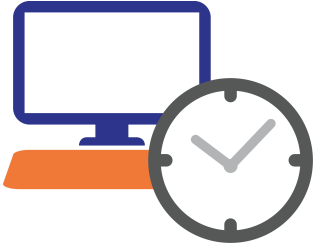




2021 Policy Bill

(SF 492/ HF 976)

Bill Highlights



UTILIZE
TECHNOLOGY TO
ENSURE
AROUND-THE-CLOCK
CARE AMID STAFFING
SHORTAGES



100,000
DSPs & PCAs SUPPORT
ROUGHLY 600,000
MINNESOTANS LIVING
WITH A DISABILITY

Extending Remote Supports

The ability to provide certain Home and Community-Based Services remotely under the Peacetime Emergency has been critical in ensuring little to no service interruption during the COVID-19 pandemic. This allowance expires in June 2021.

Through Waiver Re-Imagine, the state is engaged with the federal government on how to make this option permanent for certain services.

ARRM's proposal will extend the allowance of Remote Supports under the Peacetime Emergency to June 2022.

This extension of time will allow the state and providers to develop a permanent remote support service and framework that is allowable by the federal government.

Create a service for hospital stays

Federal changes in the summer of 2020 allow for states to authorize a service that would allow Direct Support Professionals and Personal Care Assistants to be reimbursed for time spent supporting individuals during short-term, acute hospital visits.

Minnesota must develop the language for the legislature to authorize that will give individuals with disabilities the access to direct support staff while in the hospital, allowing them to get the individual care that they need.

ARRM's proposal would direct the Commissioner of Human Services to work with stakeholders in the development of language that would enable this services in Minnesota.

Foundational Steps for Future Services

Develop a task force for service delivery in a person's own home

Licensed Home and Community-Based Service providers are regulated under Minnesota Statute 245D. These rules and regulations were drafted when services were predominately being provided in a four-person licensed residential setting.

As service models have evolved and transitioned to options outside of provider controlled settings, in settings owned or rented by the individual receiving services, some of the rules and regulations with Minnesota Statute 245D are no longer appropriate.

ARRM's proposal would direct the Commissioner of Human Services to develop a task force to examine Minnesota Statute 245D and make recommendations on potential changes to the statute when services are provided outside of a provider controlled setting, in an individual that is receiving service's own home.



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ABOUT ARRM

ARRM is a nonprofit association of more than 200 providers, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of home and community-based services supporting people living with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives.

Founded in 1970, ARRM continues to lead advocacy and training for positive industry reforms that support Minnesotans with disabilities.

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