to the chairs and ranking  
173.31 minority members of the committees with jurisdiction over health and human services by  
173.32 February 1, 2024. Recommendations must include the additional requirements that may be

174.1 needed and specify which entities would be subject to the additional requirements.  
174.2 Recommendations must balance the goals of fostering cultures of accountability, applying  
174.3 supportive supervision models, and increasing access to high-quality, culturally responsive  
174.4 medical assistance peer recovery support services.

174.5 Sec. 26. **SOBER HOME SCAN.**

174.6 The commissioner of human services shall conduct a survey to identify sober home  
174.7 settings across the state and to collect information about the services they provide, their  
174.8 funding sources, whether they specialize in serving specific populations, and other  
174.9 information needed to inform policies to strengthen sober housing in the state. The  
174.10 commissioner must collaborate with the Minnesota Association of Sober Homes, sober  
174.11 home operators, the recovery community, behavioral health providers that work directly  
174.12 with sober housing, and recovery community organizations to provide input and data for  
174.13 this survey.

174.14 Sec. 27. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

174.15 The revisor of statutes shall renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 245G.01, subdivision  
174.16 20b, as Minnesota Statutes, section 245G.01, subdivision 20d, and make any necessary  
174.17 changes to cross-references.

174.18 Sec. 28. **REPEALER.**

174.19 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 245G.05, subdivision 2; 245G.06, subdivision 2;  
174.20 and 256B.0759, subdivision 6, are repealed.

174.21 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.18, subdivisions 2 and 2a, are repealed.

174.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective January 1, 2024. Paragraph (b) is  
174.23 effective July 1, 2023.

174.24 **ARTICLE 5**

174.25 **OPIOID EPIDEMIC RESPONSE AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION**

174.26 Section 1. **[121A.224] OPIATE ANTAGONISTS.**

174.27 (a) A school district or charter school must maintain a supply of opiate antagonists, as  
174.28 defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1, at each school site to be administered in  
174.29 compliance with section 151.37, subdivision 12.

175.1 (b) Each school building must have at least two doses of a nasal opiate antagonist  
175.2 available on site.

175.3 (c) The commissioner of health shall identify resources, including at least one training  
175.4 video, to help schools implement an opiate antagonist emergency response and make the  
175.5 resources available for schools.

175.6 (d) A school board may adopt a model plan for use, storage, and administration of opiate  
175.7 antagonists.

175.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

175.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 241.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

175.10 Subdivision 1. **Correctional facilities; inspection; licensing.** (a) Except as provided  
175.11 in paragraph (b), the commissioner of corrections shall inspect and license all correctional  
175.12 facilities throughout the state, whether public or private, established and operated for the  
175.13 detention and confinement of persons confined or incarcerated therein according to law  
175.14 except to the extent that they are inspected or licensed by other state regulating agencies.  
175.15 The commissioner shall promulgate pursuant to chapter 14, rules establishing minimum  
175.16 standards for these facilities with respect to their management, operation, physical condition,  
175.17 and the security, safety, health, treatment, and discipline of persons confined or incarcerated  
175.18 therein. These minimum standards shall include but are not limited to specific guidance  
175.19 pertaining to:

175.20 (1) screening, appraisal, assessment, and treatment for persons confined or incarcerated  
175.21 in correctional facilities with mental illness or substance use disorders;

175.22 (2) a policy on the involuntary administration of medications;

175.23 (3) suicide prevention plans and training;

175.24 (4) verification of medications in a timely manner;

175.25 (5) well-being checks;

175.26 (6) discharge planning, including providing prescribed medications to persons confined  
175.27 or incarcerated in correctional facilities upon release;

175.28 (7) a policy on referrals or transfers to medical or mental health care in a noncorrectional  
175.29 institution;

175.30 (8) use of segregation and mental health checks;

175.31 (9) critical incident debriefings;

176.1 (10) clinical management of substance use disorders and opioid overdose emergency  
176.2 procedures;

176.3 (11) a policy regarding identification of persons with special needs confined or  
176.4 incarcerated in correctional facilities;

176.5 (12) a policy regarding the use of telehealth;

176.6 (13) self-auditing of compliance with minimum standards;

176.7 (14) information sharing with medical personnel and when medical assessment must be  
176.8 facilitated;

176.9 (15) a code of conduct policy for facility staff and annual training;

176.10 (16) a policy on death review of all circumstances surrounding the death of an individual  
176.11 committed to the custody of the facility; and

176.12 (17) dissemination of a rights statement made available to persons confined or  
176.13 incarcerated in licensed correctional facilities.

176.14 No individual, corporation, partnership, voluntary association, or other private  
176.15 organization legally responsible for the operation of a correctional facility may operate the  
176.16 facility unless it possesses a current license from the commissioner of corrections. Private  
176.17 adult correctional facilities shall have the authority of section 624.714, subdivision 13, if  
176.18 the Department of Corrections licenses the facility with the authority and the facility meets  
176.19 requirements of section 243.52.

176.20 The commissioner shall review the correctional facilities described in this subdivision  
176.21 at least once every two years, except as otherwise provided, to determine compliance with  
176.22 the minimum standards established according to this subdivision or other Minnesota statute  
176.23 related to minimum standards and conditions of confinement.

176.24 The commissioner shall grant a license to any facility found to conform to minimum  
176.25 standards or to any facility which, in the commissioner's judgment, is making satisfactory  
176.26 progress toward substantial conformity and the standards not being met do not impact the  
176.27 interests and well-being of the persons confined or incarcerated in the facility. A limited  
176.28 license under subdivision 1a may be issued for purposes of effectuating a facility closure.  
176.29 The commissioner may grant licensure up to two years. Unless otherwise specified by  
176.30 statute, all licenses issued under this chapter expire at 12:01 a.m. on the day after the  
176.31 expiration date stated on the license.

177.1 The commissioner shall have access to the buildings, grounds, books, records, staff, and  
177.2 to persons confined or incarcerated in these facilities. The commissioner may require the  
177.3 officers in charge of these facilities to furnish all information and statistics the commissioner  
177.4 deems necessary, at a time and place designated by the commissioner.

177.5 All facility administrators of correctional facilities are required to report all deaths of  
177.6 individuals who died while committed to the custody of the facility, regardless of whether  
177.7 the death occurred at the facility or after removal from the facility for medical care stemming  
177.8 from an incident or need for medical care at the correctional facility, as soon as practicable,  
177.9 but no later than 24 hours of receiving knowledge of the death, including any demographic  
177.10 information as required by the commissioner.

177.11 All facility administrators of correctional facilities are required to report all other  
177.12 emergency or unusual occurrences as defined by rule, including uses of force by facility  
177.13 staff that result in substantial bodily harm or suicide attempts, to the commissioner of  
177.14 corrections within ten days from the occurrence, including any demographic information  
177.15 as required by the commissioner. The commissioner of corrections shall consult with the  
177.16 Minnesota Sheriffs' Association and a representative from the Minnesota Association of  
177.17 Community Corrections Act Counties who is responsible for the operations of an adult  
177.18 correctional facility to define "use of force" that results in substantial bodily harm for  
177.19 reporting purposes.

177.20 The commissioner may require that any or all such information be provided through the  
177.21 Department of Corrections detention information system. The commissioner shall post each  
177.22 inspection report publicly and on the department's website within 30 days of completing  
177.23 the inspection. The education program offered in a correctional facility for the confinement  
177.24 or incarceration of juvenile offenders must be approved by the commissioner of education  
177.25 before the commissioner of corrections may grant a license to the facility.

177.26 (b) For juvenile facilities licensed by the commissioner of human services, the  
177.27 commissioner may inspect and certify programs based on certification standards set forth  
177.28 in Minnesota Rules. For the purpose of this paragraph, "certification" has the meaning given  
177.29 it in section 245A.02.

177.30 (c) Any state agency which regulates, inspects, or licenses certain aspects of correctional  
177.31 facilities shall, insofar as is possible, ensure that the minimum standards it requires are  
177.32 substantially the same as those required by other state agencies which regulate, inspect, or  
177.33 license the same aspects of similar types of correctional facilities, although at different  
177.34 correctional facilities.

178.1 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the commissioner of corrections'  
178.2 authority to promulgate rules establishing standards of eligibility for counties to receive  
178.3 funds under sections 401.01 to 401.16, or to require counties to comply with operating  
178.4 standards the commissioner establishes as a condition precedent for counties to receive that  
178.5 funding.

178.6 (e) The department's inspection unit must report directly to a division head outside of  
178.7 the correctional institutions division.

178.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 241.31, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

178.9 Subd. 5. **Minimum standards.** The commissioner of corrections shall establish minimum  
178.10 standards for the size, area to be served, qualifications of staff, ratio of staff to client  
178.11 population, and treatment programs for community corrections programs established pursuant  
178.12 to this section. Plans and specifications for such programs, including proposed budgets must  
178.13 first be submitted to the commissioner for approval prior to the establishment. Community  
178.14 corrections programs must maintain a supply of opiate antagonists, as defined in section  
178.15 604A.04, subdivision 1, at each correctional site to be administered in compliance with  
178.16 section 151.37, subdivision 12. Each site must have at least two doses of an opiate antagonist  
178.17 on site. Staff must be trained on how and when to administer opiate antagonists.

178.18 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 241.415, is amended to read:

178.19 **241.415 RELEASE PLANS; SUBSTANCE ABUSE.**

178.20 The commissioner shall cooperate with community-based corrections agencies to  
178.21 determine how best to address the substance abuse treatment needs of offenders who are  
178.22 being released from prison. The commissioner shall ensure that an offender's prison release  
178.23 plan adequately addresses the offender's needs for substance abuse assessment, treatment,  
178.24 or other services following release, within the limits of available resources. The commissioner  
178.25 must provide individuals with known or stated histories of opioid use disorder with  
178.26 emergency opiate antagonist rescue kits upon release.

178.27 Sec. 5. **[245.891] OPIOID OVERDOSE SURGE ALERT SYSTEM.**

178.28 The commissioner must establish a voluntary, statewide opioid overdose surge text  
178.29 message alert system, to prevent opioid overdose by cautioning people to refrain from  
178.30 substance use or to use harm reduction strategies when there is an overdose surge in their  
178.31 surrounding area. The alert system may include other forms of electronic alerts. The

179.1 commissioner may collaborate with local agencies, other state agencies, and harm reduction  
179.2 organizations to promote and improve the surge alert system.

179.3 Sec. 6. [245A.242] EMERGENCY OVERDOSE TREATMENT.

179.4 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** This section applies to the following licenses issued under  
179.5 this chapter:

179.6 (1) substance use disorder treatment programs licensed according to chapter 245G;

179.7 (2) children's residential facility substance use disorder treatment programs licensed  
179.8 according to Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0010 to 2960.0220 and 2960.0430 to 2960.0490;

179.9 (3) detoxification programs licensed according to Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6510 to  
179.10 9530.6590;

179.11 (4) withdrawal management programs licensed according to chapter 245F; and

179.12 (5) intensive residential treatment services or residential crisis stabilization licensed  
179.13 according to chapter 245I and section 245I.23.

179.14 Subd. 2. **Emergency overdose treatment.** A license holder must maintain a supply of  
179.15 opiate antagonists as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1, available for emergency  
179.16 treatment of opioid overdose and must have a written standing order protocol by a physician  
179.17 who is licensed under chapter 147, advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed under  
179.18 chapter 148, or physician assistant who is licensed under chapter 147A, that permits the  
179.19 license holder to maintain a supply of opiate antagonists on site. A license holder must  
179.20 require staff to undergo training in the specific mode of administration used at the program,  
179.21 which may include intranasal administration, intramuscular injection, or both.

179.22 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245G.08, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

179.23 Subd. 3. ~~Standing order protocol~~ **Emergency overdose treatment.** A license holder  
179.24 that maintains a supply of naloxone available for emergency treatment of opioid overdose  
179.25 must have a written standing order protocol by a physician who is licensed under chapter  
179.26 147, advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed under chapter 148, or physician  
179.27 assistant who is licensed under chapter 147A, that permits the license holder to maintain a  
179.28 supply of naloxone on site. A license holder must require staff to undergo training in the  
179.29 specific mode of administration used at the program, which may include intranasal  
179.30 administration, intramuscular injection, or both. must follow the emergency overdose  
179.31 treatment requirements in section 245A.242.

180.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.042, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

180.2 Subdivision 1. **Establishment of the advisory council.** (a) The Opiate Epidemic  
180.3 Response Advisory Council is established to develop and implement a comprehensive and  
180.4 effective statewide effort to address the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic in Minnesota.

180.5 The council shall focus on:

180.6 (1) prevention and education, including public education and awareness for adults and  
180.7 youth, prescriber education, the development and sustainability of opioid overdose prevention  
180.8 and education programs, the role of adult protective services in prevention and response,  
180.9 and providing financial support to local law enforcement agencies for opiate antagonist  
180.10 programs;

180.11 (2) training on the treatment of opioid addiction, including the use of all Food and Drug  
180.12 Administration approved opioid addiction medications, detoxification, relapse prevention,  
180.13 patient assessment, individual treatment planning, counseling, recovery supports, diversion  
180.14 control, and other best practices;

180.15 (3) the expansion and enhancement of a continuum of care for opioid-related substance  
180.16 use disorders, including primary prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery, and  
180.17 aftercare services; and

180.18 (4) the development of measures to assess and protect the ability of cancer patients and  
180.19 survivors, persons battling life-threatening illnesses, persons suffering from severe chronic  
180.20 pain, and persons at the end stages of life, who legitimately need prescription pain  
180.21 medications, to maintain their quality of life by accessing these pain medications without  
180.22 facing unnecessary barriers. The measures must also address the needs of individuals  
180.23 described in this clause who are elderly or who reside in underserved or rural areas of the  
180.24 state.

180.25 (b) The council shall:

180.26 (1) review local, state, and federal initiatives and activities related to education,  
180.27 prevention, treatment, and services for individuals and families experiencing and affected  
180.28 by opioid use disorder;

180.29 (2) establish priorities to address the state's opioid epidemic, for the purpose of  
180.30 recommending initiatives to fund;

180.31 (3) recommend to the commissioner of human services specific projects and initiatives  
180.32 to be funded;

181.1 (4) ensure that available funding is allocated to align with other state and federal funding,  
181.2 to achieve the greatest impact and ensure a coordinated state effort;

181.3 (5) consult with the commissioners of human services, health, and management and  
181.4 budget to develop measurable outcomes to determine the effectiveness of funds allocated;

181.5 (6) develop recommendations for an administrative and organizational framework for  
181.6 the allocation, on a sustainable and ongoing basis, of any money deposited into the separate  
181.7 account under section 16A.151, subdivision 2, paragraph (f), in order to address the opioid  
181.8 abuse and overdose epidemic in Minnesota and the areas of focus specified in paragraph  
181.9 (a);

181.10 (7) review reports, data, and performance measures submitted by municipalities under  
181.11 subdivision 5; ~~and~~

181.12 (8) consult with relevant stakeholders, including lead agencies and municipalities, to  
181.13 review and provide recommendations for necessary revisions to the reporting requirements  
181.14 under subdivision 5 to ensure that the required reporting accurately measures progress in  
181.15 addressing the harms of the opioid epidemic; and

181.16 (9) meet with each of the 11 federally recognized Minnesota Tribal Nations individually  
181.17 on an annual basis in order to collaborate and communicate on shared issues and priorities.

181.18 (c) The council, in consultation with the commissioner of management and budget, and  
181.19 within available appropriations, shall select from projects awarded grants under section  
181.20 256.043, subdivisions 3 and 3a, and municipality projects funded by direct payments received  
181.21 as part of a statewide opioid settlement agreement, that include promising practices or  
181.22 theory-based activities for which the commissioner of management and budget shall conduct  
181.23 evaluations using experimental or quasi-experimental design. Grant proposals and  
181.24 municipality projects that include promising practices or theory-based activities and are  
181.25 selected for an evaluation shall be administered to support the experimental or  
181.26 quasi-experimental evaluation. Grantees and municipalities shall collect and report  
181.27 information that is needed to complete the evaluation. The commissioner of management  
181.28 and budget, under section 15.08, may obtain additional relevant data to support the  
181.29 experimental or quasi-experimental evaluation studies.

181.30 (d) The council, in consultation with the commissioners of human services, health, public  
181.31 safety, and management and budget, shall establish goals related to addressing the opioid  
181.32 epidemic and determine a baseline against which progress shall be monitored and set  
181.33 measurable outcomes, including benchmarks. The goals established must include goals for  
181.34 prevention and public health, access to treatment, and multigenerational impacts. The council

182.1 shall use existing measures and data collection systems to determine baseline data against  
182.2 which progress shall be measured. The council shall include the proposed goals, the  
182.3 measurable outcomes, and proposed benchmarks to meet these goals in its initial report to  
182.4 the legislature under subdivision 5, paragraph (a), due January 31, 2021.

182.5 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.042, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

182.6 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The council shall consist of the following ~~19~~ 20 voting  
182.7 members, appointed by the commissioner of human services except as otherwise specified,  
182.8 and three nonvoting members:

182.9 (1) two members of the house of representatives, appointed in the following sequence:  
182.10 the first from the majority party appointed by the speaker of the house and the second from  
182.11 the minority party appointed by the minority leader. Of these two members, one member  
182.12 must represent a district outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, and one member  
182.13 must represent a district that includes the seven-county metropolitan area. The appointment  
182.14 by the minority leader must ensure that this requirement for geographic diversity in  
182.15 appointments is met;

182.16 (2) two members of the senate, appointed in the following sequence: the first from the  
182.17 majority party appointed by the senate majority leader and the second from the minority  
182.18 party appointed by the senate minority leader. Of these two members, one member must  
182.19 represent a district outside of the seven-county metropolitan area and one member must  
182.20 represent a district that includes the seven-county metropolitan area. The appointment by  
182.21 the minority leader must ensure that this requirement for geographic diversity in appointments  
182.22 is met;

182.23 (3) one member appointed by the Board of Pharmacy;

182.24 (4) one member who is a physician appointed by the Minnesota Medical Association;

182.25 (5) one member representing opioid treatment programs, sober living programs, or  
182.26 substance use disorder programs licensed under chapter 245G;

182.27 (6) one member appointed by the Minnesota Society of Addiction Medicine who is an  
182.28 addiction psychiatrist;

182.29 (7) one member representing professionals providing alternative pain management  
182.30 therapies, including, but not limited to, acupuncture, chiropractic, or massage therapy;

182.31 (8) one member representing nonprofit organizations conducting initiatives to address  
182.32 the opioid epidemic, with the commissioner's initial appointment being a member

183.1 representing the Steve Rummeler Hope Network, and subsequent appointments representing  
183.2 this or other organizations;

183.3 (9) one member appointed by the Minnesota Ambulance Association who is serving  
183.4 with an ambulance service as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency  
183.5 medical technician, or paramedic;

183.6 (10) one member representing the Minnesota courts who is a judge or law enforcement  
183.7 officer;

183.8 (11) one public member who is a Minnesota resident and who is in opioid addiction  
183.9 recovery;

183.10 (12) two members representing Indian tribes, one representing the Ojibwe tribes and  
183.11 one representing the Dakota tribes;

183.12 (13) one member representing an urban American Indian community;

183.13 ~~(13)~~ (14) one public member who is a Minnesota resident and who is suffering from  
183.14 chronic pain, intractable pain, or a rare disease or condition;

183.15 ~~(14)~~ (15) one mental health advocate representing persons with mental illness;

183.16 ~~(15)~~ (16) one member appointed by the Minnesota Hospital Association;

183.17 ~~(16)~~ (17) one member representing a local health department; and

183.18 ~~(17)~~ (18) the commissioners of human services, health, and corrections, or their designees,  
183.19 who shall be ex officio nonvoting members of the council.

183.20 (b) The commissioner of human services shall coordinate the commissioner's  
183.21 appointments to provide geographic, racial, and gender diversity, and shall ensure that at  
183.22 least ~~one-half~~ one-third of council members appointed by the commissioner reside outside  
183.23 of the seven-county metropolitan area. Of the members appointed by the commissioner, to  
183.24 the extent practicable, at least one member must represent a community of color  
183.25 disproportionately affected by the opioid epidemic.

183.26 (c) The council is governed by section 15.059, except that members of the council shall  
183.27 serve three-year terms and shall receive no compensation other than reimbursement for  
183.28 expenses. Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 6, the council shall not expire.

183.29 (d) The chair shall convene the council at least quarterly, and may convene other meetings  
183.30 as necessary. The chair shall convene meetings at different locations in the state to provide  
183.31 geographic access, and shall ensure that at least one-half of the meetings are held at locations  
183.32 outside of the seven-county metropolitan area.

184.1 (e) The commissioner of human services shall provide staff and administrative services  
184.2 for the advisory council.

184.3 (f) The council is subject to chapter 13D.

184.4 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.043, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

184.5 Subd. 3. **Appropriations from registration and license fee account.** (a) The  
184.6 appropriations in paragraphs (b) to ~~(h)~~ (n) shall be made from the registration and license  
184.7 fee account on a fiscal year basis in the order specified.

184.8 (b) The appropriations specified in Laws 2019, chapter 63, article 3, section 1, paragraphs  
184.9 (b), (f), (g), and (h), as amended by Laws 2020, chapter 115, article 3, section 35, shall be  
184.10 made accordingly.

184.11 (c) \$100,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for grants for opiate  
184.12 antagonist distribution. Grantees may utilize funds for opioid overdose prevention,  
184.13 community asset mapping, education, and opiate antagonist distribution.

184.14 (d) \$2,000,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for grants to Tribal  
184.15 nations and five urban Indian communities for traditional healing practices for American  
184.16 Indians and to increase the capacity of culturally specific providers in the behavioral health  
184.17 workforce.

184.18 (e) \$400,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for competitive  
184.19 grants for opioid-focused Project ECHO programs.

184.20 (f) \$277,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$321,000 each year thereafter is appropriated to the  
184.21 commissioner of human services to administer the funding distribution and reporting  
184.22 requirements in paragraph (o).

184.23 (g) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 and \$3,000,000 each year thereafter is appropriated  
184.24 to the commissioner of human services for safe recovery sites start-up and capacity building  
184.25 grants under section 254B.18.

184.26 (h) \$395,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$415,000 each year thereafter is appropriated to  
184.27 the commissioner of human services for the opioid overdose surge alert system under section  
184.28 245.891.

184.29 ~~(e)~~ (i) \$300,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of management and budget for  
184.30 evaluation activities under section 256.042, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

185.1 ~~(d)~~ (j) \$249,000- \$261,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for  
 185.2 the provision of administrative services to the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council  
 185.3 and for the administration of the grants awarded under paragraph ~~(h)~~ (n).

185.4 ~~(e)~~ (k) \$126,000 is appropriated to the Board of Pharmacy for the collection of the  
 185.5 registration fees under section 151.066.

185.6 ~~(f)~~ (l) \$672,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for the Bureau of  
 185.7 Criminal Apprehension. Of this amount, \$384,000 is for drug scientists and lab supplies  
 185.8 and \$288,000 is for special agent positions focused on drug interdiction and drug trafficking.

185.9 ~~(g)~~ (m) After the appropriations in paragraphs (b) to ~~(f)~~ (l) are made, 50 percent of the  
 185.10 remaining amount is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for distribution  
 185.11 to county social service agencies and Tribal social service agency initiative projects  
 185.12 authorized under section 256.01, subdivision 14b, to provide child protection services to  
 185.13 children and families who are affected by addiction. The commissioner shall distribute this  
 185.14 money proportionally to county social service agencies and Tribal social service agency  
 185.15 initiative projects based on out-of-home placement episodes where parental drug abuse is  
 185.16 the primary reason for the out-of-home placement using data from the previous calendar  
 185.17 year. County social service agencies and Tribal social service agency initiative projects  
 185.18 receiving funds from the opiate epidemic response fund must annually report to the  
 185.19 commissioner on how the funds were used to provide child protection services, including  
 185.20 measurable outcomes, as determined by the commissioner. County social service agencies  
 185.21 and Tribal social service agency initiative projects must not use funds received under this  
 185.22 paragraph to supplant current state or local funding received for child protection services  
 185.23 for children and families who are affected by addiction.

185.24 ~~(h)~~ (n) After the appropriations in paragraphs (b) to ~~(g)~~ (m) are made, the remaining  
 185.25 amount in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of human services to award  
 185.26 grants as specified by the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council in accordance with  
 185.27 section 256.042, unless otherwise appropriated by the legislature.

185.28 ~~(i)~~ (o) Beginning in fiscal year 2022 and each year thereafter, funds for county social  
 185.29 service agencies and Tribal social service agency initiative projects under paragraph ~~(g)~~  
 185.30 (m) and grant funds specified by the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council under  
 185.31 paragraph ~~(h)~~ (n) may be distributed on a calendar year basis.

185.32 (p) Notwithstanding section 16A.28, subdivision 3, funds appropriated in paragraphs  
 185.33 (c), (d), (e), (g), (m), and (n) are available for three years after the funds are appropriated.

185.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

186.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.043, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

186.2 Subd. 3a. **Appropriations from settlement account.** (a) The appropriations in paragraphs  
186.3 (b) to (e) shall be made from the settlement account on a fiscal year basis in the order  
186.4 specified.

186.5 (b) If the balance in the registration and license fee account is not sufficient to fully fund  
186.6 the appropriations specified in subdivision 3, paragraphs (b) to ~~(f)~~ (l), an amount necessary  
186.7 to meet any insufficiency shall be transferred from the settlement account to the registration  
186.8 and license fee account to fully fund the required appropriations.

186.9 (c) \$209,000 in fiscal year 2023 and \$239,000 in fiscal year 2024 and subsequent fiscal  
186.10 years are appropriated to the commissioner of human services for the administration of  
186.11 grants awarded under paragraph (e). \$276,000 in fiscal year 2023 and \$151,000 in fiscal  
186.12 year 2024 and subsequent fiscal years are appropriated to the commissioner of human  
186.13 services to collect, collate, and report data submitted and to monitor compliance with  
186.14 reporting and settlement expenditure requirements by grantees awarded grants under this  
186.15 section and municipalities receiving direct payments from a statewide opioid settlement  
186.16 agreement as defined in section 256.042, subdivision 6.

186.17 (d) After any appropriations necessary under paragraphs (b) and (c) are made, an amount  
186.18 equal to the calendar year allocation to Tribal social service agency initiative projects under  
186.19 subdivision 3, paragraph ~~(g)~~ (m), is appropriated from the settlement account to the  
186.20 commissioner of human services for distribution to Tribal social service agency initiative  
186.21 projects to provide child protection services to children and families who are affected by  
186.22 addiction. The requirements related to proportional distribution, annual reporting, and  
186.23 maintenance of effort specified in subdivision 3, paragraph ~~(g)~~ (m), also apply to the  
186.24 appropriations made under this paragraph.

186.25 (e) After making the appropriations in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), the remaining amount  
186.26 in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of human services to award grants as  
186.27 specified by the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council in accordance with section  
186.28 256.042.

186.29 (f) Funds for Tribal social service agency initiative projects under paragraph (d) and  
186.30 grant funds specified by the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council under paragraph  
186.31 (e) may be distributed on a calendar year basis.

186.32 (g) Notwithstanding section 16A.28, subdivision 3, funds appropriated in paragraphs  
186.33 (d) and (e) are available for three years after the funds are appropriated.

187.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

187.2 Sec. 12. **[256L.052] OPIATE ANTAGONISTS.**

187.3 (a) Site-based or group housing support settings must maintain a supply of opiate  
187.4 antagonists as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1, at each housing site to be  
187.5 administered in compliance with section 151.37, subdivision 12.

187.6 (b) Each site must have at least two doses of an opiate antagonist on site.

187.7 (c) Staff on site must have training on how and when to administer opiate antagonists.

187.8 Sec. 13. Laws 2019, chapter 63, article 3, section 1, as amended by Laws 2020, chapter  
187.9 115, article 3, section 35, and Laws 2022, chapter 53, section 12, is amended to read:

187.10 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

187.11 (a) **Board of Pharmacy; administration.** \$244,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated  
187.12 from the general fund to the Board of Pharmacy for onetime information technology and  
187.13 operating costs for administration of licensing activities under Minnesota Statutes, section  
187.14 151.066. This is a onetime appropriation.

187.15 (b) **Commissioner of human services; administration.** \$309,000 in fiscal year 2020  
187.16 is appropriated from the general fund and \$60,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from  
187.17 the opiate epidemic response fund to the commissioner of human services for the provision  
187.18 of administrative services to the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council and for the  
187.19 administration of the grants awarded under paragraphs (f), (g), and (h). The opiate epidemic  
187.20 response fund base for this appropriation is \$60,000 in fiscal year 2022, \$60,000 in fiscal  
187.21 year 2023, \$60,000 in fiscal year 2024, and \$0 in fiscal year 2025 .

187.22 (c) **Board of Pharmacy; administration.** \$126,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated  
187.23 from the general fund to the Board of Pharmacy for the collection of the registration fees  
187.24 under section 151.066.

187.25 (d) **Commissioner of public safety; enforcement activities.** \$672,000 in fiscal year  
187.26 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for the  
187.27 Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Of this amount, \$384,000 is for drug scientists and lab  
187.28 supplies and \$288,000 is for special agent positions focused on drug interdiction and drug  
187.29 trafficking.

187.30 (e) **Commissioner of management and budget; evaluation activities.** \$300,000 in  
187.31 fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2021 is

188.1 appropriated from the opiate epidemic response fund to the commissioner of management  
188.2 and budget for evaluation activities under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.042, subdivision  
188.3 1, paragraph (c).

188.4 (f) **Commissioner of human services; grants for Project ECHO.** \$400,000 in fiscal  
188.5 year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2021 is  
188.6 appropriated from the opiate epidemic response fund to the commissioner of human services  
188.7 for grants of \$200,000 to CHI St. Gabriel's Health Family Medical Center for the  
188.8 opioid-focused Project ECHO program and \$200,000 to Hennepin Health Care for the  
188.9 opioid-focused Project ECHO program. The opiate epidemic response fund base for this  
188.10 appropriation is \$400,000 in fiscal year 2022, \$400,000 in fiscal year 2023, ~~\$400,000 in~~  
188.11 ~~fiscal year 2024~~, and \$0 in fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2024.

188.12 (g) **Commissioner of human services; opioid overdose prevention grant.** \$100,000  
188.13 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2021  
188.14 is appropriated from the opiate epidemic response fund to the commissioner of human  
188.15 services for a grant to a nonprofit organization that has provided overdose prevention  
188.16 programs to the public in at least 60 counties within the state, for at least three years, has  
188.17 received federal funding before January 1, 2019, and is dedicated to addressing the opioid  
188.18 epidemic. The grant must be used for opioid overdose prevention, community asset mapping,  
188.19 education, and overdose antagonist distribution. The opiate epidemic response fund base  
188.20 for this appropriation is \$100,000 in fiscal year 2022, \$100,000 in fiscal year 2023, ~~\$100,000~~  
188.21 ~~in fiscal year 2024~~, and \$0 in fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2024.

188.22 (h) **Commissioner of human services; traditional healing.** \$2,000,000 in fiscal year  
188.23 2020 is appropriated from the general fund and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated  
188.24 from the opiate epidemic response fund to the commissioner of human services to award  
188.25 grants to Tribal nations and five urban Indian communities for traditional healing practices  
188.26 to American Indians and to increase the capacity of culturally specific providers in the  
188.27 behavioral health workforce. The opiate epidemic response fund base for this appropriation  
188.28 is \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022, \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023, ~~\$2,000,000 in fiscal year~~  
188.29 ~~2024~~, and \$0 in fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2024.

188.30 (i) **Board of Dentistry; continuing education.** \$11,000 in fiscal year 2020 is  
188.31 appropriated from the state government special revenue fund to the Board of Dentistry to  
188.32 implement the continuing education requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 214.12,  
188.33 subdivision 6.

189.1 (j) **Board of Medical Practice; continuing education.** \$17,000 in fiscal year 2020 is  
189.2 appropriated from the state government special revenue fund to the Board of Medical Practice  
189.3 to implement the continuing education requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section  
189.4 214.12, subdivision 6.

189.5 (k) **Board of Nursing; continuing education.** \$17,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated  
189.6 from the state government special revenue fund to the Board of Nursing to implement the  
189.7 continuing education requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 214.12, subdivision  
189.8 6.

189.9 (l) **Board of Optometry; continuing education.** \$5,000 in fiscal year 2020 is  
189.10 appropriated from the state government special revenue fund to the Board of Optometry to  
189.11 implement the continuing education requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 214.12,  
189.12 subdivision 6.

189.13 (m) **Board of Podiatric Medicine; continuing education.** \$5,000 in fiscal year 2020  
189.14 is appropriated from the state government special revenue fund to the Board of Podiatric  
189.15 Medicine to implement the continuing education requirements under Minnesota Statutes,  
189.16 section 214.12, subdivision 6.

189.17 (n) **Commissioner of health; nonnarcotic pain management and wellness.** \$1,250,000  
189.18 is appropriated in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the commissioner of health, to  
189.19 provide funding for:

189.20 (1) statewide mapping and assessment of community-based nonnarcotic pain management  
189.21 and wellness resources; and

189.22 (2) up to five demonstration projects in different geographic areas of the state to provide  
189.23 community-based nonnarcotic pain management and wellness resources to patients and  
189.24 consumers.

189.25 The demonstration projects must include an evaluation component and scalability analysis.  
189.26 The commissioner shall award the grant for the statewide mapping and assessment, and the  
189.27 demonstration project grants, through a competitive request for proposal process. Grants  
189.28 for statewide mapping and assessment and demonstration projects may be awarded  
189.29 simultaneously. In awarding demonstration project grants, the commissioner shall give  
189.30 preference to proposals that incorporate innovative community partnerships, are informed  
189.31 and led by people in the community where the project is taking place, and are culturally  
189.32 relevant and delivered by culturally competent providers. This is a onetime appropriation.

190.1 (o) **Commissioner of health; administration.** \$38,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated  
190.2 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the administration of the grants  
190.3 awarded in paragraph (n).

190.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

190.5 Sec. 14. **PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

190.6 (a) The commissioner of human services must establish a multitiered public awareness  
190.7 and educational campaign on substance use disorders. The campaign must include strategies  
190.8 to prevent substance use disorder, reduce stigma, and ensure people know how to access  
190.9 treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services.

190.10 (b) The commissioner must consult with communities disproportionately impacted by  
190.11 substance use disorder to ensure the campaign focuses on lived experience and equity. The  
190.12 commissioner may also consult and establish relationships with media and communication  
190.13 experts, behavioral health professionals, state and local agencies, and community  
190.14 organizations to design and implement the campaign.

190.15 (c) The campaign must include awareness-raising and educational information using  
190.16 multichannel marketing strategies, social media, virtual events, press releases, reports, and  
190.17 targeted outreach. The commissioner must evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign and  
190.18 modify outreach and strategies as needed.

190.19 Sec. 15. **HARM REDUCTION AND CULTURALLY SPECIFIC GRANTS.**

190.20 (a) The commissioner of human services must establish grants for Tribal Nations or  
190.21 culturally specific organizations to enhance and expand capacity to address the impacts of  
190.22 the opioid epidemic in their respective communities. Grants may be used to purchase and  
190.23 distribute harm reduction supplies, develop organizational capacity, and expand culturally  
190.24 specific services.

190.25 (b) Harm reduction grant funds must be used to promote safer practices and reduce the  
190.26 transmission of infectious disease. Allowable expenses include syringes, fentanyl testing  
190.27 supplies, disinfectants, opiate antagonist rescue kits, safe injection kits, safe smoking kits,  
190.28 sharps disposal, wound-care supplies, medication lock boxes, FDA-approved home testing  
190.29 kits for viral hepatitis and HIV, written educational and resource materials, and other supplies  
190.30 approved by the commissioner.

190.31 (c) Culturally specific organizational capacity grant funds must be used to develop and  
190.32 improve organizational infrastructure to increase access to culturally specific services and

191.1 community building. Allowable expenses include funds for organizations to hire staff or  
191.2 consultants who specialize in fundraising, grant writing, business development, and program  
191.3 integrity or other identified organizational needs as approved by the commissioner.

191.4 (d) Culturally specific service grant funds must be used to expand culturally specific  
191.5 outreach and services. Allowable expenses include hiring or consulting with cultural advisors,  
191.6 resources to support cultural traditions, and education to empower individuals and providers,  
191.7 develop a sense of community, and develop a connection to ancestral roots.

191.8 (e) Opiate antagonist training grant funds may be used to provide information and training  
191.9 on safe storage and use of opiate antagonists. Training may be conducted via multiple  
191.10 modalities, including but not limited to in-person, virtual, written, and video recordings.

## 191.11 **ARTICLE 6**

### 191.12 **OPIOID PRESCRIBING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

191.13 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0638, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

191.14 Subdivision 1. **Program established.** The commissioner of human services, in  
191.15 conjunction with the commissioner of health, shall coordinate and implement an opioid  
191.16 prescribing improvement program to reduce opioid dependency and substance use by  
191.17 Minnesotans due to the prescribing of opioid analgesics by health care providers and to  
191.18 support patient-centered, compassionate care for Minnesotans who require treatment with  
191.19 opioid analgesics.

191.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0638, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

191.21 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision  
191.22 have the meanings given them.

191.23 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

191.24 (c) "Commissioners" means the commissioner of human services and the commissioner  
191.25 of health.

191.26 (d) "DEA" means the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

191.27 (e) "Minnesota health care program" means a public health care program administered  
191.28 by the commissioner of human services under this chapter and chapter 256L, and the  
191.29 Minnesota restricted recipient program.

192.1 (f) "Opioid disenrollment standards" means parameters of opioid prescribing practices  
192.2 that fall outside community standard thresholds for prescribing to such a degree that a  
192.3 provider must be disenrolled as a ~~medical assistance~~ Minnesota health care program provider.

192.4 (g) "Opioid prescriber" means a licensed health care provider who prescribes opioids to  
192.5 ~~medical assistance~~ Minnesota health care program and MinnesotaCare enrollees under the  
192.6 fee-for-service system or under a managed care or county-based purchasing plan.

192.7 (h) "Opioid quality improvement standard thresholds" means parameters of opioid  
192.8 prescribing practices that fall outside community standards for prescribing to such a degree  
192.9 that quality improvement is required.

192.10 (i) "Program" means the statewide opioid prescribing improvement program established  
192.11 under this section.

192.12 (j) "Provider group" means a clinic, hospital, or primary or specialty practice group that  
192.13 employs, contracts with, or is affiliated with an opioid prescriber. Provider group does not  
192.14 include a professional association supported by dues-paying members.

192.15 (k) "Sentinel measures" means measures of opioid use that identify variations in  
192.16 prescribing practices during the prescribing intervals.

192.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0638, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

192.18 Subd. 4. **Program components.** (a) The working group shall recommend to the  
192.19 commissioners the components of the statewide opioid prescribing improvement program,  
192.20 including, but not limited to, the following:

192.21 (1) developing criteria for opioid prescribing protocols, including:

192.22 (i) prescribing for the interval of up to four days immediately after an acute painful  
192.23 event;

192.24 (ii) prescribing for the interval of up to 45 days after an acute painful event; and

192.25 (iii) prescribing for chronic pain, which for purposes of this program means pain lasting  
192.26 longer than 45 days after an acute painful event;

192.27 (2) developing sentinel measures;

192.28 (3) developing educational resources for opioid prescribers about communicating with  
192.29 patients about pain management and the use of opioids to treat pain;

192.30 (4) developing opioid quality improvement standard thresholds and opioid disenrollment  
192.31 standards for opioid prescribers and provider groups. In developing opioid disenrollment

193.1 standards, the standards may be described in terms of the length of time in which prescribing  
193.2 practices fall outside community standards and the nature and amount of opioid prescribing  
193.3 that fall outside community standards; and

193.4 (5) addressing other program issues as determined by the commissioners.

193.5 (b) The opioid prescribing protocols shall not apply to opioids prescribed for patients  
193.6 who are experiencing pain caused by a malignant condition or who are receiving hospice  
193.7 care or palliative care, or to opioids prescribed for substance use disorder treatment with  
193.8 medications for opioid use disorder.

193.9 (c) All opioid prescribers who prescribe opioids to Minnesota health care program  
193.10 enrollees must participate in the program in accordance with subdivision 5. Any other  
193.11 prescriber who prescribes opioids may comply with the components of this program described  
193.12 in paragraph (a) on a voluntary basis.

193.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0638, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

193.14 Subd. 5. **Program implementation.** (a) The commissioner shall implement the ~~programs~~  
193.15 ~~within the Minnesota health care~~ quality improvement program to improve the health of  
193.16 and quality of care provided to Minnesota health care program enrollees. The program must  
193.17 be designed to support patient-centered care consistent with community standards of care.  
193.18 The program must discourage unsafe tapering practices and patient abandonment by  
193.19 providers. The commissioner shall annually collect and report to provider groups the sentinel  
193.20 measures of data showing individual opioid prescribers' opioid prescribing patterns compared  
193.21 to their anonymized peers. Provider groups shall distribute data to their affiliated, contracted,  
193.22 or employed opioid prescribers.

193.23 (b) The commissioner shall notify an opioid prescriber and all provider groups with  
193.24 which the opioid prescriber is employed or affiliated when the opioid prescriber's prescribing  
193.25 pattern exceeds the opioid quality improvement standard thresholds. An opioid prescriber  
193.26 and any provider group that receives a notice under this paragraph shall submit to the  
193.27 commissioner a quality improvement plan for review and approval by the commissioner  
193.28 with the goal of bringing the opioid prescriber's prescribing practices into alignment with  
193.29 community standards. A quality improvement plan must include:

193.30 (1) components of the program described in subdivision 4, paragraph (a);

193.31 (2) internal practice-based measures to review the prescribing practice of the opioid  
193.32 prescriber and, where appropriate, any other opioid prescribers employed by or affiliated

194.1 with any of the provider groups with which the opioid prescriber is employed or affiliated;  
194.2 and

194.3 ~~(3) appropriate use of the prescription monitoring program under section 152.126~~  
194.4 demonstration of patient-centered care consistent with community standards of care.

194.5 (c) If, after a year from the commissioner's notice under paragraph (b), the opioid  
194.6 prescriber's prescribing practices for treatment of acute or postacute pain do not improve  
194.7 so that they are consistent with community standards, the commissioner ~~shall~~ may take one  
194.8 or more of the following steps:

194.9 (1) require the prescriber, the provider group, or both, to monitor prescribing practices  
194.10 more frequently than annually;

194.11 (2) monitor more aspects of the opioid prescriber's prescribing practices than the sentinel  
194.12 measures; or

194.13 (3) require the opioid prescriber to participate in additional quality improvement efforts;  
194.14 ~~including but not limited to mandatory use of the prescription monitoring program established~~  
194.15 ~~under section 152.126.~~

194.16 (d) Prescribers treating patients who are on chronic, high doses of opioids must meet  
194.17 community standards of care, including performing regular assessments and addressing  
194.18 unwarranted risks of opioid prescribing, but are not required to show measurable changes  
194.19 in chronic pain prescribing thresholds within a certain period.

194.20 (e) The commissioner shall dismiss a prescriber from participating in the opioid  
194.21 prescribing quality improvement program on an annual basis when the prescriber  
194.22 demonstrates that the prescriber's practices are patient-centered and reflect community  
194.23 standards for safe and compassionate treatment of patients experiencing pain.

194.24 ~~(d)~~ (f) The commissioner shall terminate from Minnesota health care programs may  
194.25 investigate for possible disenrollment all opioid prescribers and provider groups whose  
194.26 prescribing practices fall within the applicable opioid disenrollment standards.

194.27 ~~(e)~~ (g) No physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant, acting  
194.28 in good faith based on the needs of the patient, may be disenrolled by the commissioner of  
194.29 human services solely for prescribing a dosage that equates to an upward deviation from  
194.30 morphine milligram equivalent dosage recommendations specified in state or federal opioid  
194.31 prescribing guidelines or policies, or quality improvement thresholds established under this  
194.32 section.

195.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0638, is amended by adding a subdivision  
195.2 to read:

195.3 Subd. 6a. **Waiver for certain provider groups.** (a) This section does not apply to  
195.4 prescribers employed by, or under contract or affiliated with, a provider group for which  
195.5 the commissioner has granted a waiver from the requirements of this section.

195.6 (b) The commissioner, in consultation with opioid prescribers, shall develop waiver  
195.7 criteria for provider groups, and shall make waivers available beginning July 1, 2023. In  
195.8 granting waivers, the commissioner shall consider whether the medical director of the  
195.9 provider group and a majority of the practitioners within a provider group have specialty  
195.10 training, fellowship training, or experience in treating chronic pain. Waivers under this  
195.11 subdivision must be granted on an annual basis.

195.12 Sec. 6. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; OPIOID**  
195.13 **PRESCRIBING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUNSET.**

195.14 The commissioner of human services shall recommend criteria to provide for a sunset  
195.15 of the opioid prescribing improvement program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0638.  
195.16 In developing sunset criteria, the commissioner shall consult with stakeholders including  
195.17 but not limited to the Minnesota Medical Association, the Minnesota Society of Interventional  
195.18 Pain Physicians, clinicians that practice pain management, addiction medicine, or mental  
195.19 health, and either current or former Minnesota health care program enrollees who use or  
195.20 have used opioid therapy to manage chronic pain. By January 15, 2024, the commissioner  
195.21 shall submit recommended criteria to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
195.22 legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services finance and policy.  
195.23 The opioid prescribing improvement program shall expire when the recommended criteria  
195.24 developed according to this section are met, or on December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner.

195.25 **ARTICLE 7**  
195.26 **LICENSING**

195.27 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.04, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

195.28 Subd. 7. **Grant of license; license extension.** (a) If the commissioner determines that  
195.29 the program complies with all applicable rules and laws, the commissioner shall issue a  
195.30 license consistent with this section or, if applicable, a temporary change of ownership license  
195.31 under section 245A.043. At minimum, the license shall state:

195.32 (1) the name of the license holder;

196.1 (2) the address of the program;

196.2 (3) the effective date and expiration date of the license;

196.3 (4) the type of license;

196.4 (5) the maximum number and ages of persons that may receive services from the program;

196.5 and

196.6 (6) any special conditions of licensure.

196.7 (b) The commissioner may issue a license for a period not to exceed two years if:

196.8 (1) the commissioner is unable to conduct the evaluation or observation required by

196.9 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (4), because the program is not yet operational;

196.10 (2) certain records and documents are not available because persons are not yet receiving

196.11 services from the program; and

196.12 (3) the applicant complies with applicable laws and rules in all other respects.

196.13 (c) A decision by the commissioner to issue a license does not guarantee that any person

196.14 or persons will be placed or cared for in the licensed program.

196.15 (d) Except as provided in paragraphs ~~(f) and (g)~~ (i) and (j), the commissioner shall not

196.16 issue ~~or reissue~~ a license if the applicant, license holder, or an affiliated controlling individual

196.17 has:

196.18 (1) been disqualified and the disqualification was not set aside and no variance has been

196.19 granted;

196.20 (2) been denied a license under this chapter, within the past two years;

196.21 (3) had a license issued under this chapter revoked within the past five years; or

196.22 ~~(4) an outstanding debt related to a license fee, licensing fine, or settlement agreement~~

196.23 ~~for which payment is delinquent; or~~

196.24 ~~(5)~~ (4) failed to submit the information required of an applicant under subdivision 1,

196.25 paragraph (f) or (g), after being requested by the commissioner.

196.26 When a license issued under this chapter is revoked ~~under clause (1) or (3)~~, the license

196.27 holder and each affiliated controlling individual with a revoked license may not hold any

196.28 license under chapter 245A for five years following the revocation, and other licenses held

196.29 by the applicant; or license holder; or licenses affiliated with each controlling individual

196.30 shall also be revoked.

197.1 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the commissioner may elect not to revoke a license  
197.2 affiliated with a license holder or controlling individual that had a license revoked within  
197.3 the past five years if the commissioner determines that (1) the license holder or controlling  
197.4 individual is operating the program in substantial compliance with applicable laws and rules,  
197.5 and (2) the program's continued operation is in the best interests of the community being  
197.6 served.

197.7 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the commissioner may issue a new license in response  
197.8 to an application that is affiliated with an applicant, license holder, or controlling individual  
197.9 that had an application denied within the past two years or a license revoked within the past  
197.10 five years if the commissioner determines that (1) the applicant or controlling individual  
197.11 has operated one or more programs in substantial compliance with applicable laws and  
197.12 rules, and (2) the program's operation would be in the best interests of the community to be  
197.13 served.

197.14 (g) In determining whether a program's operation would be in the best interests of the  
197.15 community to be served, the commissioner shall consider factors such as the number of  
197.16 persons served, the availability of alternative services available in the surrounding  
197.17 community, the management structure of the program, whether the program provides  
197.18 culturally specific services, and other relevant factors.

197.19 ~~(e)~~ (h) The commissioner shall not issue or reissue a license under this chapter if an  
197.20 individual living in the household where the services will be provided as specified under  
197.21 section 245C.03, subdivision 1, has been disqualified and the disqualification has not been  
197.22 set aside and no variance has been granted.

197.23 ~~(f)~~ (i) Pursuant to section 245A.07, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), when a license issued  
197.24 under this chapter has been suspended or revoked and the suspension or revocation is under  
197.25 appeal, the program may continue to operate pending a final order from the commissioner.  
197.26 If the license under suspension or revocation will expire before a final order is issued, a  
197.27 temporary provisional license may be issued provided any applicable license fee is paid  
197.28 before the temporary provisional license is issued.

197.29 ~~(g)~~ (j) Notwithstanding paragraph ~~(f)~~ (i), when a revocation is based on the  
197.30 disqualification of a controlling individual or license holder, and the controlling individual  
197.31 or license holder is ordered under section 245C.17 to be immediately removed from direct  
197.32 contact with persons receiving services or is ordered to be under continuous, direct  
197.33 supervision when providing direct contact services, the program may continue to operate  
197.34 only if the program complies with the order and submits documentation demonstrating

198.1 compliance with the order. If the disqualified individual fails to submit a timely request for  
198.2 reconsideration, or if the disqualification is not set aside and no variance is granted, the  
198.3 order to immediately remove the individual from direct contact or to be under continuous,  
198.4 direct supervision remains in effect pending the outcome of a hearing and final order from  
198.5 the commissioner.

198.6 ~~(h)~~ (k) For purposes of reimbursement for meals only, under the Child and Adult Care  
198.7 Food Program, Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, subtitle B, chapter II, subchapter A,  
198.8 part 226, relocation within the same county by a licensed family day care provider, shall  
198.9 be considered an extension of the license for a period of no more than 30 calendar days or  
198.10 until the new license is issued, whichever occurs first, provided the county agency has  
198.11 determined the family day care provider meets licensure requirements at the new location.

198.12 ~~(i)~~ (l) Unless otherwise specified by statute, all licenses issued under this chapter expire  
198.13 at 12:01 a.m. on the day after the expiration date stated on the license. A license holder must  
198.14 apply for and be granted a new license to operate the program or the program must not be  
198.15 operated after the expiration date.

198.16 ~~(j)~~ (m) The commissioner shall not issue or reissue a license under this chapter if it has  
198.17 been determined that a tribal licensing authority has established jurisdiction to license the  
198.18 program or service.

198.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
198.20 read:

198.21 Subd. 2b. **Immediate suspension of residential programs.** For suspensions issued to  
198.22 a licensed residential program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 14, the effective  
198.23 date of the order may be delayed for up to 30 calendar days to provide for the continuity of  
198.24 care of service recipients. The license holder must cooperate with the commissioner to  
198.25 ensure service recipients receive continued care during the period of the delay and to facilitate  
198.26 the transition of service recipients to new providers. In these cases, the suspension order  
198.27 takes effect when all service recipients have been transitioned to a new provider or 30 days  
198.28 after the suspension order was issued, whichever comes first.

198.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
198.30 read:

198.31 Subd. 2c. **Immediate suspension for programs with multiple licensed service sites.** (a)  
198.32 For license holders that operate more than one service site under a single license, the  
198.33 suspension order must be specific to the service site or sites where the commissioner

199.1 determines an order is required under subdivision 2. The order must not apply to other  
199.2 service sites operated by the same license holder unless the commissioner has included in  
199.3 the order an articulable basis for applying the order to other service sites.

199.4 (b) If the commissioner has issued more than one license to the license holder under this  
199.5 chapter, the suspension imposed under this section must be specific to the license for the  
199.6 program at which the commissioner determines an order is required under subdivision 2.  
199.7 The order must not apply to other licenses held by the same license holder if those programs  
199.8 are being operated in substantial compliance with applicable law and rules.

199.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.10, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

199.10 Subd. 6. **License not issued until license or certification fee is paid.** The commissioner  
199.11 shall not issue or reissue a license or certification until the license or certification fee is paid.  
199.12 The commissioner shall send a bill for the license or certification fee to the billing address  
199.13 identified by the license holder. If the license holder does not submit the license or  
199.14 certification fee payment by the due date, the commissioner shall send the license holder a  
199.15 past due notice. If the license holder fails to pay the license or certification fee by the due  
199.16 date on the past due notice, the commissioner shall send a final notice to the license holder  
199.17 informing the license holder that the program license will expire on December 31 unless  
199.18 the license fee is paid before December 31. If a license expires, the program is no longer  
199.19 licensed and, unless exempt from licensure under section 245A.03, subdivision 2, must not  
199.20 operate after the expiration date. After a license expires, if the former license holder wishes  
199.21 to provide licensed services, the former license holder must submit a new license application  
199.22 and application fee under subdivision 3.

199.23 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.10, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
199.24 read:

199.25 Subd. 9. **License not reissued until outstanding debt is paid.** The commissioner shall  
199.26 not reissue a license or certification until the license holder has paid all outstanding debts  
199.27 related to a licensing fine or settlement agreement for which payment is delinquent. If the  
199.28 payment is past due, the commissioner shall send a past due notice informing the license  
199.29 holder that the program license will expire on December 31 unless the outstanding debt is  
199.30 paid before December 31. If a license expires, the program is no longer licensed and must  
199.31 not operate after the expiration date. After a license expires, if the former license holder  
199.32 wishes to provide licensed services, the former license holder must submit a new license  
199.33 application and application fee under subdivision 3.

200.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

200.2 Subdivision 1. **Application.** (a) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the  
 200.3 commissioner may petition the district court in Ramsey County for an order directing the  
 200.4 controlling individuals of a residential or nonresidential program licensed or certified by  
 200.5 the commissioner to show cause why the commissioner should not be appointed receiver  
 200.6 to operate the program. The petition to the district court must contain proof by affidavit that  
 200.7 one or more of the following circumstances exists: (1) that the commissioner has either  
 200.8 begun proceedings to suspend or revoke a license or certification, has suspended or revoked  
 200.9 a license or certification, or has decided to deny an application for licensure or certification  
 200.10 of the program; or (2) it appears to the commissioner that the health, safety, or rights of the  
 200.11 residents or persons receiving care from the program may be in jeopardy because of the  
 200.12 manner in which the program may close, the program's financial condition, or violations  
 200.13 committed by the program of federal or state laws or rules. If the license holder, applicant,  
 200.14 or controlling individual operates more than one program, the commissioner's petition must  
 200.15 specify and be limited to the program for which it seeks receivership. The affidavit submitted  
 200.16 by the commissioner must set forth alternatives to receivership that have been considered,  
 200.17 including rate adjustments. The order to show cause is returnable not less than five days  
 200.18 after service is completed and must provide for personal service of a copy to the program  
 200.19 administrator and to the persons designated as agents by the controlling individuals to accept  
 200.20 service on their behalf.

200.21 (1) the commissioner has commenced proceedings to suspend or revoke the program's  
 200.22 license or refused to renew the program's license;

200.23 (2) there is a threat of imminent abandonment by the program or its controlling  
 200.24 individuals;

200.25 (3) the program has shown a pattern of failure to meet ongoing financial obligations  
 200.26 such as failing to pay for food, pharmaceuticals, personnel costs, or required insurance;

200.27 (4) the health, safety, or rights of the residents or persons receiving care from the program  
 200.28 appear to be in jeopardy due to the manner in which the program may close, the program's  
 200.29 financial condition, or violations of federal or state law or rules committed by the program;  
 200.30 or

200.31 (5) the commissioner has notified the program or its controlling individuals that the  
 200.32 program's federal Medicare or Medicaid provider agreement will be terminated, revoked,  
 200.33 canceled, or not renewed.

201.1 (b) If the license holder, applicant, or controlling individual operates more than one  
201.2 program, the commissioner's petition must specify and be limited to the program for which  
201.3 it seeks receivership.

201.4 (c) The order to show cause shall be personally served on the program through its  
201.5 authorized agent or, in the event the authorized agent cannot be located, on any controlling  
201.6 individual for the program.

201.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

201.8 Subd. 2. **Appointment of receiver.** (a) If the court finds that involuntary receivership  
201.9 is necessary as a means of protecting the health, safety, or rights of persons being served  
201.10 by the program, the court shall appoint the commissioner as receiver to operate the program.  
201.11 The commissioner as receiver may contract with another entity or group to act as the  
201.12 managing agent during the receivership period. The managing agent will be responsible for  
201.13 the day-to-day operations of the program subject at all times to the review and approval of  
201.14 the commissioner. A managing agent shall not:

201.15 (1) be the license holder or controlling individual of the program;

201.16 (2) have a financial interest in the program at the time of the receivership;

201.17 (3) be otherwise affiliated with the program; or

201.18 (4) have had a licensed program that has been ordered into receivership.

201.19 (b) Notwithstanding state contracting requirements in chapter 16C, the commissioner  
201.20 shall establish and maintain a list of qualified persons or entities with experience in delivering  
201.21 services and with winding down programs under chapter 245A, 245D, or 245G, or other  
201.22 service types licensed by the commissioner. The list shall be a resource for selecting a  
201.23 managing agent, and the commissioner may update the list at any time.

201.24 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

201.25 Subd. 3. **Powers and duties of receiver.** ~~Within 36 months after the receivership order,~~  
201.26 ~~the receiver shall provide for the orderly transfer of the persons served by the program to~~  
201.27 ~~other programs or make other provisions to protect their health, safety, and rights. The~~  
201.28 ~~receiver or the managing agent shall correct or eliminate deficiencies in the program that~~  
201.29 ~~the commissioner determines endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the persons being~~  
201.30 ~~served by the program unless the correction or elimination of deficiencies at a residential~~  
201.31 ~~program involves major alteration in the structure of the physical plant. If the correction or~~  
201.32 ~~elimination of the deficiencies at a residential program requires major alterations in the~~

202.1 ~~structure of the physical plant, the receiver shall take actions designed to result in the~~  
202.2 ~~immediate transfer of persons served by the residential program. During the period of the~~  
202.3 ~~receivership, the receiver and the managing agent shall operate the residential or~~  
202.4 ~~nonresidential program in a manner designed to preserve the health, safety, rights, adequate~~  
202.5 ~~care, and supervision of the persons served by the program. The receiver or the managing~~  
202.6 ~~agent may make contracts and incur lawful expenses. The receiver or the managing agent~~  
202.7 ~~shall collect incoming payments from all sources and apply them to the cost incurred in the~~  
202.8 ~~performance of the functions of the receivership including the fee set under subdivision 4.~~  
202.9 ~~No security interest in any real or personal property comprising the program or contained~~  
202.10 ~~within it, or in any fixture of the physical plant, shall be impaired or diminished in priority~~  
202.11 ~~by the receiver or the managing agent. (a) A receiver appointed pursuant to this section~~  
202.12 ~~shall, within 18 months after the receivership order, determine whether to close the program~~  
202.13 ~~or to make other provisions with the intent to keep the program open. If the receiver~~  
202.14 ~~determines that program closure is appropriate, the commissioner shall provide for the~~  
202.15 ~~orderly transfer of individuals served by the program to other programs or make other~~  
202.16 ~~provisions to protect the health, safety, and rights of individuals served by the program.~~

202.17 (b) During the receivership, the receiver or the managing agent shall correct or eliminate  
202.18 deficiencies in the program that the commissioner determines endanger the health, safety,  
202.19 or welfare of the persons being served by the program unless the correction or elimination  
202.20 of deficiencies at a residential program involves major alteration in the structure of the  
202.21 physical plant. If the correction or elimination of the deficiencies at a residential program  
202.22 requires major alterations in the structure of the physical plant, the receiver shall take actions  
202.23 designed to result in the immediate transfer of persons served by the residential program.  
202.24 During the period of the receivership, the receiver and the managing agent shall operate the  
202.25 residential or nonresidential program in a manner designed to preserve the health, safety,  
202.26 rights, adequate care, and supervision of the persons served by the program.

202.27 (c) The receiver or the managing agent may make contracts and incur lawful expenses.

202.28 (d) The receiver or the managing agent shall use the building, fixtures, furnishings, and  
202.29 any accompanying consumable goods in the provision of care and services to the clients  
202.30 during the receivership period. The receiver shall take action as is reasonably necessary to  
202.31 protect or conserve the tangible assets or property during receivership.

202.32 (e) The receiver or the managing agent shall collect incoming payments from all sources  
202.33 and apply them to the cost incurred in the performance of the functions of the receivership,  
202.34 including the fee set under subdivision 4. No security interest in any real or personal property

203.1 comprising the program or contained within it, or in any fixture of the physical plant, shall  
203.2 be impaired or diminished in priority by the receiver or the managing agent.

203.3 (f) The receiver has authority to hire, direct, manage, and discharge any employees of  
203.4 the program, including management level staff for the program.

203.5 (g) The commissioner, as the receiver appointed by the court, may hire a managing agent  
203.6 to work on the commissioner's behalf to operate the program during the receivership. The  
203.7 managing agent is entitled to a reasonable fee. The receiver and managing agent shall be  
203.8 liable only in an official capacity for injury to persons and property by reason of the  
203.9 conditions of the program. The receiver and managing agent shall not be personally liable,  
203.10 except for gross negligence or intentional acts. The commissioner shall assist the managing  
203.11 agent in carrying out the managing agent's duties.

203.12 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.13, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

203.13 Subd. 5. **Termination.** An involuntary receivership terminates ~~36~~ 18 months after the  
203.14 date on which it was ordered or at any other time designated by the court or when any of  
203.15 the following events occurs:

203.16 (1) the commissioner determines that the program's license or certification application  
203.17 should be granted or should not be suspended or revoked;

203.18 (2) a new license or certification is granted to the program;

203.19 (3) the commissioner determines that all persons residing in a residential program have  
203.20 been provided with alternative residential programs or that all persons receiving services  
203.21 in a nonresidential program have been referred to other programs; or

203.22 (4) the court determines that the receivership is no longer necessary because the conditions  
203.23 which gave rise to the receivership no longer exist.

203.24 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.13, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

203.25 Subd. 6. **Emergency procedure.** (a) If it appears from the petition filed under subdivision  
203.26 1, from an affidavit or affidavits filed with the petition, or from testimony of witnesses  
203.27 under oath if the court determines it necessary, that there is probable cause to believe that  
203.28 an emergency exists in a residential or nonresidential program, the court shall issue a  
203.29 temporary order for appointment of a receiver within ~~five~~ two days after receipt of the  
203.30 petition. ~~Notice of the petition must be served on the program administrator and on the~~  
203.31 ~~persons designated as agents by the controlling individuals to accept service on their behalf.~~  
203.32 ~~A hearing on the petition must be held within five days after notice is served unless the~~

204.1 ~~administrator or authorized agent consents to a later date. After the hearing, the court may~~  
204.2 ~~continue, modify, or terminate the temporary order.~~

204.3 (b) Notice of the petition must be served on the authorized agent of the program that is  
204.4 subject to the receivership petition or, if the authorized agent is not immediately available  
204.5 for service, on at least one of the controlling individuals for the program. A hearing on the  
204.6 petition must be held within five days after notice is served unless the authorized agent or  
204.7 other controlling individual consents to a later date. After the hearing, the court may continue,  
204.8 modify, or terminate the temporary order.

204.9 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.13, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

204.10 Subd. 7. **Rate recommendation.** For any program receiving Medicaid funds and ordered  
204.11 into receivership, the commissioner of human services may review rates of a residential or  
204.12 nonresidential program ~~participating in the medical assistance program which is in~~  
204.13 ~~receivership~~ and that has needs or deficiencies documented by the Department of Health  
204.14 or the Department of Human Services. If the commissioner of human services determines  
204.15 that a review of the rate established under sections 256B.5012 and 256B.5013 is needed,  
204.16 the commissioner shall:

204.17 (1) review the order or determination that cites the deficiencies or needs; and

204.18 (2) determine the need for additional staff, additional annual hours by type of employee,  
204.19 and additional consultants, services, supplies, equipment, repairs, or capital assets necessary  
204.20 to satisfy the needs or deficiencies.

204.21 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.13, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

204.22 Subd. 9. **Receivership accounting.** The commissioner may ~~use~~ adjust Medicaid rates  
204.23 and use Medicaid funds, including but not limited to waiver funds, and the medical assistance  
204.24 account and funds for receivership cash flow, receivership administrative fees, and accounting  
204.25 purposes, to the extent permitted by the state's approved Medicaid plan.

204.26

## ARTICLE 8

204.27

### DIRECT CARE AND TREATMENT

204.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 15.01, is amended to read:

204.29 **15.01 DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE.**

204.30 The following agencies are designated as the departments of the state government: the  
204.31 Department of Administration; the Department of Agriculture; the Department of

205.1 Commerce; the Department of Corrections; the Department of Direct Care and Treatment,  
205.2 the Department of Education; the Department of Employment and Economic Development;  
205.3 the Department of Health; the Department of Human Rights; the Department of Human  
205.4 Services, the Department of Information Technology Services; the Department of Iron  
205.5 Range Resources and Rehabilitation; the Department of Labor and Industry; the Department  
205.6 of Management and Budget; the Department of Military Affairs; the Department of Natural  
205.7 Resources; the Department of Public Safety; ~~the Department of Human Services;~~ the  
205.8 Department of Revenue; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Veterans  
205.9 Affairs; and their successor departments.

205.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

205.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 15.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

205.12 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** This section applies to the following departments or  
205.13 agencies: the Departments of Administration, Agriculture, Commerce, Corrections, Direct  
205.14 Care and Treatment, Education, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Human  
205.15 Rights, Human Services, Labor and Industry, Management and Budget, Natural Resources,  
205.16 Public Safety, ~~Human Services,~~ Revenue, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; the Housing  
205.17 Finance and Pollution Control Agencies; the Office of Commissioner of Iron Range  
205.18 Resources and Rehabilitation; the Department of Information Technology Services; the  
205.19 Bureau of Mediation Services; and their successor departments and agencies. The heads of  
205.20 the foregoing departments or agencies are "commissioners."

205.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

205.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.08, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

205.23 Subd. 1a. **Additional unclassified positions.** Appointing authorities for the following  
205.24 agencies may designate additional unclassified positions according to this subdivision: the  
205.25 Departments of Administration; Agriculture; Commerce; Corrections; Direct Care and  
205.26 Treatment, Education; Employment and Economic Development; Explore Minnesota  
205.27 Tourism; Management and Budget; Health; Human Rights; Human Services, Labor and  
205.28 Industry; Natural Resources; Public Safety; ~~Human Services;~~ Revenue; Transportation;  
205.29 and Veterans Affairs; the Housing Finance and Pollution Control Agencies; the State Lottery;  
205.30 the State Board of Investment; the Office of Administrative Hearings; the Department of  
205.31 Information Technology Services; the Offices of the Attorney General, Secretary of State,  
205.32 and State Auditor; the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; the Minnesota Office of

206.1 Higher Education; the Perpich Center for Arts Education; and the Minnesota Zoological  
206.2 Board.

206.3 A position designated by an appointing authority according to this subdivision must  
206.4 meet the following standards and criteria:

206.5 (1) the designation of the position would not be contrary to other law relating specifically  
206.6 to that agency;

206.7 (2) the person occupying the position would report directly to the agency head or deputy  
206.8 agency head and would be designated as part of the agency head's management team;

206.9 (3) the duties of the position would involve significant discretion and substantial  
206.10 involvement in the development, interpretation, and implementation of agency policy;

206.11 (4) the duties of the position would not require primarily personnel, accounting, or other  
206.12 technical expertise where continuity in the position would be important;

206.13 (5) there would be a need for the person occupying the position to be accountable to,  
206.14 loyal to, and compatible with, the governor and the agency head, the employing statutory  
206.15 board or commission, or the employing constitutional officer;

206.16 (6) the position would be at the level of division or bureau director or assistant to the  
206.17 agency head; and

206.18 (7) the commissioner has approved the designation as being consistent with the standards  
206.19 and criteria in this subdivision.

206.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

206.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245.037, is amended to read:

206.22 **245.037 MONEY COLLECTED AS RENT; STATE PROPERTY.**

206.23 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, money collected as rent under section  
206.24 16B.24, subdivision 5, for state property at any of the regional treatment centers or state  
206.25 nursing home facilities administered by the commissioner of human services is dedicated  
206.26 to the regional treatment center or state nursing home from which it is generated. Any  
206.27 balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall not cancel and is available until expended.

206.28 (b) The commissioner may lease out any buildings or portions of buildings, units, or  
206.29 lands acquired by the department that are not needed for the uses and purposes of the  
206.30 department. Such authority to lease out buildings, units, and lands includes authority to  
206.31 lease to employees of the department, notwithstanding section 16B.24, subdivision 5,

207.1 paragraph (c). The commissioner may set the prices and terms and conditions for leases  
207.2 under this paragraph, and shall not make any such lease for a term of more than five years.  
207.3 All money received from leases under this paragraph shall be credited to the fund from  
207.4 which the property was acquired or through which the property is being maintained. Money  
207.5 credited for leased property maintenance is appropriated to the commissioner for that purpose.

207.6 (c) The commissioner may lease out any buildings or portions of buildings, units, or  
207.7 lands acquired by the department to clients and employees of the department for the provision  
207.8 of community-based services, notwithstanding section 16B.24, subdivision 5, paragraph  
207.9 (c). The commissioner may set the prices and terms and conditions for leases under this  
207.10 paragraph, and shall not make any such lease for a term of more than five years. All money  
207.11 received from leases under this paragraph shall be credited to the fund from which the  
207.12 property was acquired or through which the property is being maintained. Money credited  
207.13 for leased property maintenance is appropriated to the commissioner for that purpose.

207.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.54, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

207.15 Subd. 1a. **Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center.** (a) A county's payment of the  
207.16 cost of care provided at Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center shall be according to the  
207.17 following schedule:

207.18 (1) zero percent for the first 30 days;

207.19 (2) 20 percent for days 31 and over if the stay is determined to be clinically appropriate  
207.20 for the client; and

207.21 (3) 100 percent for each day during the stay, including the day of admission, when the  
207.22 facility determines that it is clinically appropriate for the client to be discharged.

207.23 (b) If payments received by the state under sections 246.50 to 246.53 exceed 80 percent  
207.24 of the cost of care for days over 31 for clients who meet the criteria in paragraph (a), clause  
207.25 (2), the county shall be responsible for paying the state only the remaining amount. The  
207.26 county shall not be entitled to reimbursement from the client, the client's estate, or from the  
207.27 client's relatives, except as provided in section 246.53.

207.28 (c) Between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025, the county is not responsible for the cost  
207.29 of care under paragraph (a), clause (3), for a person who is committed as a person who has  
207.30 a mental illness and is dangerous to the public under section 253B.18 and who is awaiting  
207.31 transfer to another state-operated facility or program. This paragraph expires June 30, 2025.

208.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.54, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

208.2 Subd. 1b. **Community behavioral health hospitals.** (a) A county's payment of the cost  
208.3 of care provided at state-operated community-based behavioral health hospitals for adults  
208.4 and children shall be according to the following schedule:

208.5 (1) 100 percent for each day during the stay, including the day of admission, when the  
208.6 facility determines that it is clinically appropriate for the client to be discharged; and

208.7 (2) the county shall not be entitled to reimbursement from the client, the client's estate,  
208.8 or from the client's relatives, except as provided in section 246.53.

208.9 (b) Between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025, the county is not responsible for the cost  
208.10 of care under paragraph (a), clause (1), for a person committed as a person who has a mental  
208.11 illness and is dangerous to the public under section 253B.18 and who is awaiting transfer  
208.12 to another state-operated facility or program. This paragraph expires June 30, 2025.

208.13 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the client is not responsible for payment  
208.14 of the cost of care under this subdivision.

208.15 Sec. 7. **[246C.01] TITLE.**

208.16 This chapter may be cited as the "Department of Direct Care & Treatment Act."

208.17 Sec. 8. **[246C.02] DEPARTMENT OF DIRECT CARE AND TREATMENT;**  
208.18 **ESTABLISHMENT.**

208.19 (a) The Department of Direct Care and Treatment is created. An executive board shall  
208.20 head the Department of Direct Care and Treatment. The executive board shall develop and  
208.21 maintain direct care and treatment in a manner consistent with applicable law, including  
208.22 chapters 13, 245, 246, 246B, 252, 253, 253B, 253C, 253D, 254A, 254B, and 256. The  
208.23 Department of Direct Care and Treatment shall provide direct care and treatment services  
208.24 in coordination with counties and other vendors. Direct care and treatment services shall  
208.25 include specialized inpatient programs at secure treatment facilities as defined in sections  
208.26 253B.02, subdivision 18a, and 253D.02, subdivision 13; community preparation services;  
208.27 regional treatment centers; enterprise services; consultative services; aftercare services;  
208.28 community-based services and programs; transition services; nursing home services; and  
208.29 other services consistent with the mission of the Department of Direct Care and Treatment.

208.30 (b) "Community preparation services" means specialized inpatient or outpatient services  
208.31 or programs operated outside of a secure environment but administered by a secure treatment  
208.32 facility.

209.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

209.2 Sec. 9. **[246C.03] TRANSITION OF AUTHORITY; DEVELOPMENT OF A BOARD.**

209.3 Subdivision 1. **Authority until board is developed and powers defined.** Upon the  
209.4 effective date of this act, the commissioner of human services shall continue to exercise all  
209.5 authorities and responsibilities under chapters 13, 245, 246, 246B, 252, 253, 253B, 253C,  
209.6 253D, 254A, 254B, and 256, until legislation is effective that develops the Department of  
209.7 Direct Care and Treatment executive board and defines the responsibilities and powers of  
209.8 the Department of Direct Care and Treatment and its executive board.

209.9 Subd. 2. **Development of Department of Direct Care and Treatment Board.** (a) The  
209.10 commissioner of human services shall prepare legislation for introduction during the 2024  
209.11 legislative session, with input from stakeholders the commissioner deems necessary,  
209.12 proposing legislation for the creation and implementation of the Direct Care and Treatment  
209.13 executive board and defining the responsibilities, powers, and function of the Department  
209.14 of Direct Care and Treatment executive board.

209.15 (b) The Department of Direct Care and Treatment executive board shall consist of no  
209.16 more than five members, all appointed by the governor.

209.17 (c) An executive board member's qualifications must be appropriate for overseeing a  
209.18 complex behavioral health system, such as experience serving on a hospital or non-profit  
209.19 board, serving as a public sector labor union representative, experience in delivery of  
209.20 behavioral health services or care coordination, or working as a licensed health care provider,  
209.21 in an allied health profession, or in health care administration.

209.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

209.23 Sec. 10. **[246C.04] TRANSFER OF DUTIES.**

209.24 (a) Section 15.039 applies to the transfer of duties required by this chapter.

209.25 (b) The commissioner of administration, with the governor's approval, shall issue  
209.26 reorganization orders under section 16B.37 as necessary to carry out the transfer of duties  
209.27 required by section 246C.03. The provision of section 16B.37, subdivision 1, stating that  
209.28 transfers under section 16B.37 may only be to an agency that has existed for at least one  
209.29 year does not apply to transfers to an agency created by this chapter.

209.30 (c) The initial salary for the health systems chief executive officer of the Department of  
209.31 Direct Care and Treatment is the same as the salary for the health systems chief executive

210.1 officer of direct care and treatment at the Department of Human Services immediately before  
210.2 July 1, 2024.

210.3 Sec. 11. [246C.05] EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING THE NEW  
210.4 DEPARTMENT OF DIRECT CARE AND TREATMENT.

210.5 (a) Personnel whose duties relate to the functions assigned to the Department of Direct  
210.6 Care and Treatment executive board in section 246C.03 are transferred to the Department  
210.7 of Direct Care and Treatment effective 30 days after approval by the commissioner of direct  
210.8 care and treatment.

210.9 (b) Before the Department of Direct Care and Treatment executive board is appointed,  
210.10 personnel whose duties relate to the functions in this section may be transferred beginning  
210.11 July 1, 2024, with 30 days' notice from the commissioner of management and budget.

210.12 (c) The following protections shall apply to employees who are transferred from the  
210.13 Department of Human Services to the Department of Direct Care and Treatment:

210.14 (1) No transferred employee shall have their employment status and job classification  
210.15 altered as a result of the transfer.

210.16 (2) Transferred employees who were represented by an exclusive representative prior  
210.17 to the transfer shall continue to be represented by the same exclusive representative after  
210.18 the transfer.

210.19 (3) The applicable collective bargaining agreements with exclusive representatives shall  
210.20 continue in full force and effect for such transferred employees after the transfer.

210.21 (4) The state shall have the obligation to meet and negotiate with the exclusive  
210.22 representatives of the transferred employees about any proposed changes affecting or relating  
210.23 to the transferred employees' terms and conditions of employment to the extent such changes  
210.24 are not addressed in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

210.25 (5) When an employee in a temporary unclassified position is transferred to the  
210.26 Department of Direct Care and Treatment, the total length of time that the employee has  
210.27 served in the appointment shall include all time served in the appointment at the transferring  
210.28 agency and the time served in the appointment at the Department of Direct Care and  
210.29 Treatment. An employee in a temporary unclassified position who was hired by a transferring  
210.30 agency through an open competitive selection process in accordance with a policy enacted  
210.31 by Minnesota Management and Budget shall be considered to have been hired through such  
210.32 process after the transfer.

211.1 (6) In the event that the state transfers ownership or control of any of the facilities,  
211.2 services, or operations of the Department of Direct Care and Treatment to another entity,  
211.3 whether private or public, by subcontracting, sale, assignment, lease, or other transfer, the  
211.4 state shall require as a written condition of such transfer of ownership or control the following  
211.5 provisions:

211.6 (i) Employees who perform work in transferred facilities, services, or operations must  
211.7 be offered employment with the entity acquiring ownership or control before the entity  
211.8 offers employment to any individual who was not employed by the transferring agency at  
211.9 the time of the transfer.

211.10 (ii) The wage and benefit standards of such transferred employees must not be reduced  
211.11 by the entity acquiring ownership or control through the expiration of the collective  
211.12 bargaining agreement in effect at the time of the transfer or for a period of two years after  
211.13 the transfer, whichever is longer.

211.14 (d) There is no liability on the part of, and no cause of action arises against, the state of  
211.15 Minnesota or its officers or agents for any action or inaction of any entity acquiring ownership  
211.16 or control of any facilities, services, or operations of the Department of Direct Care and  
211.17 Treatment.

211.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

211.19 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 252.50, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

211.20 Subd. 2. **Authorization to build or purchase.** Within the limits of available  
211.21 appropriations, the commissioner may build, purchase, or lease suitable buildings, at least  
211.22 a portion of which must be used for state-operated, community-based programs. The  
211.23 commissioner must develop the state-operated community residential facilities authorized  
211.24 in the worksheets of the house of representatives appropriations and senate finance  
211.25 committees. If financing through state general obligation bonds is not available, the  
211.26 commissioner shall finance the purchase or construction of state-operated, community-based  
211.27 facilities with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. The commissioner shall make  
211.28 payments through the Department of Administration to the Minnesota Housing Finance  
211.29 Agency in repayment of mortgage loans granted for the purposes of this section. Programs  
211.30 must be adaptable to the needs of persons with developmental disabilities and residential  
211.31 programs must be homelike.

212.1 Sec. 13. TASK FORCE ON PRIORITY ADMISSIONS TO STATE-OPERATED  
212.2 TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

212.3 Subdivision 1. Establishment; purpose. The Task Force on Priority Admissions to  
212.4 State-Operated Treatment Programs is established to evaluate the impact of the requirements  
212.5 for priority admissions under Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph  
212.6 (b) on:

212.7 (1) the Department of Human Services;

212.8 (2) individuals referred for admission and care at state-operated treatment programs,  
212.9 including both individuals referred for priority admission under Minnesota Statutes, section  
212.10 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and individuals not referred according to such priority  
212.11 admissions requirements; and

212.12 (3) the mental health system in Minnesota, including community hospitals.

212.13 Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The task force shall consist of the following members,  
212.14 appointed as follows:

212.15 (1) a member appointed by the governor;

212.16 (2) the commissioner of human services, or a designee;

212.17 (3) a member representing Department of Human Services direct care and treatment  
212.18 services who has experience with civil commitments, appointed by the commissioner of  
212.19 human services;

212.20 (4) the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities;

212.21 (5) a hospital representative, appointed by the Minnesota Hospital Association;

212.22 (6) a county representative, appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties;

212.23 (7) a county social services representative, appointed by the Minnesota Association of  
212.24 County Social Service Administrators;

212.25 (8) a member appointed by the Minnesota Civil Commitment Defense Panel;

212.26 (9) a county attorney, appointed by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;

212.27 (10) a county sheriff, appointed by the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;

212.28 (11) a member appointed by the Minnesota Psychiatric Society;

212.29 (12) a member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health  
212.30 Programs;

213.1 (13) a member appointed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota;

213.2 (14) the Minnesota Attorney General;

213.3 (15) three individuals from organizations representing racial and ethnic groups that are  
213.4 overrepresented in the criminal justice system, appointed by the commissioner of corrections;  
213.5 and

213.6 (16) one member of the public with lived experience directly related to the task force's  
213.7 purposes, appointed by the governor.

213.8 (b) Appointments must be made no later than July 15, 2023.

213.9 (c) Member compensation and reimbursement for expenses are governed by Minnesota  
213.10 Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

213.11 (d) A member of the legislature may not serve as a member of the task force.

213.12 Subd. 3. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The commissioner of human services must convene  
213.13 the first meeting of the task force no later than August 1, 2023.

213.14 (b) The Attorney General and the commissioner of human services must serve as  
213.15 co-chairs. The task force may elect other officers as necessary.

213.16 (c) Task force meetings are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota  
213.17 Statutes, chapter 13D.

213.18 Subd. 4. **Administrative support.** The commissioner of human services must provide  
213.19 administrative support and staff assistance for the task force.

213.20 Subd. 5. **Data usage and privacy.** Any data provided by executive agencies as part of  
213.21 the work and report of the task force is subject to the requirements of the Minnesota  
213.22 Government Data Practices Act under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13, and all other applicable  
213.23 data privacy laws.

213.24 Subd. 6. **Duties.** The task force must:

213.25 (1) evaluate the impact of the priority admissions required under Minnesota Statutes,  
213.26 section 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), on the ability of the state to serve all  
213.27 individuals in need of care in state-operated treatment programs by analyzing:

213.28 (i) the number of individuals admitted to state-operated treatment programs from jails  
213.29 or correctional institutions according to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section  
213.30 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), since July 1, 2013;

214.1 (ii) the number of individuals currently on waiting lists for admission to state-operated  
214.2 treatment programs;

214.3 (iii) the average length of time an individual admitted from a jail or correctional institution  
214.4 waits for a medically appropriate bed in a state-operated treatment program, compared to  
214.5 an individual admitted from another location, such as a community hospital or the individual's  
214.6 home; and

214.7 (iv) county-by-county trends over time for priority admissions under Minnesota Statutes,  
214.8 section 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

214.9 (2) analyze the impact of the priority admissions required under Minnesota Statutes,  
214.10 section 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), on the mental health system statewide,  
214.11 including on community hospitals;

214.12 (3) develop policy and funding recommendations for improvements or alternatives to  
214.13 the current priority admissions requirement. Recommendations must ensure that  
214.14 state-operated treatment programs have medical discretion to admit individuals with the  
214.15 highest acuity and who may pose a risk to self and others, regardless of referral path; and

214.16 (4) identify and recommend options for providing treatment to individuals referred  
214.17 according to the priority admissions required under Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.10,  
214.18 subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and other individuals in the community who require treatment  
214.19 at state-operated treatment programs.

214.20 Subd. 7. **Report.** No later than February 1, 2024, the task force must submit a written  
214.21 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
214.22 jurisdiction over public safety and human services that includes recommendations on:

214.23 (1) proposals to amend Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph  
214.24 (b), to improve the priority admissions requirements and process;

214.25 (2) ways to ensure that state-operated treatment programs have medical discretion to  
214.26 prioritize the admission of individuals with the most acute clinical and behavioral health  
214.27 needs or who pose a risk to self and others, regardless of referral path;

214.28 (3) additional ways to meet the treatment needs of individuals referred to state-operated  
214.29 treatment programs according to the priority admissions required under Minnesota Statutes,  
214.30 section 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and other individuals in the community who  
214.31 require treatment at state-operated treatment programs; and

214.32 (4) any other relevant findings, research, or analyses conducted or produced by the task  
214.33 force under subdivision 6.

215.1 Subd. 8. Expiration. The task force expires June 30, 2024.

215.2 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

215.3 Sec. 14. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.

215.4 The revisor of statutes, in consultation with staff from the House Research Department;  
 215.5 House Fiscal Analysis; the Office of Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis; and  
 215.6 the respective departments shall prepare legislation for introduction in the 2024 legislative  
 215.7 session proposing the statutory changes necessary to implement the transfers of duties that  
 215.8 this article requires.

215.9 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023.

215.10 **ARTICLE 9**

215.11 **APPROPRIATIONS**

215.12 Section 1. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS.

215.13 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
 215.14 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,  
 215.15 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.  
 215.16 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under  
 215.17 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.  
 215.18 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"  
 215.19 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

215.20 **APPROPRIATIONS**

215.21 **Available for the Year**

215.22 **Ending June 30**

215.23 **2024**

**2025**

215.24 Sec. 2. COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN  
 215.25 SERVICES

215.26 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation **\$ 6,926,209,000 \$ 7,181,099,000**

215.27 Appropriations by Fund

215.28 2024

2025

215.29 General 6,924,445,000 7,179,297,000

215.30 Health Care Access 31,000 69,000

215.31 Lottery Prize 1,733,000 1,733,000

216.1	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
216.2	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
216.3	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
216.4	<b><u>Subd. 2. Central Office; Operations</u></b>	<u>24,607,000</u>	<u>17,725,000</u>
216.5	<b><u>(a) Grant Administration Carryforward.</u></b>		
216.6	<u>(1) Of this amount, \$714,000 in fiscal year</u>		
216.7	<u>2024 is available until June 30, 2027.</u>		
216.8	<u>(2) Of this amount, \$140,000 in fiscal year</u>		
216.9	<u>2025 is available until June 30, 2027.</u>		
216.10	<u>(3) Of this amount, \$640,000 in fiscal year</u>		
216.11	<u>2024 is available until June 30, 2029.</u>		
216.12	<b><u>(b) Base Level Adjustment.</u></b> The general fund		
216.13	<u>base is increased by \$7,249,000 in fiscal year</u>		
216.14	<u>2026 and increased by \$6,999,000 in fiscal</u>		
216.15	<u>year 2027.</u>		
216.16	<b><u>Subd. 3. Central Office; Children and Families</u></b>	<u>2,699,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
216.17	<b><u>Grant Administration Carryforward.</u></b> Of		
216.18	<u>this amount, \$2,699,000 in fiscal year 2024 is</u>		
216.19	<u>available until June 30, 2027.</u>		
216.20	<b><u>Subd. 4. Central Office; Health Care</u></b>	<u>2,468,000</u>	<u>3,439,000</u>
216.21	<b><u>(a) Initial PACE Implementation Funding.</u></b>		
216.22	<u>\$270,000 in fiscal year 2024 is to complete</u>		
216.23	<u>the initial actuarial and administrative work</u>		
216.24	<u>necessary to recommend a financing</u>		
216.25	<u>mechanism for the operation of PACE under</u>		
216.26	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.69,</u>		
216.27	<u>subdivision 23, paragraph (e). This is a</u>		
216.28	<u>onetime appropriation and is available until</u>		
216.29	<u>June 30, 2025.</u>		
216.30	<b><u>(b) Base Level Adjustment.</u></b> The general fund		
216.31	<u>base is increased by \$3,322,000 in fiscal year</u>		
216.32	<u>2026 and increased by \$3,322,000 in fiscal</u>		
216.33	<u>year 2027.</u>		

217.1	<b><u>Subd. 5. Central Office; Aging and Disability</u></b>		
217.2	<b><u>Services</u></b>	<u>40,115,000</u>	<u>11,995,000</u>
217.3	<b><u>(a) Employment Supports Alignment Study.</u></b>		
217.4	<u>\$50,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$200,000 in</u>		
217.5	<u>fiscal year 2025 are to conduct an interagency</u>		
217.6	<u>employment supports alignment study. The</u>		
217.7	<u>base for this appropriation is \$150,000 in fiscal</u>		
217.8	<u>year 2026 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2027.</u>		
217.9	<b><u>(b) Case Management Training</u></b>		
217.10	<b><u>Curriculum.</u></b> <u>\$377,000 in fiscal year 2024 and</u>		
217.11	<u>\$377,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to develop</u>		
217.12	<u>and implement a curriculum and training plan</u>		
217.13	<u>to ensure all lead agency assessors and case</u>		
217.14	<u>managers have the knowledge and skills</u>		
217.15	<u>necessary to fulfill support planning and</u>		
217.16	<u>coordination responsibilities for individuals</u>		
217.17	<u>who use home and community-based disability</u>		
217.18	<u>services and live in own-home settings. This</u>		
217.19	<u>is a onetime appropriation.</u>		
217.20	<b><u>(c) Office of Ombudsperson for Long-Term</u></b>		
217.21	<b><u>Care.</u></b> <u>\$875,000 in fiscal year 2024 and</u>		
217.22	<u>\$875,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for additional</u>		
217.23	<u>staff and associated direct costs in the Office</u>		
217.24	<u>of Ombudsperson for Long-Term Care.</u>		
217.25	<b><u>(d) Direct Care Services Corps Pilot Project.</u></b>		
217.26	<u>\$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the</u>		
217.27	<u>general fund for a grant to the Metropolitan</u>		
217.28	<u>Center for Independent Living for the direct</u>		
217.29	<u>care services corps pilot project. Up to \$25,000</u>		
217.30	<u>may be used by the Metropolitan Center for</u>		
217.31	<u>Independent Living for administrative costs.</u>		
217.32	<u>This is a onetime appropriation.</u>		
217.33	<b><u>(e) Research on Access to Long-Term Care</u></b>		
217.34	<b><u>Services and Financing.</u></b> <u>Any unexpended</u>		
217.35	<u>amount of the fiscal year 2023 appropriation</u>		

218.1 referenced in Laws 2021, First Special Session  
 218.2 chapter 7, article 17, section 16, estimated to  
 218.3 be \$300,000, is canceled. The amount canceled  
 218.4 is appropriated in fiscal year 2024 for the same  
 218.5 purpose.

218.6 **(f) Native American Elder Coordinator.**  
 218.7 \$441,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$441,000 in  
 218.8 fiscal year 2025 are for the Native American  
 218.9 elder coordinator position under Minnesota  
 218.10 Statutes, section 256.975, subdivision 6.

218.11 **(g) Grant Administration Carryforward.**

218.12 (1) Of this amount, \$8,154,000 in fiscal year  
 218.13 2024 is available until June 30, 2027.

218.14 (2) Of this amount, \$1,071,000 in fiscal year  
 218.15 2025 is available until June 30, 2027.

218.16 (3) Of this amount, \$19,000,000 in fiscal year  
 218.17 2024 is available until June 30, 2029.

218.18 **(h) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 218.19 base is increased by \$8,189,000 in fiscal year  
 218.20 2026 and increased by \$8,093,000 in fiscal  
 218.21 year 2027.

218.22 **Subd. 6. Central Office; Behavioral Health,**  
 218.23 **Housing, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing**  
 218.24 **Services**

9,573,000

4,048,000

218.25 **(a) Evidence-Based Training for Substance**  
 218.26 **Use Disorder Provider Community.**

218.27 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$150,000 in  
 218.28 fiscal year 2025 are for provider participation  
 218.29 in clinical training for the transition to  
 218.30 American Society of Addiction Medicine  
 218.31 standards.

218.32 **(b) Substance Use Disorder Public**  
 218.33 **Awareness Campaign.** \$1,584,000 in fiscal  
 218.34 year 2024 is to develop and establish a public

219.1 awareness campaign targeting the stigma of  
 219.2 opioid use disorders with the goal of  
 219.3 prevention and education of youth on the  
 219.4 dangers of opioids and other substance use.  
 219.5 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 219.6 16A.28, this appropriation is available until  
 219.7 June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

219.8 **(c) Evaluation of Recovery Site Grants.**

219.9 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025 is to provide  
 219.10 funding for evaluating the effectiveness of  
 219.11 recovery site grant efforts.

219.12 **(d) Grant Administration Carryforward.**

219.13 (1) Of this amount, \$3,948,000 in fiscal year  
 219.14 2024 is available until June 30, 2027.

219.15 (2) Of this amount, \$1,183,000 in fiscal year  
 219.16 2024 is available until June 30, 2029.

219.17 **(e) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 219.18 base is increased by \$3,759,000 in fiscal year  
 219.19 2026 and increased by \$3,659,000 in fiscal  
 219.20 year 2027.

219.21 <b><u>Subd. 7. Forecasted Programs; Housing Support</u></b>	<u>783,000</u>	<u>1,592,000</u>
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219.22 <b><u>Subd. 8. Forecasted Programs; MinnesotaCare</u></b>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>69,000</u>
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219.23 This appropriation is from the health care  
 219.24 access fund.

219.25 <b><u>Subd. 9. Forecasted Programs; Medical</u></b>		
219.26 <b><u>Assistance</u></b>	<u>5,672,632,000</u>	<u>6,347,966,000</u>

219.27 <b><u>Subd. 10. Forecasted Programs; Alternative</u></b>		
219.28 <b><u>Care</u></b>	<u>48,042,000</u>	<u>53,377,000</u>

219.29 Any money allocated to the alternative care  
 219.30 program that is not spent for the purposes  
 219.31 indicated does not cancel but must be  
 219.32 transferred to the medical assistance account.

220.1	<b><u>Subd. 11. Forecasted Programs; Behavioral</u></b>		
220.2	<b><u>Health Fund</u></b>	<u>96,387,000</u>	<u>98,417,000</u>
220.3	<b><u>Subd. 12. Grant Programs; Refugee Services</u></b>		
220.4	<b><u>Grants</u></b>	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
220.5	<b><u>New American Legal, Social Services, and</u></b>		
220.6	<b><u>Long-Term Care Workforce Grant</u></b>		
220.7	<b><u>Program. \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is</u></b>		
220.8	<b><u>for legal and social services grants.</u></b>		
220.9	<b><u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u></b>		
220.10	<b><u>16A.28, this appropriation is available until</u></b>		
220.11	<b><u>June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.</u></b>		
220.12	<b><u>Subd. 13. Grant Programs; Other Long-Term</u></b>		
220.13	<b><u>Care Grants</u></b>	<u>152,387,000</u>	<u>1,925,000</u>
220.14	<b><u>(a) Provider Capacity Grant for Rural and</u></b>		
220.15	<b><u>Underserved Communities. \$17,148,000 in</u></b>		
220.16	<b><u>fiscal year 2024 is for provider capacity grants</u></b>		
220.17	<b><u>for rural and underserved communities.</u></b>		
220.18	<b><u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u></b>		
220.19	<b><u>16A.28, this appropriation is available until</u></b>		
220.20	<b><u>June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.</u></b>		
220.21	<b><u>(b) New American Legal, Social Services,</u></b>		
220.22	<b><u>and Long-Term Care Grant Program.</u></b>		
220.23	<b><u>\$28,316,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for</u></b>		
220.24	<b><u>long-term care workforce grants for new</u></b>		
220.25	<b><u>Americans. Notwithstanding Minnesota</u></b>		
220.26	<b><u>Statutes, section 16A.28, this appropriation is</u></b>		
220.27	<b><u>available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime</u></b>		
220.28	<b><u>appropriation.</u></b>		
220.29	<b><u>(c) Supported Decision Making Programs.</u></b>		
220.30	<b><u>\$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for supported</u></b>		
220.31	<b><u>decision making grants. This is a onetime</u></b>		
220.32	<b><u>appropriation and is available until June 30,</u></b>		
220.33	<b><u>2025.</u></b>		
220.34	<b><u>(d) Direct Support Professionals</u></b>		
220.35	<b><u>Employee-Owned Cooperative Program.</u></b>		

221.1 \$350,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for a grant to  
 221.2 the Metropolitan Consortium of Community  
 221.3 Developers for the Direct Support  
 221.4 Professionals Employee-Owned Cooperative  
 221.5 program. The grantee must use the grant  
 221.6 amount for outreach and engagement,  
 221.7 managing a screening and selection process,  
 221.8 providing one-on-one technical assistance,  
 221.9 developing and providing training curricula  
 221.10 related to cooperative development and home  
 221.11 and community-based waiver services,  
 221.12 administration, reporting, and program  
 221.13 evaluation. This is a onetime appropriation  
 221.14 and is available until June 30, 2025.

221.15 **(e) Long-Term Services and Supports**  
 221.16 **Workforce Incentive Grants. \$83,560,000**  
 221.17 in fiscal year 2024 is for long-term services  
 221.18 and supports workforce incentive grants  
 221.19 administered according to Minnesota Statutes,  
 221.20 section 256.4764. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
 221.21 Statutes, section 16A.28, this appropriation is  
 221.22 available until June 30, 2029. This is a onetime  
 221.23 appropriation.

221.24 **(f) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 221.25 base is \$3,949,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 221.26 \$3,949,000 in fiscal year 2027. Of these  
 221.27 amounts, \$2,024,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 221.28 \$2,024,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for PCA  
 221.29 background study grants.

221.30 **Subd. 14. Grant Programs; Aging and Adult**  
 221.31 **Services Grants**

164,626,000

34,795,000

221.32 **(a) Vulnerable Adult Act Redesign Phase**  
 221.33 **Two.** \$17,129,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for  
 221.34 adult protection grants to counties and Tribes  
 221.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256M.42.

222.1 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
222.2 16A.28, this appropriation is available until  
222.3 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation  
222.4 is \$866,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$867,000  
222.5 in fiscal year 2027.

222.6 **(b) Caregiver Respite Services Grants.**  
222.7 \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for caregiver  
222.8 respite services grants under Minnesota  
222.9 Statutes, section 256.9756. This is a onetime  
222.10 appropriation.

222.11 **(c) Live Well at Home Grants. \$4,575,000**  
222.12 in fiscal year 2024 is for live well at home  
222.13 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
222.14 256.9754, subdivision 3f. This is a onetime  
222.15 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
222.16 2025.

222.17 **(d) Senior Nutrition Program. \$10,552,000**  
222.18 in fiscal year 2024 is for the senior nutrition  
222.19 program. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
222.20 section 16A.28, this appropriation is available  
222.21 until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime  
222.22 appropriation.

222.23 **(e) Age-Friendly Community Grants.**  
222.24 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for the  
222.25 continuation of age-friendly community grants  
222.26 under Laws 2021, First Special Session  
222.27 chapter 7, article 17, section 8, subdivision 1.  
222.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
222.29 16A.28, this is a onetime appropriation and is  
222.30 available until June 30, 2027.

222.31 **(f) Age-Friendly Technical Assistance**  
222.32 **Grants. \$1,725,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for**  
222.33 **the continuation of age-friendly technical**  
222.34 **assistance grants under Laws 2021, First**

223.1 Special Session chapter 7, article 17, section  
 223.2 8, subdivision 2. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
 223.3 Statutes, section 16A.28, this is a onetime  
 223.4 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
 223.5 2027.

223.6 **(g) Financially Distressed Nursing Facility**  
 223.7 **Loan Program.** \$93,200,000 in fiscal year  
 223.8 2024 is for the financially distressed nursing  
 223.9 facility loan program under Minnesota  
 223.10 Statutes, section 256R.55, and is available as  
 223.11 provided therein.

223.12 **(h) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 223.13 base is \$33,861,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 223.14 \$33,862,000 in fiscal year 2027.

223.15 <b><u>Subd. 15. Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Grants</u></b>	<u>2,886,000</u>	<u>2,886,000</u>
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223.16 <b><u>Subd. 16. Grant Programs; Disabilities Grants</u></b>	<u>113,684,000</u>	<u>30,377,000</u>
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223.17 **(a) Temporary Grants for Small**  
 223.18 **Customized Living Providers.** \$5,450,000  
 223.19 in fiscal year 2024 is for grants to assist small  
 223.20 customized living providers to transition to  
 223.21 community residential services licensure or  
 223.22 integrated community supports licensure.  
 223.23 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 223.24 16A.28, this appropriation is available until  
 223.25 June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

223.26 **(b) Lead Agency Capacity Building Grants.**  
 223.27 \$444,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,396,000  
 223.28 in fiscal year 2025 are for grants to assist  
 223.29 organizations, counties, and Tribes to build  
 223.30 capacity for employment opportunities for  
 223.31 people with disabilities. The base for this  
 223.32 appropriation is \$2,413,000 in fiscal year 2026  
 223.33 and \$2,411,000 in fiscal year 2027.

224.1 **(c) Employment and Technical Assistance**  
224.2 **Center Grants.** \$450,000 in fiscal year 2024  
224.3 and \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for  
224.4 employment and technical assistance grants  
224.5 to assist organizations and employers in  
224.6 promoting a more inclusive workplace for  
224.7 people with disabilities.

224.8 **(d) Case Management Training Grants.**  
224.9 \$37,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$123,000 in  
224.10 fiscal year 2025 are for grants to provide case  
224.11 management training to organizations and  
224.12 employers to support the state's disability  
224.13 employment supports system. The base for  
224.14 this appropriation is \$45,000 in fiscal year  
224.15 2026 and \$45,000 in fiscal year 2027.

224.16 **(e) Self-Directed Bargaining Agreement;**  
224.17 **Electronic Visit Verification Stipends.**  
224.18 \$6,095,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for onetime  
224.19 stipends of \$200 to bargaining members to  
224.20 offset the potential costs related to people  
224.21 using individual devices to access the  
224.22 electronic visit verification system. Of this  
224.23 amount, \$5,600,000 is for stipends and  
224.24 \$495,000 is for administration. This is a  
224.25 onetime appropriation and is available until  
224.26 June 30, 2025.

224.27 **(f) Self-Directed Collective Bargaining**  
224.28 **Agreement; Temporary Rate Increase**  
224.29 **Memorandum of Understanding.** \$1,600,000  
224.30 in fiscal year 2024 is for onetime stipends for  
224.31 individual providers covered by the SEIU  
224.32 collective bargaining agreement based on the  
224.33 memorandum of understanding related to the  
224.34 temporary rate increase in effect between  
224.35 December 1, 2020, and February 7, 2021. Of

225.1 this amount, \$1,400,000 of the appropriation  
225.2 is for stipends and \$200,000 is for  
225.3 administration. This is a onetime  
225.4 appropriation.

225.5 **(g) Self-Directed Collective Bargaining**  
225.6 **Agreement; Retention Bonuses. \$50,750,000**  
225.7 in fiscal year 2024 is for onetime retention  
225.8 bonuses covered by the SEIU collective  
225.9 bargaining agreement. Of this amount,  
225.10 \$50,000,000 is for retention bonuses and  
225.11 \$750,000 is for administration of the bonuses.  
225.12 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
225.13 available until June 30, 2025.

225.14 **(h) Self-Directed Bargaining Agreement;**  
225.15 **Training Stipends. \$2,100,000 in fiscal year**  
225.16 **2024 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for**  
225.17 **onetime stipends of \$500 for collective**  
225.18 **bargaining unit members who complete**  
225.19 **designated, voluntary trainings made available**  
225.20 **through or recommended by the State Provider**  
225.21 **Cooperation Committee. Of this amount,**  
225.22 **\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for stipends,**  
225.23 **and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$100,000**  
225.24 **in fiscal year 2025 are for administration. This**  
225.25 **is a onetime appropriation.**

225.26 **(i) Self-Directed Bargaining Agreement;**  
225.27 **Orientation Program. \$2,000,000 in fiscal**  
225.28 **year 2024 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025**  
225.29 **are for onetime \$100 payments to collective**  
225.30 **bargaining unit members who complete**  
225.31 **voluntary orientation requirements. Of this**  
225.32 **amount, \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and**  
225.33 **\$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the**  
225.34 **onetime \$100 payments, and \$500,000 in**  
225.35 **fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year**

226.1 2025 are for orientation-related costs. This is  
226.2 a onetime appropriation.

226.3 **(j) Self-Directed Bargaining Agreement;**  
226.4 **Home Care Orientation Trust. \$1,000,000**  
226.5 in fiscal year 2024 is for the Home Care  
226.6 Orientation Trust under Minnesota Statutes,  
226.7 section 179A.54, subdivision 11. The  
226.8 commissioner shall disburse the appropriation  
226.9 to the board of trustees of the Home Care  
226.10 Orientation Trust for deposit into an account  
226.11 designated by the board of trustees outside the  
226.12 state treasury and state's accounting system.  
226.13 This is a onetime appropriation.

226.14 **(k) HIV/AIDS Supportive Services.**  
226.15 \$12,100,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for grants  
226.16 to community-based HIV/AIDS supportive  
226.17 services providers as defined in Minnesota  
226.18 Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 19, and  
226.19 for payment of allowed health care costs as  
226.20 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
226.21 256.935. This is a onetime appropriation and  
226.22 is available until June 30, 2025.

226.23 **(l) Motion Analysis Advancements Clinical**  
226.24 **Study and Patient Care. \$400,000 is fiscal**  
226.25 year 2024 is for a grant to the Mayo Clinic  
226.26 Motion Analysis Laboratory and Limb Lab  
226.27 for continued research in motion analysis  
226.28 advancements and patient care. This is a  
226.29 onetime appropriation and is available through  
226.30 June 30, 2025.

226.31 **(m) Grant to Family Voices in Minnesota.**  
226.32 \$75,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$75,000 in  
226.33 fiscal year 2025 are for a grant to Family  
226.34 Voices in Minnesota under Minnesota  
226.35 Statutes, section 256.4776.

- 227.1 (n) Parent-to-Parent Programs.
- 227.2 (1) \$550,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$550,000
- 227.3 in fiscal year 2025 are for grants to
- 227.4 organizations that provide services to
- 227.5 underserved communities with a high
- 227.6 prevalence of autism spectrum disorder. This
- 227.7 is a onetime appropriation and is available
- 227.8 until June 30, 2025.
- 227.9 (2) The commissioner shall give priority to
- 227.10 organizations that provide culturally specific
- 227.11 and culturally responsive services.
- 227.12 (3) Eligible organizations must:
- 227.13 (i) conduct outreach and provide support to
- 227.14 newly identified parents or guardians of a child
- 227.15 with special health care needs;
- 227.16 (ii) provide training to educate parents and
- 227.17 guardians in ways to support their child and
- 227.18 navigate the health, education, and human
- 227.19 services systems;
- 227.20 (iii) facilitate ongoing peer support for parents
- 227.21 and guardians from trained volunteer support
- 227.22 parents; and
- 227.23 (iv) communicate regularly with other
- 227.24 parent-to-parent programs and national
- 227.25 organizations to ensure that best practices are
- 227.26 implemented.
- 227.27 (4) Grant recipients must use grant money for
- 227.28 the activities identified in clause (3).
- 227.29 (5) For purposes of this paragraph, "special
- 227.30 health care needs" means disabilities, chronic
- 227.31 illnesses or conditions, health-related
- 227.32 educational or behavioral problems, or the risk

228.1 of developing disabilities, illnesses, conditions,  
228.2 or problems.

228.3 (6) Each grant recipient must report to the  
228.4 commissioner of human services annually by  
228.5 January 15 with measurable outcomes from  
228.6 programs and services funded by this  
228.7 appropriation the previous year including the  
228.8 number of families served and the number of  
228.9 volunteer support parents trained by the  
228.10 organization's parent-to-parent program.

228.11 **(o) Self-Advocacy Grants for Persons with**  
228.12 **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.**

228.13 \$323,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$323,000 in  
228.14 fiscal year 2025 are for self-advocacy grants  
228.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.477.

228.16 Of these amounts, \$218,000 in fiscal year  
228.17 2024 and \$218,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for  
228.18 the activities under Minnesota Statutes, section  
228.19 256.477, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses

228.20 (5) to (7), and for administrative costs, and  
228.21 \$105,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$105,000 in  
228.22 fiscal year 2025 are for the activities under  
228.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 256.477,  
228.24 subdivision 2.

228.25 **(p) Technology for Home Grants. \$300,000**  
228.26 **in fiscal year 2024 and \$300,000 in fiscal year**  
228.27 **2025 are for technology for home grants under**  
228.28 **Minnesota Statutes, section 256.4773.**

228.29 **(q) Community Residential Setting**  
228.30 **Transition. \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is**  
228.31 **for a grant to Hennepin County to expedite**  
228.32 **approval of community residential setting**  
228.33 **licenses subject to the corporate foster care**  
228.34 **moratorium exception under Minnesota**

229.1 Statutes, section 245A.03, subdivision 7,  
 229.2 paragraph (a), clause (5).

229.3 **(r) Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
 229.4 base is \$27,343,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 229.5 \$27,016,000 in fiscal year 2027.

229.6 **Subd. 17. Grant Programs; Adult Mental Health**  
 229.7 **Grants** 4,400,000 -0-

229.8 **(a) Training for Peer Workforce.** \$4,000,000  
 229.9 in fiscal year 2024 is for peer workforce  
 229.10 training grants. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
 229.11 Statutes, section 16A.28, this is a onetime  
 229.12 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
 229.13 2027.

229.14 **(b) Family Enhancement Center Grant.**  
 229.15 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for a grant to  
 229.16 the Family Enhancement Center to develop,  
 229.17 maintain, and expand community-based social  
 229.18 engagement and connection programs to help  
 229.19 families dealing with trauma and mental health  
 229.20 issues develop connections with each other  
 229.21 and their communities, including the NEST  
 229.22 parent monitoring program, the cook to  
 229.23 connect program, and the call to movement  
 229.24 initiative. This appropriation is onetime and  
 229.25 is available until June 30, 2025.

229.26 **Subd. 18. Grant Programs; Chemical**  
 229.27 **Dependency Treatment Support Grants**

229.28 Appropriations by Fund

229.29 <u>General</u>	<u>54,691,000</u>	<u>5,342,000</u>
229.30 <u>Lottery Prize</u>	<u>1,733,000</u>	<u>1,733,000</u>

229.31 **(a) Culturally Specific Recovery**  
 229.32 **Community Organization Start-Up Grants.**  
 229.33 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for culturally  
 229.34 specific recovery community organization  
 229.35 start-up grants. Notwithstanding Minnesota

230.1 Statutes, section 16A.28, this appropriation is  
230.2 available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime  
230.3 appropriation.

230.4 **(b) Safe Recovery Sites.** \$14,537,000 in fiscal  
230.5 year 2024 is from the general fund for start-up  
230.6 and capacity-building grants for organizations  
230.7 to establish safe recovery sites.

230.8 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
230.9 16A.28, this appropriation is onetime and is  
230.10 available until June 30, 2029.

230.11 **(c) Technical Assistance for Culturally**  
230.12 **Specific Organizations; Culturally Specific**  
230.13 **Services Grants.** \$4,000,000 in fiscal year  
230.14 2024 is for grants to culturally specific  
230.15 providers for technical assistance navigating  
230.16 culturally specific and responsive substance  
230.17 use and recovery programs. Notwithstanding  
230.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, this  
230.19 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

230.20 **(d) Technical Assistance for Culturally**  
230.21 **Specific Organizations; Culturally Specific**  
230.22 **Grant Development Training.** \$400,000 in  
230.23 fiscal year 2024 is for grants for up to four  
230.24 trainings for community members and  
230.25 culturally specific providers for grant writing  
230.26 training for substance use and recovery-related  
230.27 grants. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
230.28 section 16A.28, this is a onetime appropriation  
230.29 and is available until June 30, 2027.

230.30 **(e) Harm Reduction Supplies for Tribal and**  
230.31 **Culturally Specific Programs.** \$7,597,000  
230.32 in fiscal year 2024 is from the general fund to  
230.33 provide sole source grants to culturally  
230.34 specific communities to purchase syringes,  
230.35 testing supplies, and opiate antagonists.

- 231.1 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
231.2 16A.28, this appropriation is available until  
231.3 June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 231.4 **(f) Families and Family Treatment**  
231.5 **Capacity-Building and Start-Up Grants.**  
231.6 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the  
231.7 general fund for start-up and capacity-building  
231.8 grants for family substance use disorder  
231.9 treatment programs. Notwithstanding  
231.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, this  
231.11 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.  
231.12 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 231.13 **(g) Start-Up and Capacity Building Grants**  
231.14 **for Withdrawal Management. \$500,000 in**  
231.15 **fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year**  
231.16 **2025 are for start-up and capacity building**  
231.17 **grants for withdrawal management.**
- 231.18 **(h) Recovery Community Organization**  
231.19 **Grants. \$4,300,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from**  
231.20 **the general fund for grants to recovery**  
231.21 **community organizations, as defined in**  
231.22 **Minnesota Statutes, section 254B.01,**  
231.23 **subdivision 8, that are current grantees as of**  
231.24 **June 30, 2023. This is a onetime appropriation**  
231.25 **and is available until June 30, 2025.**
- 231.26 **(i) Opioid Overdose Prevention Grants.**  
231.27 **(1) \$125,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$125,000**  
231.28 **in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund**  
231.29 **for a grant to Ka Joog, a nonprofit organization**  
231.30 **in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to be used for**  
231.31 **collaborative outreach, education, and training**  
231.32 **on opioid use and overdose, and distribution**  
231.33 **of opiate antagonist kits in East African and**

232.1 Somali communities in Minnesota. This is a  
232.2 onetime appropriation.

232.3 (2) \$125,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$125,000  
232.4 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund  
232.5 for a grant to the Steve Rummeler Hope  
232.6 Network to be used for statewide outreach,  
232.7 education, and training on opioid use and  
232.8 overdose, and distribution of opiate antagonist  
232.9 kits. This is a onetime appropriation.

232.10 (3) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$250,000  
232.11 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund  
232.12 for a grant to African Career Education and  
232.13 Resource, Inc. to be used for collaborative  
232.14 outreach, education, and training on opioid  
232.15 use and overdose, and distribution of opiate  
232.16 antagonist kits. This is a onetime  
232.17 appropriation.

232.18 (j) **Problem Gambling.** \$225,000 in fiscal  
232.19 year 2024 and \$225,000 in fiscal year 2025  
232.20 are from the lottery prize fund for a grant to a  
232.21 state affiliate recognized by the National  
232.22 Council on Problem Gambling. The affiliate  
232.23 must provide services to increase public  
232.24 awareness of problem gambling, education,  
232.25 training for individuals and organizations that  
232.26 provide effective treatment services to problem  
232.27 gamblers and their families, and research  
232.28 related to problem gambling.

232.29 (k) **Project ECHO.** \$1,310,000 in fiscal year  
232.30 2024 and \$1,295,000 in fiscal year 2025 are  
232.31 from the general fund for a grant to Hennepin  
232.32 Healthcare to expand the Project ECHO  
232.33 program. The grant must be used to establish  
232.34 at least four substance use disorder-focused  
232.35 Project ECHO programs at Hennepin

233.1 Healthcare, expanding the grantee's capacity  
233.2 to improve health and substance use disorder  
233.3 outcomes for diverse populations of  
233.4 individuals enrolled in medical assistance,  
233.5 including but not limited to immigrants,  
233.6 individuals who are homeless, individuals  
233.7 seeking maternal and perinatal care, and other  
233.8 underserved populations. The Project ECHO  
233.9 programs funded under this section must be  
233.10 culturally responsive, and the grantee must  
233.11 contract with culturally and linguistically  
233.12 appropriate substance use disorder service  
233.13 providers who have expertise in focus areas,  
233.14 based on the populations served. Grant funds  
233.15 may be used for program administration,  
233.16 equipment, provider reimbursement, and  
233.17 staffing hours. This is a onetime appropriation.

233.18 **(1) White Earth Nation Substance Use**  
233.19 **Disorder Digital Therapy Tool. \$3,000,000**  
233.20 **in fiscal year 2024 is from the general fund**  
233.21 **for a grant to the White Earth Nation to**  
233.22 **develop an individualized Native American**  
233.23 **centric digital therapy tool with Pathfinder**  
233.24 **Solutions. This is a onetime appropriation.**

233.25 **The grant must be used to:**

233.26 **(1) develop a mobile application that is**  
233.27 **culturally tailored to connecting substance use**  
233.28 **disorder resources with White Earth Nation**  
233.29 **members;**

233.30 **(2) convene a planning circle with White Earth**  
233.31 **Nation members to design the tool;**

233.32 **(3) provide and expand White Earth**  
233.33 **Nation-specific substance use disorder**  
233.34 **services; and**

234.1 (4) partner with an academic research  
234.2 institution to evaluate the efficacy of the  
234.3 program.

234.4 (m) **Wellness in the Woods.** \$300,000 in  
234.5 fiscal year 2024 and \$300,000 in fiscal year  
234.6 2025 are from the general fund for a grant to  
234.7 Wellness in the Woods for daily peer support  
234.8 and special sessions for individuals who are  
234.9 in substance use disorder recovery, are  
234.10 transitioning out of incarceration, or who have  
234.11 experienced trauma. These are onetime  
234.12 appropriations.

234.13 (n) **Base Level Adjustment.** The general fund  
234.14 base is \$3,247,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
234.15 \$3,247,000 in fiscal year 2027.

234.16 Subd. 19. **Direct Care and Treatment - Transfer**  
234.17 **Authority**

234.18 (a) Money appropriated for budget activities  
234.19 under subdivisions 20 to 24 may be transferred  
234.20 between budget activities and between years  
234.21 of the biennium with the approval of the  
234.22 commissioner of management and budget.

234.23 (b) Ending balances in obsolete accounts in  
234.24 the special revenue fund and other dedicated  
234.25 accounts within direct care and treatment may  
234.26 be transferred to other dedicated and gift fund  
234.27 accounts within direct care and treatment for  
234.28 client use and other client activities, with  
234.29 approval of the commissioner of management  
234.30 and budget. These transactions must be  
234.31 completed by August 1, 2023.

234.32 Subd. 20. **Direct Care and Treatment - Mental**  
234.33 **Health and Substance Abuse**

169,962,000

177,152,000

234.34 The commissioner responsible for operations  
234.35 of direct care and treatment services, with the

235.1	<u>approval of the commissioner of management</u>		
235.2	<u>and budget, may transfer any balance in the</u>		
235.3	<u>enterprise fund established for the community</u>		
235.4	<u>addiction recovery enterprise program to the</u>		
235.5	<u>general fund appropriation within this</u>		
235.6	<u>subdivision. Any balance remaining after June</u>		
235.7	<u>30, 2025, cancels to the general fund.</u>		
235.8	<b><u>Subd. 21. Direct Care and Treatment -</u></b>		
235.9	<b><u>Community-Based Services</u></b>	<u>20,386,000</u>	<u>21,164,000</u>
235.10	<b><u>Base Level Adjustment.</u></b> The general fund		
235.11	<u>base is \$20,116,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
235.12	<u>\$20,116,000 in fiscal year 2027.</u>		
235.13	<b><u>Subd. 22. Direct Care and Treatment - Forensic</u></b>		
235.14	<b><u>Services</u></b>	<u>141,020,000</u>	<u>148,513,000</u>
235.15	<b><u>Subd. 23. Direct Care and Treatment - Sex</u></b>		
235.16	<b><u>Offender Program</u></b>	<u>115,920,000</u>	<u>121,726,000</u>
235.17	<b><u>Subd. 24. Direct Care and Treatment -</u></b>		
235.18	<b><u>Operations</u></b>	<u>80,177,000</u>	<u>96,858,000</u>
235.19	<u>The general fund base is \$70,063,000 in fiscal</u>		
235.20	<u>year 2026 and \$70,161,000 in fiscal year 2027.</u>		
235.21	<b><u>Sec. 3. COUNCIL ON DISABILITY</u></b>	<u>\$ 2,027,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,407,000</u>
235.22	<b><u>Base Level Adjustment.</u></b> The general fund		
235.23	<u>base is \$2,406,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
235.24	<u>\$2,407,000 in fiscal year 2027.</u>		
235.25	<b><u>Sec. 4. OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN FOR</u></b>		
235.26	<b><u>MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL</u></b>		
235.27	<b><u>DISABILITIES</u></b>	<u>\$ 3,441,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,644,000</u>
235.28	<b><u>Department of Psychiatry Monitoring.</u></b>		
235.29	<u>\$100,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$100,000 in</u>		
235.30	<u>fiscal year 2025 are for monitoring the</u>		
235.31	<u>Department of Psychiatry at the University of</u>		
235.32	<u>Minnesota.</u>		
235.33	<b><u>Sec. 5. COMMISSIONER OF MANAGEMENT</u></b>		
235.34	<b><u>AND BUDGET</u></b>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

236.1 **Office of Addiction and Recovery.**

236.2 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000

236.3 in fiscal year 2025 are for the Office of

236.4 Addiction and Recovery.

236.5 Sec. 6. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 16, section 28, as amended by

236.6 Laws 2022, chapter 40, section 1, is amended to read:

236.7 **Sec. 28. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS.**

236.8 Any appropriation in this act for a purpose included in Minnesota's initial state spending

236.9 plan as described in guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

236.10 for implementation of section 9817 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is

236.11 contingent upon the initial approval of that purpose by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

236.12 Services, except for the rate increases specified in article 11, sections 12 and 19. This section

236.13 expires June 30, 2024.

236.14 Sec. 7. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 17, section 16, is amended to

236.15 read:

236.16 **Sec. 16. RESEARCH ON ACCESS TO LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES AND**  
236.17 **FINANCING.**

236.18 (a) This act includes \$400,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2023 for

236.19 an actuarial research study of public and private financing options for long-term services

236.20 and supports reform to increase access across the state. The commissioner of human services

236.21 must conduct the study. Of this amount, the commissioner may transfer up to \$100,000 to

236.22 the commissioner of commerce for costs related to the requirements of the study. The general

236.23 fund base included in this act for this purpose is \$0 in fiscal year 2024 and \$0 in fiscal year

236.24 2025.

236.25 (b) All activities must be completed by June 30, 2024.

236.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

236.27 **Sec. 8. DIRECT CARE AND TREATMENT FISCAL YEAR 2023**

236.28 **APPROPRIATION.**

236.29 \$4,829,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of human services

236.30 for direct care and treatment programs. This is a onetime appropriation.

237.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

237.2 Sec. 9. **TRANSFERS.**

237.3 Subdivision 1. **Grants.** The commissioner of human services, with the approval of the  
237.4 commissioner of management and budget, may transfer unencumbered appropriation balances  
237.5 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, within fiscal years among the MFIP; general  
237.6 assistance; medical assistance; MinnesotaCare; MFIP child care assistance under Minnesota  
237.7 Statutes, section 119B.05; Minnesota supplemental aid program; housing support program;  
237.8 the entitlement portion of Northstar Care for Children under Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
237.9 256N; and the entitlement portion of the behavioral health fund between fiscal years of the  
237.10 biennium. The commissioner shall inform the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
237.11 legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services quarterly about  
237.12 transfers made under this subdivision.

237.13 Subd. 2. **Administration.** Positions, salary money, and nonsalary administrative money  
237.14 may be transferred within the Department of Human Services as the commissioner considers  
237.15 necessary, with the advance approval of the commissioner of management and budget. The  
237.16 commissioners shall inform the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
237.17 committees with jurisdiction over health and human services finance quarterly about transfers  
237.18 made under this section.

237.19 Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATIONS GIVEN EFFECT ONCE.**

237.20 If an appropriation or transfer in this article is enacted more than once during the 2023  
237.21 regular session, the appropriation or transfer must be given effect once.

237.22 Sec. 11. **EXPIRATION OF UNCODIFIED LANGUAGE.**

237.23 All uncodified language contained in this article expires on June 30, 2025, unless a  
237.24 different expiration date is explicit.

237.25 Sec. 12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

237.26 This article is effective July 1, 2023, unless a different effective date is specified."

237.27 Delete the title and insert:

237.28 "A bill for an act

237.29 relating to human services; modifying provisions governing disability services,  
237.30 aging services, health care, behavioral health, substance use disorder, the Opioid  
237.31 Prescribing Improvement Program, human services licensing, and direct care and  
237.32 treatment; establishing the Department of Direct Care and Treatment; making

238.1 technical and conforming changes; establishing certain grants; requiring reports;  
238.2 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 4.046,  
238.3 subdivisions 6, 7; 15.01; 15.06, subdivision 1; 43A.08, subdivision 1a; 179A.54,  
238.4 by adding a subdivision; 241.021, subdivision 1; 241.31, subdivision 5; 241.415;  
238.5 245.037; 245.91, subdivision 4; 245A.03, subdivision 7; 245A.04, subdivision 7;  
238.6 245A.07, by adding subdivisions; 245A.10, subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision;  
238.7 245A.11, subdivisions 7, 7a; 245A.13, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9; 245D.03,  
238.8 subdivision 1; 245G.02, subdivision 2; 245G.08, subdivision 3; 245G.09,  
238.9 subdivision 3; 245G.22, subdivision 15, as amended if enacted; 246.54, subdivisions  
238.10 1a, 1b; 252.27, subdivision 2a; 252.50, subdivision 2; 253B.10, subdivision 1;  
238.11 254B.01, by adding a subdivision; 254B.05, subdivisions 1, 5; 256.01, subdivision  
238.12 19; 256.042, subdivisions 1, 2; 256.043, subdivisions 3, 3a; 256.975, subdivision  
238.13 6; 256.9754; 256B.04, by adding a subdivision; 256B.056, subdivision 3; 256B.057,  
238.14 subdivision 9; 256B.0625, subdivisions 17, 17a, 17b, 18h, 22, by adding a  
238.15 subdivision; 256B.0638, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision;  
238.16 256B.0659, subdivisions 1, 12, 19, 24, by adding a subdivision; 256B.073,  
238.17 subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0759, subdivision 2; 256B.0911,  
238.18 subdivision 13; 256B.0913, subdivisions 4, 5; 256B.0917, subdivision 1b;  
238.19 256B.092, subdivision 1a; 256B.0949, subdivision 15; 256B.14, subdivision 2;  
238.20 256B.49, subdivision 13; 256B.4905, subdivision 4a; 256B.4911, by adding a  
238.21 subdivision; 256B.4912, by adding subdivisions; 256B.4914, subdivisions 3, as  
238.22 amended, 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7a, 7b, 7c, 8, 9, 10, 10a, 10c, 12, 14, by adding  
238.23 subdivisions; 256B.5012, by adding subdivisions; 256B.766; 256B.85, subdivision  
238.24 7, by adding a subdivision; 256B.851, subdivisions 3, 5, 6; 256D.425, subdivision  
238.25 1; 256I.05, by adding subdivisions; 256M.42; 256R.17, subdivision 2; 256R.25;  
238.26 256R.47; 256R.53, by adding a subdivision; 256S.15, subdivision 2; 256S.18, by  
238.27 adding a subdivision; 256S.19, subdivision 3; 256S.21; 256S.2101, subdivision  
238.28 1; 256S.211; 256S.212; 256S.213; 256S.214; 256S.215, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8,  
238.29 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17; 268.19, subdivision 1; Laws 2019, chapter 63,  
238.30 article 3, section 1, as amended; Laws 2021, chapter 30, article 12, section 5, as  
238.31 amended; Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 16, section 28, as  
238.32 amended; article 17, sections 8; 16; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
238.33 Statutes, chapters 121A; 245; 245A; 245D; 252; 254B; 256; 256B; 256I; 256R;  
238.34 325F; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 246C; repealing  
238.35 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 245G.05, subdivision 2; 245G.06, subdivision  
238.36 2; 246.18, subdivisions 2, 2a; 256B.0759, subdivision 6; 256B.0917, subdivisions  
238.37 1a, 6, 7a, 13; 256B.4914, subdivisions 6b, 9a; 256S.19, subdivision 4; 256S.2101,  
238.38 subdivision 2."

239.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

239.2 Senate Conferees:

239.3 ..... ..

239.4 John Hoffman Omar Fateh

239.5 .....

239.6 Jim Abeler

239.7 House Conferees:

239.8 ..... ..

239.9 Mohamud Noor Peter Fischer

239.10 .....

239.11 Dave Baker