



# ICF/DD - Support the Spectrum of Services for People with Disabilities

(SF 562/ HF 740)

## ICF/DD Quick Facts



126

ICF/DD FACILITIES  
IN MINNESOTA



10%

COUNTY SHARE  
(7+ BEDS)  
REMAINING FUNDED  
BY MEDICAID



1,069

LICENSED BED  
ICF/DD CAPACITY

## What is an ICF/DD?

Intermediate Care Facilities for people with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD) provide similar services as nursing homes, but have additional services and supports for people with developmental disabilities. Individuals who chose to live in an ICF/DD often have complex medical and/or behavioral needs. ICF/DD fill an important niche within the spectrum of services for people with disabilities in Minnesota.

## Licensed by DHS and MDH

Providers of ICF/DD must be licensed by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health, meeting rules and regulations for both entities.

## Why are ICF/DDs needed?

- People with intensive medical or high behavioral needs require intensive services including 24-hour support, nursing care, pharmacy oversight, dietary support
- Many individuals have lived in their ICF/DD home for decades with the same housemates. Uprooting them would be very traumatic and disruptive.
- ICF/DD homes provide individuals and families with a choice of what setting is best suited for them.
- Higher needs individuals require a higher staffing ratio to support the individuals being served. ICF/DD homes have this.
- ICF/DD homes have higher internal controls relative to vulnerable adults and medically fragile individuals.

# ARRM's 2021 Legislative Proposal



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## Adjust ICF/DD rates

ICF/DD rates are determined outside of the Disability Waiver Rate System with the last rate increase for ICF services being in 2015 for 1%. With the recent investments made in waiver rates, a growing pay gap for Direct Support Professionals in ICFs versus waiver services is occurring.

ARRM's proposal would adjust ICF rates by 5%.

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## Meet people's changing needs by allowing for variable rates

A variable rate is a tool that providers can use when an individual's needs change, due to aging or other health changes. It is the tool to request a higher reimbursement rate.

Current law restricts variable rate usage.

ARRM's proposal would remove the restriction on providers, allowing any provider to request a variable rate taking into consideration aging and changing needs as a reason to request a variable rate. It would create a process to request a variable rate similar to what is available to individuals that are served through a waiver.

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## Address shortfalls in "Services During the Day"

As individuals grow older and retire from their day program more and more are utilizing the "Services During the Day" service, a custom service designed for community involvement during the day.

Currently, providers delivering this service, only get reimbursed at 75% of what the day program provider would be reimbursed to provide services to the same individual.

ARRM's proposal would change the reimbursement for "Services During the Day" to 100% of the DT&H reimbursement rate.

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### ABOUT ARRM

ARRM is an association dedicated to leading the advancement of community-based services that support people with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives.

ARRM represents more than 200 provider organizations throughout the state who employ roughly 30,000 people with disabilities. Our members provide supports for thousands of Minnesotans with developmental and physical disabilities, brain injury, mental illness and autism.

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