

**Subject** Extension of waiver for remote provision of certain services under home and community-based services waivers

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### Overview

This bill extends the waiver allowing for remote provision of certain services under home and community-based services waivers for one year, directs the commissioner of human services to develop a covered service under MA to permit receipt of direct care services in an acute care hospital, and directs the commissioner of human services to appoint a Unit-Based Services Advisory Task Force to advise the commissioner on legislative changes to the home and community-based services standards related to the provision of unit-based services in the community. Unit-based services include services such as employment services, independent living skills training, supported living services, individualized home supports, respite, and companion care.

### Summary

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| 1 | <b>Waivers and modifications; extension to June 30, 2021.</b><br>Removes from the list of program waivers and modifications made in response to the COVID-19 outbreak that are effective until June 30, 2021, the waiver expanding remote home and community-based services waiver services. Provides an immediate effective date.    |
| 2 | <b>Waivers and modifications; extension to June 30, 2022.</b><br>Requires the waiver expanding remote home and community-based services waiver services made in response to the COVID-19 outbreak to remain in effect until June 30, 2022, unless federal approval is not received at any time. Provides an immediate effective date. |

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3	<b>Direction to the commissioner of human services; direct care services during short-term acute hospital visits.</b>
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Requires the commissioner of human services, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop a new covered service under MA, or to develop modifications to existing covered services, that permits receipt of direct care services in an acute care hospital. By December 31, 2021, requires the commissioner to provide the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over direct care services any draft legislation necessary to implement the new or modified covered service.

4	<b>Direction to the commissioner of human services; recommendations on providing services in the community.</b>
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Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner of human services to appoint a Unit-Based Services Advisory Task Force to advise the commissioner on legislative changes to the home and community-based services standards related to the provision of unit-based services in the community that are necessary according to the task force. Lists the members of the task force. Requires the commissioner to host quarterly meetings of the task force. Allows the commissioner to develop subcommittees. Makes task force meetings subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

Paragraph (b) requires the task force to provide a written report with recommendations to the commissioner by June 30, 2022.

Paragraph (c) makes persons with disabilities and family members of persons with disabilities eligible for compensation for participation in this task force.

Paragraph (d) makes this task force expire on June 30, 2022.



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