

Noor and Schomacker from the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy to which was referred:

H. F. No. 4338, A bill for an act relating to health care facilities; modifying the parties who may be awarded fees and expenses in certain proceedings involving the state; modifying requirements for assisted living facilities to provide residents with a means to request assistance; exempting assisted living facilities from the provider tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 144G.41, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 295.50, subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 15.471, subdivision 6; 295.50, subdivision 9b.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1 HEALTH CARE

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 15.013, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Exemption.** Nothing in this section modifies, supersedes, limits, or expands the authority of the commissioner of human services to impose sanctions under section 256B.064.

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

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142B.01, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Controlling individual.** (a) "Controlling individual" means an owner of a program or service provider licensed under this chapter and the following individuals, if applicable:

(1) each officer of the organization, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer;

(2) the individual designated as the authorized agent under section 142B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

(3) the individual designated as the compliance officer under section ~~256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (g)~~ 256B.044, subdivision 8, paragraph (b);

(4) each managerial official whose responsibilities include the direction of the management or policies of a program;

(5) the individual designated as the primary provider of care for a special family child care program under section 142B.41, subdivision 4, paragraph (d); and

(6) the president and treasurer of the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation.

(b) Controlling individual does not include:

(1) a bank, savings bank, trust company, savings association, credit union, industrial loan and thrift company, investment banking firm, or insurance company unless the entity operates a program directly or through a subsidiary;

(2) an individual who is a state or federal official, or state or federal employee, or a member or employee of the governing body of a political subdivision of the state or federal government that operates one or more programs, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the program; receives remuneration from the program; or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision;

(3) an individual who owns less than five percent of the outstanding common shares of a corporation:

(i) whose securities are exempt under section 80A.45, clause (6); or

(ii) whose transactions are exempt under section 80A.46, clause (2);

(4) an individual who is a member of an organization exempt from taxation under section 290.05, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the program or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision. This clause does not exclude from the definition of controlling individual an organization that is exempt from taxation; or

(5) an employee stock ownership plan trust, or a participant or board member of an employee stock ownership plan, unless the participant or board member is a controlling individual according to paragraph (a).

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "managerial official" means an individual who has the decision-making authority related to the operation of the program, and the responsibility

for the ongoing management of or direction of the policies, services, or employees of the program. A site director who has no ownership interest in the program is not considered to be a managerial official for purposes of this definition.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245.095, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Exemption.** Nothing in this section modifies, supersedes, limits, or expands the commissioner's authority to impose sanctions under section 256B.064.

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

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245A.02, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

Subd. 5a. **Controlling individual.** (a) "Controlling individual" means an owner of a program or service provider licensed under this chapter and the following individuals, if applicable:

(1) each officer of the organization, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer;

(2) the individual designated as the authorized agent under section 245A.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

(3) the individual designated as the compliance officer under section ~~256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (g)~~ 256B.044, subdivision 8, paragraph (b);

(4) each managerial official whose responsibilities include the direction of the management or policies of a program; and

(5) the president and treasurer of the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation.

(b) Controlling individual does not include:

(1) a bank, savings bank, trust company, savings association, credit union, industrial loan and thrift company, investment banking firm, or insurance company unless the entity operates a program directly or through a subsidiary;

(2) an individual who is a state or federal official, or state or federal employee, or a member or employee of the governing body of a political subdivision of the state or federal government that operates one or more programs, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the program, receives remuneration from the program, or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision;

(3) an individual who owns less than five percent of the outstanding common shares of a corporation:

(i) whose securities are exempt under section 80A.45, clause (6); or

(ii) whose transactions are exempt under section 80A.46, clause (2);

(4) an individual who is a member of an organization exempt from taxation under section 290.05, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the program or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision. This clause does not exclude from the definition of controlling individual an organization that is exempt from taxation; or

(5) an employee stock ownership plan trust, or a participant or board member of an employee stock ownership plan, unless the participant or board member is a controlling individual according to paragraph (a).

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "managerial official" means an individual who has the decision-making authority related to the operation of the program, and the responsibility for the ongoing management of or direction of the policies, services, or employees of the program. A site director who has no ownership interest in the program is not considered to be a managerial official for purposes of this definition.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application for licensure.** (a) An individual, organization, or government entity that is subject to licensure under section 245A.03 must apply for a license. The application must be made on the forms and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with instruction in completing the application and provide information about the rules and requirements of other state agencies that affect the applicant. An applicant seeking licensure in Minnesota with headquarters outside of Minnesota must have a program office located within 30 miles of the Minnesota border. An applicant who intends to buy or otherwise acquire a program or services licensed under this chapter that is owned by another license holder must apply for a license under this chapter and comply with the application procedures in this section and section 245A.043.

The commissioner shall act on the application within 90 working days after a complete application and any required reports have been received from other state agencies or departments, counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions. The commissioner shall not consider an application to be complete until the commissioner receives all of the

5.1 required information. If the applicant or a controlling individual is the subject of a pending
5.2 administrative, civil, or criminal investigation, the application is not complete until the
5.3 investigation has closed or the related legal proceedings are complete.

5.4 When the commissioner receives an application for initial licensure that is incomplete
5.5 because the applicant failed to submit required documents or that is substantially deficient
5.6 because the documents submitted do not meet licensing requirements, the commissioner
5.7 shall provide the applicant written notice that the application is incomplete or substantially
5.8 deficient. In the written notice to the applicant the commissioner shall identify documents
5.9 that are missing or deficient and give the applicant 45 days to resubmit a second application
5.10 that is substantially complete. An applicant's failure to submit a substantially complete
5.11 application after receiving notice from the commissioner is a basis for license denial under
5.12 section 245A.043.

5.13 (b) An application for licensure must identify all controlling individuals as defined in
5.14 section 245A.02, subdivision 5a, and must designate one individual to be the authorized
5.15 agent. The application must be signed by the authorized agent and must include the authorized
5.16 agent's first, middle, and last name; mailing address; and email address. By submitting an
5.17 application for licensure, the authorized agent consents to electronic communication with
5.18 the commissioner throughout the application process. The authorized agent must be
5.19 authorized to accept service on behalf of all of the controlling individuals. A government
5.20 entity that holds multiple licenses under this chapter may designate one authorized agent
5.21 for all licenses issued under this chapter or may designate a different authorized agent for
5.22 each license. Service on the authorized agent is service on all of the controlling individuals.
5.23 It is not a defense to any action arising under this chapter that service was not made on each
5.24 controlling individual. The designation of a controlling individual as the authorized agent
5.25 under this paragraph does not affect the legal responsibility of any other controlling individual
5.26 under this chapter.

5.27 (c) An applicant or license holder must have a policy that prohibits license holders,
5.28 employees, subcontractors, and volunteers, when directly responsible for persons served
5.29 by the program, from abusing prescription medication or being in any manner under the
5.30 influence of a chemical that impairs the individual's ability to provide services or care. The
5.31 license holder must train employees, subcontractors, and volunteers about the program's
5.32 drug and alcohol policy before the employee, subcontractor, or volunteer has direct contact,
5.33 as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 11, with a person served by the program.

(d) An applicant and license holder must have a program grievance procedure that permits persons served by the program and their authorized representatives to bring a grievance to the highest level of authority in the program.

(e) The commissioner may limit communication during the application process to the authorized agent or the controlling individuals identified on the license application and for whom a background study was initiated under chapter 245C. Upon implementation of the provider licensing and reporting hub, applicants and license holders must use the hub in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner may require the applicant, except for child foster care, to demonstrate competence in the applicable licensing requirements by successfully completing a written examination. The commissioner may develop a prescribed written examination format.

(f) When an applicant is an individual, the applicant must provide:

(1) the applicant's taxpayer identification numbers including the Social Security number or Minnesota tax identification number, and federal employer identification number if the applicant has employees;

(2) at the request of the commissioner, a copy of the most recent filing with the secretary of state that includes the complete business name, if any;

(3) if doing business under a different name, the doing business as (DBA) name, as registered with the secretary of state;

(4) if applicable, the applicant's National Provider Identifier (NPI) number and Unique Minnesota Provider Identifier (UMPI) number; and

(5) at the request of the commissioner, the notarized signature of the applicant or authorized agent.

(g) When an applicant is an organization, the applicant must provide:

(1) the applicant's taxpayer identification numbers including the Minnesota tax identification number and federal employer identification number;

(2) at the request of the commissioner, a copy of the most recent filing with the secretary of state that includes the complete business name, and if doing business under a different name, the doing business as (DBA) name, as registered with the secretary of state;

(3) the first, middle, and last name, and address for all individuals who will be controlling individuals, including all officers, owners, and managerial officials as defined in section

7.1 245A.02, subdivision 5a, and the date that the background study was initiated by the applicant
7.2 for each controlling individual;

7.3 (4) if applicable, the applicant's NPI number and UMPI number;

7.4 (5) the documents that created the organization and that determine the organization's
7.5 internal governance and the relations among the persons that own the organization, have
7.6 an interest in the organization, or are members of the organization, in each case as provided
7.7 or authorized by the organization's governing statute, which may include a partnership
7.8 agreement, bylaws, articles of organization, organizational chart, and operating agreement,
7.9 or comparable documents as provided in the organization's governing statute; and

7.10 (6) the notarized signature of the applicant or authorized agent.

7.11 (h) When the applicant is a government entity, the applicant must provide:

7.12 (1) the name of the government agency, political subdivision, or other unit of government
7.13 seeking the license and the name of the program or services that will be licensed;

7.14 (2) the applicant's taxpayer identification numbers including the Minnesota tax
7.15 identification number and federal employer identification number;

7.16 (3) a letter signed by the manager, administrator, or other executive of the government
7.17 entity authorizing the submission of the license application; and

7.18 (4) if applicable, the applicant's NPI number and UMPI number.

7.19 (i) At the time of application for licensure or renewal of a license under this chapter, the
7.20 applicant or license holder must acknowledge on the form provided by the commissioner
7.21 if the applicant or license holder elects to receive any public funding reimbursement from
7.22 the commissioner for services provided under the license that:

7.23 (1) the applicant's or license holder's compliance with the provider enrollment agreement
7.24 or registration requirements for receipt of public funding may be monitored by the
7.25 commissioner as part of a licensing investigation or licensing inspection; and

7.26 (2) noncompliance with the provider enrollment agreement or registration requirements
7.27 for receipt of public funding that is identified through a licensing investigation or licensing
7.28 inspection, or noncompliance with a licensing requirement that is a basis of enrollment for
7.29 reimbursement for a service, may result in:

7.30 (i) a correction order or a conditional license under section 245A.06, or sanctions under
7.31 section 245A.07;

8.1 (ii) nonpayment of claims submitted by the license holder for public program
8.2 reimbursement;

8.3 (iii) recovery of payments made for the service;

8.4 (iv) disenrollment in the public payment program; or

8.5 (v) other administrative, civil, or criminal penalties as provided by law.

8.6 (j) An applicant or license holder who acknowledges under paragraph (i) that the applicant
8.7 or license holder elects to receive any publicly funded reimbursement from the commissioner
8.8 for services provided under the license that are designated by the commissioner as high-risk
8.9 under section 256B.044, subdivision 1, must provide an attestation with the notarized
8.10 signature of the applicant or authorized agent stating whether the applicant or authorized
8.11 agent received from an unaffiliated business or consultant any assistance preparing:

8.12 (1) the licensure application;

8.13 (2) the renewal application;

8.14 (3) any documentation or written policies submitted with the licensure application;

8.15 (4) any documentation or written policies submitted with the renewal application; or

8.16 (5) any documentation or written policies maintained as a requirement of licensure or
8.17 enrollment as a medical assistance provider.

8.18 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.04, subdivision 7, is amended
8.19 to read:

8.20 Subd. 7. **Grant of license; license extension.** (a) If the commissioner determines that
8.21 the program complies with all applicable rules and laws, the commissioner shall issue a
8.22 license consistent with this section or, if applicable, a temporary change of ownership license
8.23 under section 245A.043. At minimum, the license shall state:

8.24 (1) the name of the license holder;

8.25 (2) the address of the program;

8.26 (3) the effective date and expiration date of the license;

8.27 (4) the type of license and the specific service the license holder is licensed to provide;

8.28 (5) the maximum number and ages of persons that may receive services from the program;

8.29 and

8.30 (6) any special conditions of licensure.

9.1 (b) The commissioner may issue a license for a period not to exceed two years if:

9.2 (1) the commissioner is unable to conduct the observation required by subdivision 4,
9.3 paragraph (a), clause (3), because the program is not yet operational;

9.4 (2) certain records and documents are not available because persons are not yet receiving
9.5 services from the program; and

9.6 (3) the applicant complies with applicable laws and rules in all other respects.

9.7 (c) A decision by the commissioner to issue a license does not guarantee that any person
9.8 or persons will be placed or cared for in the licensed program.

9.9 (d) Except as provided in paragraphs (i) and (j), the commissioner shall not issue a
9.10 license if the applicant, license holder, or an affiliated controlling individual has:

9.11 (1) been disqualified and the disqualification was not set aside and no variance has been
9.12 granted;

9.13 (2) been denied a license under this chapter or chapter 142B within the past two years;

9.14 (3) had a license issued under this chapter or chapter 142B revoked within the past five
9.15 years; or

9.16 (4) failed to submit the information required of an applicant under subdivision 1,
9.17 paragraph (f), (g), ~~or (h)~~, or (j), after being requested by the commissioner.

9.18 When a license issued under this chapter or chapter 142B is revoked, the license holder
9.19 and each affiliated controlling individual with a revoked license may not hold any license
9.20 under chapter 245A for five years following the revocation, and other licenses held by the
9.21 applicant or license holder or licenses affiliated with each controlling individual shall also
9.22 be revoked.

9.23 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the commissioner may elect not to revoke a license
9.24 affiliated with a license holder or controlling individual that had a license revoked within
9.25 the past five years if the commissioner determines that (1) the license holder or controlling
9.26 individual is operating the program in substantial compliance with applicable laws and rules
9.27 and (2) the program's continued operation is in the best interests of the community being
9.28 served.

9.29 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the commissioner may issue a new license in response
9.30 to an application that is affiliated with an applicant, license holder, or controlling individual
9.31 that had an application denied within the past two years or a license revoked within the past
9.32 five years if the commissioner determines that (1) the applicant or controlling individual

10.1 has operated one or more programs in substantial compliance with applicable laws and rules
10.2 and (2) the program's operation would be in the best interests of the community to be served.

10.3 (g) In determining whether a program's operation would be in the best interests of the
10.4 community to be served, the commissioner shall consider factors such as the number of
10.5 persons served, the availability of alternative services available in the surrounding
10.6 community, the management structure of the program, whether the program provides
10.7 culturally specific services, and other relevant factors.

10.8 (h) The commissioner shall not issue or reissue a license under this chapter if an individual
10.9 living in the household where the services will be provided as specified under section
10.10 245C.03, subdivision 1, has been disqualified and the disqualification has not been set aside
10.11 and no variance has been granted.

10.12 (i) Pursuant to section 245A.07, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), when a license issued
10.13 under this chapter has been suspended or revoked and the suspension or revocation is under
10.14 appeal, the program may continue to operate pending a final order from the commissioner.
10.15 If the license under suspension or revocation will expire before a final order is issued, a
10.16 temporary provisional license may be issued provided any applicable license fee is paid
10.17 before the temporary provisional license is issued.

10.18 (j) Notwithstanding paragraph (i), when a revocation is based on the disqualification of
10.19 a controlling individual or license holder, and the controlling individual or license holder
10.20 is ordered under section 245C.17 to be immediately removed from direct contact with
10.21 persons receiving services or is ordered to be under continuous, direct supervision when
10.22 providing direct contact services, the program may continue to operate only if the program
10.23 complies with the order and submits documentation demonstrating compliance with the
10.24 order. If the disqualified individual fails to submit a timely request for reconsideration, or
10.25 if the disqualification is not set aside and no variance is granted, the order to immediately
10.26 remove the individual from direct contact or to be under continuous, direct supervision
10.27 remains in effect pending the outcome of a hearing and final order from the commissioner.

10.28 (k) Unless otherwise specified by statute, all licenses issued under this chapter expire
10.29 at 12:01 a.m. on the day after the expiration date stated on the license. A license holder must
10.30 comply with the requirements in section 245A.10 and be reissued a new license to operate
10.31 the program or the program must not be operated after the expiration date. Adult foster care,
10.32 family adult day services, child foster residence setting, and community residential services
10.33 license holders must apply for and be granted a new license to operate the program or the

11.1 program must not be operated after the expiration date. Upon implementation of the provider
11.2 licensing and reporting hub, licenses may be issued each calendar year.

11.3 (l) The commissioner shall not issue or reissue a license under this chapter if it has been
11.4 determined that a Tribal licensing authority has established jurisdiction to license the program
11.5 or service.

11.6 (m) The commissioner of human services may coordinate and share data with the
11.7 commissioner of children, youth, and families to enforce this section.

11.8 (n) For substance use disorder treatment programs, for the purposes of paragraph (a),
11.9 clause (5), the maximum number of persons who may receive services from the program
11.10 includes persons served at satellite locations.

11.11 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.05, is amended to read:

11.12 **245A.05 DENIAL OF APPLICATION.**

11.13 (a) The commissioner may deny a license if an applicant or controlling individual:

11.14 (1) fails to submit a substantially complete application after receiving notice from the
11.15 commissioner under section 245A.04, subdivision 1;

11.16 (2) fails to comply with applicable laws or rules;

11.17 (3) knowingly withholds relevant information from or gives false or misleading
11.18 information to the commissioner in connection with an application for a license or during
11.19 an investigation;

11.20 (4) has a disqualification that has not been set aside under section 245C.22 and no
11.21 variance has been granted;

11.22 (5) has an individual living in the household who received a background study under
11.23 section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), who has a disqualification that
11.24 has not been set aside under section 245C.22, and no variance has been granted;

11.25 (6) is associated with an individual who received a background study under section
11.26 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (6), who may have unsupervised access to
11.27 children or vulnerable adults, and who has a disqualification that has not been set aside
11.28 under section 245C.22, and no variance has been granted;

11.29 (7) fails to comply with section 245A.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (f) ~~or~~, (g), or (j);

11.30 (8) fails to demonstrate competent knowledge as required by section 245A.04, subdivision
11.31 6;

12.1 (9) has a history of noncompliance as a license holder or controlling individual with
12.2 applicable laws or rules, including but not limited to this chapter and chapters 142E and
12.3 245C;

12.4 (10) is prohibited from holding a license according to section 245.095; or

12.5 (11) is the subject of a pending administrative, civil, or criminal investigation.

12.6 (b) An applicant whose application has been denied by the commissioner must be given
12.7 notice of the denial, which must state the reasons for the denial in plain language. Notice
12.8 must be given by certified mail, by personal service, or through the provider licensing and
12.9 reporting hub. The notice must state the reasons the application was denied and must inform
12.10 the applicant of the right to a contested case hearing under chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules,
12.11 parts 1400.8505 to 1400.8612. The applicant may appeal the denial by notifying the
12.12 commissioner in writing by certified mail, by personal service, or through the provider
12.13 licensing and reporting hub. If mailed, the appeal must be postmarked and sent to the
12.14 commissioner within 20 calendar days after the applicant received the notice of denial. If
12.15 an appeal request is made by personal service, it must be received by the commissioner
12.16 within 20 calendar days after the applicant received the notice of denial. If the order is issued
12.17 through the provider hub, the appeal must be received by the commissioner within 20
12.18 calendar days from the date the commissioner issued the order through the hub. Section
12.19 245A.08 applies to hearings held to appeal the commissioner's denial of an application.

12.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245D.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

12.21 Subd. 3. **Program management and oversight.** (a) The license holder must designate
12.22 a managerial staff person or persons to provide program management and oversight of the
12.23 services provided by the license holder. The designated manager is responsible for the
12.24 following:

12.25 (1) maintaining a current understanding of the licensing requirements sufficient to ensure
12.26 compliance throughout the program as identified in section 245A.04, subdivision 1, paragraph
12.27 (e), and when applicable, as identified in section ~~256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (g)~~
12.28 256B.044, subdivision 8;

12.29 (2) ensuring the duties of the designated coordinator are fulfilled according to the
12.30 requirements in subdivision 2;

12.31 (3) ensuring the program implements corrective action identified as necessary by the
12.32 program following review of incident and emergency reports according to the requirements
12.33 in section 245D.11, subdivision 2, clause (7). An internal review of incident reports of

13.1 alleged or suspected maltreatment must be conducted according to the requirements in
13.2 section 245A.65, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

13.3 (4) evaluation of satisfaction of persons served by the program, the person's legal
13.4 representative, if any, and the case manager, with the service delivery and progress toward
13.5 accomplishing outcomes identified in sections 245D.07 and 245D.071, and ensuring and
13.6 protecting each person's rights as identified in section 245D.04;

13.7 (5) ensuring staff competency requirements are met according to the requirements in
13.8 section 245D.09, subdivision 3, and ensuring staff orientation and training is provided
13.9 according to the requirements in section 245D.09, subdivisions 4, 4a, and 5;

13.10 (6) ensuring corrective action is taken when ordered by the commissioner and that the
13.11 terms and conditions of the license and any variances are met; and

13.12 (7) evaluating the information identified in clauses (1) to (6) to develop, document, and
13.13 implement ongoing program improvements.

13.14 (b) The designated manager must be competent to perform the duties as required and
13.15 must minimally meet the education and training requirements identified in subdivision 2,
13.16 paragraph (b), and have a minimum of three years of supervisory level experience in a
13.17 program that provides care or education to vulnerable adults or children.

13.18 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

13.19 Subd. 5. **Annual report required.** The state agency within 60 days after the close of
13.20 each fiscal year, shall prepare and print for the fiscal year a report that includes: a full
13.21 account of the operations and expenditure of funds under this chapter; a full account of the
13.22 activities undertaken in accordance with subdivision 10; adequate and complete statistics
13.23 divided by counties about all medical assistance provided in accordance with this chapter;
13.24 a full account of all pre-enrollment, postenrollment, and unannounced site visits to providers
13.25 under section 256B.044, subdivision 5; and any other information it may deem advisable.

13.26 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.04, subdivision 21, is amended
13.27 to read:

13.28 Subd. 21. **Provider enrollment.** ~~(a)~~ The commissioner shall enroll providers and conduct
13.29 screening activities as required by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455, subpart
13.30 E, and sections 256B.044 to 256B.0448.

13.31 ~~A provider must enroll each provider-controlled location where direct services are~~
13.32 ~~provided. The commissioner may deny a provider's incomplete application if a provider~~

14.1 ~~fails to respond to the commissioner's request for additional information within 60 days of~~
14.2 ~~the request. The commissioner must conduct a background study under chapter 245C,~~
14.3 ~~including a review of databases in section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses~~
14.4 ~~(1) to (5), for a provider described in this paragraph. The background study requirement~~
14.5 ~~may be satisfied if the commissioner conducted a fingerprint-based background study on~~
14.6 ~~the provider that includes a review of databases in section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph~~
14.7 ~~(a), clauses (1) to (5).~~

14.8 (b) ~~The commissioner shall revalidate:~~

14.9 (1) ~~each provider under this subdivision at least once every five years;~~

14.10 (2) ~~each personal care assistance agency, CFSS provider agency, and CFSS financial~~
14.11 ~~management services provider under this subdivision at least once every three years;~~

14.12 (3) ~~each EIDBI agency under this subdivision at least once every three years; and~~

14.13 (4) ~~at the commissioner's discretion, any medical assistance-only provider type the~~
14.14 ~~commissioner deems "high-risk" under this subdivision.~~

14.15 (c) ~~The commissioner shall conduct revalidation as follows:~~

14.16 (1) ~~provide 30-day notice of the revalidation due date including instructions for~~
14.17 ~~revalidation and a list of materials the provider must submit;~~

14.18 (2) ~~if a provider fails to submit all required materials by the due date, notify the provider~~
14.19 ~~of the deficiency within 30 days after the due date and allow the provider an additional 30~~
14.20 ~~days from the notification date to comply; and~~

14.21 (3) ~~if a provider fails to remedy a deficiency within the 30-day time period, give 60-day~~
14.22 ~~notice of termination and immediately suspend the provider's ability to bill. The provider~~
14.23 ~~does not have the right to appeal suspension of ability to bill.~~

14.24 (d) ~~If a provider fails to comply with any individual provider requirement or condition~~
14.25 ~~of participation, the commissioner may suspend the provider's ability to bill until the provider~~
14.26 ~~comes into compliance. The commissioner's decision to suspend the provider is not subject~~
14.27 ~~to an administrative appeal.~~

14.28 (e) ~~Correspondence and notifications, including notifications of termination and other~~
14.29 ~~actions, may be delivered electronically to a provider's MN-ITS mailbox. This paragraph~~
14.30 ~~does not apply to correspondences and notifications related to background studies.~~

14.31 (f) ~~If the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services determines~~
14.32 ~~that a provider is designated "high-risk," the commissioner may withhold payment from~~

~~providers within that category upon initial enrollment for a 90-day period. The withholding for each provider must begin on the date of the first submission of a claim.~~

~~(g) An enrolled provider that is also licensed by the commissioner under chapter 245A, is licensed as a home care provider by the Department of Health under chapter 144A, or is licensed as an assisted living facility under chapter 144G and has a home and community-based services designation on the home care license under section 144A.484, must designate an individual as the entity's compliance officer. The compliance officer must:~~

~~(1) develop policies and procedures to assure adherence to medical assistance laws and regulations and to prevent inappropriate claims submissions;~~

~~(2) train the employees of the provider entity, and any agents or subcontractors of the provider entity including billers, on the policies and procedures under clause (1);~~

~~(3) respond to allegations of improper conduct related to the provision or billing of medical assistance services, and implement action to remediate any resulting problems;~~

~~(4) use evaluation techniques to monitor compliance with medical assistance laws and regulations;~~

~~(5) promptly report to the commissioner any identified violations of medical assistance laws or regulations; and~~

~~(6) within 60 days of discovery by the provider of a medical assistance reimbursement overpayment, report the overpayment to the commissioner and make arrangements with the commissioner for the commissioner's recovery of the overpayment.~~

~~The commissioner may require, as a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, that a provider within a particular industry sector or category establish a compliance program that contains the core elements established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.~~

~~(h) The commissioner may revoke the enrollment of an ordering or rendering provider for a period of not more than one year, if the provider fails to maintain and, upon request from the commissioner, provide access to documentation relating to written orders or requests for payment for durable medical equipment, certifications for home health services, or referrals for other items or services written or ordered by such provider, when the commissioner has identified a pattern of a lack of documentation. A pattern means a failure to maintain documentation or provide access to documentation on more than one occasion. Nothing in this paragraph limits the authority of the commissioner to sanction a provider under the provisions of section 256B.064.~~

~~(i) The commissioner shall terminate or deny the enrollment of any individual or entity if the individual or entity has been terminated from participation in Medicare or under the Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program of any other state. The commissioner may exempt a rehabilitation agency from termination or denial that would otherwise be required under this paragraph, if the agency:~~

~~(1) is unable to retain Medicare certification and enrollment solely due to a lack of billing to the Medicare program;~~

~~(2) meets all other applicable Medicare certification requirements based on an on-site review completed by the commissioner of health; and~~

~~(3) serves primarily a pediatric population.~~

~~(j) As a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, the commissioner shall require that a provider designated "moderate" or "high-risk" by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or the commissioner permit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, its agents, or its designated contractors and the state agency, its agents, or its designated contractors to conduct unannounced on-site inspections of any provider location. The commissioner shall publish in the Minnesota Health Care Program Provider Manual a list of provider types designated "limited," "moderate," or "high-risk," based on the criteria and standards used to designate Medicare providers in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 424.518. The list and criteria are not subject to the requirements of chapter 14. The commissioner's designations are not subject to administrative appeal.~~

~~(k) As a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, the commissioner shall require that a high-risk provider, or a person with a direct or indirect ownership interest in the provider of five percent or higher, consent to criminal background checks, including fingerprinting, when required to do so under state law or by a determination by the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that a provider is designated high-risk for fraud, waste, or abuse.~~

~~(l)(1) Upon initial enrollment, reenrollment, and notification of revalidation, all durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) medical suppliers meeting the durable medical equipment provider and supplier definition in clause (3), operating in Minnesota and receiving Medicaid funds must purchase a surety bond that is annually renewed and designates the Minnesota Department of Human Services as the obligee, and must be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner. For purposes of this clause, the following medical suppliers are not required to obtain a surety bond: a~~

17.1 ~~federally qualified health center, a home health agency, the Indian Health Service, a~~
17.2 ~~pharmacy, and a rural health clinic.~~

17.3 ~~(2) At the time of initial enrollment or reenrollment, durable medical equipment providers~~
17.4 ~~and suppliers defined in clause (3) must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If a revalidating~~
17.5 ~~provider's Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is up to and including \$300,000,~~
17.6 ~~the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If a revalidating provider's~~
17.7 ~~Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is over \$300,000, the provider agency must~~
17.8 ~~purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond must allow for recovery of costs and~~
17.9 ~~fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action to obtain monetary recovery or sanctions~~
17.10 ~~from a surety bond must occur within six years from the date the debt is affirmed by a final~~
17.11 ~~agency decision. An agency decision is final when the right to appeal the debt has been~~
17.12 ~~exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under section 256B.064.~~

17.13 ~~(3) "Durable medical equipment provider or supplier" means a medical supplier that can~~
17.14 ~~purchase medical equipment or supplies for sale or rental to the general public and is able~~
17.15 ~~to perform or arrange for necessary repairs to and maintenance of equipment offered for~~
17.16 ~~sale or rental.~~

17.17 ~~(m) The Department of Human Services may require a provider to purchase a surety~~
17.18 ~~bond as a condition of initial enrollment, reenrollment, reinstatement, or continued enrollment~~
17.19 ~~if: (1) the provider fails to demonstrate financial viability, (2) the department determines~~
17.20 ~~there is significant evidence of or potential for fraud and abuse by the provider, or (3) the~~
17.21 ~~provider or category of providers is designated high-risk pursuant to paragraph (f) and as~~
17.22 ~~per Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.450. The surety bond must be in an~~
17.23 ~~amount of \$100,000 or ten percent of the provider's payments from Medicaid during the~~
17.24 ~~immediately preceding 12 months, whichever is greater. The surety bond must name the~~
17.25 ~~Department of Human Services as an obligee and must allow for recovery of costs and fees~~
17.26 ~~in pursuing a claim on the bond. This paragraph does not apply if the provider currently~~
17.27 ~~maintains a surety bond under the requirements in section 256B.051, 256B.0659, 256B.0701,~~
17.28 ~~or 256B.85.~~

17.29 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.04, is amended by adding a subdivision
17.30 to read:

17.31 Subd. 28. Medical assistance education program. (a) The commissioner must provide
17.32 information to all medical assistance enrollees on the following topics:

17.33 (1) an enrollee's benefits, rights, and responsibilities under medical assistance;

- 18.1 (2) how to appropriately access and receive services under medical assistance;
- 18.2 (3) an enrollee's right to file complaints, grievances, and appeals;
- 18.3 (4) general information about preventing fraud and abuse in the medical assistance
- 18.4 program; and
- 18.5 (5) how to report concerns to the department and managed care organizations about
- 18.6 fraud and abuse in the medical assistance program.
- 18.7 (b) The commissioner must ensure that the information provided under this subdivision:
- 18.8 (1) is in plain language;
- 18.9 (2) is culturally and linguistically appropriate; and
- 18.10 (3) complies with applicable federal Medicaid requirements for communicating with
- 18.11 enrollees.
- 18.12 (c) When an enrollee's use of medical assistance results in abusive or fraudulent billing,
- 18.13 the commissioner must notify the enrollee about the availability of the information under
- 18.14 this subdivision and may provide additional educational information targeted to the event
- 18.15 that resulted in abusive or fraudulent billing.
- 18.16 (d) The commissioner may require entities participating in medical assistance, including
- 18.17 but not limited to managed care organizations, providers, lead agencies, and Tribal agencies,
- 18.18 to assist in delivering the information required under this subdivision.
- 18.19 (e) For enrollees who receive case management services or have a support plan developed
- 18.20 under section 256B.0911, the information required under this subdivision must be tailored
- 18.21 to their service needs and may be delivered through the support planning process by the
- 18.22 lead agency or managed care organization, as appropriate.
- 18.23 **Sec. 12. [256B.044] PROVIDER ENROLLMENT.**
- 18.24 **Subdivision 1. Designating categorical risk levels.** (a) The commissioner must designate
- 18.25 provider types as "limited-risk," "moderate-risk," or "high-risk" based on the criteria and
- 18.26 standards used to designate Medicare providers in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42,
- 18.27 section 424.518. The commissioner must publish a list of provider types and designated
- 18.28 categorical risk levels in the Minnesota Health Care Program Provider Manual.
- 18.29 (b) The list and criteria are not subject to the requirements under chapter 14 and section
- 18.30 14.386 does not apply.
- 18.31 (c) The commissioner's designations are not subject to administrative appeal.

Subd. 2. **Required verifications and checks.** The commissioner must perform the following verifications and checks prior to making an enrollment determination and periodically thereafter:

(1) verify that the provider meets applicable federal and state requirements for the provider type;

(2) conduct license verifications, as applicable, including verification of current licensure in Minnesota and in any other state in which the provider is or was previously licensed, in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.412;

(3) conduct database checks on a pre-enrollment and postenrollment basis to ensure that the provider continues to meet the enrollment criteria for the provider type, in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.436;

(4) confirm that the provider and any disclosed owners, managing employees, or controlling individuals are not excluded from participation in any state's Medicaid program, Medicare, or any other federal health care program;

(5) verify the provider's National Provider Identifier and, as applicable, Medicare enrollment status;

(6) verify the provider's tax identification number and business registration status;

(7) verify the provider's ownership and control disclosures as required under federal law; and

(8) conduct any additional screenings, verifications, or reviews that are necessary to protect the integrity of the medical assistance program or that are required under federal law.

Subd. 3. **Required background studies.** (a) The commissioner must conduct a background study under chapter 245C for a provider applying for enrollment. The background study must include a review of databases in section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5), and any other databases required under federal law.

(b) The commissioner must conduct a background study under this subdivision for each individual with an ownership or control interest in, or who is an officer, director, agent, managing employee, or other person with operational or managerial control of, the provider.

(c) Fingerprint-based studies are required when mandated by federal law or when a provider is designated moderate-risk or high-risk under subdivision 1.

(d) The commissioner may conduct background studies postenrollment as necessary.

20.1 (e) A provider's failure to submit to the commissioner the information required for a
20.2 background study under this subdivision is grounds for denial or termination of enrollment
20.3 in medical assistance.

20.4 (f) A provider's enrollment must be denied or terminated if a provider or individual
20.5 subject to a background study under this subdivision is disqualified under chapter 245C or
20.6 is excluded from participating in any federal health care programs.

20.7 **Subd. 4. Service location enrollment.** (a) A provider must enroll each provider-controlled
20.8 location where direct services are provided. "Provider-controlled location" means a physical
20.9 site owned, leased, operated, or otherwise controlled by the provider.

20.10 (b) Separate enrollment is not required for services provided in a recipient's home or
20.11 community setting, telehealth services delivered from an enrolled site, compliant mobile
20.12 services, or other federally permissible exemptions.

20.13 (c) A provider's failure to enroll each provider-controlled location where direct services
20.14 are provided is grounds for sanctions under section 256B.064.

20.15 **Subd. 5. Site visits.** (a) As a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, the
20.16 commissioner shall require that a provider permit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
20.17 Services (CMS), CMS's agents, or CMS's designated contractors and the Department of
20.18 Human Services (DHS), DHS's agents, or DHS's designated contractors to conduct
20.19 unannounced site visits of any of a provider's enrolled locations.

20.20 (b) At a minimum, the commissioner must conduct the following site visits at each of
20.21 a provider's enrolled locations:

20.22 (1) pre-enrollment site visits for providers designated as moderate-risk or high-risk under
20.23 subdivision 1;

20.24 (2) postenrollment site visits for providers designated as moderate-risk or high-risk under
20.25 subdivision 1; and

20.26 (3) unannounced site visits, as follows:

20.27 (i) prior to payment of the provider's first claim after enrollment, when required under
20.28 federal law or due to program integrity concerns;

20.29 (ii) within 12 months after the provider begins to bill claims; and

20.30 (iii) prior to revalidation under section 256B.0441, subdivision 3.

21.1 (c) The commissioner may conduct additional announced or unannounced site visits
21.2 when necessary to verify compliance with enrollment requirements or to protect program
21.3 integrity.

21.4 (d) A provider's failure to permit a required site visit is grounds for denial, suspension,
21.5 or termination of enrollment and may result in denial of claims or recoupment of payments.

21.6 Subd. 6. **Surety bonds.** (a) The commissioner must require a provider to purchase a
21.7 surety bond as a condition of initial enrollment, reenrollment, revalidation, reinstatement,
21.8 or continued enrollment. Upon new enrollment, or if the provider's medical assistance
21.9 revenue in the previous calendar year is less than or equal to \$300,000, the provider must
21.10 purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If the provider's medical assistance revenue in the
21.11 previous calendar year is greater than \$300,000, the provider must purchase a surety bond
21.12 of \$100,000. The surety bond must name DHS as an obligee and must allow for recovery
21.13 of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond.

21.14 (b) This subdivision does not apply if the provider currently maintains a surety bond
21.15 under the requirements under section 256B.0659, 256B.0701, or 256B.85.

21.16 Subd. 7. **Financial capacity.** As a condition of enrolling in medical assistance, the
21.17 commissioner must require, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, that a
21.18 provider demonstrate sufficient financial capacity to operate and repay improper payments
21.19 for 30 days.

21.20 Subd. 8. **Compliance programs.** (a) The commissioner may require, as a condition of
21.21 enrollment in medical assistance, that a provider in a particular industry, of a particular
21.22 provider type, or with a particular risk categorization under subdivision 1, establish and
21.23 maintain a compliance program consistent with federal program integrity guidance issued
21.24 by CMS or the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector
21.25 General.

21.26 (b) If an enrolled provider is required by the commissioner or by federal or state law to
21.27 designate an individual as the provider's compliance officer, the provider must appoint an
21.28 individual responsible for implementing and overseeing the compliance program.

21.29 (c) At a minimum, the compliance program must include policies and procedures designed
21.30 to:

21.31 (1) ensure adherence to federal and state laws and program requirements governing
21.32 medical assistance and prevent the submission of improper claims;

22.1 (2) train employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors, including billing personnel,
22.2 on applicable federal and state laws and program requirements;

22.3 (3) establish procedures for receiving, investigating, and responding to allegations of
22.4 improper conduct and for implementing corrective actions;

22.5 (4) use auditing, monitoring, or other evaluation techniques to assess ongoing compliance;

22.6 (5) promptly report to the commissioner any credible evidence of violations of federal
22.7 and state laws or regulations governing medical assistance; and

22.8 (6) report and return identified medical assistance overpayments within 60 days after
22.9 discovery or by the date any corresponding cost report is due, whichever is later, in
22.10 accordance with federal law.

22.11 Subd. 9. **Incomplete provider enrollment applications.** The commissioner must deny
22.12 a provider's incomplete enrollment application if a provider fails to respond to the
22.13 commissioner's request for additional information within 60 days of the request.

22.14 Subd. 10. **Correspondence and notification.** The commissioner must deliver
22.15 correspondence and notifications, including notifications of termination and other actions,
22.16 electronically to a provider's MN-ITS mailbox. This subdivision does not apply to
22.17 correspondences and notifications related to background studies.

22.18 Sec. 13. **[256B.0441] PROVIDER REVALIDATION.**

22.19 Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** The commissioner must revalidate each enrolled provider
22.20 according to this section.

22.21 Subd. 2. **Schedule.** (a) The commissioner shall revalidate:

22.22 (1) each provider at least once every five years;

22.23 (2) each personal care assistance agency, community first services and supports (CFSS)
22.24 provider-agency, and CFSS financial management services provider at least once every
22.25 three years;

22.26 (3) each EIDBI agency at least once every three years; and

22.27 (4) each medical-assistance-only provider type the commissioner deems high-risk under
22.28 section 256B.044, subdivision 1, at least every three years.

22.29 (b) The commissioner must conduct revalidation of a provider more frequently when
22.30 required under federal law or when necessary to protect program integrity.

22.31 Subd. 3. **Procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall conduct revalidation as follows:

23.1 (1) provide 30 days' notice to the provider of the provider's revalidation due date,
23.2 including instructions for revalidation, a list of materials the provider must submit, and a
23.3 notice about the unannounced site visit required under paragraph (b);

23.4 (2) if a provider fails to submit all required materials or satisfy the requirements of
23.5 paragraph (b) by the due date, notify the provider of the deficiency within 14 days after the
23.6 due date and allow the provider an additional 14 days from the notification date to comply;
23.7 and

23.8 (3) if a provider fails to remedy a deficiency within the additional 28-day time period,
23.9 give 15 days' notice of termination and immediately suspend the provider's ability to bill.
23.10 The commissioner's decision to suspend the provider's ability to bill is not subject to an
23.11 administrative appeal.

23.12 (b) The commissioner must conduct unannounced site visits at each of a provider's
23.13 enrolled locations under section 256B.044, subdivision 4, no more than 30 days prior to the
23.14 provider's revalidation due date.

23.15 (c) A provider must demonstrate financial capacity, as described under section 256B.044,
23.16 subdivision 7, as a requirement of revalidation under this subdivision.

23.17 **Sec. 14. [256B.0442] PROVIDER ENROLLMENT SUSPENSIONS AND**
23.18 **TERMINATIONS.**

23.19 Subdivision 1. **Suspension of billing privileges.** (a) If a provider fails to comply with
23.20 any individual provider requirement or condition of participation, the commissioner must
23.21 suspend the provider's ability to bill until the provider comes into compliance.

23.22 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner may immediately impose
23.23 a suspension under this subdivision when necessary to protect public funds or ensure program
23.24 integrity.

23.25 (c) A suspension under this subdivision does not limit the authority of the commissioner
23.26 to issue any other sanction authorized under federal or state law.

23.27 (d) The commissioner's decision to suspend a provider's ability to bill is not subject to
23.28 an administrative appeal.

23.29 Subd. 2. **Revocation for lack of documentation.** (a) The commissioner may revoke
23.30 the enrollment of an ordering or rendering provider for a period of not more than one year
23.31 if the provider fails to maintain and, upon request from the commissioner, provide access
23.32 to documentation relating to written orders or requests for payment for durable medical

24.1 equipment, certifications for home health services, or referrals for other items or services
24.2 written or ordered by the provider when the commissioner has identified a pattern of a lack
24.3 of documentation. A pattern means a failure to maintain documentation or provide access
24.4 to documentation on more than one occasion.

24.5 (b) Nothing in this subdivision limits the authority of the commissioner to sanction a
24.6 provider under the provisions of section 256B.064.

24.7 Subd. 3. **Mandatory denial or termination of enrollment.** (a) The commissioner must
24.8 terminate or deny the enrollment of a provider when:

24.9 (1) an individual with a five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in
24.10 the provider does not submit timely and accurate information and cooperate with the
24.11 screening methods required under section 256B.044;

24.12 (2) an individual with a five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in
24.13 the provider has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the individual's involvement
24.14 in Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program in the last ten years,
24.15 unless the commissioner determines that denial or termination of enrollment is not in the
24.16 best interests of the medical assistance program and the commissioner documents that
24.17 determination in writing;

24.18 (3) the provider, or an individual with a five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership
24.19 interest in the provider, was terminated from participation in Medicare on or after January
24.20 1, 2011, or under a Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program of any other
24.21 state, and is currently included in the termination database under Code of Federal Regulations,
24.22 title 42, section 455.417, except as provided in paragraph (b);

24.23 (4) the provider, or an individual with a five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership
24.24 interest in the provider, fails to submit timely or accurate information, unless the
24.25 commissioner determines that termination or denial of enrollment is not in the best interests
24.26 of the medical assistance program and the commissioner documents that determination in
24.27 writing;

24.28 (5) the provider, or an individual with a five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership
24.29 interest in the provider, fails to submit sets of fingerprints in a form and manner determined
24.30 by the commissioner within 30 days of a request from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
24.31 Services (CMS) or the commissioner, unless the commissioner determines that termination
24.32 or denial of enrollment is not in the best interests of the medical assistance program and the
24.33 commissioner documents that determination in writing;

(6) the provider fails to permit access to provider locations for any site visits under section 256B.044, subdivision 5, unless the commissioner determines that termination or denial of enrollment is not in the best interests of the medical assistance program and the commissioner documents that determination in writing; or

(7) CMS or the commissioner determines that the provider has falsified any information provided on the application or cannot verify the identity of any provider applicant.

(b) The commissioner may exempt a rehabilitation agency from termination or denial that would otherwise be required under paragraph (a), clause (3), if the agency:

(1) is unable to retain Medicare certification and enrollment solely due to a lack of billing to the Medicare program;

(2) meets all other applicable Medicare certification requirements based on an on-site review completed by the commissioner of health; and

(3) serves primarily a pediatric population.

Sec. 15. [256B.0443] PROVIDER PAYMENT WITHHOLDS.

(a) If the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services designate a provider type as high-risk under section 256B.044, subdivision 1, the commissioner may withhold payment from providers within that category upon initial enrollment for a 90-day period.

(b) The withholding for each provider must begin on the date of the first submission of a claim.

Sec. 16. [256B.0444] ENROLLMENT MORATORIUM FOR HIGH-RISK PROVIDERS.

Subdivision 1. **Provider enrollment moratorium.** (a) If the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) designates a provider type as high-risk under section 256B.044, subdivision 1, the commissioner may issue a statewide or regional enrollment moratorium and stop accepting and processing applications from providers within that category within 30 days of the date of the designation or upon federal approval of the moratorium, whichever is later. A moratorium issued under this section is effective for a period of up to 24 months from the date the moratorium is issued.

(b) Before ending the moratorium under this section, the commissioner must revalidate the enrollment of each provider within the affected category in accordance with the revalidation procedures under section 256B.0441, subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Moratorium exceptions.** The commissioner may grant exceptions to a moratorium issued under subdivision 1 and must make publicly available the processes and criteria the commissioner will use to grant exceptions. The commissioner may grant an exception if a county or Tribal agency submits a request for an exception to the commissioner and the commissioner determines that the agency's request sufficiently shows that enrollment of the new provider:

(1) is essential to meet regional needs;

(2) addresses a specific population to be served; or

(3) fulfills a need that cannot otherwise be met by existing enrolled providers.

Subd. 3. **Continued enrollment of new clients.** Nothing in this section prohibits an enrolled provider subject to a moratorium under this section from enrolling new clients or beneficiaries during the period of the enrollment moratorium.

Subd. 4. **Notice.** At least ten days prior to issuing an enrollment moratorium under this section, the commissioner must notify enrolled providers within the affected category and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services about the actions the commissioner plans to take under this section. The notice must:

(1) include a list of provider types to which the moratorium applies;

(2) provide a general explanation for the basis of the high-risk designation; and

(3) identify the start dates and anticipated durations of the enrollment moratorium.

Subd. 5. **Report to legislature.** Within 60 days of ending an enrollment moratorium under this section, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services. The report must include, at a minimum:

(1) a summary of any sanctions imposed under section 256B.064 on any providers subject to the moratorium; and

(2) recommendations for modifying or terminating the provision of covered services delivered by provider types subject to the moratorium.

27.1 Sec. 17. **[256B.0445] ADDITIONAL PROVIDER ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS**
27.2 **FOR SPECIFIC PROVIDER TYPES.**

27.3 Subdivision 1. **Durable medical equipment provider or supplier.** (a) For the purposes
27.4 of this subdivision, "durable medical equipment provider or supplier" means a medical
27.5 supplier that can purchase medical equipment or supplies for sale or rent to the general
27.6 public and is able to perform or arrange for necessary repairs to and maintenance of
27.7 equipment offered for sale or rent.

27.8 (b) Upon initial enrollment, reenrollment, and notification of revalidation, all durable
27.9 medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies medical suppliers meeting the durable
27.10 medical equipment provider or supplier definition in paragraph (a), operating in Minnesota,
27.11 and receiving medical assistance money must purchase a surety bond that is annually
27.12 renewed, designates the state agency as the obligee, and is submitted in a form approved
27.13 by the commissioner. For purposes of this paragraph, the following medical suppliers are
27.14 not required to obtain a surety bond: a federally qualified health center, a home health
27.15 agency, the Indian Health Service, a pharmacy, and a rural health clinic.

27.16 (c) At the time of initial enrollment or reenrollment, durable medical equipment providers
27.17 or suppliers as defined in paragraph (a) must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If a
27.18 revalidating provider's medical assistance revenue in the previous calendar year is up to and
27.19 including \$300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If a
27.20 revalidating provider's medical assistance revenue in the previous calendar year is over
27.21 \$300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond
27.22 must allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action to
27.23 obtain monetary recovery or sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years from
27.24 the date the debt is affirmed by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final when
27.25 the right to appeal the debt has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under
27.26 section 256B.064.

27.27 Subd. 2. **Providers licensed by the commissioner of human services.** An enrolled
27.28 provider that is licensed by the commissioner under chapter 245A must designate an
27.29 individual as the licensee's compliance officer under section 256B.044, subdivision 8,
27.30 paragraph (b).

27.31 Subd. 3. **Providers licensed by the commissioner of health.** An enrolled provider that
27.32 is licensed by the commissioner of health as a home care provider under chapter 144A with
27.33 a home and community-based services designation under section 144A.484 on the home

28.1 care license, or as an assisted living facility under chapter 144G, must designate an individual
28.2 as the licensee's compliance officer under section 256B.044, subdivision 8, paragraph (b).

28.3 Sec. 18. **[256B.0446] ADDITIONAL PROVIDER ENROLLMENT TRAINING**
28.4 **REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH-RISK PROVIDERS.**

28.5 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** This section applies to any agency that provides a service
28.6 designated by the commissioner as high-risk under section 256B.044, subdivision 1. For
28.7 purposes of this section, "agency" means the legal entity that is applying to be or is enrolled
28.8 with Minnesota health care programs as a medical assistance provider according to Minnesota
28.9 Rules, part 9505.0195.

28.10 Subd. 2. **Mandatory compliance training.** (a) Effective January 1, 2027, before applying
28.11 for enrollment or reenrollment as a medical assistance provider, an agency applying to
28.12 provide services designated by the commissioner as high-risk under section 256B.044,
28.13 subdivision 1, must require all owners of the agency who are active in the day-to-day
28.14 management and operations of the agency and all managerial and supervisory employees
28.15 to complete compliance training. All individuals required to complete training under this
28.16 subdivision must repeat the training prior to the agency's revalidation as a medical assistance
28.17 provider.

28.18 (b) New owners active in day-to-day management and operations of the agency and new
28.19 managerial and supervisory employees of the agency must complete compliance training
28.20 under this subdivision within 30 calendar days of becoming an owner of or beginning
28.21 employment with the agency and prior to conducting any management or operations activities
28.22 for the agency. If an individual moves to another agency providing the same service and
28.23 serves in a similar ownership or employment capacity, the individual is not required to
28.24 repeat the training required under this subdivision. If the individual does not repeat the
28.25 compliance training, the individual must provide documentation to the agency that proves
28.26 that the individual completed the compliance training within the provider revalidation
28.27 schedule for the relevant provider type as determined by the commissioner under section
28.28 256B.0441, subdivisions 2 and 3.

28.29 (c) The commissioner must determine the format and content of the compliance training.
28.30 The training must include the following topics, adapted as necessary for each provider type
28.31 subject to the requirements of this subdivision:

28.32 (1) state and federal program billing, documentation, and service delivery requirements;

28.33 (2) enrollment requirements;

- 29.1 (3) provider program integrity, including fraud prevention, detection, and penalties;
29.2 (4) fair labor standards;
29.3 (5) workplace safety requirements; and
29.4 (6) recent changes in service requirements.

29.5 Sec. 19. **[256B.0447] ENHANCED PREPAYMENT REVIEW.**

29.6 Subdivision 1. **Purpose and authority.** The commissioner must conduct enhanced
29.7 prepayment review of submitted fee-for-service medical assistance claims to ensure
29.8 compliance with state and federal law and prevent improper payments before payment.

29.9 Subd. 2. **Providers, services, and claims subject to review.** (a) The commissioner must
29.10 conduct enhanced prepayment review under this section when:

29.11 (1) the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services designates a
29.12 provider type as high-risk under section 256B.044, subdivision 1, for fee-for-service claims
29.13 submitted by providers within that category;

29.14 (2) the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services designates a
29.15 covered service as high-risk, for fee-for-service claims submitted for that service by any
29.16 provider, except the Indian Health Service; or

29.17 (3) a new provider enrolls in medical assistance.

29.18 (b) The commissioner may place any other provider, provider type, covered service, or
29.19 category of fee-for-service claims under enhanced prepayment review when the commissioner
29.20 determines there is a risk of improper payment.

29.21 (c) Nothing in this section prevents the commissioner from establishing enhanced
29.22 prepayment review in other circumstances if required by the Centers for Medicare and
29.23 Medicaid Services.

29.24 Subd. 3. **Review requirements.** (a) The commissioner must implement an enhanced
29.25 prepayment review established under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), within 15 days after the
29.26 date of the high-risk designation, effective for a period of up to 24 months from the date
29.27 the review is implemented.

29.28 (b) Before ending enhanced prepayment review under subdivision 2, paragraph (a),
29.29 clause (1) or (2), the commissioner must review the fee-for-service claims submitted during
29.30 the period the provider type or covered service was subject to the enhanced prepayment
29.31 review and determine whether continuation of the review is warranted.

30.1 Subd. 4. **Notice.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the commissioner must provide
30.2 written notice to a provider placed under enhanced prepayment review at least 15 days
30.3 before the review is implemented. The notice must include:

30.4 (1) the basis for the review;

30.5 (2) the effective date of the review; and

30.6 (3) the standards the commissioner will use to determine when the provider, service, or
30.7 claims will no longer be subject to enhanced prepayment review.

30.8 (b) The commissioner may delay, limit, or withhold notice to a provider if providing
30.9 notice would compromise program integrity, prejudice an audit or investigation, or conflict
30.10 with federal law or federal guidance.

30.11 (c) At least 15 days before implementing an enhanced prepayment review, the
30.12 commissioner must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
30.13 committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance about the
30.14 enhanced prepayment review the commissioner plans to implement under this section. The
30.15 notice must include:

30.16 (1) the basis for the review;

30.17 (2) the effective date of the review;

30.18 (3) the providers, provider types, covered services, or categories of claims to which
30.19 enhanced prepayment review applies;

30.20 (4) the anticipated duration of the enhanced prepayment review; and

30.21 (5) the standards the commissioner will use to determine when the provider, service, or
30.22 claims will no longer be subject to enhanced prepayment review.

30.23 Subd. 5. **Continued enrollment of new clients.** Nothing in this section prohibits an
30.24 enrolled provider that is subject to enhanced prepayment review from enrolling new clients
30.25 or beneficiaries during the period of review unless otherwise prohibited by law or by a
30.26 separate action of the commissioner.

30.27 Subd. 6. **Timely claims processing.** The commissioner must administer enhanced
30.28 prepayment review in a manner consistent with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section
30.29 447.45.

30.30 Subd. 7. **Duration and termination.** (a) Enhanced prepayment review may continue
30.31 for up to 24 consecutive months unless:

31.1 (1) the commissioner determines that earlier termination is appropriate based on sustained
31.2 compliance; or

31.3 (2) the commissioner has initiated sanction, suspension, termination, or other enforcement
31.4 action arising out of the review and that action remains pending on appeal, in which case
31.5 the enhanced prepayment review may continue until final disposition of the enforcement
31.6 action.

31.7 (b) Claims for services furnished during the period of enhanced prepayment review
31.8 remain subject to review before payment regardless of when the claims are submitted.

31.9 Subd. 8. **Relationship to other actions.** Enhanced prepayment review under this section
31.10 does not preclude the commissioner from conducting a preliminary investigation, full
31.11 investigation, payment suspension, postpayment review, audit, overpayment recovery,
31.12 sanction, or referral to law enforcement under this chapter or under applicable federal law.

31.13 Subd. 9. **Report to legislature.** (a) Within 60 days after ending an enhanced prepayment
31.14 review under this section, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking
31.15 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human
31.16 services policy and finance. The report must include, at a minimum:

31.17 (1) the providers, provider types, covered services, or categories of claims subject to
31.18 review;

31.19 (2) the duration of the review;

31.20 (3) aggregate outcomes, including claim denials, payments delayed, and referrals for
31.21 further action; and

31.22 (4) recommendations for statutory, administrative, or systems changes.

31.23 (b) Notwithstanding section 256.01, subdivision 42, this subdivision does not expire.

31.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

31.25 Sec. 20. **[256B.0448] POSTPAYMENT REVIEW.**

31.26 Subdivision 1. **Purpose and authority.** The commissioner may conduct postpayment
31.27 review of claims, encounters, cost reports, rate submissions, and other billings submitted
31.28 for payment or reimbursement under this chapter to identify improper payments and recover
31.29 payments made in violation of state or federal law or program requirements.

31.30 Subd. 2. **Scope of review.** The commissioner may conduct postpayment review on a
31.31 claim-by-claim basis or through other review methods authorized by state or federal law.

32.1 Subd. 3. **Provider obligations.** (a) A provider subject to postpayment review must
32.2 maintain documentation necessary to support claims, encounters, cost reports, rate
32.3 submissions, other billings submitted for payment or reimbursement under this chapter, and
32.4 compliance with program requirements.

32.5 (b) The commissioner may require a provider to submit records or supporting
32.6 documentation relevant to a postpayment review.

32.7 (c) A provider's failure to provide requested records or supporting documentation to the
32.8 commissioner according to the timeline specified by the commissioner may result in recovery
32.9 of payments or sanctions under section 256B.064 and other applicable laws.

32.10 Subd. 4. **Recovery and sanctions.** If postpayment review identifies an overpayment or
32.11 other noncompliance with medical assistance payment requirements, the commissioner may
32.12 recover payments and impose sanctions in accordance with section 256B.064 and other
32.13 applicable laws.

32.14 Subd. 5. **Relationship to other actions.** Conducting postpayment review of a provider
32.15 under this section does not preclude the commissioner from conducting a preliminary
32.16 investigation, full investigation, enhanced prepayment review, payment suspension, audit,
32.17 overpayment recovery, sanction, or referral to law enforcement under this chapter or
32.18 applicable federal law.

32.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

32.20 Sec. 21. **[256B.045] RECIPIENT PROTECTIONS AND CONTINUITY OF CARE**
32.21 **WHEN A PROVIDER IS SUBJECT TO A SERIOUS OPERATIONAL EVENT.**

32.22 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of sections 256B.045 to 256B.047, the
32.23 following terms have the meanings given.

32.24 (b) "Complex transition" means a provider termination, suspension, revocation, or closure
32.25 event that, without structured transition measures, would likely result in avoidable
32.26 hospitalization, institutionalization, serious clinical deterioration, or loss of housing or
32.27 placement for a recipient.

32.28 (c) "Direct recipient care costs" means costs necessary to furnish covered services,
32.29 excluding owner distributions, dividends, related party profit, and other noncare financial
32.30 transfers.

32.31 (d) "Lead agency" means a county, Tribe, or managed care organization.

33.1 (e) "Recipient" means an enrollee, participant, resident, or other individual receiving
33.2 services under medical assistance.

33.3 (f) "Serious operational event" means sanctions or termination actions affecting provider
33.4 participation or payments under section 256B.064, licensure loss or revocation, insolvency,
33.5 receivership, bankruptcy, abandonment, or inability of a provider to safely operate.

33.6 Subd. 2. **Provider duties.** If a medical assistance service provider determines it is unable
33.7 to continue to provide services to a recipient due to a serious operational event, the provider
33.8 must:

33.9 (1) when practicable, notify each recipient; each recipient's responsible party, if
33.10 applicable; the lead agency; and the commissioner 30 days before terminating services to
33.11 each recipient;

33.12 (2) assist the commissioner and lead agency in supporting each recipient in transitioning
33.13 to another provider of each recipient's choice; and

33.14 (3) when practicable, provide each recipient with a copy of the relevant recipient bill of
33.15 rights or recipient protections, if applicable, at least 30 days before terminating services.

33.16 Subd. 3. **Commissioner's duties.** (a) When a provider is subject to a serious operational
33.17 event, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee must:

33.18 (1) inform the appropriate ombudsperson's office, if applicable, and the lead agency for
33.19 each recipient currently receiving services; and

33.20 (2) directly notify each recipient who receives services from the provider in order to
33.21 protect recipient welfare.

33.22 (b) When a medical assistance service provider provides notice to the commissioner
33.23 under subdivision 2 that it is unable to continue to provide services to a recipient due to a
33.24 serious operational event, the commissioner must assist the provider and the lead agency
33.25 in supporting the recipient in transitioning to another provider of the recipient's choice.

33.26 (c) The commissioner must ensure each recipient receives continuity of medically
33.27 necessary services and supports through a safe and orderly transition to appropriate receiving
33.28 providers when a serious operational event is designated as a complex transition under
33.29 section 256B.046.

33.30 Subd. 4. **Lead agency duties.** When a provider is subject to a serious operational event,
33.31 a lead agency must contact affected service recipients to ensure that each recipient:

33.32 (1) is continuing to receive needed services; and

34.1 (2) has been given free choice of provider if the recipient transfers to another service
34.2 provider.

34.3 Sec. 22. **[256B.046] COMPLEX TRANSITIONS.**

34.4 Subdivision 1. **Complex transition designation.** (a) The commissioner must designate
34.5 a serious operational event as a complex transition when:

34.6 (1) a recipient is receiving long-term services and supports, including home and
34.7 community-based services;

34.8 (2) a recipient is receiving behavioral health or substance use disorder treatment where
34.9 abrupt interruption of treatment creates a material risk;

34.10 (3) a recipient is medically fragile and depends on life-sustaining treatment;

34.11 (4) there is limited regional capacity, including limited culturally or linguistically
34.12 appropriate care; or

34.13 (5) a recipient's placement stability is dependent upon continued service delivery.

34.14 (b) The commissioner may establish objective thresholds to create a presumption of
34.15 complex transition based on the number of recipients affected by a serious operational event,
34.16 recipient acuity, service type, or unresolved discharge or placement barriers.

34.17 Subd. 2. **Complex transition operations plan.** The commissioner must develop and
34.18 implement a written complex transition operations plan for each complex transition. The
34.19 plan must include:

34.20 (1) recipient identification and acuity level;

34.21 (2) stabilization actions to prevent gaps in care for high-risk recipients;

34.22 (3) medical record, medication, and treatment plan continuity procedures;

34.23 (4) receiving provider identification and capacity information;

34.24 (5) transition timelines, transportation, and handoff procedures;

34.25 (6) the communication plan for each recipient, the recipient's family, and the recipient's
34.26 guardian, if applicable, including language access; and

34.27 (7) coordination with lead agencies, case managers, and ombudsperson offices, when
34.28 applicable.

34.29 Subd. 3. **Complex transition team.** The commissioner may convene a complex transition
34.30 team that includes department staff, lead agencies, and other professionals, as necessary,

to ensure the safe transition of recipients from the provider that is unable to continue to provide services to another provider.

Subd. 4. Complex transition; legislative notice. The commissioner must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance within ten days of designating a complex transition and must provide a report within 90 days of recipient stabilization to identify systemic gaps and make recommendations for systemic improvements.

Sec. 23. ~~[256B.047]~~ CONTINUITY PERIOD AND TRANSITION PAYMENTS FOR COMPLEX TRANSITIONS.

Subdivision 1. Limited continuity period. A provider subject to a serious operational event that is designated as a complex transition under section 256B.046 may continue to provide services to high-risk recipients receiving long-term services and supports or hospice care for up to 180 days after the date the serious operational event was designated a complex transition. The continuity period under this subdivision does not reinstate provider participation in medical assistance and does not limit the commissioner's sanction, exclusion, recovery, licensing enforcement, or referral authority.

Subd. 2. Good cause payment safeguards. When payment withholds or reductions occur under section 256B.064, the commissioner may find good cause not to suspend payments under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.23(e) or (f), in order to provide for continuity of care during complex transitions.

Subd. 3. Transition payments. (a) If the commissioner does not suspend payments to a provider sanctioned under section 256B.064 due to a determination of good cause, payments to the provider must be limited to direct recipient care costs. A provider receiving payments under this section must submit to independent financial monitoring and a prohibition on financial distributions to owners.

(b) The commissioner shall prioritize payment to alternative enrolled medical assistance providers that assume responsibility for service provision, court-appointed receivers or interim managers providing services, or substitute providers operating on site under an approved complex transition operations plan.

(c) When permitted by state and federal law, the amount of allowable transition payments paid to a provider under this section is subtracted from the debts the provider owes to the state.

(d) Nothing in this section requires payments that are prohibited by federal law.

36.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.051, subdivision 6, is amended
36.2 to read:

36.3 Subd. 6. **Agency qualifications and duties.** An agency is eligible for reimbursement
36.4 under this section only if the agency:

36.5 (1) is confirmed by the commissioner as an eligible provider after a pre-enrollment risk
36.6 assessment under subdivision 6a;

36.7 (2) is enrolled as a medical assistance Minnesota health care program provider and meets
36.8 all applicable provider standards and requirements;

36.9 (3) demonstrates compliance with federal and state laws and policies for housing
36.10 stabilization services as determined by the commissioner;

36.11 (4) complies with background study requirements under chapter 245C and maintains
36.12 documentation of background study requests and results;

36.13 (5) provides at the time of enrollment, reenrollment, and revalidation in a format
36.14 determined by the commissioner, proof of surety bond coverage for each business location
36.15 providing services. Upon new enrollment, or if the provider's medical assistance revenue
36.16 in the previous calendar year is \$300,000 or less, the provider agency must purchase a surety
36.17 bond of \$50,000. If the provider's medical assistance revenue in the previous year is over
36.18 \$300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond
36.19 must be in a form approved by the commissioner, must be renewed annually, and must
36.20 allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action to obtain
36.21 monetary recovery or sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years from the
36.22 date the debt is affirmed by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final when the
36.23 right to appeal the debt has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under section
36.24 256B.064;

36.25 (6) directly provides housing stabilization services using employees of the agency and
36.26 not by using a subcontractor or reporting agent;

36.27 (7) ensures all controlling individuals and employees of the agency complete annual
36.28 vulnerable adult training; and

36.29 (8) completes compliance training as required under section 256B.0446, subdivision ~~6b~~
36.30 2.

37.1 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

37.2 Subd. 1b. **Sanctions available.** (a) The commissioner may impose the following sanctions
37.3 for the conduct described in subdivision 1a: ~~suspension or withholding of payments to an~~
37.4 ~~individual or entity and suspending or terminating participation in the program, or imposition~~
37.5 ~~of a fine under subdivision 2, paragraph (g).~~

37.6 (1) suspending payments to an individual or entity;

37.7 (2) withholding payments to an individual or entity;

37.8 (3) suspending participation in the program;

37.9 (4) terminating participation in the program; or

37.10 (5) imposing a fine under subdivision 2a.

37.11 (b) When imposing sanctions under this ~~section~~ subdivision, the commissioner ~~shall~~
37.12 must consider the nature, chronicity, or severity of the conduct and the effect of the conduct
37.13 on the health and safety of persons served by the individual or entity.

37.14 (c) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must suspend an individual's or entity's participation in the
37.15 program for a minimum of five years if the individual or entity is convicted of a crime,
37.16 received a stay of adjudication, or entered a court-ordered diversion program for an offense
37.17 related to a provision of a health service under medical assistance, including a federally
37.18 approved waiver, or health care fraud.

37.19 (d) Regardless of imposition of sanctions, the commissioner may make a referral to the
37.20 appropriate state licensing board.

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

37.22 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

37.23 Subd. 1c. **Grounds for and methods of monetary recovery.** (a) The commissioner
37.24 may obtain monetary recovery from an individual or entity that has been improperly paid
37.25 by the department either as a result of conduct described in subdivision 1a or as a result of
37.26 an error by the individual or entity submitting the claim or by the department, regardless of
37.27 whether the error was intentional. Patterns need not be proven as a precondition to monetary
37.28 recovery of erroneous or false claims, duplicate claims, claims for services not medically
37.29 necessary, or claims based on false statements.

37.30 (b) The commissioner may obtain monetary recovery using methods including but not
37.31 limited to the following: assessing and recovering money improperly paid and debiting from

future payments any money improperly paid. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must charge interest on money to be recovered if the recovery is to be made by installment payments or debits, except when the monetary recovery is of an overpayment that resulted from a department error. The interest charged ~~shall~~ must be the rate established by the commissioner of revenue under section 270C.40.

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

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

Subd. 1d. **Investigative costs.** (a) The commissioner may seek recovery of investigative costs from any individual or entity that willfully submits a claim for reimbursement for services that the individual or entity knows, or reasonably should have known, is a false representation and that results in the payment of public funds for which the individual or entity is ineligible.

(b) Billing errors that result in unintentional overcharges ~~shall~~ are not be grounds for investigative cost recoupment.

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

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Imposition of monetary recovery and sanctions; generally.** (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must determine any monetary amounts to be recovered and sanctions to be imposed upon an individual or entity under this section. Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d), neither subdivisions 2b to 2d, the commissioner must not obtain a monetary recovery nor or impose a sanction will be imposed by the commissioner without prior notice and an opportunity for a hearing, according to chapter 14, on the commissioner's proposed action, ~~provided that the commissioner may suspend or reduce payment to an individual or entity, except a nursing home or convalescent care facility, after notice and prior to the hearing if in the commissioner's opinion that action is necessary to protect the public welfare and the interests of the program.~~

~~(b) Except when the commissioner finds good cause not to suspend payments under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.23(e) or (f), the commissioner shall withhold or reduce payments to an individual or entity without providing advance notice of such withholding or reduction if either of the following occurs:~~

~~(1) the individual or entity is convicted of a crime involving the conduct described in subdivision 1a; or~~

~~(2) the commissioner determines there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an investigation is pending under the program. Allegations are considered credible when they have an indicium of reliability and the state agency has reviewed all allegations, facts, and evidence carefully and acts judiciously on a case-by-case basis. A credible allegation of fraud is an allegation which has been verified by the state, from any source, including but not limited to:~~

~~(i) fraud hotline complaints;~~

~~(ii) claims data mining; and~~

~~(iii) patterns identified through provider audits, civil false claims cases, and law enforcement investigations.~~

~~(c) The commissioner must send notice of the withholding or reduction of payments under paragraph (b) within five days of taking such action unless requested in writing by a law enforcement agency to temporarily withhold the notice. The notice must:~~

~~(1) state that payments are being withheld according to paragraph (b);~~

~~(2) set forth the general allegations as to the nature of the withholding action, but need not disclose any specific information concerning an ongoing investigation;~~

~~(3) except in the case of a conviction for conduct described in subdivision 1a, state that the withholding is for a temporary period and cite the circumstances under which withholding will be terminated;~~

~~(4) identify the types of claims to which the withholding applies; and~~

~~(5) inform the individual or entity of the right to submit written evidence for consideration by the commissioner.~~

~~(d) The withholding or reduction of payments will not continue after the commissioner determines there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the individual or entity, or after legal proceedings relating to the alleged fraud are completed, unless the commissioner has sent notice of intention to impose monetary recovery or sanctions under paragraph (a). Upon conviction for a crime related to the provision, management, or administration of a health service under medical assistance, a payment held pursuant to this section by the commissioner or a managed care organization that contracts with the commissioner under section 256B.035 is forfeited to the commissioner or managed care organization, regardless of the amount charged in the criminal complaint or the amount of criminal restitution ordered.~~

~~(e) The commissioner shall suspend or terminate an individual's or entity's participation in the program without providing advance notice and an opportunity for a hearing when the suspension or termination is required because of the individual's or entity's exclusion from participation in Medicare. Within five days of taking such action, the commissioner must send notice of the suspension or termination. The notice must:~~

~~(1) state that suspension or termination is the result of the individual's or entity's exclusion from Medicare;~~

~~(2) identify the effective date of the suspension or termination; and~~

~~(3) inform the individual or entity of the need to be reinstated to Medicare before reapplying for participation in the program.~~

~~(f)~~ (b) Upon receipt of a notice under paragraph (a) or subdivision 2c that a monetary recovery or sanction is to be imposed, an individual or entity may request a contested case, as defined in section 14.02, subdivision 3, by filing with the commissioner a written request of appeal. The appeal request must be received by the commissioner no later than 30 days after the date the notification of monetary recovery or sanction was mailed to the individual or entity. The appeal request must specify:

(1) each disputed item, the reason for the dispute, and an estimate of the dollar amount involved for each disputed item;

(2) the computation that the individual or entity believes is correct;

(3) the authority in statute or rule upon which the individual or entity relies for each disputed item;

(4) the name and address of the person or entity with whom contacts may be made regarding the appeal; and

(5) other information required by the commissioner.

~~(g) The commissioner may order an individual or entity to forfeit a fine for failure to fully document services according to standards in this chapter and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9505. The commissioner may assess fines if specific required components of documentation are missing. The fine for incomplete documentation shall equal 20 percent of the amount paid on the claims for reimbursement submitted by the individual or entity, or up to \$5,000, whichever is less. If the commissioner determines that an individual or entity repeatedly violated this chapter, chapter 254B or 245G, or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9505, related to the provision of services to program recipients and the submission of claims for payment, the commissioner may order an individual or entity to forfeit a fine based on the nature,~~

41.1 ~~severity, and chronicity of the violations, in an amount of up to \$5,000 or 20 percent of the~~
41.2 ~~value of the claims, whichever is greater.~~

41.3 ~~(h) The individual or entity shall pay the fine assessed on or before the payment date~~
41.4 ~~specified. If the individual or entity fails to pay the fine, the commissioner may withhold~~
41.5 ~~or reduce payments and recover the amount of the fine. A timely appeal shall stay payment~~
41.6 ~~of the fine until the commissioner issues a final order.~~

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

41.8 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision
41.9 to read:

41.10 Subd. 2a. **Imposition of fines.** (a) The commissioner may order an individual or entity
41.11 to forfeit a fine for failure to fully document services according to standards under this
41.12 chapter and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9505. The commissioner may assess fines if specific
41.13 required components of documentation are missing. The fine for incomplete documentation
41.14 equals 20 percent of the amount paid on the claims for reimbursement submitted by the
41.15 individual or entity or up to \$5,000, whichever is less. If the commissioner determines that
41.16 an individual or entity repeatedly violated this chapter, chapter 245G or 254B, or Minnesota
41.17 Rules, chapter 9505, related to the provision of services to program recipients and the
41.18 submission of claims for payment, the commissioner may order an individual or entity to
41.19 forfeit a fine based on the nature, severity, and chronicity of the violations in an amount of
41.20 up to \$5,000 or 20 percent of the value of the claims, whichever is greater.

41.21 (b) The individual or entity must pay the fine assessed on or before the payment date
41.22 specified by the commissioner. If the individual or entity fails to pay the fine, the
41.23 commissioner may withhold or reduce payments and recover the amount of the fine. A
41.24 timely appeal stays payment of the fine until the commissioner issues a final order.

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

41.26 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision
41.27 to read:

41.28 Subd. 2b. **Mandatory suspension or termination after exclusion from participation**
41.29 **in Medicare.** (a) The commissioner must suspend or terminate an individual's or entity's
41.30 participation in the program without providing advance notice and an opportunity for a
41.31 hearing when the suspension or termination is required because of the individual's or entity's
41.32 exclusion from participation in Medicare.

42.1 (b) Within five days of taking an action under paragraph (a), the commissioner must
42.2 send notice of the suspension or termination to the individual or entity. The notice must:

42.3 (1) state that suspension or termination is the result of the individual's or entity's exclusion
42.4 from Medicare;

42.5 (2) identify the effective date of the suspension or termination; and

42.6 (3) inform the individual or entity of the need to be reinstated to Medicare before
42.7 reapplying for participation in the program.

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

42.9 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision
42.10 to read:

42.11 **Subd. 2c. Imposition of withholding or reduction of payments before a hearing.** (a)
42.12 Except as provided in paragraph (b), the commissioner may withhold or reduce payment
42.13 to an individual or entity after notice but before a hearing if, in the commissioner's opinion,
42.14 withholding or reducing payment is necessary to protect the public welfare and the interests
42.15 of the program.

42.16 (b) The commissioner must not withhold or reduce payments to a nursing home or
42.17 convalescent care facility before a hearing.

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

42.19 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision
42.20 to read:

42.21 **Subd. 2d. Imposition of withholding or reduction of payments without prior**
42.22 **notice.** (a) Except when the commissioner finds good cause not to suspend payments under
42.23 Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.23(e) or (f), the commissioner must
42.24 withhold or reduce payments to an individual or entity without providing advance notice
42.25 of the withholding or reduction if either of the following occurs:

42.26 (1) the individual or entity is convicted of a crime involving the conduct described in
42.27 subdivision 1a; or

42.28 (2) the commissioner determines there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an
42.29 investigation is pending under the program. Allegations are considered credible when the
42.30 allegations have an indicium of reliability and the state agency has reviewed all allegations,
42.31 facts, and evidence carefully and acts judiciously on a case-by-case basis. A credible

43.1 allegation of fraud is an allegation that has been verified by the state from any source,
43.2 including but not limited to:

43.3 (i) fraud hotline complaints;

43.4 (ii) claims data mining;

43.5 (iii) patterns identified through provider audits, civil false claims cases, and law
43.6 enforcement investigations; and

43.7 (iv) court filings and other legal documents, including but not limited to police reports,
43.8 complaints, indictments, information, affidavits, declarations, and search warrants.

43.9 (b) The commissioner must send notice of the withholding or reduction of payments
43.10 under paragraph (a) within five days of withholding or reducing payment unless requested
43.11 in writing by a law enforcement agency to temporarily withhold the notice. The notice must:

43.12 (1) state that payments are being withheld or reduced according to paragraph (a);

43.13 (2) set forth the general allegations as to the nature of the withholding or reduction action
43.14 but need not disclose any specific information concerning an ongoing investigation;

43.15 (3) except in the case of a conviction for conduct described in subdivision 1a, state that
43.16 the withholding or reduction is for a temporary period and cite the circumstances under
43.17 which withholding or reduction will be terminated;

43.18 (4) identify the types of claims to which the withholding or reduction applies; and

43.19 (5) inform the individual or entity of the right to submit written evidence for consideration
43.20 by the commissioner.

43.21 (c) The commissioner must cease the withholding or reduction of payments under this
43.22 subdivision after the commissioner determines there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the
43.23 individual or entity or after legal proceedings relating to the alleged fraud are completed,
43.24 unless the commissioner has sent notice of intention to impose monetary recovery or
43.25 sanctions.

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

43.27 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision
43.28 to read:

43.29 Subd. 2e. **Forfeiture of withheld payments upon criminal conviction.** Upon conviction
43.30 for a crime related to the provision, management, or administration of a health service under
43.31 medical assistance, a payment held pursuant to this section by the commissioner or a managed

44.1 care organization that contracts with the commissioner under section 256B.035 is forfeited
44.2 to the commissioner or managed care organization, regardless of the amount charged in the
44.3 criminal complaint or the amount of criminal restitution ordered.

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

44.5 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

44.6 Subd. 3. **Mandates on prohibited payments.** (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must maintain
44.7 and publish a list of each excluded individual and entity that was convicted of a crime related
44.8 to the provision, management, or administration of a medical assistance health service, or
44.9 suspended or terminated under subdivision 2 2b. Medical assistance payments cannot be
44.10 made by an individual or entity for items or services furnished either directly or indirectly
44.11 by an excluded individual or entity, or at the direction of excluded individuals or entities.

44.12 (b) The entity must check the exclusion list on a monthly basis and document the date
44.13 and time the exclusion list was checked and the name and title of the person who checked
44.14 the exclusion list. The entity must immediately terminate payments to an individual or entity
44.15 on the exclusion list.

44.16 (c) An entity's requirement to check the exclusion list and to terminate payments to
44.17 individuals or entities on the exclusion list applies to each individual or entity on the
44.18 exclusion list, even if the named individual or entity is not responsible for direct patient
44.19 care or direct submission of a claim to medical assistance.

44.20 (d) An entity that pays medical assistance program funds to an individual or entity on
44.21 the exclusion list must refund any payment related to either items or services rendered by
44.22 an individual or entity on the exclusion list from the date the individual or entity is first paid
44.23 or the date the individual or entity is placed on the exclusion list, whichever is later, and an
44.24 entity may be subject to:

44.25 (1) sanctions under ~~subdivision 2~~ this section;

44.26 (2) a civil monetary penalty of up to \$25,000 for each determination by the department
44.27 that the vendor employed or contracted with an individual or entity on the exclusion list;
44.28 and

44.29 (3) other fines or penalties allowed by law.

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

Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Notice.** (a) The department ~~shall~~ must serve the notice required under ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 2 and 2d using a signature-verified confirmed delivery method to the address submitted to the department by the individual or entity. Service is complete upon mailing.

(b) The department ~~shall~~ must give notice in writing to a recipient placed in the Minnesota restricted recipient program under section 256B.0646 and Minnesota Rules, part 9505.2200. The department ~~shall~~ must send the notice by first class mail to the recipient's current address on file with the department. A recipient placed in the Minnesota restricted recipient program may contest the placement by submitting a written request for a hearing to the department within 90 days of the notice being mailed.

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

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Immunity; good faith reporters.** (a) A person who makes a good faith report is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise arise from reporting or participating in the investigation. Nothing in this subdivision affects an individual's or entity's responsibility for an overpayment established under this subdivision.

(b) A person employed by a lead investigative agency who is conducting or supervising an investigation or enforcing the law according to the applicable law or rule is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise arise from the person's actions, if the person is acting in good faith and exercising due care.

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "person" includes a natural person or any form of a business or legal entity.

(d) After an investigation is complete, the reporter's name must be kept confidential. The subject of the report may compel disclosure of the reporter's name only with the consent of the reporter or upon a written finding by a district court that the report was false and there is evidence that the report was made in bad faith. This subdivision does not alter disclosure responsibilities or obligations under the Rules of Criminal Procedure, except that when the identity of the reporter is relevant to a criminal prosecution the district court ~~shall~~ must conduct an in-camera review before determining whether to order disclosure of the reporter's identity.

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

Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. Suspension, withholding, or reduction of payments; administrative review. (a) An individual or entity that is subject to a temporary withholding or reduction of payments under subdivision 2d, paragraph (a), clause (2), may request an administrative review before the state Court of Administrative Hearings within ten business days of receiving notice of the withholding or reduction of payments. The commissioner must refer the matter to the Court of Administrative Hearings within five business days of receiving the request for administrative review.

(b) The Court of Administrative Hearings must conduct an expedited hearing within 30 days after the commissioner refers the matter to the court.

(c) In an administrative review under this subdivision, the administrative law judge must determine:

(1) whether the commissioner has demonstrated, by a preponderance of the evidence, that a credible allegation of fraud exists; and

(2) whether continuing the temporary withholding or reduction of payments is reasonable and necessary to protect the integrity of the medical assistance program.

(d) The administrative law judge must issue a recommendation within ten days following the hearing. The administrative law judge must recommend upholding the temporary withholding or reduction of payments only if the commissioner demonstrates, by a preponderance of the evidence, that a credible allegation of fraud exists and that payment withholding or reduction is appropriate under applicable federal Medicaid program integrity requirements.

(e) Within ten days after receiving the administrative law judge's recommendation, the commissioner must issue a final determination affirming, modifying, or ceasing the temporary withholding or reduction of payments.

(f) If the administrative law judge determines that withholding the full amount of payments would jeopardize access to medically necessary services for medical assistance recipients, the commissioner may modify the withholding to allow partial payments for the duration of an investigation.

47.1 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision
47.2 to read:

47.3 Subd. 7. **Periodic review of withholding or reduction of payments** (a) The
47.4 commissioner must review any temporary payment withholding or reduction under
47.5 subdivision 2d, paragraph (a), clause (2), at least every 90 days to determine whether the
47.6 credible allegation of fraud continues to necessitate the withholding or reduction of payments.

47.7 (b) If a payment withholding or reduction remains in effect for 180 days or more, the
47.8 commissioner must provide a written status report on the specific withholding or reduction
47.9 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
47.10 over human services. The report must summarize the status of the investigation, specify the
47.11 basis for continuing the withholding or reduction, and indicate any anticipated timeline for
47.12 resolution. The commissioner may withhold any information that would compromise an
47.13 ongoing criminal investigation from the report required under this paragraph.

47.14 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision
47.15 to read:

47.16 Subd. 8. **Coordination with law enforcement.** When a temporary withholding or
47.17 reduction of payments under subdivision 2d, paragraph (a), clause (2), involves potential
47.18 criminal conduct, the commissioner must coordinate with appropriate law enforcement
47.19 authorities, including the Minnesota attorney general's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and
47.20 may consult with state or federal investigative agencies as necessary. The commissioner
47.21 may delay notice or disclosure of specific investigative information to the individual or
47.22 entity being investigated when law enforcement certifies that disclosure would compromise
47.23 an ongoing criminal investigation.

47.24 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision
47.25 to read:

47.26 Subd. 9. **Application.** This section supersedes any inconsistent or contrary provision of
47.27 law.

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

47.29 Sec. 41. **[256B.0647] REMITTANCE ADVICE MONETARY RECOVERY.**

47.30 (a) The commissioner may use the remittance advice process under Code of Federal
47.31 Regulations, title 45, part 162.1601, as the notice to a vendor or provider when seeking
47.32 monetary recovery using a department-administered information technology system for

48.1 programmatically processed claims. The remittance advice must be delivered electronically
48.2 and constitutes the sole notice to the provider. The commissioner must withhold the payments
48.3 at issue when using the remittance advice as the notice.

48.4 (b) Providers may seek reconsideration of a remittance under this section by mailing a
48.5 request to the commissioner. The reconsideration request must be received no later than 30
48.6 calendar days from the posting of the remittance advice. A request for reconsideration does
48.7 not stay the withholding of payments. The commissioner's disposition of a request for
48.8 reconsideration is final and not subject to appeal under chapter 14. The request for
48.9 reconsideration must include:

48.10 (1) each disputed item, the reason for the dispute, and an estimate of the dollar amount
48.11 involved for each disputed item;

48.12 (2) the calculation that the individual or entity believes is correct;

48.13 (3) the authority in statute or rule upon which the individual or entity relies for each
48.14 disputed item;

48.15 (4) the name and address of the person or entity with whom contacts may be made
48.16 regarding the appeal; and

48.17 (5) other information required by the commissioner.

48.18 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0651, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

48.19 Subd. 17. **Recipient protection.** ~~(a) Providers of home care services must provide each~~
48.20 ~~recipient with a copy of the home care bill of rights under section 144A.44 at least 30 days~~
48.21 ~~prior to terminating services to a recipient, if the termination results from provider sanctions~~
48.22 ~~under section 256B.064, such as a payment withhold, a suspension of participation, or a~~
48.23 ~~termination of participation. If a home care provider determines it is unable to continue~~
48.24 ~~providing services to a recipient, the provider must notify the recipient, the recipient's~~
48.25 ~~responsible party, and the commissioner 30 days prior to terminating services to the recipient~~
48.26 ~~because of an action under section 256B.064, and must assist the commissioner and lead~~
48.27 ~~agency in supporting the recipient in transitioning to another home care provider of the~~
48.28 ~~recipient's choice~~ meet the recipient protection requirements under section 256B.045 when
48.29 subject to a serious operational event as defined in section 256B.045, subdivision 1.

48.30 ~~(b) In the event of a payment withhold from a home care provider, a suspension of~~
48.31 ~~participation, or a termination of participation of a home care provider under section~~
48.32 ~~256B.064, the commissioner may inform the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care~~
48.33 ~~and the lead agencies for all recipients with active service agreements with the provider. At~~

~~the commissioner's request, the lead agencies must contact recipients to ensure that the recipients are continuing to receive needed care, and that the recipients have been given free choice of provider if they transfer to another home care provider. In addition, the commissioner or the commissioner's delegate may directly notify recipients who receive care from the provider that payments have been or will be withheld or that the provider's participation in medical assistance has been or will be suspended or terminated, if the commissioner determines that notification is necessary to protect the welfare of the recipients. For purposes of this subdivision, "lead agencies" means counties, tribes, and managed care organizations.~~

Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0701, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Provider qualifications and duties.** A provider is eligible for reimbursement under this section only if the provider:

(1) is confirmed by the commissioner as an eligible provider after a pre-enrollment risk assessment under subdivision 10;

(2) is enrolled as a medical assistance Minnesota health care program provider and meets all applicable provider standards and requirements;

(3) demonstrates compliance with federal and state laws and policies for housing stabilization services as determined by the commissioner;

(4) complies with background study requirements under chapter 245C and maintains documentation of background study requests and results;

(5) provides at the time of enrollment, reenrollment, and revalidation in a format determined by the commissioner, proof of surety bond coverage for each business location providing services. Upon new enrollment, or if the provider's medical assistance revenue in the previous calendar year is \$300,000 or less, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If the provider's medical assistance revenue in the previous year is over \$300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond must be in a form approved by the commissioner, must be renewed annually, and must allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action to obtain monetary recovery or sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years from the date the debt is affirmed by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final when the right to appeal the debt has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under section 256B.064;

50.1 (6) ensures all controlling individuals and employees of the agency complete annual
50.2 vulnerable adult training;

50.3 (7) completes compliance training as required under section 256B.0446, subdivision 4,
50.4 2; and

50.5 (8) complies with the habitability inspection requirements in subdivision 13.

50.6 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0759, subdivision 4, is
50.7 amended to read:

50.8 Subd. 4. **Provider payment rates.** (a) Payment rates for participating providers must
50.9 be increased for services provided to medical assistance enrollees. To receive a rate increase,
50.10 participating providers must meet demonstration project requirements and provide evidence
50.11 of formal referral arrangements with providers delivering step-up or step-down levels of
50.12 care. Providers that have enrolled in the demonstration project but have not met the provider
50.13 standards under subdivision 3 as of July 1, 2022, are not eligible for a rate increase under
50.14 this subdivision until the date that the provider meets the provider standards in subdivision
50.15 3. Services provided from July 1, 2022, to the date that the provider meets the provider
50.16 standards under subdivision 3 shall be reimbursed at rates according to section 254B.0505,
50.17 subdivision 1. Rate increases paid under this subdivision to a provider for services provided
50.18 between July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, are not subject to recoupment when the provider
50.19 is taking meaningful steps to meet demonstration project requirements that are not otherwise
50.20 required by law, and the provider provides documentation to the commissioner, upon request,
50.21 of the steps being taken.

50.22 (b) The commissioner may temporarily suspend payments to the provider according to
50.23 ~~section 256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (d)~~ 256B.0442, subdivision 1, if the provider
50.24 does not meet the requirements in paragraph (a). Payments withheld from the provider must
50.25 be made once the commissioner determines that the requirements in paragraph (a) are met.

50.26 (c) For outpatient individual and group substance use disorder services under section
50.27 254B.0505, subdivision 1, clause (1), and adolescent treatment programs that are licensed
50.28 as outpatient treatment programs according to sections 245G.01 to 245G.18, provided on
50.29 or after January 1, 2021, payment rates must be increased by 20 percent over the rates in
50.30 effect on December 31, 2020.

50.31 (d) Effective January 1, 2021, and contingent on annual federal approval, managed care
50.32 plans and county-based purchasing plans must reimburse providers of the substance use
50.33 disorder services meeting the criteria described in paragraph (a) who are employed by or

51.1 under contract with the plan an amount that is at least equal to the fee-for-service base rate
51.2 payment for the substance use disorder services described in paragraph (c). The commissioner
51.3 must monitor the effect of this requirement on the rate of access to substance use disorder
51.4 services and residential substance use disorder rates. Capitation rates paid to managed care
51.5 organizations and county-based purchasing plans must reflect the impact of this requirement.
51.6 This paragraph expires if federal approval is not received at any time as required under this
51.7 paragraph.

51.8 (e) Effective July 1, 2021, contracts between managed care plans and county-based
51.9 purchasing plans and providers to whom paragraph (d) applies must allow recovery of
51.10 payments from those providers if, for any contract year, federal approval for the provisions
51.11 of paragraph (d) is not received, and capitation rates are adjusted as a result. Payment
51.12 recoveries must not exceed the amount equal to any decrease in rates that results from this
51.13 provision.

51.14 (f) For substance use disorder services with medications for opioid use disorder under
51.15 section 254B.0505, subdivision 1, clause (7), provided on or after January 1, 2021, payment
51.16 rates must be increased by 20 percent over the rates in effect on December 31, 2020. Upon
51.17 implementation of new rates according to section 254B.121, the 20 percent increase will
51.18 no longer apply.

51.19 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0949, subdivision 16, is
51.20 amended to read:

51.21 Subd. 16. **Agency duties.** (a) An agency delivering an EIDBI service under this section
51.22 must:

51.23 (1) enroll as a medical assistance Minnesota health care program provider according to
51.24 Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0195, and ~~section 256B.04, subdivision 21,~~ sections 256B.044
51.25 to 256B.0448 and meet all applicable provider standards and requirements;

51.26 (2) designate an individual as the agency's compliance officer who must perform the
51.27 duties described in section ~~256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (g)~~ 256B.044, subdivision
51.28 8, paragraph (b);

51.29 (3) demonstrate compliance with federal and state laws for the delivery of and billing
51.30 for EIDBI service;

51.31 (4) verify and maintain records of a service provided to the person or the person's legal
51.32 representative as required under Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2175 and 9505.2197;

52.1 (5) demonstrate that while enrolled or seeking enrollment as a Minnesota health care
52.2 program provider the agency did not have a lead agency contract or provider agreement
52.3 discontinued because of a conviction of fraud; or did not have an owner, board member, or
52.4 manager fail a state or federal criminal background check or appear on the list of excluded
52.5 individuals or entities maintained by the federal Department of Human Services Office of
52.6 Inspector General;

52.7 (6) have established business practices including written policies and procedures, internal
52.8 controls, and a system that demonstrates the organization's ability to deliver quality EIDBI
52.9 services, appropriately submit claims, conduct required staff training, document staff
52.10 qualifications, document service activities, and document service quality;

52.11 (7) have an office located in Minnesota or a border state;

52.12 (8) initiate a background study as required under subdivision 16a;

52.13 (9) report maltreatment according to section 626.557 and chapter 260E;

52.14 (10) comply with any data requests consistent with the Minnesota Government Data
52.15 Practices Act, sections 256B.064 and 256B.27;

52.16 (11) provide training for all agency staff on the requirements and responsibilities listed
52.17 in the Maltreatment of Minors Act, chapter 260E, and the Vulnerable Adult Protection Act,
52.18 section 626.557, including mandated and voluntary reporting, nonretaliation, and the agency's
52.19 policy for all staff on how to report suspected abuse and neglect;

52.20 (12) have a written policy to resolve issues collaboratively with the person and the
52.21 person's legal representative when possible. The policy must include a timeline for when
52.22 the person and the person's legal representative will be notified about issues that arise in
52.23 the provision of services;

52.24 (13) provide the person's legal representative with prompt notification if the person is
52.25 injured while being served by the agency. An incident report must be completed by the
52.26 agency staff member in charge of the person. A copy of all incident and injury reports must
52.27 remain on file at the agency for at least five years from the report of the incident;

52.28 (14) before starting a service, provide the person or the person's legal representative a
52.29 description of the treatment modality that the person shall receive, including the staffing
52.30 certification levels and training of the staff who shall provide a treatment;

52.31 (15) provide clinical supervision for a minimum of one hour for every 16 hours of direct
52.32 treatment per person, unless otherwise authorized in the person's individual treatment plan;
52.33 and

53.1 (16) provide required EIDBI intervention observation and direction at least once per
53.2 month. Notwithstanding subdivision 13, paragraph (1), required EIDBI intervention
53.3 observation and direction under this clause may be conducted via telehealth provided that
53.4 no more than two consecutive monthly required EIDBI intervention observation and direction
53.5 sessions under this clause are conducted via telehealth.

53.6 (b) Upon request of the commissioner, an agency delivering services under this section
53.7 must:

53.8 (1) identify the agency's controlling individuals, as defined under section 245A.02,
53.9 subdivision 5a;

53.10 (2) provide disclosures of the use of billing agencies and other consultants who do not
53.11 provide EIDBI services; and

53.12 (3) provide copies of any contracts with consultants or independent contractors who do
53.13 not provide EIDBI services, including hours contracted and responsibilities.

53.14 (c) When delivering the ITP, and annually thereafter, an agency must provide the person
53.15 or the person's legal representative with:

53.16 (1) a written copy and a verbal explanation of the person's or person's legal
53.17 representative's rights and the agency's responsibilities;

53.18 (2) documentation in the person's file the date that the person or the person's legal
53.19 representative received a copy and explanation of the person's or person's legal
53.20 representative's rights and the agency's responsibilities; and

53.21 (3) reasonable accommodations to provide the information in another format or language
53.22 as needed to facilitate understanding of the person's or person's legal representative's rights
53.23 and the agency's responsibilities.

53.24 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0949, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

53.25 Subd. 17. **Provider shortage; authority for exceptions.** (a) In consultation with the
53.26 Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention Advisory Council and
53.27 stakeholders, including agencies, professionals, parents of people with ASD or a related
53.28 condition, and advocacy organizations, the commissioner shall determine if a shortage of
53.29 EIDBI providers exists. For the purposes of this subdivision, "shortage of EIDBI providers"
53.30 means a lack of availability of providers who meet the EIDBI provider qualification
53.31 requirements under subdivision 15 that results in the delay of access to timely services under
53.32 this section, or that significantly impairs the ability of a provider agency to have sufficient

providers to meet the requirements of this section. The commissioner shall consider geographic factors when determining the prevalence of a shortage. The commissioner may determine that a shortage exists only in a specific region of the state, multiple regions of the state, or statewide. The commissioner shall also consider the availability of various types of treatment modalities covered under this section.

(b) The commissioner, in consultation with the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention Advisory Council and stakeholders, must establish processes and criteria for granting an exception under this paragraph. The commissioner may grant an exception only if the exception would not compromise a person's safety and not diminish the effectiveness of the treatment. The commissioner may establish an expiration date for an exception granted under this paragraph. The commissioner may grant an exception for the following:

(1) EIDBI provider qualifications under this section;

(2) medical assistance provider enrollment requirements under ~~section 256B.04, subdivision 21~~ sections 256B.044 to 256B.0448; or

(3) EIDBI provider or agency standards or requirements.

(c) If the commissioner, in consultation with the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention Advisory Council and stakeholders, determines that a shortage no longer exists, the commissioner must submit a notice that a shortage no longer exists to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and the house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over health and human services. The commissioner must post the notice for public comment for 30 days. The commissioner shall consider public comments before submitting to the legislature a request to end the shortage declaration. The commissioner shall not declare the shortage of EIDBI providers ended without direction from the legislature to declare it ended.

Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.69, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

Subd. 5a. **Managed care contracts.** (a) Managed care contracts under this section and section 256L.12 shall be entered into or renewed on a calendar year basis. The commissioner may issue separate contracts with requirements specific to services to medical assistance recipients age 65 and older.

(b) A prepaid health plan providing covered health services for eligible persons pursuant to chapters 256B and 256L is responsible for complying with the terms of its contract with the commissioner. Requirements applicable to managed care programs under chapters 256B

and 256L established after the effective date of a contract with the commissioner take effect when the contract is next issued or renewed.

(c) The commissioner shall withhold five percent of managed care plan payments under this section and county-based purchasing plan payments under section 256B.692 for the prepaid medical assistance program pending completion of performance targets. Each performance target must be quantifiable, objective, measurable, and reasonably attainable, except in the case of a performance target based on a federal or state law or rule. Criteria for assessment of each performance target must be outlined in writing prior to the contract effective date. Clinical or utilization performance targets and their related criteria must consider evidence-based research and reasonable interventions when available or applicable to the populations served, and must be developed with input from external clinical experts and stakeholders, including managed care plans, county-based purchasing plans, and providers. The managed care or county-based purchasing plan must demonstrate, to the commissioner's satisfaction, that the data submitted regarding attainment of the performance target is accurate. The commissioner shall periodically change the administrative measures used as performance targets in order to improve plan performance across a broader range of administrative services. The performance targets must include measurement of plan efforts to contain spending on health care services and administrative activities. The commissioner may adopt plan-specific performance targets that take into account factors affecting only one plan, including characteristics of the plan's enrollee population. The withheld funds must be returned no sooner than July of the following year if performance targets in the contract are achieved. The commissioner may exclude special demonstration projects under subdivision 23.

(d) The commissioner shall require that managed care plans:

(1) use the assessment and authorization processes, forms, timelines, standards, documentation, and data reporting requirements, protocols, billing processes, and policies consistent with medical assistance fee-for-service or the Department of Human Services contract requirements for all personal care assistance services under section 256B.0659 and community first services and supports under section 256B.85;

(2) by January 30 of each year that follows a rate increase for any aspect of services under section 256B.0659 or 256B.85, inform the commissioner and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over rates determined under section 256B.851 of the amount of the rate increase that is paid to each personal care assistance provider agency with which the plan has a contract; ~~and~~

(3) use a six-month timely filing standard and provide an exemption to the timely filing timeliness for the resubmission of claims where there has been a denial, request for more information, or system issue;

(4) have in place a prepayment review process for all claims that includes claims edit processing and policies consistent with the enhanced prepayment review process under section 256B.0447; and

(5) publish metrics related to program integrity actions and outcomes on a publicly available website.

(e) Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, the commissioner shall withhold 4.5 percent of managed care plan payments under this section and county-based purchasing plan payments under section 256B.692 for the prepaid medical assistance program. The withheld funds must be returned no sooner than July 1 and no later than July 31 of the following year. The commissioner may exclude special demonstration projects under subdivision 23.

(f) Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2014, the commissioner shall withhold three percent of managed care plan payments under this section and county-based purchasing plan payments under section 256B.692 for the prepaid medical assistance program. The withheld funds must be returned no sooner than July 1 and no later than July 31 of the following year. The commissioner may exclude special demonstration projects under subdivision 23.

(g) A managed care plan or a county-based purchasing plan under section 256B.692 may include as admitted assets under section 62D.044 any amount withheld under this section that is reasonably expected to be returned.

(h) Contracts between the commissioner and a prepaid health plan are exempt from the set-aside and preference provisions of section 16C.16, subdivisions 6, paragraph (a), and 7.

(i) The return of the withhold under paragraphs (e) and (f) is not subject to the requirements of paragraph (c).

(j) Managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans shall maintain current and fully executed agreements for all subcontractors, including bargaining groups, for administrative services that are expensed to the state's public health care programs. Subcontractor agreements determined to be material, as defined by the commissioner after taking into account state contracting and relevant statutory requirements, must be in the

form of a written instrument or electronic document containing the elements of offer, acceptance, consideration, payment terms, scope, duration of the contract, and how the subcontractor services relate to state public health care programs. Upon request, the commissioner shall have access to all subcontractor documentation under this paragraph. Nothing in this paragraph shall allow release of information that is nonpublic data pursuant to section 13.02.

(k) The commissioner has the right to recover from a managed care plan the full monetary amount of any claims identified as improperly paid during audits or investigations by the commissioner or the commissioner's contractors or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.69, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 38. Duties when a provider is no longer able to provide services. When a provider is subject to a serious operational event under section 256B.045, managed care and county-based purchasing plans must follow the complex transition operations plan developed under section 256B.046, honor existing service authorizations when clinically appropriate for continuity and safe transfer of services, and ensure timely contracting or single-case arrangements to prevent service gaps.

Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.85, subdivision 23a, is amended to read:

Subd. 23a. Sanctions; information for participants upon termination of services. (a) The commissioner may withhold payment from the provider or suspend or terminate the provider enrollment number if the provider fails to comply fully with applicable laws or rules. The provider has the right to appeal the decision of the commissioner under section 256B.064.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision 13, paragraph (e), if a participant employer fails to comply fully with applicable laws or rules, the commissioner may disenroll the participant from the budget model. A participant may appeal in writing to the department under section 256.045, subdivision 3, to contest the department's decision to disenroll the participant from the budget model.

(c) Agency-providers of CFSS services or FMS providers must ~~provide each participant with a copy of participant protections in subdivision 20c at least 30 days prior to terminating services to a participant, if the termination results from sanctions under this subdivision or section 256B.064, such as a payment withhold or a suspension or termination of the provider~~

~~enrollment number. If a CFSS agency provider, FMS provider, or consultation services provider determines it is unable to continue providing services to a participant because of an action under this subdivision or section 256B.064, the agency provider, FMS provider, or consultation services provider must notify the participant, the participant's representative, and the commissioner 30 days prior to terminating services to the participant, and must assist the commissioner and lead agency in supporting the participant in transitioning to another CFSS agency provider, FMS provider, or consultation services provider of the participant's choice meet the recipient protection requirements under section 256B.045 when subject to a serious operational event as defined in section 256B.045, subdivision 1.~~

~~(d) In the event the commissioner withholds payment from a CFSS agency provider, FMS provider, or consultation services provider, or suspends or terminates a provider enrollment number of a CFSS agency provider, FMS provider, or consultation services provider under this subdivision or section 256B.064, the commissioner may inform the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care and the lead agencies for all participants with active service agreements with the agency provider, FMS provider, or consultation services provider. At the commissioner's request, the lead agencies must contact participants to ensure that the participants are continuing to receive needed care, and that the participants have been given free choice of agency provider, FMS provider, or consultation services provider if they transfer to another CFSS agency provider, FMS provider, or consultation services provider. In addition, the commissioner or the commissioner's delegate may directly notify participants who receive care from the agency provider, FMS provider, or consultation services provider that payments have been or will be withheld or that the provider's participation in medical assistance has been or will be suspended or terminated, if the commissioner determines that the notification is necessary to protect the welfare of the participants.~~

Sec. 50. MANDATORY COMPLIANCE TRAINING FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED HIGH-RISK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS.

The owners and employees of any medical assistance provider agency subject to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0446, subdivision 2, and enrolled before January 1, 2027, must complete initial compliance training by January 1, 2028.

Sec. 51. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0701, subdivision 11, is repealed.

ARTICLE 2**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
POLICY**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. **Exception.** Law enforcement may delay notification under section 13A.02, subdivision 3, or authorize another government authority to delay notification to a customer without a court order if law enforcement determines in writing that notification would compromise the integrity of a current and ongoing criminal investigation. The written determination from law enforcement must be renewed every 90 days.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245.095, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions have the meanings given.

(b) "Associated entity" means a provider or vendor owned or controlled by an excluded individual.

(c) "Associated individual" means an individual or entity that has a relationship with the business or its owners or controlling individuals, such that the individual or entity would have knowledge of the financial practices of the program in question.

(d) "Convicted" means a judgment of conviction has been entered by a federal, state, or local court, regardless of whether an appeal from the judgment is pending, and includes a stay of adjudication, a court-ordered diversion program, or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

(e) "Credible allegation of fraud" means an allegation that has been verified by the commissioner from any source, including but not limited to:

(1) fraud hotline complaints;

(2) claims data mining;

(3) patterns identified through provider audits, civil false claims cases, and law enforcement investigations; and

(4) court filings and other legal documents, including but not limited to police reports, complaints, indictments, informations, affidavits, declarations, and search warrants.

Allegations are credible when they have an indicium of reliability and the state agency has reviewed all allegations, facts, and evidence carefully and acts judiciously on a case-by-case basis.

60.1 ~~(d)~~ (f) "Excluded" means removed under other authorities from a program administered
60.2 by a Minnesota state or federal agency, ~~including~~. Excluded includes but is not limited to:

60.3 (1) a final determination to stop payments;

60.4 (2) a conclusive background study disqualification, except for a disqualification issued
60.5 under section 245C.15, subdivision 4c, that has not been set aside or had a variance granted
60.6 under section 245C.30; and

60.7 (3) a final agency decision regarding a denial of a license application.

60.8 (g) "Fraud" has the meaning given in section 256B.02, subdivision 20.

60.9 ~~(e)~~ (h) "Individual" means a natural person providing products or services as a provider
60.10 or vendor.

60.11 ~~(f)~~ (i) "Provider" means any entity, individual, owner, controlling individual, license
60.12 holder, director, or managerial official of an entity receiving payment from a program
60.13 administered by a Minnesota state or federal agency.

60.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245.095, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

60.15 Subd. 5. **Withholding of payments.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by state or federal
60.16 law, the commissioner may withhold payments to a provider, vendor, individual, associated
60.17 individual, or associated entity in any program administered by the commissioner if the
60.18 commissioner determines:

60.19 (1) there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an investigation is pending for a
60.20 program administered by a Minnesota state or federal agency;

60.21 (2) the individual, the entity, or an associated individual or entity was convicted of a
60.22 crime, in state or federal court, for an offense that involves fraud or theft against a program
60.23 administered by the commissioner or another state or federal agency;

60.24 (3) the provider is operating after a state or federal agency orders the suspension,
60.25 revocation, or decertification of the provider's license or certification, or if the provider is
60.26 subject to a temporary immediate suspension, regardless of whether the action is under
60.27 appeal; or

60.28 (4) the provider, vendor, individual, associated individual, or associated entity, including
60.29 those receiving money under any contract or registered program, has a background study
60.30 disqualification under section 245C.15, subdivisions 1 to 4b, that has not been set aside and
60.31 for which no variance has been issued.

61.1 ~~(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "credible allegation of fraud" means an allegation~~
61.2 ~~that has been verified by the commissioner from any source, including but not limited to:~~

61.3 ~~(1) fraud hotline complaints;~~

61.4 ~~(2) claims data mining;~~

61.5 ~~(3) patterns identified through provider audits, civil false claims cases, and law~~
61.6 ~~enforcement investigations; and~~

61.7 ~~(4) court filings and other legal documents, including but not limited to police reports,~~
61.8 ~~complaints, indictments, informations, affidavits, declarations, and search warrants.~~

61.9 ~~(e)~~ (b) The commissioner must send notice of the withholding of payments within five
61.10 days of taking such action. The notice must:

61.11 (1) state that payments are being withheld according to this subdivision;

61.12 (2) set forth the general allegations related to the withholding action, except the notice
61.13 need not disclose specific information concerning an ongoing investigation;

61.14 (3) state that the withholding is for a temporary period and cite the circumstances under
61.15 which the withholding will be terminated; and

61.16 (4) inform the provider, vendor, individual, associated individual, or associated entity
61.17 of the right to submit written evidence to contest the withholding action for consideration
61.18 by the commissioner.

61.19 ~~(d)~~ (c) If the commissioner withholds payments under this subdivision, the provider,
61.20 vendor, individual, associated individual, or associated entity has a right to request
61.21 administrative reconsideration. A request for administrative reconsideration must be made
61.22 in writing, state with specificity the reasons the payment withholding decision is in error,
61.23 and include documents to support the request. Within 60 days from receipt of the request,
61.24 the commissioner shall judiciously review allegations, facts, evidence available to the
61.25 commissioner, and information submitted by the provider, vendor, individual, associated
61.26 individual, or associated entity to determine whether the payment withholding should remain
61.27 in place.

61.28 ~~(e)~~ (d) The commissioner shall stop withholding payments if the commissioner determines
61.29 there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the provider, vendor, individual, associated
61.30 individual, or associated entity or when legal proceedings relating to the alleged fraud are
61.31 completed, unless the commissioner has sent notice under subdivision 3 to the provider,
61.32 vendor, individual, associated individual, or associated entity.

62.1 ~~(f)~~ (e) The withholding of payments under this section is a temporary action and is not
 62.2 subject to appeal under section 256.045 or chapter 14.

62.3 (f) Section 15.013 does not apply to the commissioner taking action under this section.

62.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245A.07, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

62.5 Subd. 2a. **Immediate suspension expedited hearing.** (a) Within five working days of
 62.6 receipt of the license holder's timely appeal, the commissioner shall request assignment of
 62.7 an administrative law judge. The request must include a proposed date, time, and place of
 62.8 a hearing. A hearing must be conducted by an administrative law judge within 30 calendar
 62.9 days of the request for assignment, unless an extension is requested by either party and
 62.10 granted by the administrative law judge for good cause. The commissioner shall issue a
 62.11 notice of hearing by certified mail or personal service at least ten working days before the
 62.12 hearing. The scope of the hearing shall be limited solely to the issue of whether the temporary
 62.13 immediate suspension should remain in effect pending the commissioner's final order under
 62.14 section 245A.08, regarding a licensing sanction issued under subdivision 3 following the
 62.15 immediate suspension. For suspensions under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1), the
 62.16 burden of proof in expedited hearings under this subdivision ~~shall be limited to~~ is met only
 62.17 ~~if the commissioner's demonstration~~ commissioner demonstrates that reasonable cause exists
 62.18 to believe that the license holder's or controlling individual's actions or failure to comply
 62.19 with applicable law or rule poses, or the actions of other individuals or conditions in the
 62.20 program poses an imminent risk of harm to the health, safety, or rights of persons served
 62.21 by the program. "Reasonable cause" means there exist specific articulable facts or
 62.22 circumstances which provide the commissioner with a reasonable suspicion that there is an
 62.23 imminent risk of harm to the health, safety, or rights of persons served by the program.
 62.24 When the commissioner has determined there is reasonable cause to order the temporary
 62.25 immediate suspension of a license based on a violation of safe sleep requirements, as defined
 62.26 in section 245A.1435, the commissioner is not required to demonstrate that an infant died
 62.27 or was injured as a result of the safe sleep violations. For suspensions under subdivision 2,
 62.28 paragraph (a), clause (2), the burden of proof in expedited hearings under this subdivision
 62.29 ~~shall be limited to~~ is met only if the commissioner demonstrates
 62.30 demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that, since the license was revoked, the
 62.31 license holder committed additional violations of law or rule which may adversely affect
 62.32 the health or safety of persons served by the program.

62.33 (b) The administrative law judge shall issue findings of fact, conclusions, and a
 62.34 recommendation within ten working days from the date of hearing. The parties shall have

ten calendar days to submit exceptions to the administrative law judge's report. The record shall close at the end of the ten-day period for submission of exceptions. The commissioner's final order shall be issued within ten working days from the close of the record. When an appeal of a temporary immediate suspension is withdrawn or dismissed, the commissioner shall issue a final order affirming the temporary immediate suspension within ten calendar days of the commissioner's receipt of the withdrawal or dismissal. Within 90 calendar days after an immediate suspension has been issued and the license holder has not submitted a timely appeal under subdivision 2, paragraph (b), or within 90 calendar days after a final order affirming an immediate suspension, the commissioner shall determine:

(1) whether a final licensing sanction shall be issued under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to ~~(6)~~ (5). The license holder shall continue to be prohibited from operation of the program during this 90-day period; ~~or~~

(2) whether the outcome of related, ongoing investigations or judicial proceedings are necessary to determine if a final licensing sanction under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to ~~(6)~~ (5), will be issued and whether persons served by the program remain at an imminent risk of harm during the investigation period or proceedings. If so, the commissioner shall issue a suspension order under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause ~~(7)~~. (6); or

(3) whether the license holder or controlling individual remains the subject of a pending administrative, civil, or criminal investigation or subject to an administrative or civil action related to fraud against a program administered by a state or federal agency. If so, the commissioner shall issue a suspension order under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (6).

(c) When the final order under paragraph (b) affirms an immediate suspension, or the license holder does not submit a timely appeal of the immediate suspension, and a final licensing sanction is issued under subdivision 3 and the license holder appeals that sanction, the license holder continues to be prohibited from operation of the program pending a final commissioner's order under section 245A.08, subdivision 5, regarding the final licensing sanction.

(d) The license holder shall continue to be prohibited from operation of the program while a suspension order issued under paragraph (b), clause (2) or (3), remains in effect.

(e) For suspensions under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), the burden of proof in expedited hearings under this subdivision ~~shall be limited to~~ is met only if the commissioner demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that a criminal complaint and warrant or summons was issued for the license holder

64.1 or controlling individual that was not dismissed, and that the criminal charge is an offense
64.2 that involves fraud or theft against a program administered by the commissioner.

64.3 (f) For suspensions under subdivision 2, paragraph (c), the burden of proof in expedited
64.4 hearings under this subdivision is met only if the commissioner demonstrates by a
64.5 preponderance of the evidence that the license holder or controlling individual is the subject
64.6 of a pending administrative, civil, or criminal investigation or is subject to an administrative
64.7 or civil action related to fraud against a program administered by a state or federal agency.

64.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.07, subdivision 3, is amended
64.9 to read:

64.10 Subd. 3. **License suspension, revocation, or fine.** (a) The commissioner may suspend
64.11 or revoke a license, or impose a fine if:

64.12 (1) a license holder fails to comply fully with applicable laws or rules including but not
64.13 limited to the requirements of this chapter and chapter 245C;

64.14 (2) a license holder, a controlling individual, or an individual living in the household
64.15 where the licensed services are provided or is otherwise subject to a background study has
64.16 been disqualified and the disqualification was not set aside and no variance has been granted;

64.17 (3) a license holder knowingly withholds relevant information from or gives false or
64.18 misleading information to the commissioner in connection with an application for a license,
64.19 in connection with the background study status of an individual, during an investigation,
64.20 or regarding compliance with applicable laws or rules;

64.21 (4) a license holder is excluded from any program administered by the commissioner
64.22 under section 245.095;

64.23 (5) revocation is required under section 245A.04, subdivision 7, paragraph (d); or

64.24 (6) suspension is necessary under subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2) or (3).

64.25 A license holder who has had a license issued under this chapter suspended, revoked,
64.26 or has been ordered to pay a fine must be given notice of the action by certified mail, by
64.27 personal service, or through the provider licensing and reporting hub. If mailed, the notice
64.28 must be mailed to the address shown on the application or the last known address of the
64.29 license holder. The notice must state in plain language the reasons the license was suspended
64.30 or revoked, or a fine was ordered.

64.31 (b) If the license was suspended or revoked, the notice must inform the license holder
64.32 of the right to a contested case hearing under chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules, parts

65.1 1400.8505 to 1400.8612. The license holder may appeal an order suspending or revoking
65.2 a license. The appeal of an order suspending or revoking a license must be made in writing
65.3 by certified mail, by personal service, or through the provider licensing and reporting hub.
65.4 If mailed, the appeal must be postmarked and sent to the commissioner within ten calendar
65.5 days after the license holder receives notice that the license has been suspended or revoked.
65.6 If a request is made by personal service, it must be received by the commissioner within
65.7 ten calendar days after the license holder received the order. If the order is issued through
65.8 the provider hub, the appeal must be received by the commissioner within ten calendar days
65.9 from the date the commissioner issued the order through the hub. Except as provided in
65.10 subdivision 2a, paragraph (c), if a license holder submits a timely appeal of an order
65.11 suspending or revoking a license, the license holder may continue to operate the program
65.12 as provided in section 245A.04, subdivision 7, paragraphs (i) and (j), until the commissioner
65.13 issues a final order on the suspension or revocation.

65.14 (c)(1) If the license holder was ordered to pay a fine, the notice must inform the license
65.15 holder of the responsibility for payment of fines and the right to a contested case hearing
65.16 under chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8505 to 1400.8612. The appeal of an
65.17 order to pay a fine must be made in writing by certified mail, by personal service, or through
65.18 the provider licensing and reporting hub. If mailed, the appeal must be postmarked and sent
65.19 to the commissioner within ten calendar days after the license holder receives notice that
65.20 the fine has been ordered. If a request is made by personal service, it must be received by
65.21 the commissioner within ten calendar days after the license holder received the order. If the
65.22 order is issued through the provider hub, the appeal must be received by the commissioner
65.23 within ten calendar days from the date the commissioner issued the order through the hub.

65.24 (2) The license holder shall pay the fines assessed on or before the payment date specified.
65.25 If the license holder fails to fully comply with the order, the commissioner may issue a
65.26 second fine or suspend the license until the license holder complies. If the license holder
65.27 receives state funds, the state, county, or municipal agencies or departments responsible for
65.28 administering the funds shall withhold payments and recover any payments made while the
65.29 license is suspended for failure to pay a fine. A timely appeal shall stay payment of the fine
65.30 until the commissioner issues a final order.

65.31 (3) A license holder shall promptly notify the commissioner of human services, in writing,
65.32 when a violation specified in the order to forfeit a fine is corrected. If upon reinspection the
65.33 commissioner determines that a violation has not been corrected as indicated by the order
65.34 to forfeit a fine, the commissioner may issue a second fine. The commissioner shall notify
65.35 the license holder by certified mail, by personal service, or through the provider licensing

66.1 and reporting hub that a second fine has been assessed. The license holder may appeal the
66.2 second fine as provided under this subdivision.

66.3 (4) Fines shall be assessed as follows:

66.4 (i) the license holder shall forfeit \$1,000 for each determination of maltreatment of a
66.5 child under chapter 260E or the maltreatment of a vulnerable adult under section 626.557
66.6 for which the license holder is determined responsible for the maltreatment under section
66.7 260E.30, subdivision 4, paragraphs (a) and (b), or 626.557, subdivision 9c, paragraph (c);

66.8 (ii) if the commissioner determines that a determination of maltreatment for which the
66.9 license holder is responsible is the result of maltreatment that meets the definition of serious
66.10 maltreatment as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 18, the license holder shall forfeit
66.11 \$5,000;

66.12 (iii) the license holder shall forfeit \$200 for each occurrence of a violation of law or rule
66.13 governing matters of health, safety, or supervision, including but not limited to the provision
66.14 of adequate staff-to-child or adult ratios, and failure to comply with background study
66.15 requirements under chapter 245C; and

66.16 (iv) the license holder shall forfeit \$100 for each occurrence of a violation of law or rule
66.17 other than those subject to a \$5,000, \$1,000, or \$200 fine in items (i) to (iii).

66.18 For purposes of this section, "occurrence" means each violation identified in the
66.19 commissioner's fine order. Fines assessed against a license holder that holds a license to
66.20 provide home and community-based services, as identified in section 245D.03, subdivision
66.21 1, and a community residential setting or day services facility license under chapter 245D
66.22 where the services are provided, may be assessed against both licenses for the same
66.23 occurrence, but the combined amount of the fines shall not exceed the amount specified in
66.24 this clause for that occurrence.

66.25 (5) When a fine has been assessed, the license holder may not avoid payment by closing,
66.26 selling, or otherwise transferring the licensed program to a third party. In such an event, the
66.27 license holder will be personally liable for payment. In the case of a corporation, each
66.28 controlling individual is personally and jointly liable for payment.

66.29 (d) Except for background study violations involving the failure to comply with an order
66.30 to immediately remove an individual or an order to provide continuous, direct supervision,
66.31 the commissioner shall not issue a fine under paragraph (c) relating to a background study
66.32 violation to a license holder who self-corrects a background study violation before the
66.33 commissioner discovers the violation. A license holder who has previously exercised the

67.1 provisions of this paragraph to avoid a fine for a background study violation may not avoid
67.2 a fine for a subsequent background study violation unless at least 365 days have passed
67.3 since the license holder self-corrected the earlier background study violation.

67.4 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.10, subdivision 4, is amended
67.5 to read:

67.6 Subd. 4. **License or certification fee for certain programs.** (a)(1) A program licensed
67.7 to provide one or more of the home and community-based services and supports identified
67.8 under chapter 245D to persons with disabilities or age 65 and older, shall pay an annual
67.9 nonrefundable license fee based on revenues derived from the provision of services that
67.10 would require licensure under chapter 245D during the calendar year immediately preceding
67.11 the year in which the license fee is paid, according to the following schedule:

67.12	License Holder Annual Revenue	License Fee
67.13	less than or equal to \$10,000	\$250
67.14	greater than \$10,000 but less than or	
67.15	equal to \$25,000	\$375
67.16	greater than \$25,000 but less than or	
67.17	equal to \$50,000	\$500
67.18	greater than \$50,000 but less than or	
67.19	equal to \$100,000	\$625
67.20	greater than \$100,000 but less than or	
67.21	equal to \$150,000	\$750
67.22	greater than \$150,000 but less than or	
67.23	equal to \$200,000	\$1,000
67.24	greater than \$200,000 but less than or	
67.25	equal to \$250,000	\$1,250
67.26	greater than \$250,000 but less than or	
67.27	equal to \$300,000	\$1,500
67.28	greater than \$300,000 but less than or	
67.29	equal to \$350,000	\$1,750
67.30	greater than \$350,000 but less than or	
67.31	equal to \$400,000	\$2,000
67.32	greater than \$400,000 but less than or	
67.33	equal to \$450,000	\$2,250
67.34	greater than \$450,000 but less than or	
67.35	equal to \$500,000	\$2,500
67.36	greater than \$500,000 but less than or	
67.37	equal to \$600,000	\$2,850
67.38	greater than \$600,000 but less than or	
67.39	equal to \$700,000	\$3,200
67.40	greater than \$700,000 but less than or	
67.41	equal to \$800,000	\$3,600

68.1	greater than \$800,000 but less than or	
68.2	equal to \$900,000	\$3,900
68.3	greater than \$900,000 but less than or	
68.4	equal to \$1,000,000	\$4,250
68.5	greater than \$1,000,000 but less than or	
68.6	equal to \$1,250,000	\$4,550
68.7	greater than \$1,250,000 but less than or	
68.8	equal to \$1,500,000	\$4,900
68.9	greater than \$1,500,000 but less than or	
68.10	equal to \$1,750,000	\$5,200
68.11	greater than \$1,750,000 but less than or	
68.12	equal to \$2,000,000	\$5,500
68.13	greater than \$2,000,000 but less than or	
68.14	equal to \$2,500,000	\$5,900
68.15	greater than \$2,500,000 but less than or	
68.16	equal to \$3,000,000	\$6,200
68.17	greater than \$3,000,000 but less than or	
68.18	equal to \$3,500,000	\$6,500
68.19	greater than \$3,500,000 but less than or	
68.20	equal to \$4,000,000	\$7,200
68.21	greater than \$4,000,000 but less than or	
68.22	equal to \$4,500,000	\$7,800
68.23	greater than \$4,500,000 but less than or	
68.24	equal to \$5,000,000	\$9,000
68.25	greater than \$5,000,000 but less than or	
68.26	equal to \$7,500,000	\$10,000
68.27	greater than \$7,500,000 but less than or	
68.28	equal to \$10,000,000	\$14,000
68.29	greater than \$10,000,000 but less than or	
68.30	equal to \$12,500,000	\$18,000
68.31	greater than \$12,500,000 but less than or	
68.32	equal to \$15,000,000	\$25,000
68.33	greater than \$15,000,000 but less than or	
68.34	equal to \$17,500,000	\$28,000
68.35	greater than \$17,500,000 but less than <u>or</u>	
68.36	<u>equal to \$20,000,000</u>	\$32,000
68.37	greater than \$20,000,000 but less than <u>or</u>	
68.38	<u>equal to \$25,000,000</u>	\$36,000
68.39	greater than \$25,000,000 but less than <u>or</u>	
68.40	<u>equal to \$30,000,000</u>	\$45,000
68.41	greater than \$30,000,000 but less than <u>or</u>	
68.42	<u>equal to \$35,000,000</u>	\$55,000
68.43	greater than \$35,000,000	\$75,000

(2) If requested, the license holder shall provide the commissioner information to verify the license holder's annual revenues or other information as needed, including copies of documents submitted to the Department of Revenue.

(3) At each annual renewal, a license holder may elect to pay the highest renewal fee, and not provide annual revenue information to the commissioner.

(4) A license holder that knowingly provides the commissioner incorrect revenue amounts for the purpose of paying a lower license fee shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount of double the fee the provider should have paid.

(b) A substance use disorder treatment program licensed under chapter 245G, to provide substance use disorder treatment shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the following schedule:

Licensed Capacity	License Fee
1 to 24 persons	\$2,600
25 to 49 persons	\$3,000
50 to 74 persons	\$5,000
75 to 99 persons	\$10,000
100 to 199 persons	\$15,000
200 or more persons	\$20,000

(c) A detoxification program licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6510 to 9530.6590, or a withdrawal management program licensed under chapter 245F shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the following schedule:

Licensed Capacity	License Fee
1 to 24 persons	\$2,600
25 to 49 persons	\$3,000
50 or more persons	\$5,000

A detoxification program that also operates a withdrawal management program at the same location shall only pay one fee based upon the licensed capacity of the program with the higher overall capacity.

(d) A children's residential facility licensed under Minnesota Rules, chapter 2960, to serve children shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the following schedule:

Licensed Capacity	License Fee
1 to 24 persons	\$1,000
25 to 49 persons	\$1,100
50 to 74 persons	\$1,200

70.1 75 to 99 persons \$1,300

70.2 100 or more persons \$1,400

70.3 (e) A residential facility licensed under section 245I.23 or Minnesota Rules, parts
70.4 9520.0500 to 9520.0670, to serve persons with mental illness shall pay an annual
70.5 nonrefundable license fee based on the following schedule:

70.6	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
70.7	1 to 24 persons	\$2,600
70.8	25 to 49 persons	\$3,000
70.9	50 or more persons	\$20,000

70.10 (f) A residential facility licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9570.2000 to 9570.3400,
70.11 to serve persons with physical disabilities shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee
70.12 based on the following schedule:

70.13	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
70.14	1 to 24 persons	\$450
70.15	25 to 49 persons	\$650
70.16	50 to 74 persons	\$850
70.17	75 to 99 persons	\$1,050
70.18	100 or more persons	\$1,250

70.19 (g) A program licensed as an adult day care center licensed under Minnesota Rules,
70.20 parts 9555.9600 to 9555.9730, shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the
70.21 following schedule:

70.22	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
70.23	1 to 24 persons	\$2,600
70.24	25 to 49 persons	\$3,000
70.25	50 to 74 persons	\$5,000
70.26	75 to 99 persons	\$10,000
70.27	100 to 199 persons	\$15,000
70.28	200 or more persons	\$20,000

70.29 (h) A program licensed to provide treatment services to persons with sexual psychopathic
70.30 personalities or sexually dangerous persons under Minnesota Rules, parts 9515.3000 to
70.31 9515.3110, shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee of \$20,000.

70.32 (i) A mental health clinic certified under section 245I.20 shall pay an annual
70.33 nonrefundable certification fee of \$1,550. If the mental health clinic provides services at a

71.1 primary location with satellite facilities, the satellite facilities shall be certified with the
71.2 primary location without an additional charge.

71.3 (j) If a program subject to annual fees under paragraph (b) provides services at a primary
71.4 location with satellite facilities, the satellite facilities must be licensed with the primary
71.5 location and must be subject to an additional \$500 annual nonrefundable license fee per
71.6 satellite facility.

71.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.142, subdivision 3, is amended
71.8 to read:

71.9 Subd. 3. **Provisional license.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, the commissioner shall
71.10 begin issuing provisional licenses to agencies enrolled under chapter 256B to provide EIDBI
71.11 services.

71.12 (b) Agencies enrolled before July 1, 2025, have until May 31, 2026, to submit an
71.13 application for provisional licensure on the forms and in the manner prescribed by the
71.14 commissioner.

71.15 (c) Beginning June 1, 2026, an agency must not operate if it has not submitted an
71.16 application for provisional licensure under this section. The commissioner shall disenroll
71.17 an agency from providing EIDBI services under chapter 256B if the agency fails to submit
71.18 an application for provisional licensure by May 31, 2026.

71.19 (d) The commissioner must determine whether a provisional license applicant complies
71.20 with all applicable rules and laws and either issue a provisional license to the applicant or
71.21 deny the application by December 31, 2026.

71.22 (e) A provisional license is effective until comprehensive EIDBI agency licensure
71.23 standards are in effect unless the provisional license is suspended or revoked.

71.24 (f) Initial provisional license applications are subject to the \$2,100 application fee under
71.25 section 245A.10, subdivision 3.

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

71.27 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.242, subdivision 2, is amended
71.28 to read:

71.29 Subd. 2. **Emergency overdose treatment.** (a) A license holder must maintain a supply
71.30 of opiate antagonists as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1, available for emergency
71.31 treatment of opioid overdose ~~and~~. For administration via intramuscular injection, a license

holder must have a written standing order protocol by a physician who is licensed under chapter 147, advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed under chapter 148, or physician assistant who is licensed under chapter 147A, that permits the license holder to maintain a supply of intramuscular injection opiate antagonists on site. A license holder must require staff to undergo training in the specific mode of administration used at the program, which may include intranasal administration, intramuscular injection, or both, before the staff has direct contact, as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 11, with a person served by the program.

(b) Notwithstanding any requirements to the contrary in Minnesota Rules, chapters 2960 and 9530, and Minnesota Statutes, chapters 245F, 245G, and 245I:

(1) emergency opiate antagonist medications are not required to be stored in a locked area and staff and adult clients may carry this medication on them and store it in an unlocked location;

(2) staff persons who only administer emergency opiate antagonist medications only require the training required by paragraph (a), which any knowledgeable trainer may provide. The trainer is not required to be a registered nurse or part of an accredited educational institution; and

(3) nonresidential substance use disorder treatment programs that do not administer client medications beyond emergency opiate antagonist medications are not required to have the policies and procedures required in section 245G.08, subdivisions 5 and 6, and must instead describe the program's procedures for administering opiate antagonist medications in the license holder's description of health care services under section 245G.08, subdivision 1.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.02, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

Subd. 18. **Serious maltreatment.** (a) "Serious maltreatment" means sexual abuse, maltreatment resulting in death, neglect resulting in serious injury which reasonably requires the care of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant whether or not the care of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant was sought, ~~or~~ abuse resulting in serious injury, or financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult if the value of the funds or property is \$1,000 or greater.

(b) For purposes of this definition, "care of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant" is treatment received or ordered by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse, but does not include:

73.1 (1) diagnostic testing, assessment, or observation;

73.2 (2) the application of, recommendation to use, or prescription solely for a remedy that
73.3 is available over the counter without a prescription; or

73.4 (3) a prescription solely for a topical antibiotic to treat burns when there is no follow-up
73.5 appointment.

73.6 (c) For purposes of this definition, "abuse resulting in serious injury" means: bruises,
73.7 bites, skin laceration, or tissue damage; fractures; dislocations; evidence of internal injuries;
73.8 head injuries with loss of consciousness; extensive second-degree or third-degree burns and
73.9 other burns for which complications are present; extensive second-degree or third-degree
73.10 frostbite and other frostbite for which complications are present; irreversible mobility or
73.11 avulsion of teeth; injuries to the eyes; ingestion of foreign substances and objects that are
73.12 harmful; near drowning; and heat exhaustion or sunstroke.

73.13 (d) Serious maltreatment includes neglect when it results in criminal sexual conduct
73.14 against a child or vulnerable adult.

73.15 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

73.16 Subdivision 1. **Programs licensed by the commissioner.** (a) The commissioner shall
73.17 conduct a background study on:

73.18 (1) the person or persons applying for a license;

73.19 (2) an individual age 13 and over living in the household where the licensed program
73.20 will be provided who is not receiving licensed services from the program;

73.21 (3) current or prospective employees of the applicant or license holder who will have
73.22 direct contact with persons served by the facility, agency, or program;

73.23 (4) volunteers or student volunteers who will have direct contact with persons served
73.24 by the program to provide program services if the contact is not under the continuous, direct
73.25 supervision by an individual listed in clause (1) or (3);

73.26 (5) an individual age ten to 12 living in the household where the licensed services will
73.27 be provided when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02,
73.28 subdivision 15;

73.29 (6) an individual who, without providing direct contact services at a licensed program,
73.30 may have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults receiving services from a
73.31 program, when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02,
73.32 subdivision 15; and

74.1 (7) all controlling individuals as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 5a;

74.2 (8) notwithstanding clause (3), for children's residential facilities and foster residence
74.3 settings, any adult working in the facility, whether or not the individual will have direct
74.4 contact with persons served by the facility.

74.5 (b) For child foster care when the license holder resides in the home where foster care
74.6 services are provided, a short-term substitute caregiver providing direct contact services for
74.7 a child for less than 72 hours of continuous care is not required to receive a background
74.8 study under this chapter.

74.9 (c) This subdivision applies to the following programs that must be licensed under
74.10 chapter 245A:

74.11 (1) adult foster care;

74.12 (2) children's residential facilities;

74.13 (3) licensed home and community-based services under chapter 245D;

74.14 (4) residential mental health programs for adults;

74.15 (5) substance use disorder treatment programs under chapter 245G;

74.16 (6) withdrawal management programs under chapter 245F;

74.17 (7) adult day care centers;

74.18 (8) family adult day services;

74.19 (9) detoxification programs;

74.20 (10) community residential settings;

74.21 (11) intensive residential treatment services and residential crisis stabilization under
74.22 chapter 245I; ~~and~~

74.23 (12) treatment programs for persons with sexual psychopathic personality or sexually
74.24 dangerous persons, licensed under chapter 245A and according to Minnesota Rules, parts
74.25 9515.3000 to 9515.3110; and

74.26 (13) children's foster residence settings.

74.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective November 3, 2026.

75.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.2 Subdivision 1. **Licensed programs; other child care programs.** (a) The commissioner
75.3 shall conduct a background study of an individual required to be studied under section
75.4 245C.03, subdivision 1, at least upon application for initial license for all license types.

75.5 (b) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual required to be
75.6 studied under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, including a child care background study
75.7 subject as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 6a, in a family child care program, licensed
75.8 child care center, certified license-exempt child care center, or legal nonlicensed child care
75.9 provider, on a schedule determined by the commissioner. Except as provided in section
75.10 245C.05, subdivision 5a, a child care background study must include submission of
75.11 fingerprints for a national criminal history record check and a review of the information
75.12 under section 245C.08. A background study for a child care program must be repeated
75.13 within five years from the most recent study conducted under this paragraph.

75.14 (c) At reauthorization or when a new background study is needed under section 142E.16,
75.15 subdivision 2, for a legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter 142E:

75.16 (1) for a background study affiliated with a legal nonlicensed child care provider, the
75.17 individual shall provide information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1,
75.18 paragraphs (a), (b), and (d), to the commissioner and be fingerprinted and photographed
75.19 under section 245C.05, subdivision 5; and

75.20 (2) the commissioner shall verify the information received under clause (1) and submit
75.21 the request in NETStudy 2.0 to complete the background study.

75.22 (d) At reapplication for a family child care license:

75.23 (1) for a background study affiliated with a licensed family child care center, the
75.24 individual shall provide information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1,
75.25 paragraphs (a), (b), and (d), to the county agency, and be fingerprinted and photographed
75.26 under section 245C.05, subdivision 5;

75.27 (2) the county agency shall verify the information received under clause (1) and forward
75.28 the information to the commissioner and submit the request in NETStudy 2.0 to complete
75.29 the background study; and

75.30 (3) the background study conducted by the commissioner under this paragraph must
75.31 include a review of the information required under section 245C.08.

~~(e) The commissioner is not required to conduct a study of an individual at the time of reapplication for a license if the individual's background study was completed by the commissioner of human services and the following conditions are met:~~

~~(1) a study of the individual was conducted either at the time of initial licensure or when the individual became affiliated with the license holder;~~

~~(2) the individual has been continuously affiliated with the license holder since the last study was conducted; and~~

~~(3) the last study of the individual was conducted on or after October 1, 1995.~~

~~(f)~~ (e) The commissioner of human services shall conduct a background study of an individual specified under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) to (6), who is newly affiliated, or currently affiliated without a background study that was submitted through the electronic system known as NETStudy 2.0, with a child foster family setting license holder:

(1) the county or private agency shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivisions 1 and 5, when the child foster family setting applicant or license holder resides in the home where child foster care services are provided; and

(2) the background study conducted by the commissioner of human services under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4.

~~(g)~~ (f) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual specified under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) to (6), who is newly affiliated, or currently affiliated without a background study that was submitted through the electronic system known as NETStudy 2.0, with an adult foster care or family adult day services and with a family child care license holder or a legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter 142E and:

(1) except as provided in section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, the county shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a) and (b), and subdivision 5, paragraph (b), for background studies conducted by the commissioner for all family adult day services, for adult foster care when the adult foster care license holder resides in the adult foster care residence, and for family child care and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 142E;

(2) the license holder shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivisions 1, paragraphs (a) and (b); and 5, paragraphs (a) and (b), for background studies conducted by the commissioner for adult foster care when the license holder does not reside in the adult foster care residence; and

(3) the background study conducted by the commissioner under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and subdivisions 3 and 4.

~~(h)~~ (g) Applicants for licensure, license holders, and other entities as provided in this chapter must submit completed background study requests to the commissioner using the electronic system known as NETStudy 2.0 before individuals specified in section 245C.03, subdivision 1, begin positions allowing direct contact in any licensed program.

~~(+)~~ (h) For an individual who is not on the entity's active roster, the entity must initiate a new background study through NETStudy when:

(1) an individual returns to a position requiring a background study following an absence of 120 or more consecutive days; or

(2) a program that discontinued providing licensed direct contact services for 120 or more consecutive days begins to provide direct contact licensed services again.

The license holder shall maintain a copy of the notification provided to the commissioner under this paragraph in the program's files. If the individual's disqualification was previously set aside for the license holder's program and the new background study results in no new information that indicates the individual may pose a risk of harm to persons receiving services from the license holder, the previous set-aside shall remain in effect.

~~(+)~~ (i) For purposes of this section, a physician licensed under chapter 147, advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 148, or physician assistant licensed under chapter 147A is considered to be continuously affiliated upon the license holder's receipt from the commissioner of health or human services of the physician's, advanced practice registered nurse's, or physician assistant's background study results.

~~(+)~~ (j) For purposes of family child care, a substitute caregiver must receive repeat background studies at the time of each license renewal.

~~(+)~~ (k) A repeat background study at the time of license renewal is not required if the family child care substitute caregiver's background study was completed by the commissioner on or after October 1, 2017, and the substitute caregiver is on the license holder's active roster in NETStudy 2.0.

78.1 ~~(m)~~ (l) Before and after school programs authorized under chapter 142E, are exempt
78.2 from the background study requirements under section 123B.03, for an employee for whom
78.3 a background study under this chapter has been completed.

78.4 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.07, is amended to read:

78.5 **245C.07 STUDY SUBJECT AFFILIATED WITH MULTIPLE FACILITIES.**

78.6 (a) Subject to the conditions in paragraph (d), when a license holder, applicant, or other
78.7 entity owns multiple programs or services that are licensed by the Department of Human
78.8 Services; Department of Children, Youth, and Families; Department of Health; or Department
78.9 of Corrections, only one background study is required for an individual who provides direct
78.10 contact services in one or more of the licensed programs or services if:

78.11 (1) the license holder designates one individual with one address and telephone number
78.12 as the person to receive sensitive background study information for the multiple licensed
78.13 programs or services that depend on the same background study; and

78.14 (2) the individual designated to receive the sensitive background study information is
78.15 capable of determining, upon request of the department, whether a background study subject
78.16 is providing direct contact services in one or more of the license holder's programs or services
78.17 and, if so, at which location or locations.

78.18 (b) When a license holder maintains background study compliance for multiple licensed
78.19 programs according to paragraph (a), and one or more of the licensed programs closes, the
78.20 license holder shall immediately notify the commissioner which staff must be transferred
78.21 to an active license so that the background studies can be electronically paired with the
78.22 license holder's active program.

78.23 (c) When a background study is being initiated by a licensed program or service or a
78.24 foster care provider that is also licensed under chapter 144G, a study subject affiliated with
78.25 multiple licensed programs or services may attach to the background study form a cover
78.26 letter indicating the additional names of the programs or services, addresses, and background
78.27 study identification numbers.

78.28 When the commissioner receives a notice, the commissioner shall notify each program
78.29 or service identified by the background study subject of the study results.

78.30 The background study notice the commissioner sends to the subsequent agencies shall
78.31 satisfy those programs' or services' responsibilities for initiating a background study on that
78.32 individual.

~~(d) If a background study was conducted on an individual related to child foster care and the requirements under paragraph (a) are met, the background study is transferable across all licensed programs.~~ If a background study was conducted on an individual under a license other than child foster care and the requirements under paragraph (a) are met, the background study is transferable to all licensed programs except child foster care.

(e) The provisions of this section that allow a single background study in one or more licensed programs or services do not apply to background studies submitted by adoption agencies, supplemental nursing services agencies, personnel pool agencies, educational programs, professional services agencies, temporary personnel agencies, and unlicensed personal care provider organizations.

(f) For an entity operating under NETStudy 2.0, the entity's active roster must be the system used to document when a background study subject is affiliated with multiple entities. For a background study to be transferable:

(1) the background study subject must be on and moving to a roster for which the person designated to receive sensitive background study information is the same; and

(2) the same entity must own or legally control both the roster from which the transfer is occurring and the roster to which the transfer is occurring. For an entity that holds or controls multiple licenses, or unlicensed personal care provider organizations, there must be a common highest level entity that has a legally identifiable structure that can be verified through records available from the secretary of state.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Activities pending completion of background study.** The subject of a background study may not perform any activity requiring a background study under paragraph (c) until the commissioner has issued one of the notices under paragraph (a).

(a) Notices from the commissioner required prior to activity under paragraph (c) include:

(1) a notice of the study results under section 245C.17 stating that:

(i) the individual is not disqualified; or

(ii) more time is needed to complete the study but the individual is not required to be removed from direct contact or access to people receiving services prior to completion of the study as provided under section 245C.17, subdivision 1, paragraph (b) or (c). The notice

that more time is needed to complete the study must also indicate whether the individual is required to be under continuous direct supervision prior to completion of the background study. When more time is necessary to complete a background study of an individual affiliated with a Title IV-E eligible children's residential facility or foster residence setting, the individual may not work in the facility or setting regardless of whether or not the individual is supervised;

(2) a notice that a disqualification has been set aside under section 245C.23; or

(3) a notice that a variance has been granted related to the individual under section 245C.30.

(b) For a child care background study ~~affiliated with a licensed child care center or certified license-exempt child care center~~ subject required to submit fingerprints for a national criminal history check, except as provided in section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, the notice sent under paragraph (a), clause (1), item (ii), must not be issued until the commissioner receives a qualifying result for the individual for the fingerprint-based national criminal history record check or the fingerprint-based criminal history information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The notice must require the individual to be under continuous direct supervision prior to completion of the remainder of the background study except as permitted in subdivision 3.

(c) Activities prohibited prior to receipt of notice under paragraph (a) include:

(1) being issued a license;

(2) living in the household where the licensed program will be provided;

(3) providing direct contact services to persons served by a program unless the subject is under continuous direct supervision;

(4) having access to persons receiving services if the background study was completed under section 144.057, subdivision 1, or 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), (5), or (6), unless the subject is under continuous direct supervision;

(5) for ~~licensed child care centers and certified license-exempt child care centers~~ a child care background study subject, providing direct contact services to persons served by the program performing any act listed in section 245C.02, subdivision 6a, unless the study is being renewed under section 245C.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and it has been less than five years since the child care background study subject was previously disqualified or provided notice under paragraph (a), clause (1), item (i);

81.1 (6) for children's residential facilities or foster residence settings, working in the facility
81.2 or setting;

81.3 (7) for background studies affiliated with a personal care provider organization, except
81.4 as provided in section 245C.03, subdivision 3b, before a personal care assistant provides
81.5 services, the personal care assistance provider agency must initiate a background study of
81.6 the personal care assistant under this chapter and the personal care assistance provider
81.7 agency must have received a notice from the commissioner that the personal care assistant
81.8 is:

81.9 (i) not disqualified under section 245C.14; or

81.10 (ii) disqualified, but the personal care assistant has received a set aside of the
81.11 disqualification under section 245C.22; or

81.12 (8) for background studies affiliated with an early intensive developmental and behavioral
81.13 intervention provider, before an individual provides services, the early intensive
81.14 developmental and behavioral intervention provider must initiate a background study for
81.15 the individual under this chapter and the early intensive developmental and behavioral
81.16 intervention provider must have received a notice from the commissioner that the individual
81.17 is:

81.18 (i) not disqualified under section 245C.14; or

81.19 (ii) disqualified, but the individual has received a set-aside of the disqualification under
81.20 section 245C.22.

81.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

81.22 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

81.23 Subd. 2. **15-year disqualification.** (a) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14
81.24 if: (1) less than 15 years have passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed, if any,
81.25 for the offense; and (2) the individual has committed a felony-level violation of any of the
81.26 following offenses: sections 152.021, subdivision 1 or 2b, (aggravated controlled substance
81.27 crime in the first degree; sale crimes); 152.022, subdivision 1 (controlled substance crime
81.28 in the second degree; sale crimes); 152.023, subdivision 1 (controlled substance crime in
81.29 the third degree; sale crimes); 152.024, subdivision 1 (controlled substance crime in the
81.30 fourth degree; sale crimes); 256.98 (wrongfully obtaining assistance); 268.182 (fraud);
81.31 393.07, subdivision 10, paragraph (c) (federal SNAP fraud); 518B.01, subdivision 14
81.32 (violation of an order for protection); 609.165 (felon ineligible to possess firearm); 609.2112,
81.33 609.2113, or 609.2114 (criminal vehicular homicide or injury); 609.215 (suicide); 609.223

82.1 or 609.2231 (assault in the third or fourth degree); repeat offenses under 609.224 (assault
82.2 in the fifth degree); 609.229 (crimes committed for benefit of a gang); 609.2325 (criminal
82.3 abuse of a vulnerable adult); 609.2334 (violation of an order for protection against financial
82.4 exploitation of a vulnerable adult); 609.2335 (financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult);
82.5 609.235 (use of drugs to injure or facilitate crime); 609.24 (simple robbery); 609.247,
82.6 subdivision 4 (carjacking in the third degree); 609.255 (false imprisonment); 609.2664
82.7 (manslaughter of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2665 (manslaughter of an unborn
82.8 child in the second degree); 609.267 (assault of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2671
82.9 (assault of an unborn child in the second degree); 609.268 (injury or death of an unborn
82.10 child in the commission of a crime); 609.27 (coercion); 609.275 (attempt to coerce); 609.466
82.11 (medical assistance fraud); 609.495 (aiding an offender); 609.498, subdivision 1 or 1b
82.12 (aggravated first-degree or first-degree tampering with a witness); 609.52 (theft); 609.521
82.13 (possession of shoplifting gear); 609.522 (organized retail theft); 609.525 (bringing stolen
82.14 goods into Minnesota); 609.527 (identity theft); 609.53 (receiving stolen property); 609.535
82.15 (issuance of dishonored checks); 609.542 (illegal remunerations); 609.562 (arson in the
82.16 second degree); 609.563 (arson in the third degree); 609.582 (burglary); 609.59 (possession
82.17 of burglary tools); 609.611 (insurance fraud); 609.625 (aggravated forgery); 609.63 (forgery);
82.18 609.631 (check forgery; offering a forged check); 609.635 (obtaining signature by false
82.19 pretense); 609.66 (dangerous weapons); 609.67 (machine guns and short-barreled shotguns);
82.20 609.687 (adulteration); 609.71 (riot); 609.713 (terroristic threats); 609.746 (interference
82.21 with privacy); 609.82 (fraud in obtaining credit); 609.821 (financial transaction card fraud);
82.22 617.23 (indecent exposure), not involving a minor; repeat offenses under 617.241 (obscene
82.23 materials and performances; distribution and exhibition prohibited; penalty); or 624.713
82.24 (certain persons not to possess firearms).

82.25 (b) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than 15 years has passed
82.26 since the individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of the
82.27 offenses listed in paragraph (a), as each of these offenses is defined in Minnesota Statutes.

82.28 (c) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than 15 years has passed
82.29 since the termination of the individual's parental rights under section 260C.301, subdivision
82.30 1, paragraph (b), or subdivision 3.

82.31 (d) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than 15 years has passed
82.32 since the discharge of the sentence imposed for an offense in any other state or country, the
82.33 elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of the offenses listed in paragraph
82.34 (a) or since the termination of parental rights in any other state or country, the elements of
82.35 which are substantially similar to the elements listed in paragraph (c).

83.1 (e) If the individual studied commits one of the offenses listed in paragraph (a), but the
83.2 sentence or level of offense is a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor, the individual is
83.3 disqualified but the disqualification look-back period for the offense is the period applicable
83.4 to the gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor disposition.

83.5 (f) When a disqualification is based on a judicial determination other than a conviction,
83.6 the disqualification period begins from the date of the court order. When a disqualification
83.7 is based on an admission, the disqualification period begins from the date of an admission
83.8 in court. When a disqualification is based on an Alford Plea, the disqualification period
83.9 begins from the date the Alford Plea is entered in court. When a disqualification is based
83.10 on a preponderance of evidence of a disqualifying act, the disqualification date begins from
83.11 the date of the dismissal, the date of discharge of the sentence imposed for a conviction for
83.12 a disqualifying crime of similar elements, or the date of the incident, whichever occurs last.

83.13 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.15, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

83.14 Subd. 3. **Ten-year disqualification.** (a) An individual is disqualified under section
83.15 245C.14 if: (1) less than ten years have passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed,
83.16 if any, for the offense; and (2) the individual has committed a gross misdemeanor-level
83.17 violation of any of the following offenses: sections 256.98 (wrongfully obtaining assistance);
83.18 260B.425 (criminal jurisdiction for contributing to status as a juvenile petty offender or
83.19 delinquency); 260C.425 (criminal jurisdiction for contributing to need for protection or
83.20 services); 268.182 (fraud); 393.07, subdivision 10, paragraph (c) (federal SNAP fraud);
83.21 609.2112, 609.2113, or 609.2114 (criminal vehicular homicide or injury); 609.221 or 609.222
83.22 (assault in the first or second degree); 609.223 or 609.2231 (assault in the third or fourth
83.23 degree); 609.224 (assault in the fifth degree); 609.224, subdivision 2, paragraph (c) (assault
83.24 in the fifth degree by a caregiver against a vulnerable adult); 609.2242 and 609.2243
83.25 (domestic assault); 609.23 (mistreatment of persons confined); 609.231 (mistreatment of
83.26 residents or patients); 609.2325 (criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult); 609.233 (criminal
83.27 neglect of a vulnerable adult); 609.2334 (violation of an order for protection against financial
83.28 exploitation of a vulnerable adult); 609.2335 (financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult);
83.29 609.234 (failure to report maltreatment of a vulnerable adult); 609.265 (abduction); 609.275
83.30 (attempt to coerce); 609.324, subdivision 1a (other prohibited acts; minor engaged in
83.31 prostitution); 609.33 (disorderly house); 609.377 (malicious punishment of a child); 609.378
83.32 (neglect or endangerment of a child); 609.466 (medical assistance fraud); 609.52 (theft);
83.33 609.522 (organized retail theft); 609.525 (bringing stolen goods into Minnesota); 609.527
83.34 (identity theft); 609.53 (receiving stolen property); 609.535 (issuance of dishonored checks);
83.35 609.582 (burglary); 609.59 (possession of burglary tools); 609.611 (insurance fraud); 609.631

84.1 (check forgery; offering a forged check); 609.66 (dangerous weapons); 609.71 (riot); 609.72,
84.2 subdivision 3 (disorderly conduct against a vulnerable adult); 609.746 (interference with
84.3 privacy); 609.749, subdivision 2 (harassment); 609.82 (fraud in obtaining credit); 609.821
84.4 (financial transaction card fraud); 617.23 (indecent exposure), not involving a minor; 617.241
84.5 (obscene materials and performances); 617.243 (indecent literature, distribution); 617.293
84.6 (harmful materials; dissemination and display to minors prohibited); or Minnesota Statutes
84.7 2012, section 609.21; or violation of an order for protection under section 518B.01,
84.8 subdivision 14.

84.9 (b) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than ten years has passed
84.10 since the individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of the
84.11 offenses listed in paragraph (a), as each of these offenses is defined in Minnesota Statutes.

84.12 (c) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than ten years has passed
84.13 since the discharge of the sentence imposed for an offense in any other state or country, the
84.14 elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the offenses listed in
84.15 paragraph (a).

84.16 (d) If the individual studied commits one of the offenses listed in paragraph (a), but the
84.17 sentence or level of offense is a misdemeanor disposition, the individual is disqualified but
84.18 the disqualification lookback period for the offense is the period applicable to misdemeanors.

84.19 (e) When a disqualification is based on a judicial determination other than a conviction,
84.20 the disqualification period begins from the date of the court order. When a disqualification
84.21 is based on an admission, the disqualification period begins from the date of an admission
84.22 in court. When a disqualification is based on an Alford Plea, the disqualification period
84.23 begins from the date the Alford Plea is entered in court. When a disqualification is based
84.24 on a preponderance of evidence of a disqualifying act, the disqualification date begins from
84.25 the date of the dismissal, the date of discharge of the sentence imposed for a conviction for
84.26 a disqualifying crime of similar elements, or the date of the incident, whichever occurs last.

84.27 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.15, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

84.28 Subd. 4. **Seven-year disqualification.** (a) An individual is disqualified under section
84.29 245C.14 if: (1) less than seven years has passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed,
84.30 if any, for the offense; and (2) the individual has committed a misdemeanor-level violation
84.31 of any of the following offenses: sections 256.98 (wrongfully obtaining assistance); 260B.425
84.32 (criminal jurisdiction for contributing to status as a juvenile petty offender or delinquency);
84.33 260C.425 (criminal jurisdiction for contributing to need for protection or services); 268.182
84.34 (fraud); 393.07, subdivision 10, paragraph (c) (federal SNAP fraud); 609.2112, 609.2113,

or 609.2114 (criminal vehicular homicide or injury); 609.221 (assault in the first degree); 609.222 (assault in the second degree); 609.223 (assault in the third degree); 609.2231 (assault in the fourth degree); 609.224 (assault in the fifth degree); 609.2242 (domestic assault); 609.2334 (violation of an order for protection against financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult); 609.2335 (financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult); 609.234 (failure to report maltreatment of a vulnerable adult); 609.2672 (assault of an unborn child in the third degree); 609.27 (coercion); violation of an order for protection under 609.3232 (protective order authorized; procedures; penalties); 609.466 (medical assistance fraud); 609.52 (theft); 609.522 (organized retail theft); 609.525 (bringing stolen goods into Minnesota); 609.527 (identity theft); 609.53 (receiving stolen property); 609.535 (issuance of dishonored checks); 609.611 (insurance fraud); 609.66 (dangerous weapons); 609.665 (spring guns); 609.746 (interference with privacy); 609.79 (obscene or harassing telephone calls); 609.795 (letter, telegram, or package; opening; harassment); 609.82 (fraud in obtaining credit); 609.821 (financial transaction card fraud); 617.23 (indecent exposure), not involving a minor; 617.293 (harmful materials; dissemination and display to minors prohibited); or Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.21; or violation of an order for protection under section 518B.01 (Domestic Abuse Act).

(b) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than seven years has passed since a determination or disposition of the individual's:

(1) failure to make required reports under section 260E.06 or 626.557, subdivision 3, for incidents in which: (i) the final disposition under section 626.557 or chapter 260E was substantiated maltreatment, and (ii) the maltreatment was recurring or serious; or

(2) substantiated serious or recurring maltreatment of a minor under chapter 260E, a vulnerable adult under section 626.557, or serious or recurring maltreatment in any other state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of maltreatment under section 626.557 or chapter 260E for which: (i) there is a preponderance of evidence that the maltreatment occurred, and (ii) the subject was responsible for the maltreatment.

(c) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than seven years has passed since the individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses listed in paragraphs (a) and (b), as each of these offenses is defined in Minnesota Statutes.

(d) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than seven years has passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed for an offense in any other state or

86.1 country, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the offenses
86.2 listed in paragraphs (a) and (b).

86.3 (e) When a disqualification is based on a judicial determination other than a conviction,
86.4 the disqualification period begins from the date of the court order. When a disqualification
86.5 is based on an admission, the disqualification period begins from the date of an admission
86.6 in court. When a disqualification is based on an Alford Plea, the disqualification period
86.7 begins from the date the Alford Plea is entered in court. When a disqualification is based
86.8 on a preponderance of evidence of a disqualifying act, the disqualification date begins from
86.9 the date of the dismissal, the date of discharge of the sentence imposed for a conviction for
86.10 a disqualifying crime of similar elements, or the date of the incident, whichever occurs last.

86.11 (f) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than seven years has passed
86.12 since the individual was disqualified under section 256.98, subdivision 8.

86.13 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.15, subdivision 4a, is amended
86.14 to read:

86.15 Subd. 4a. **Licensed family foster setting disqualifications.** (a) Notwithstanding
86.16 subdivisions 1 to 4, 4b, and 4c, for a background study affiliated with a licensed family
86.17 foster setting, regardless of how much time has passed, an individual is disqualified under
86.18 section 245C.14 if the individual committed an act that resulted in a felony-level conviction
86.19 for sections: 609.185 (murder in the first degree); 609.19 (murder in the second degree);
86.20 609.195 (murder in the third degree); 609.20 (manslaughter in the first degree); 609.205
86.21 (manslaughter in the second degree); 609.2112 (criminal vehicular homicide); 609.221
86.22 (assault in the first degree); 609.223, subdivision 2 (assault in the third degree, past pattern
86.23 of child abuse); 609.223, subdivision 3 (assault in the third degree, victim under four); a
86.24 felony offense under sections 609.2242 and 609.2243 (domestic assault, spousal abuse,
86.25 child abuse or neglect, or a crime against children); 609.2247 (domestic assault by
86.26 strangulation); 609.2325 (criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult resulting in the death of a
86.27 vulnerable adult); 609.245 (aggravated robbery); 609.247, subdivision 2 or 3 (carjacking
86.28 in the first or second degree); 609.25 (kidnapping); 609.255 (false imprisonment); 609.2661
86.29 (murder of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2662 (murder of an unborn child in the
86.30 second degree); 609.2663 (murder of an unborn child in the third degree); 609.2664
86.31 (manslaughter of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2665 (manslaughter of an unborn
86.32 child in the second degree); 609.267 (assault of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2671
86.33 (assault of an unborn child in the second degree); 609.268 (injury or death of an unborn
86.34 child in the commission of a crime); 609.322, subdivision 1 (solicitation, inducement, and

promotion of prostitution; sex trafficking in the first degree); 609.324, subdivision 1 (other prohibited acts; engaging in, hiring, or agreeing to hire minor to engage in prostitution); 609.342 (criminal sexual conduct in the first degree); 609.343 (criminal sexual conduct in the second degree); 609.344 (criminal sexual conduct in the third degree); 609.345 (criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree); 609.3451 (criminal sexual conduct in the fifth degree); 609.3453 (criminal sexual predatory conduct); 609.3458 (sexual extortion); 609.352 (solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct); 609.377 (malicious punishment of a child); 609.3775 (child torture); 609.378 (neglect or endangerment of a child); 609.561 (arson in the first degree); 609.582, subdivision 1 (burglary in the first degree); 609.746 (interference with privacy); 617.23 (indecent exposure); 617.246 (use of minors in sexual performance prohibited); or 617.247 (possession of child sexual abuse material).

(b) Notwithstanding subdivisions 1 to 4, 4b, and 4c, for the purposes of a background study affiliated with a licensed family foster setting, an individual is disqualified under section 245C.14, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual:

(1) committed an action under paragraph (e) that resulted in death or involved sexual abuse, as defined in section 260E.03, subdivision 20;

(2) committed an act that resulted in a gross misdemeanor-level conviction for section 609.3451 (criminal sexual conduct in the fifth degree);

(3) committed an act against or involving a minor that resulted in a felony-level conviction for: section 609.222 (assault in the second degree); 609.223, subdivision 1 (assault in the third degree); 609.2231 (assault in the fourth degree); or 609.224 (assault in the fifth degree); or

(4) committed an act that resulted in a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor-level conviction for section 617.293 (dissemination and display of harmful materials to minors).

(c) Notwithstanding subdivisions 1 to 4, 4b, and 4c, for a background study affiliated with a licensed family foster setting, an individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if fewer than 20 years have passed since the termination of the individual's parental rights under section 260C.301, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), or if the individual consented to a termination of parental rights under section 260C.301, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), to settle a petition to involuntarily terminate parental rights. An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if fewer than 20 years have passed since the termination of the individual's parental rights in any other state or country, where the conditions for the individual's termination of parental rights are substantially similar to the conditions in section 260C.301, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

(d) Notwithstanding subdivisions 1 to 4, 4b, and 4c, for a background study affiliated with a licensed family foster setting, an individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if fewer than five years have passed since a felony-level violation for sections: 152.021 (controlled substance crime in the first degree); 152.022 (controlled substance crime in the second degree); 152.023 (controlled substance crime in the third degree); 152.024 (controlled substance crime in the fourth degree); 152.025 (controlled substance crime in the fifth degree); 152.0261 (importing controlled substances across state borders); 152.0262, subdivision 1, paragraph (b) (possession of substance with intent to manufacture methamphetamine); 152.027, subdivision 6, paragraph (c) (sale or possession of synthetic cannabinoids); 152.096 (conspiracies prohibited); 152.097 (simulated controlled substances); 152.136 (anhydrous ammonia; prohibited conduct; criminal penalties; civil liabilities); 152.137 (fentanyl- and methamphetamine-related crimes involving children or vulnerable adults); 169A.24 (felony first-degree driving while impaired); 243.166 (violation of predatory offender registration requirements); 609.2113 (criminal vehicular operation; bodily harm); 609.2114 (criminal vehicular operation; unborn child); 609.228 (great bodily harm caused by distribution of drugs); 609.2325 (criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult not resulting in the death of a vulnerable adult); 609.233 (criminal neglect); 609.235 (use of drugs to injure or facilitate a crime); 609.24 (simple robbery); 609.247, subdivision 4 (carjacking in the third degree); 609.322, subdivision 1a (solicitation, inducement, and promotion of prostitution; sex trafficking in the second degree); 609.498, subdivision 1 (tampering with a witness in the first degree); 609.498, subdivision 1b (aggravated first-degree witness tampering); 609.562 (arson in the second degree); 609.563 (arson in the third degree); 609.582, subdivision 2 (burglary in the second degree); 609.66 (felony dangerous weapons); 609.687 (adulteration); 609.713 (terroristic threats); 609.749, subdivision 3, 4, or 5 (felony-level harassment or stalking); 609.855, subdivision 5 (shooting at or in a public transit vehicle or facility); or 624.713 (certain people not to possess firearms).

(e) Notwithstanding subdivisions 1 to 4, 4b, and 4c, except as provided in paragraph (a), for a background study affiliated with a licensed family child foster care license, an individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if fewer than five years have passed since:

(1) a felony-level violation for an act not against or involving a minor that constitutes: section 609.222 (assault in the second degree); 609.223, subdivision 1 (assault in the third degree); 609.2231 (assault in the fourth degree); or 609.224, subdivision 4 (assault in the fifth degree);

(2) a violation of an order for protection under section 518B.01, subdivision 14;

89.1 (3) a determination or disposition of the individual's failure to make required reports
89.2 under section 260E.06 or 626.557, subdivision 3, for incidents in which the final disposition
89.3 under chapter 260E or section 626.557 was substantiated maltreatment and the maltreatment
89.4 was recurring or serious;

89.5 (4) a determination or disposition of the individual's substantiated serious or recurring
89.6 maltreatment of a minor under chapter 260E, a vulnerable adult under section 626.557, or
89.7 serious or recurring maltreatment in any other state, the elements of which are substantially
89.8 similar to the elements of maltreatment under chapter 260E or section 626.557 and meet
89.9 the definition of serious maltreatment or recurring maltreatment;

89.10 (5) a gross misdemeanor-level violation for sections: 609.224, subdivision 2 (assault in
89.11 the fifth degree); 609.2242 and 609.2243 (domestic assault); 609.233 (criminal neglect);
89.12 609.377 (malicious punishment of a child); 609.378 (neglect or endangerment of a child);
89.13 609.746 (interference with privacy); 609.749 (stalking); or 617.23 (indecent exposure); or

89.14 (6) committing an act against or involving a minor that resulted in a misdemeanor-level
89.15 violation of section 609.224, subdivision 1 (assault in the fifth degree).

89.16 (f) For purposes of this subdivision, the disqualification begins from:

89.17 (1) the date of the alleged violation, if the individual was not convicted;

89.18 (2) the date of conviction, if the individual was convicted of the violation but not
89.19 committed to the custody of the commissioner of corrections; or

89.20 (3) the date of release from prison, if the individual was convicted of the violation and
89.21 committed to the custody of the commissioner of corrections.

89.22 Notwithstanding clause (3), if the individual is subsequently reincarcerated for a violation
89.23 of the individual's supervised release, the disqualification begins from the date of release
89.24 from the subsequent incarceration.

89.25 (g) An individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of the
89.26 offenses listed in paragraphs (a) and (b), as each of these offenses is defined in Minnesota
89.27 Statutes, permanently disqualifies the individual under section 245C.14. An individual is
89.28 disqualified under section 245C.14 if fewer than five years have passed since the individual's
89.29 aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses listed in paragraphs
89.30 (d) and (e).

89.31 (h) An individual's offense in any other state or country, where the elements of the
89.32 offense are substantially similar to any of the offenses listed in paragraphs (a) and (b),
89.33 permanently disqualifies the individual under section 245C.14. An individual is disqualified

90.1 under section 245C.14 if fewer than five years have passed since an offense in any other
90.2 state or country, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any
90.3 offense listed in paragraphs (d) and (e).

90.4 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.22, subdivision 5, is amended
90.5 to read:

90.6 Subd. 5. **Scope of set-aside.** (a) If the commissioner sets aside a disqualification under
90.7 this section, the disqualified individual remains disqualified, but may hold a license and
90.8 have direct contact with or access to persons receiving services. Except as provided in
90.9 paragraph (b), the commissioner's set-aside of a disqualification is limited solely to the
90.10 licensed program, applicant, or agency specified in the set aside notice under section 245C.23.
90.11 For personal care provider organizations, financial management services organizations,
90.12 community first services and supports organizations, unlicensed home and community-based
90.13 organizations, and consumer-directed community supports organizations, the commissioner's
90.14 set-aside may further be limited to a specific individual who is receiving services. For new
90.15 background studies required under section 245C.04, subdivision 1, paragraph ~~(h)~~ (g), if an
90.16 individual's disqualification was previously set aside for the license holder's program and
90.17 the new background study results in no new information that indicates the individual may
90.18 pose a risk of harm to persons receiving services from the license holder, the previous
90.19 set-aside shall remain in effect.

90.20 (b) If the commissioner has previously set aside an individual's disqualification for one
90.21 or more programs or agencies, and the individual is the subject of a subsequent background
90.22 study for a different program or agency, the commissioner shall determine whether the
90.23 disqualification is set aside for the program or agency that initiated the subsequent
90.24 background study. A notice of a set-aside under paragraph (c) shall be issued within 15
90.25 working days if all of the following criteria are met:

90.26 (1) the subsequent background study was initiated in connection with a program licensed
90.27 or regulated under the same provisions of law and rule for at least one program for which
90.28 the individual's disqualification was previously set aside by the commissioner;

90.29 (2) the individual is not disqualified for an offense specified in section 245C.15,
90.30 subdivision 1 or 2;

90.31 (3) the commissioner has received no new information to indicate that the individual
90.32 may pose a risk of harm to any person served by the program; and

90.33 (4) the previous set-aside was not limited to a specific person receiving services.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), clause (2), for an individual who is employed in the substance use disorder field, if the commissioner has previously set aside an individual's disqualification for one or more programs or agencies in the substance use disorder treatment field, and the individual is the subject of a subsequent background study for a different program or agency in the substance use disorder treatment field, the commissioner shall set aside the disqualification for the program or agency in the substance use disorder treatment field that initiated the subsequent background study when the criteria under paragraph (b), clauses (1), (3), and (4), are met and the individual is not disqualified for an offense specified in section 245C.15, subdivision 1. A notice of a set-aside under paragraph (d) shall be issued within 15 working days.

(d) When a disqualification is set aside under paragraph (b), the notice of background study results issued under section 245C.17, in addition to the requirements under section 245C.17, shall state that the disqualification is set aside for the program or agency that initiated the subsequent background study. The notice must inform the individual that the individual may request reconsideration of the disqualification under section 245C.21 on the basis that the information used to disqualify the individual is incorrect.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.24, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Permanent bar to set aside a disqualification.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) to ~~(g)~~ (f), the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision 1.

(b) For an individual in the substance use disorder or corrections field who was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and whose disqualification was set aside prior to July 1, 2005, the commissioner must consider granting a variance pursuant to section 245C.30 for the license holder for a program dealing primarily with adults. A request for reconsideration evaluated under this paragraph must include a letter of recommendation from the license holder that was subject to the prior set-aside decision addressing the individual's quality of care to children or vulnerable adults and the circumstances of the individual's departure from that service.

(c) If an individual who requires a background study for nonemergency medical transportation services under section 245C.03, subdivision 12, was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and if more than 40 years have passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed, the commissioner may consider granting

92.1 a set-aside pursuant to section 245C.22. A request for reconsideration evaluated under this
92.2 paragraph must include a letter of recommendation from the employer. This paragraph does
92.3 not apply to a person disqualified based on a violation of sections 243.166; 609.185 to
92.4 609.205; 609.25; 609.342 to 609.3453; 609.352; 617.23, subdivision 2, clause (1), or 3,
92.5 clause (1); 617.246; or 617.247.

92.6 (d) When a licensed foster care provider adopts an individual who had received foster
92.7 care services from the provider for over six months, and the adopted individual is required
92.8 to receive a background study under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause
92.9 (2) or (6), the commissioner may grant a variance to the license holder under section 245C.30
92.10 to permit the adopted individual with a permanent disqualification to remain affiliated with
92.11 the license holder under the conditions of the variance when the variance is recommended
92.12 by the county of responsibility for each of the remaining individuals in placement in the
92.13 home and the licensing agency for the home.

92.14 (e) For an individual 18 years of age or older affiliated with a licensed family foster
92.15 setting, the commissioner must not set aside or grant a variance for the disqualification of
92.16 any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed,
92.17 if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision
92.18 4a, paragraphs (a) and (b).

92.19 (f) In connection with a family foster setting license, the commissioner may grant a
92.20 variance to the disqualification for an individual who is under 18 years of age at the time
92.21 the background study is submitted.

92.22 ~~(g) In connection with foster residence settings and children's residential facilities, the~~
92.23 ~~commissioner must not set aside or grant a variance for the disqualification of any individual~~
92.24 ~~disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual~~
92.25 ~~was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision 4a, paragraph~~
92.26 ~~(a) or (b).~~

92.27 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245D.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

92.28 Subd. 3. **Protection-related rights.** (a) A person's protection-related rights include the
92.29 right to:

92.30 (1) have personal, financial, service, health, and medical information kept private, and
92.31 be advised of disclosure of this information by the license holder;

92.32 (2) access records and recorded information about the person in accordance with
92.33 applicable state and federal law, regulation, or rule;

- 93.1 (3) be free from maltreatment;
- 93.2 (4) be free from restraint, time out, seclusion, restrictive intervention, or other prohibited
93.3 procedure identified in section 245D.06, subdivision 5, or successor provisions, except for:
93.4 (i) emergency use of manual restraint to protect the person from imminent danger to self
93.5 or others according to the requirements in section 245D.061 or successor provisions; or (ii)
93.6 the use of safety interventions as part of a positive support transition plan under section
93.7 245D.06, subdivision 8, or successor provisions;
- 93.8 (5) receive services in a clean and safe environment when the license holder is the owner,
93.9 lessor, or tenant of the service site;
- 93.10 (6) be treated with courtesy and respect and receive respectful treatment of the person's
93.11 property;
- 93.12 (7) reasonable observance of cultural and ethnic practice and religion;
- 93.13 (8) be free from bias and harassment regarding race, gender, age, disability, spirituality,
93.14 and sexual orientation;
- 93.15 (9) be informed of and use the license holder's grievance policy and procedures, including
93.16 knowing how to contact persons responsible for addressing problems and to appeal under
93.17 section 256.045;
- 93.18 (10) know the name, telephone number, and the website, email, and street addresses of
93.19 protection and advocacy services, including the appropriate state-appointed ombudsman,
93.20 and a brief description of how to file a complaint with these offices;
- 93.21 (11) assert these rights personally, or have them asserted by the person's family,
93.22 authorized representative, or legal representative, without retaliation;
- 93.23 (12) give or withhold written informed consent to participate in any research or
93.24 experimental treatment;
- 93.25 (13) associate with other persons of the person's choice in the community;
- 93.26 (14) personal privacy, including the right to use the lock on the person's bedroom or unit
93.27 door;
- 93.28 (15) engage in chosen activities; and
- 93.29 (16) access to the person's personal possessions at any time, including financial resources.

94.1 (b) For a person residing in a residential site licensed according to chapter 245A, or
94.2 where the license holder is the owner, lessor, or tenant of the residential service site,
94.3 protection-related rights also include the right to:

94.4 (1) have daily, private access to and use of a non-coin-operated telephone for local calls
94.5 and long-distance calls made collect or paid for by the person;

94.6 (2) receive and send, without interference, uncensored, unopened mail or electronic
94.7 correspondence or communication;

94.8 (3) have use of and free access to common areas in the residence and the freedom to
94.9 come and go from the residence at will;

94.10 (4) choose the person's visitors and time of visits and have privacy for visits with the
94.11 person's spouse, next of kin, legal counsel, religious adviser, or others, in accordance with
94.12 section 363A.09 of the Human Rights Act, including privacy in the person's bedroom;

94.13 (5) have access to three nutritionally balanced meals and nutritious snacks between
94.14 meals each day;

94.15 (6) have freedom and support to access food and potable water at any time;

94.16 (7) have the freedom to furnish and decorate the person's bedroom or living unit;

94.17 (8) a setting that is clean and free from accumulation of dirt, grease, garbage, peeling
94.18 paint, mold, vermin, and insects;

94.19 (9) a setting that is free from hazards that threaten the person's health or safety; and

94.20 (10) a setting that meets the definition of a dwelling unit within a residential occupancy
94.21 as defined in the State Fire Code.

94.22 (c) Restriction of a person's rights under paragraph (a), clauses (13) to (16), or paragraph
94.23 (b), clauses (1) to (7), is allowed only if determined necessary to ensure the health, safety,
94.24 and well-being of the person. Any restriction of those rights must be documented in the
94.25 person's support plan or support plan addendum. The restriction must be implemented in
94.26 the least restrictive alternative manner necessary to protect the person and provide support
94.27 to reduce or eliminate the need for the restriction in the most integrated setting and inclusive
94.28 manner. The documentation must include the following information:

94.29 (1) the justification for the restriction based on an assessment of the person's vulnerability
94.30 related to exercising the right without restriction;

94.31 (2) the objective measures set as conditions for ending the restriction;

(3) a schedule for reviewing the need for the restriction based on the conditions for ending the restriction to occur semiannually from the date of initial approval, at a minimum, or more frequently if requested by the person, the person's legal representative, if any, and case manager; and

(4) signed and dated approval for the restriction from the person, or the person's legal representative, if any. A restriction may be implemented only when the required approval has been obtained. Approval may be withdrawn at any time. If approval is withdrawn, the right must be immediately and fully restored.

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

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245D.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Availability of current written policies and procedures. (a) The license holder must review and update, as needed, the written policies and procedures required under this chapter.

(b)(1) The license holder must inform the person or the person's legal representative and case manager of the policies and procedures affecting a person's rights under section 245D.04, and provide copies of those policies and procedures, within five working days of service initiation.

(2) If a license holder only provides basic services and supports, this includes the:

(i) grievance policy and procedure required under subdivision 2; ~~and~~

(ii) service suspension and termination policy and procedure required under subdivision 3; and

(iii) emergency use of manual restraints policy and procedure required under section 245D.061, subdivision 9, or successor provisions.

(3) For all other license holders this includes the:

(i) policies and procedures in clause (2); and

~~(ii) emergency use of manual restraints policy and procedure required under section 245D.061, subdivision 9, or successor provisions; and~~

~~(iii)~~ (ii) data privacy requirements under section 245D.11, subdivision 3.

(c) The license holder must provide a written notice to all persons or their legal representatives and case managers at least 30 days before implementing any procedural revisions to policies affecting a person's service-related or protection-related rights under

96.1 section 245D.04 and maltreatment reporting policies and procedures. The notice must
96.2 explain the revision that was made and include a copy of the revised policy and procedure.
96.3 The license holder must document the reasonable cause for not providing the notice at least
96.4 30 days before implementing the revisions.

96.5 (d) Before implementing revisions to required policies and procedures, the license holder
96.6 must inform all employees of the revisions and provide training on implementation of the
96.7 revised policies and procedures.

96.8 (e) The license holder must annually notify all persons, or their legal representatives,
96.9 and case managers of any procedural revisions to policies required under this chapter, other
96.10 than those in paragraph (c). Upon request, the license holder must provide the person, or
96.11 the person's legal representative, and case manager with copies of the revised policies and
96.12 procedures.

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

96.14 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
96.15 to read:

96.16 **Subd. 20. Fraud.** "Fraud" means an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by
96.17 a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in an unauthorized benefit to
96.18 the person or another person or an act, promise to act, or omission made with the intent to
96.19 obtain a benefit in a manner that is prohibited. Fraud includes:

96.20 (1) submitting an application for provider status knowing that the application
96.21 misrepresents, conceals, or fails to disclose any material information;

96.22 (2) intentionally submitting a claim for reimbursement under this chapter, knowing or
96.23 having reason to know the claim is ineligible for reimbursement in whole or in part;

96.24 (3) providing documentation or other information requested by the commissioner having
96.25 knowledge that it is false in any material respect; and

96.26 (4) any act that constitutes the commission, or attempt or conspiracy to commit, a
96.27 violation of any of the following:

96.28 (i) section 256.98 (wrongfully obtaining assistance);

96.29 (ii) section 609.466 (medical assistance fraud);

96.30 (iii) section 609.48 (perjury), involving making a false statement related to medical
96.31 assistance or the receipt of public money;

97.1 (iv) section 609.496 (concealing criminal proceeds) or 609.497 (engaging in business
 97.2 of concealing criminal proceeds), involving proceeds consisting of public money;

97.3 (v) section 609.52 (theft), involving theft of property consisting of public money;

97.4 (vi) section 609.542 (illegal remuneration);

97.5 (vii) section 609.625 (aggravated forgery) or 609.63 (forgery), involving falsely filing
 97.6 any record, account, or other document with any state agency or department or falsely
 97.7 making or altering any record, account, or other document filed with any state agency or
 97.8 department;

97.9 (viii) section 609.821 (financial transaction card fraud), involving a public assistance
 97.10 benefit;

97.11 (ix) a felony listed in United States Code, title 42, section 1320a-7b(b)(1) or (2), subject
 97.12 to any safe harbors established in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 1001.952;
 97.13 and

97.14 (x) any other act that constitutes fraud under applicable federal law.

97.15 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.04, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

97.16 Subd. 10. **Investigation of certain claims.** The commissioner must establish by rule
 97.17 general criteria and procedures for the identification and prompt investigation of suspected
 97.18 medical assistance fraud, theft, abuse, presentment of false or duplicate claims, presentment
 97.19 of claims for services not reasonable or medically necessary, or false statement or
 97.20 representation of material facts by a vendor of medical care, and for the imposition of
 97.21 sanctions against a vendor of medical care. The commissioner may use both prepayment
 97.22 and postpayment review systems to review claims submitted by vendors. Payment of claims,
 97.23 including payments made after a prepayment review, does not prohibit the commissioner
 97.24 from completing a postpayment claims review and taking additional administrative actions
 97.25 or monetary recovery against a vendor. If it appears to the state agency that a vendor of
 97.26 medical care may have acted in a manner warranting civil or criminal proceedings, it shall
 97.27 so inform the attorney general in writing.

97.28 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.051, subdivision 6, is amended
 97.29 to read:

97.30 Subd. 6. **Agency qualifications and duties.** An agency is eligible for reimbursement
 97.31 under this section only if the agency:

98.1 (1) is confirmed by the commissioner as an eligible provider after a pre-enrollment risk
98.2 assessment under subdivision 6a;

98.3 (2) is enrolled as a medical assistance Minnesota health care program provider and meets
98.4 all applicable provider standards and requirements;

98.5 (3) demonstrates compliance with federal and state laws and policies for housing
98.6 stabilization services as determined by the commissioner;

98.7 (4) complies with background study requirements under chapter 245C and maintains
98.8 documentation of background study requests and results;

98.9 (5) provides at the time of enrollment, reenrollment, and revalidation in a format
98.10 determined by the commissioner, proof of surety bond coverage for each business location
98.11 providing services. Upon new enrollment, or if the provider's medical assistance revenue
98.12 in the previous calendar year is \$300,000 or less, the provider agency must purchase a surety
98.13 bond of \$50,000. If the provider's medical assistance revenue in the previous year is over
98.14 \$300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond
98.15 must be in a form approved by the commissioner, must be ~~renewed~~ purchased new annually,
98.16 and must allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action
98.17 to obtain monetary recovery or sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years
98.18 from the date the debt is affirmed by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final
98.19 when the right to appeal the debt has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under
98.20 section 256B.064;

98.21 (6) directly provides housing stabilization services using employees of the agency and
98.22 not by using a subcontractor or reporting agent;

98.23 (7) ensures all controlling individuals and employees of the agency complete annual
98.24 vulnerable adult training; and

98.25 (8) completes compliance training as required under subdivision 6b.

98.26 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

98.27 Subd. 2. **Imposition of monetary recovery and sanctions.** (a) The commissioner shall
98.28 determine any monetary amounts to be recovered and sanctions to be imposed upon an
98.29 individual or entity under this section. Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d), neither
98.30 a monetary recovery nor a sanction will be imposed by the commissioner without prior
98.31 notice and an opportunity for a hearing, according to chapter 14, on the commissioner's
98.32 proposed action, provided that the commissioner may suspend or reduce payment to an
98.33 individual or entity, except a nursing home or convalescent care facility, after notice and

99.1 prior to the hearing if in the commissioner's opinion that action is necessary to protect the
99.2 public welfare and the interests of the program.

99.3 (b) Except when the commissioner finds good cause not to suspend payments under
99.4 Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.23(e) or (f), the commissioner shall
99.5 withhold or reduce payments to an individual or entity without providing advance notice
99.6 of such withholding or reduction if either of the following occurs:

99.7 (1) the individual or entity is convicted of a crime involving the conduct described in
99.8 subdivision 1a; or

99.9 (2) the commissioner determines there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an
99.10 investigation is pending under the program. Allegations are considered credible when they
99.11 have an indicium of reliability and the state agency has reviewed all allegations, facts, and
99.12 evidence carefully and acts judiciously on a case-by-case basis. A credible allegation of
99.13 fraud is an allegation which has been verified by the state, from any source, including but
99.14 not limited to:

99.15 (i) fraud hotline complaints;

99.16 (ii) claims data mining; ~~and~~

99.17 (iii) patterns identified through provider audits, civil false claims cases, and law
99.18 enforcement investigations; and

99.19 (iv) court filings and other legal documents, including but not limited to police reports,
99.20 complaints, indictments, informations, affidavits, declarations, and search warrants.

99.21 (c) The commissioner must send notice of the withholding or reduction of payments
99.22 under paragraph (b) within five days of taking such action unless requested in writing by a
99.23 law enforcement agency to temporarily withhold the notice. The notice must:

99.24 (1) state that payments are being withheld according to paragraph (b);

99.25 (2) set forth the general allegations as to the nature of the withholding action, but need
99.26 not disclose any specific information concerning an ongoing investigation;

99.27 (3) except in the case of a conviction for conduct described in subdivision 1a, state that
99.28 the withholding is for a temporary period and cite the circumstances under which withholding
99.29 will be terminated;

99.30 (4) identify the types of claims to which the withholding applies; and

99.31 (5) inform the individual or entity of the right to submit written evidence for consideration
99.32 by the commissioner.

(d) The withholding or reduction of payments will not continue after the commissioner determines there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the individual or entity, or after legal proceedings relating to the alleged fraud are completed, unless the commissioner has sent notice of intention to impose monetary recovery or sanctions under paragraph (a). Upon conviction for a crime related to the provision, management, or administration of a health service under medical assistance, a payment held pursuant to this section by the commissioner or a managed care organization that contracts with the commissioner under section 256B.035 is forfeited to the commissioner or managed care organization, regardless of the amount charged in the criminal complaint or the amount of criminal restitution ordered.

(e) The commissioner shall suspend or terminate an individual's or entity's participation in the program without providing advance notice and an opportunity for a hearing when the suspension or termination is required because of the individual's or entity's exclusion from participation in Medicare. Within five days of taking such action, the commissioner must send notice of the suspension or termination. The notice must:

(1) state that suspension or termination is the result of the individual's or entity's exclusion from Medicare;

(2) identify the effective date of the suspension or termination; and

(3) inform the individual or entity of the need to be reinstated to Medicare before reapplying for participation in the program.

(f) Upon receipt of a notice under paragraph (a) that a monetary recovery or sanction is to be imposed, an individual or entity may request a contested case, as defined in section 14.02, subdivision 3, by filing with the commissioner a written request of appeal. The appeal request must be received by the commissioner no later than 30 days after the date the notification of monetary recovery or sanction was mailed to the individual or entity. The appeal request must specify:

(1) each disputed item, the reason for the dispute, and an estimate of the dollar amount involved for each disputed item;

(2) the computation that the individual or entity believes is correct;

(3) the authority in statute or rule upon which the individual or entity relies for each disputed item;

(4) the name and address of the person or entity with whom contacts may be made regarding the appeal; and

(5) other information required by the commissioner.

101.1 (g) The commissioner may order an individual or entity to forfeit a fine for failure to
101.2 fully document services according to standards in this chapter and Minnesota Rules, chapter
101.3 9505. The commissioner may assess fines if specific required components of documentation
101.4 are missing. The fine for incomplete documentation shall equal 20 percent of the amount
101.5 paid on the claims for reimbursement submitted by the individual or entity, or up to \$5,000,
101.6 whichever is less. If the commissioner determines that an individual or entity repeatedly
101.7 violated this chapter, chapter 254B or 245G, or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9505, related to
101.8 the provision of services to program recipients and the submission of claims for payment,
101.9 the commissioner may order an individual or entity to forfeit a fine based on the nature,
101.10 severity, and chronicity of the violations, in an amount of up to \$5,000 or 20 percent of the
101.11 value of the claims, whichever is greater.

101.12 (h) The individual or entity shall pay the fine assessed on or before the payment date
101.13 specified. If the individual or entity fails to pay the fine, the commissioner may withhold
101.14 or reduce payments and recover the amount of the fine. A timely appeal shall stay payment
101.15 of the fine until the commissioner issues a final order.

101.16 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0659, subdivision 21, is
101.17 amended to read:

101.18 Subd. 21. **Requirements for provider enrollment of personal care assistance provider**
101.19 **agencies.** (a) All personal care assistance provider agencies must provide, at the time of
101.20 enrollment, reenrollment, and revalidation as a personal care assistance provider agency in
101.21 a format determined by the commissioner, information and documentation that includes,
101.22 but is not limited to, the following:

101.23 (1) the personal care assistance provider agency's current contact information including
101.24 address, telephone number, and email address;

101.25 (2) proof of surety bond coverage for each business location providing services. Upon
101.26 new enrollment, or if the provider's Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is up
101.27 to and including \$300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If
101.28 the Medicaid revenue in the previous year is over \$300,000, the provider agency must
101.29 purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond must be in a form approved by the
101.30 commissioner, must be ~~renewed~~ purchased new annually, and must allow for recovery of
101.31 costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action to obtain monetary recovery or
101.32 sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years from the date the debt is affirmed
101.33 by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final when the right to appeal the debt
101.34 has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under section 256B.064;

- 102.1 (3) proof of fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$20,000 for each business location
102.2 providing service;
- 102.3 (4) proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage identifying the business location
102.4 where personal care assistance services are provided;
- 102.5 (5) proof of liability insurance coverage identifying the business location where personal
102.6 care assistance services are provided and naming the department as a certificate holder;
- 102.7 (6) a copy of the personal care assistance provider agency's written policies and
102.8 procedures including: hiring of employees; training requirements; service delivery; and
102.9 employee and consumer safety including process for notification and resolution of consumer
102.10 grievances, identification and prevention of communicable diseases, and employee
102.11 misconduct;
- 102.12 (7) copies of all other forms the personal care assistance provider agency uses in the
102.13 course of daily business including, but not limited to:
- 102.14 (i) a copy of the personal care assistance provider agency's time sheet if the time sheet
102.15 varies from the standard time sheet for personal care assistance services approved by the
102.16 commissioner, and a letter requesting approval of the personal care assistance provider
102.17 agency's nonstandard time sheet;
- 102.18 (ii) the personal care assistance provider agency's template for the personal care assistance
102.19 care plan; and
- 102.20 (iii) the personal care assistance provider agency's template for the written agreement
102.21 in subdivision 20 for recipients using the personal care assistance choice option, if applicable;
- 102.22 (8) a list of all training and classes that the personal care assistance provider agency
102.23 requires of its staff providing personal care assistance services;
- 102.24 (9) documentation that the personal care assistance provider agency and staff have
102.25 successfully completed all the training required by this section, including the requirements
102.26 under subdivision 11, paragraph (d), if enhanced personal care assistance services are
102.27 provided and submitted for an enhanced rate under subdivision 17a;
- 102.28 (10) documentation of the agency's marketing practices;
- 102.29 (11) disclosure of ownership, leasing, or management of all residential properties that
102.30 is used or could be used for providing home care services;
- 102.31 (12) documentation that the agency will use the following percentages of revenue
102.32 generated from the medical assistance rate paid for personal care assistance services for

103.1 employee personal care assistant wages and benefits: 72.5 percent of revenue in the personal
103.2 care assistance choice option and 72.5 percent of revenue from other personal care assistance
103.3 providers. The revenue generated by the qualified professional and the reasonable costs
103.4 associated with the qualified professional shall not be used in making this calculation; and

103.5 (13) effective May 15, 2010, documentation that the agency does not burden recipients'
103.6 free exercise of their right to choose service providers by requiring personal care assistants
103.7 to sign an agreement not to work with any particular personal care assistance recipient or
103.8 for another personal care assistance provider agency after leaving the agency and that the
103.9 agency is not taking action on any such agreements or requirements regardless of the date
103.10 signed.

103.11 (b) Personal care assistance provider agencies shall provide the information specified
103.12 in paragraph (a) to the commissioner at the time the personal care assistance provider agency
103.13 enrolls as a vendor or upon request from the commissioner. The commissioner shall collect
103.14 the information specified in paragraph (a) from all personal care assistance providers
103.15 beginning July 1, 2009.

103.16 (c) All personal care assistance provider agencies shall require all employees in
103.17 management and supervisory positions and owners of the agency who are active in the
103.18 day-to-day management and operations of the agency to complete mandatory training as
103.19 determined by the commissioner before submitting an application for enrollment of the
103.20 agency as a provider. All personal care assistance provider agencies shall also require
103.21 qualified professionals to complete the training required by subdivision 13 before submitting
103.22 an application for enrollment of the agency as a provider. Employees in management and
103.23 supervisory positions and owners who are active in the day-to-day operations of an agency
103.24 who have completed the required training as an employee with a personal care assistance
103.25 provider agency do not need to repeat the required training if they are hired by another
103.26 agency, if they have completed the training within the past three years. By September 1,
103.27 2010, the required training must be available with meaningful access according to title VI
103.28 of the Civil Rights Act and federal regulations adopted under that law or any guidance from
103.29 the United States Health and Human Services Department. The required training must be
103.30 available online or by electronic remote connection. The required training must provide for
103.31 competency testing. Personal care assistance provider agency billing staff shall complete
103.32 training about personal care assistance program financial management. This training is
103.33 effective July 1, 2009. Any personal care assistance provider agency enrolled before that
103.34 date shall, if it has not already, complete the provider training within 18 months of July 1,
103.35 2009. Any new owners or employees in management and supervisory positions involved

104.1 in the day-to-day operations are required to complete mandatory training as a requisite of
104.2 working for the agency. Personal care assistance provider agencies certified for participation
104.3 in Medicare as home health agencies are exempt from the training required in this
104.4 subdivision. When available, Medicare-certified home health agency owners, supervisors,
104.5 or managers must successfully complete the competency test.

104.6 (d) All surety bonds, fidelity bonds, workers' compensation insurance, and liability
104.7 insurance required by this subdivision must be maintained continuously and purchased new
104.8 annually. After initial enrollment, a provider must submit proof of bonds and required
104.9 coverages at any time at the request of the commissioner. Services provided while there are
104.10 lapses in coverage are not eligible for payment. Lapses in coverage may result in sanctions,
104.11 including termination. The commissioner shall send instructions and a due date to submit
104.12 the requested information to the personal care assistance provider agency.

104.13 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0701, subdivision 9, is
104.14 amended to read:

104.15 Subd. 9. **Provider qualifications and duties.** A provider is eligible for reimbursement
104.16 under this section only if the provider:

104.17 (1) is confirmed by the commissioner as an eligible provider after a pre-enrollment risk
104.18 assessment under subdivision 10;

104.19 (2) is enrolled as a medical assistance Minnesota health care program provider and meets
104.20 all applicable provider standards and requirements;

104.21 (3) demonstrates compliance with federal and state laws and policies for housing
104.22 stabilization services as determined by the commissioner;

104.23 (4) complies with background study requirements under chapter 245C and maintains
104.24 documentation of background study requests and results;

104.25 (5) provides at the time of enrollment, reenrollment, and revalidation in a format
104.26 determined by the commissioner, proof of surety bond coverage for each business location
104.27 providing services. Upon new enrollment, or if the provider's medical assistance revenue
104.28 in the previous calendar year is \$300,000 or less, the provider agency must purchase a surety
104.29 bond of \$50,000. If the provider's medical assistance revenue in the previous year is over
104.30 \$300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond
104.31 must be in a form approved by the commissioner, must be ~~renewed~~ purchased new annually,
104.32 and must allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action
104.33 to obtain monetary recovery or sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years

105.1 from the date the debt is affirmed by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final
105.2 when the right to appeal the debt has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under
105.3 section 256B.064;

105.4 (6) ensures all controlling individuals and employees of the agency complete annual
105.5 vulnerable adult training;

105.6 (7) completes compliance training as required under subdivision 11; and

105.7 (8) complies with the habitability inspection requirements in subdivision 13.

105.8 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.27, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

105.9 Subd. 3. **Access to medical records.** The commissioner of human services, with the
105.10 written consent of the recipient, on file with the local welfare agency, shall be allowed
105.11 access in the manner and within the time prescribed by the commissioner to all personal
105.12 medical records of medical assistance recipients solely for the purposes of investigating
105.13 whether or not: (a) a vendor of medical care has submitted a claim for reimbursement, a
105.14 cost report or a rate application which is duplicative, erroneous, or false in whole or in part,
105.15 or which results in the vendor obtaining greater compensation than the vendor is legally
105.16 entitled to; or (b) the medical care was medically necessary. ~~When the commissioner is~~
105.17 ~~investigating a possible overpayment of Medicaid funds,~~ The commissioner may conduct
105.18 on-site inspections of any and all vendors and service locations or may request records from
105.19 a vendor to verify that information submitted to the commissioner is accurate, determine
105.20 compliance with service delivery and billing requirements, and determine compliance with
105.21 any other applicable laws or rules. The commissioner must be given immediate access
105.22 without prior notice to the vendor's office during regular business hours and to documentation
105.23 and records related to services provided and submission of claims for services provided.
105.24 The department shall document in writing the need for immediate access to records related
105.25 to a specific investigation. Denying the commissioner access to records is cause for the
105.26 vendor's immediate suspension of payment or termination according to section 256B.064.
105.27 The determination of provision of services not medically necessary shall be made by the
105.28 commissioner. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a vendor of medical care
105.29 shall not be subject to any civil or criminal liability for providing access to medical records
105.30 to the commissioner of human services pursuant to this section.

106.1 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.85, subdivision 12, is amended
106.2 to read:

106.3 Subd. 12. **Requirements for enrollment of CFSS agency-providers.** (a) All CFSS
106.4 agency-providers must provide, at the time of enrollment, reenrollment, and revalidation
106.5 as a CFSS agency-provider in a format determined by the commissioner, information and
106.6 documentation that includes but is not limited to the following:

106.7 (1) the CFSS agency-provider's current contact information including address, telephone
106.8 number, and email address;

106.9 (2) proof of surety bond coverage. Upon new enrollment, or if the agency-provider's
106.10 Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is less than or equal to \$300,000, the
106.11 agency-provider must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If the agency-provider's Medicaid
106.12 revenue in the previous calendar year is greater than \$300,000, the agency-provider must
106.13 purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond must be in a form approved by the
106.14 commissioner, must be ~~renewed~~ purchased new annually, and must allow for recovery of
106.15 costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action to obtain monetary recovery or
106.16 sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years from the date the debt is affirmed
106.17 by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final when the right to appeal the debt
106.18 has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under section 256B.064;

106.19 (3) proof of fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$20,000 per provider location;

106.20 (4) proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage;

106.21 (5) proof of liability insurance;

106.22 (6) a copy of the CFSS agency-provider's organizational chart identifying the names
106.23 and roles of all owners, managing employees, staff, board of directors, and additional
106.24 documentation reporting any affiliations of the directors and owners to other service
106.25 providers;

106.26 (7) proof that the CFSS agency-provider has written policies and procedures including:
106.27 hiring of employees; training requirements; service delivery; and employee and consumer
106.28 safety, including the process for notification and resolution of participant grievances, incident
106.29 response, identification and prevention of communicable diseases, and employee misconduct;

106.30 (8) proof that the CFSS agency-provider has all of the following forms and documents:

106.31 (i) a copy of the CFSS agency-provider's time sheet; and

106.32 (ii) a copy of the participant's individual CFSS service delivery plan;

107.1 (9) a list of all training and classes that the CFSS agency-provider requires of its staff
107.2 providing CFSS services;

107.3 (10) documentation that the CFSS agency-provider and staff have successfully completed
107.4 all the training required by this section;

107.5 (11) documentation of the agency-provider's marketing practices;

107.6 (12) disclosure of ownership, leasing, or management of all residential properties that
107.7 are used or could be used for providing home care services;

107.8 (13) documentation that the agency-provider will use at least the following percentages
107.9 of revenue generated from the medical assistance rate paid for CFSS services for CFSS
107.10 support worker wages and benefits: 72.5 percent of revenue from CFSS providers, except
107.11 100 percent of the revenue generated by a medical assistance rate increase due to a collective
107.12 bargaining agreement under section 179A.54 must be used for support worker wages and
107.13 benefits. The revenue generated by the worker training and development services and the
107.14 reasonable costs associated with the worker training and development services shall not be
107.15 used in making this calculation; and

107.16 (14) documentation that the agency-provider does not burden participants' free exercise
107.17 of their right to choose service providers by requiring CFSS support workers to sign an
107.18 agreement not to work with any particular CFSS participant or for another CFSS
107.19 agency-provider after leaving the agency and that the agency is not taking action on any
107.20 such agreements or requirements regardless of the date signed.

107.21 (b) CFSS agency-providers shall provide to the commissioner the information specified
107.22 in paragraph (a).

107.23 (c) All CFSS agency-providers shall require all employees in management and
107.24 supervisory positions and owners of the agency who are active in the day-to-day management
107.25 and operations of the agency to complete mandatory training as determined by the
107.26 commissioner. Employees in management and supervisory positions and owners who are
107.27 active in the day-to-day operations of an agency who have completed the required training
107.28 as an employee with a CFSS agency-provider do not need to repeat the required training if
107.29 they are hired by another agency and they have completed the training within the past three
107.30 years. CFSS agency-provider billing staff shall complete training about CFSS program
107.31 financial management. Any new owners or employees in management and supervisory
107.32 positions involved in the day-to-day operations are required to complete mandatory training
107.33 as a requisite of working for the agency.

108.1 (d) Agency-providers shall submit all required documentation in this section within 30
108.2 days of notification from the commissioner. If an agency-provider fails to submit all the
108.3 required documentation, the commissioner may take action under subdivision 23a.

108.4 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.85, subdivision 17a, is
108.5 amended to read:

108.6 Subd. 17a. **Consultation services provider qualifications and**
108.7 **requirements.** Consultation services providers must meet the following qualifications and
108.8 requirements:

108.9 (1) meet the requirements under subdivision 10, paragraph (a), excluding clauses (4)
108.10 and (5);

108.11 (2) be under contract with the department and enrolled as a Minnesota health care program
108.12 provider;

108.13 (3) not be the FMS provider, the lead agency, or the CFSS or home and community-based
108.14 services waiver vendor or agency-provider to the participant;

108.15 (4) meet the service standards as established by the commissioner;

108.16 (5) have proof of surety bond coverage. Upon new enrollment, or if the consultation
108.17 service provider's Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is less than or equal to
108.18 \$300,000, the consultation service provider must purchase a surety bond of \$50,000. If the
108.19 agency-provider's Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is greater than \$300,000,
108.20 the consultation service provider must purchase a surety bond of \$100,000. The surety bond
108.21 must be in a form approved by the commissioner, must be ~~renewed~~ purchased new annually,
108.22 and must allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action
108.23 to obtain monetary recovery or sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years
108.24 from the date the debt is affirmed by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final
108.25 when the right to appeal the debt has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under
108.26 section 256B.064;

108.27 (6) employ lead professional staff with a minimum of two years of experience in
108.28 providing services such as support planning, support broker, case management or care
108.29 coordination, or consultation services and consumer education to participants using a
108.30 self-directed program using FMS under medical assistance;

108.31 (7) report maltreatment as required under chapter 260E and section 626.557;

108.32 (8) comply with medical assistance provider requirements;

109.1 (9) understand the CFSS program and its policies;

109.2 (10) be knowledgeable about self-directed principles and the application of the
109.3 person-centered planning process;

109.4 (11) have general knowledge of the FMS provider duties and the vendor fiscal/employer
109.5 agent model, including all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding
109.6 tax, labor, employment, and liability and workers' compensation coverage for household
109.7 workers; and

109.8 (12) have all employees, including lead professional staff, staff in management and
109.9 supervisory positions, and owners of the agency who are active in the day-to-day management
109.10 and operations of the agency, complete training as specified in the contract with the
109.11 department.

109.12 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 260E.03, subdivision 6, is amended
109.13 to read:

109.14 Subd. 6. **Facility.** "Facility" means:

109.15 (1) a licensed or unlicensed day care facility, certified license-exempt child care center,
109.16 residential facility, agency, psychiatric residential treatment facility, hospital, sanitarium,
109.17 or other facility or institution required to be licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58,
109.18 241.021, or 245A.01 to 245A.16, or chapter 142B, 142C, 144H, or 245D;

109.19 (2) a school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, and 13; and chapter 124E;
109.20 or

109.21 (3) a nonlicensed personal care provider organization as defined in section 256B.0625,
109.22 subdivision 19a.

109.23 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 260E.11, subdivision 1, is amended
109.24 to read:

109.25 Subdivision 1. **Reports of maltreatment in facility.** A person mandated to report child
109.26 maltreatment occurring within a licensed facility shall report the information to the agency
109.27 responsible for licensing or certifying the facility under sections 144.50 to 144.58, 241.021,
109.28 and 245A.01 to 245A.16 or chapter 142B, 142C, 144H, or 245D or to a nonlicensed personal
109.29 care provider organization as defined in section 256B.0625, subdivision 19a. A person
109.30 mandated to report child maltreatment occurring within a federally certified psychiatric
109.31 residential treatment facility must report the information to the Department of Health.

110.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 260E.14, subdivision 1, is amended
110.2 to read:

110.3 Subdivision 1. **Facilities and schools.** (a) The local welfare agency is the agency
110.4 responsible for investigating allegations of maltreatment in child foster care, family child
110.5 care, legally nonlicensed child care, and reports involving children served by an unlicensed
110.6 personal care provider organization under section 256B.0659. Copies of findings related to
110.7 personal care provider organizations under section 256B.0659 must be forwarded to the
110.8 Department of Human Services provider enrollment.

110.9 (b) The Department of Human Services is the agency responsible for screening and
110.10 investigating allegations of maltreatment in juvenile correctional facilities listed under
110.11 section 241.021 located in the local welfare agency's county and in facilities licensed or
110.12 certified under chapters 245A and 245D, except federally certified psychiatric residential
110.13 treatment facilities.

110.14 (c) The Department of Health is the agency responsible for screening and investigating
110.15 allegations of maltreatment in facilities licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58 and 144A.43
110.16 to 144A.482 ~~or~~ chapter 144H, or federally certified as a psychiatric residential treatment
110.17 facility.

110.18 (d) The Department of Education is the agency responsible for screening and investigating
110.19 allegations of maltreatment in a school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11,
110.20 and 13, and chapter 124E. The Department of Education's responsibility to screen and
110.21 investigate includes allegations of maltreatment involving students 18 through 21 years of
110.22 age, including students receiving special education services, up to and including graduation
110.23 and the issuance of a secondary or high school diploma.

110.24 (e) The Department of Human Services is the agency responsible for screening and
110.25 investigating allegations of maltreatment of minors in an EIDBI agency operating under
110.26 sections 245A.142 and 256B.0949.

110.27 (f) A health or corrections agency receiving a report may request the local welfare agency
110.28 to provide assistance pursuant to this section and sections 260E.20 and 260E.22.

110.29 (g) The Department of Children, Youth, and Families is the agency responsible for
110.30 screening and investigating allegations of maltreatment in facilities or programs not listed
110.31 in paragraph (a) that are licensed or certified under chapters 142B and 142C.

111.1 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 626.5572, subdivision 13, is amended
111.2 to read:

111.3 Subd. 13. **Lead investigative agency.** "Lead investigative agency" is the primary
111.4 administrative agency responsible for investigating reports made under section 626.557.

111.5 (a) The Department of Health is the lead investigative agency for facilities or services
111.6 licensed or required to be licensed as hospitals, home care providers, nursing homes, boarding
111.7 care homes, hospice providers, residential facilities that are also federally certified as
111.8 intermediate care facilities that serve people with developmental disabilities, federally
111.9 certified psychiatric residential treatment facilities, or any other facility or service not listed
111.10 in this subdivision that is licensed or required to be licensed by the Department of Health
111.11 for the care of vulnerable adults. "Home care provider" has the meaning provided in section
111.12 144A.43, subdivision 4, and applies when care or services are delivered in the vulnerable
111.13 adult's home.

111.14 (b) The Department of Human Services is the lead investigative agency for facilities or
111.15 services licensed or required to be licensed as adult day care, adult foster care, community
111.16 residential settings, programs for people with disabilities, EIDBI agencies, family adult day
111.17 services, mental health programs, mental health clinics, substance use disorder programs,
111.18 the Minnesota Sex Offender Program, or any other facility or service not listed in this
111.19 subdivision that is licensed or required to be licensed by the Department of Human Services,
111.20 except federally certified psychiatric residential treatment facilities. The Department of
111.21 Human Services is also the lead investigative agency for unlicensed EIDBI agencies under
111.22 section 256B.0949.

111.23 (c) The county social service agency or its designee is the lead investigative agency for
111.24 all other reports, including but not limited to reports involving vulnerable adults receiving
111.25 services from a personal care provider organization under section 256B.0659.

111.26 Sec. 35. **NEW BACKGROUND STUDIES FOR INDIVIDUALS NOT IN NETSTUDY**
111.27 **2.0.**

111.28 By March 1, 2027, the commissioner of human services and counties must conduct new
111.29 background studies for all individuals specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 245C.03,
111.30 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) to (6), and affiliated with a child foster family
111.31 setting license holder, adult foster care or family adult day services and with a family child
111.32 care license holder, or a legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under Minnesota
111.33 Statutes, chapter 142E. The commissioner and counties must follow the requirements in
111.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 245C.04, subdivision 1, paragraphs (e) and (f), when conducting

112.1 the background studies under this section. The new background studies must be submitted
112.2 through NETStudy 2.0.

112.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2026.

112.4 Sec. 36. **REPEALER.**

112.5 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.10, subdivision 3a, is repealed.

112.6 (b) Minnesota Rules, part 9505.2165, subpart 4, is repealed.

112.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective October 1, 2026.

112.8 **ARTICLE 3**

112.9 **BACKGROUND STUDIES**

112.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.02, subdivision 15a, is
112.11 amended to read:

112.12 Subd. 15a. **Reasonable cause to require a national criminal history record check.** (a)
112.13 "Reasonable cause to require a national criminal history record check" means information
112.14 or circumstances exist that provide the commissioner with articulable suspicion that further
112.15 pertinent information may exist concerning a background study subject that merits conducting
112.16 a national criminal history record check on that subject. The commissioner has reasonable
112.17 cause to require a national criminal history record check when:

112.18 (1) information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension indicates that the subject is
112.19 a multistate offender;

112.20 (2) information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension indicates that multistate
112.21 offender status is undetermined;

112.22 (3) the commissioner has received a report from the subject or a third party indicating
112.23 that the subject has a criminal history in a jurisdiction other than Minnesota; or

112.24 (4) information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for a state-based name and
112.25 date of birth background study in which the subject is a minor that indicates that the subject
112.26 has a criminal history.

112.27 (b) In addition to the circumstances described in paragraph (a), the commissioner has
112.28 reasonable cause to require a national criminal history record check if the subject is not
112.29 currently residing in Minnesota or resided in a jurisdiction other than Minnesota during the
112.30 previous five years.

113.1 (c) Reasonable cause to require a national criminal history check does not apply to family
113.2 child foster care ~~or~~, adoption, adult day services, or adult foster care studies.

113.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 25, 2028.

113.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.03, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

113.5 Subd. 3a. **Personal care assistance provider agency; background studies.** Personal
113.6 care assistance provider agencies enrolled to provide personal care assistance services under
113.7 the medical assistance program must meet the following requirements:

113.8 (1) owners who have a five percent interest or more, board members, and all managing
113.9 employees are subject to a background study as provided in this chapter. This requirement
113.10 applies to currently enrolled personal care assistance provider agencies and agencies seeking
113.11 enrollment as a personal care assistance provider agency. "Managing employee" has the
113.12 same meaning as in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.101. An organization
113.13 is barred from enrollment if:

113.14 (i) the organization has not initiated background studies of owners and managing
113.15 employees; or

113.16 (ii) the organization has initiated background studies of owners and managing employees
113.17 and the commissioner has sent the organization a notice that an owner or managing employee
113.18 of the organization has been disqualified under section 245C.14, and the owner or managing
113.19 employee has not received a set aside of the disqualification under section 245C.22; and

113.20 (2) a background study must be initiated and completed for all employee and volunteer
113.21 qualified professionals.

113.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 15, 2026.

113.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.03, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

113.24 Subd. 9. **Community first services and supports and financial management services**
113.25 **organizations.** Individuals affiliated with Community First Services and Supports (CFSS)
113.26 agency-providers and Financial Management Services (FMS) providers enrolled to provide
113.27 CFSS services under the medical assistance program must meet the following requirements:

113.28 (1) owners who have a five percent interest or more, board members, and all managing
113.29 employees are subject to a background study under this chapter. This requirement applies
113.30 to currently enrolled providers and agencies seeking enrollment. "Managing employee" has

114.1 the meaning given in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.101. An organization
114.2 is barred from enrollment if:

114.3 (i) the organization has not initiated background studies of owners and managing
114.4 employees; or

114.5 (ii) the organization has initiated background studies of owners and managing employees
114.6 and the commissioner has sent the organization a notice that an owner or managing employee
114.7 of the organization has been disqualified under section 245C.14 and the owner or managing
114.8 employee has not received a set aside of the disqualification under section 245C.22;

114.9 (2) a background study must be initiated and completed for all staff employees or
114.10 volunteers who will have direct contact with the participant to provide worker training and
114.11 development; and

114.12 (3) a background study must be initiated and completed for all employee and volunteer
114.13 support workers.

114.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 15, 2026.

114.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
114.16 read:

114.17 **Subd. 17. Providers of adult rehabilitative mental health services.** The commissioner
114.18 shall conduct background studies on any individual who is an owner with an ownership
114.19 stake of at least five percent in an adult rehabilitative mental health services provider, an
114.20 operator of an adult rehabilitative mental health services provider, or an employee or
114.21 volunteer who has direct contact with people receiving adult rehabilitative mental health
114.22 services under section 256B.0623. For the purposes of this subdivision, "operator" includes
114.23 board members or other individuals who oversee the billing, management, or policies of
114.24 the services provided.

114.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon implementation in NETStudy 2.0,
114.26 but no sooner than October 13, 2026.

114.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
114.28 read:

114.29 **Subd. 18. Providers of peer recovery support services.** The commissioner shall conduct
114.30 background studies on any individual who is an owner with an ownership stake of at least
114.31 five percent in a peer recovery support services provider, an operator of a peer recovery
114.32 support services provider, or an employee or volunteer who has direct contact with people

115.1 receiving peer recovery support services under section 254B.052. For the purposes of this
115.2 subdivision, "operator" includes board members or other individuals who oversee the billing,
115.3 management, or policies of the services provided.

115.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon implementation in NETStudy 2.0,
115.5 but no sooner than December 15, 2026.

115.6 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
115.7 read:

115.8 **Subd. 19. Providers of adult assertive community treatment services.** The
115.9 commissioner shall conduct background studies on any individual who is an owner with an
115.10 ownership stake of at least five percent in an adult assertive community treatment services
115.11 provider, an operator of an adult assertive community treatment services provider, or an
115.12 employee or volunteer who has direct contact with people receiving adult assertive
115.13 community treatment services under section 256B.0622. For the purposes of this subdivision,
115.14 "operator" includes board members or other individuals who oversee the billing, management,
115.15 or policies of the services provided.

115.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon implementation in NETStudy 2.0,
115.17 but no sooner than February 16, 2027.

115.18 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.05, subdivision 5, is amended
115.19 to read:

115.20 **Subd. 5. Fingerprints and photograph.** (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), for
115.21 background studies conducted by the commissioner for current or prospective child foster
115.22 or adoptive parents, and for any adult working in a children's residential facility, the subject
115.23 of the background study shall provide the commissioner with a set of classifiable fingerprints
115.24 obtained from an authorized agency for a national criminal history record check.

115.25 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), for background studies conducted by the commissioner
115.26 for Head Start programs, the subject of the background study shall provide the commissioner
115.27 with a set of classifiable fingerprints obtained from an authorized agency for a national
115.28 criminal history record check.

115.29 (c) For background studies initiated on or after the implementation of NETStudy 2.0,
115.30 except as provided under subdivision 5a, every subject of a background study must provide
115.31 the commissioner with a set of the background study subject's classifiable fingerprints and
115.32 photograph. The photograph and fingerprints must be recorded at the same time by the

116.1 authorized fingerprint collection vendor or vendors and sent to the commissioner through
116.2 the commissioner's secure data system described in section 245C.32, subdivision 1a,
116.3 paragraph (b).

116.4 (d) The fingerprints shall be submitted by the commissioner to the Bureau of Criminal
116.5 Apprehension and, when specifically required by law, submitted to the Federal Bureau of
116.6 Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

116.7 (e) The fingerprints must not be retained by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau
116.8 of Criminal Apprehension, or the commissioner. The Federal Bureau of Investigation will
116.9 not retain background study subjects' fingerprints.

116.10 (f) The authorized fingerprint collection vendor or vendors shall, for purposes of verifying
116.11 the identity of the background study subject, be able to view the identifying information
116.12 entered into NETStudy 2.0 by the entity that initiated the background study, but shall not
116.13 retain the subject's fingerprints, photograph, or information from NETStudy 2.0. The
116.14 authorized fingerprint collection vendor or vendors shall retain no more than the name and
116.15 date and time the subject's fingerprints were recorded and sent, only as necessary for auditing
116.16 and billing activities.

116.17 (g) For any background study conducted under this chapter, except for family child
116.18 foster care ~~or~~, adoption, adult day services, or adult foster care studies, the subject shall
116.19 provide the commissioner with a set of classifiable fingerprints when the commissioner has
116.20 reasonable cause to require a national criminal history record check as defined in section
116.21 245C.02, subdivision 15a.

116.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 25, 2028.

116.23 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.13, subdivision 2, is amended
116.24 to read:

116.25 Subd. 2. **Activities pending completion of background study.** The subject of a
116.26 background study may not perform any activity requiring a background study under
116.27 paragraph (c) until the commissioner has issued one of the notices under paragraph (a).

116.28 (a) Notices from the commissioner required prior to activity under paragraph (c) include:

116.29 (1) a notice of the study results under section 245C.17 stating that:

116.30 (i) the individual is not disqualified; or

116.31 (ii) more time is needed to complete the study but the individual is not required to be
116.32 removed from direct contact or access to people receiving services prior to completion of

117.1 the study as provided under section 245C.17, subdivision 1, paragraph (b) or (c). The notice
117.2 that more time is needed to complete the study must also indicate whether the individual is
117.3 required to be under continuous direct supervision prior to completion of the background
117.4 study. When more time is necessary to complete a background study of an individual
117.5 affiliated with a Title IV-E eligible children's residential facility or foster residence setting,
117.6 the individual may not work in the facility or setting regardless of whether or not the
117.7 individual is supervised;

117.8 (2) a notice that a disqualification has been set aside under section 245C.23; or

117.9 (3) a notice that a variance has been granted related to the individual under section
117.10 245C.30.

117.11 (b) For a background study affiliated with a licensed child care center or certified
117.12 license-exempt child care center, the notice sent under paragraph (a), clause (1), item (ii),
117.13 must not be issued until the commissioner receives a qualifying result for the individual for
117.14 the fingerprint-based national criminal history record check or the fingerprint-based criminal
117.15 history information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The notice must require
117.16 the individual to be under continuous direct supervision prior to completion of the remainder
117.17 of the background study except as permitted in subdivision 3.

117.18 (c) Activities prohibited prior to receipt of notice under paragraph (a) include:

117.19 (1) being issued a license;

117.20 (2) living in the household where the licensed program will be provided;

117.21 (3) providing direct contact services to persons served by a program unless the subject
117.22 is under continuous direct supervision;

117.23 (4) having access to persons receiving services if the background study was completed
117.24 under section 144.057, subdivision 1, or 245C.03, ~~subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2),~~
117.25 ~~(5), or (6),~~ unless the subject is under continuous direct supervision;

117.26 (5) for licensed child care centers and certified license-exempt child care centers,
117.27 providing direct contact services to persons served by the program;

117.28 (6) for children's residential facilities or foster residence settings, working in the facility
117.29 or setting; or

117.30 (7) for background studies affiliated with a personal care provider organization, ~~except~~
117.31 ~~as provided in section 245C.03, subdivision 3b,~~ early intensive developmental and behavioral
117.32 intervention provider, housing support or supplementary services provider, special

118.1 transportation services provider, or community first services and supports provider before
118.2 ~~a personal care assistant~~ an individual provides services, the ~~personal care assistance provider~~
118.3 ~~agency entity~~ must initiate a background study of the ~~personal care assistant~~ individual
118.4 under this chapter and the ~~personal care assistance provider agency entity~~ must have received
118.5 a notice from the commissioner that the ~~personal care assistant~~ individual is:

118.6 (i) not disqualified under section 245C.14; or

118.7 (ii) disqualified, but the ~~personal care assistant~~ individual has received a set aside of the
118.8 disqualification under section 245C.22; ~~or.~~

118.9 ~~(8) for background studies affiliated with an early intensive developmental and behavioral~~
118.10 ~~intervention provider, before an individual provides services, the early intensive~~
118.11 ~~developmental and behavioral intervention provider must initiate a background study for~~
118.12 ~~the individual under this chapter and the early intensive developmental and behavioral~~
118.13 ~~intervention provider must have received a notice from the commissioner that the individual~~
118.14 ~~is:~~

118.15 ~~(i) not disqualified under section 245C.14; or~~

118.16 ~~(ii) disqualified, but the individual has received a set aside of the disqualification under~~
118.17 ~~section 245C.22.~~

118.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 15, 2026.

118.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.16, subdivision 1, is amended
118.20 to read:

118.21 Subdivision 1. **Determining immediate risk of harm.** (a) If the commissioner determines
118.22 that the individual studied has a disqualifying characteristic, the commissioner shall review
118.23 the information immediately available and make a determination as to the subject's immediate
118.24 risk of harm to persons served by the program where the individual studied will have direct
118.25 contact with, or access to, people receiving services.

118.26 (b) The commissioner shall consider all relevant information available, including the
118.27 following factors in determining the immediate risk of harm:

118.28 (1) the recency of the disqualifying characteristic;

118.29 (2) the recency of discharge from probation for the crimes;

118.30 (3) the number of disqualifying characteristics;

118.31 (4) the intrusiveness or violence of the disqualifying characteristic;

- 119.1 (5) the vulnerability of the victim involved in the disqualifying characteristic;
- 119.2 (6) the similarity of the victim to the persons served by the program where the individual
119.3 studied will have direct contact;
- 119.4 (7) whether the individual has a disqualification from a previous background study that
119.5 has not been set aside;
- 119.6 (8) if the individual has a disqualification which may not be set aside because it is a
119.7 permanent bar under section 245C.24, subdivision 1, or the individual is a child care
119.8 background study subject who has a felony-level conviction for a drug-related offense in
119.9 the last five years, the commissioner may order the immediate removal of the individual
119.10 from any position allowing direct contact with, or access to, persons receiving services from
119.11 the program and from working in a children's residential facility or foster residence setting;
119.12 and
- 119.13 (9) if the individual has a disqualification which may not be set aside because it is a
119.14 permanent bar under section 245C.24, subdivision 2, or the individual is a child care
119.15 background study subject who has a felony-level conviction for a drug-related offense during
119.16 the last five years, the commissioner may order the immediate removal of the individual
119.17 from any position allowing direct contact with or access to persons receiving services from
119.18 the center and from working in a licensed child care center or certified license-exempt child
119.19 care center.
- 119.20 (c) This section does not apply when the subject of a background study is regulated by
119.21 a health-related licensing board as defined in chapter 214, and the subject is determined to
119.22 be responsible for substantiated maltreatment under section 626.557 or chapter 260E.
- 119.23 (d) This section does not apply to a background study related to an initial application
119.24 for a child foster family setting license.
- 119.25 (e) Except for paragraph (f), this section does not apply to a background study that is
119.26 also subject to the requirements under section ~~256B.0659, subdivisions 11 and 13, for a~~
119.27 ~~personal care assistant or a qualified professional as defined in section 256B.0659,~~
119.28 ~~subdivision 1, or to a background study for an individual providing early intensive~~
119.29 ~~developmental and behavioral intervention services under section 256B.0949~~ 245C.13,
119.30 subdivision 2, paragraph (c), clause (7).
- 119.31 (f) If the commissioner has reason to believe, based on arrest information or an active
119.32 maltreatment investigation, that an individual poses an imminent risk of harm to persons
119.33 receiving services, the commissioner may order that the person be continuously supervised

120.1 or immediately removed pending the conclusion of the maltreatment investigation or criminal
120.2 proceedings.

120.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 15, 2026.

120.4 **ARTICLE 4**

120.5 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

120.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 254B.0503, subdivision 1, is
120.7 amended to read:

120.8 Subdivision 1. **Eligible vendor requirements.** (a) Vendors of room and board are
120.9 eligible for behavioral health fund payment if the vendor:

120.10 (1) has rules prohibiting residents bringing chemicals into the facility or using chemicals
120.11 while residing in the facility and provide consequences for infractions of those rules;

120.12 (2) is determined to meet applicable health and safety requirements;

120.13 (3) is not a jail or prison;

120.14 (4) is not concurrently receiving funds under chapter 256I for the recipient;

120.15 (5) admits individuals who are 18 years of age or older;

120.16 (6) is registered as a board and lodging or lodging establishment according to section
120.17 157.17;

120.18 (7) has awake staff on site whenever a client is present;

120.19 (8) has staff who are at least 18 years of age and meet the requirements of section
120.20 245G.11, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

120.21 (9) has emergency behavioral procedures that meet the requirements of section 245G.16;

120.22 (10) meets the requirements of section 245G.08, subdivision 5, if administering
120.23 medications to clients;

120.24 (11) meets the abuse prevention requirements of section 245A.65, including a policy on
120.25 fraternization and the mandatory reporting requirements of section 626.557;

120.26 (12) documents coordination with the treatment provider to ensure compliance with
120.27 section 254B.03, subdivision 2;

120.28 (13) protects client funds and ensures freedom from exploitation by meeting the
120.29 provisions of section 245A.04, subdivision 13;

121.1 (14) has a grievance procedure that meets the requirements of section 245G.15,
121.2 subdivision 2; and

121.3 (15) has sleeping and bathroom facilities for men and women separated by a door that
121.4 is locked, has an alarm, or is supervised by awake staff.

121.5 (b) Programs providing children's mental health crisis admissions and stabilization under
121.6 section 245.4882, subdivision 6, are eligible vendors of room and board.

121.7 (c) Programs providing children's residential services under section 245.4882, except
121.8 services for individuals who have a placement under chapter 260C or 260D, are eligible
121.9 vendors of room and board.

121.10 (d) A vendor that is not licensed as a residential treatment program must have a policy
121.11 to address staffing coverage when a client may unexpectedly need to be present at the room
121.12 and board site.

121.13 (e) No new vendors for room and board services may be approved after June 30, 2025,
121.14 to receive payments from the behavioral health fund, under the provisions of section 254B.04,
121.15 subdivision 2a. Room and board vendors that were approved and operating prior to July 1,
121.16 2025, may continue to receive payments from the behavioral health fund for services provided
121.17 until ~~June 30, 2027~~ December 31, 2026. Room and board vendors providing services in
121.18 accordance with section 254B.04, subdivision 2a, will no longer be eligible to claim
121.19 reimbursement for room and board services provided on or after ~~July~~ January 1, 2027.

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

121.21 Sec. 2. **[256B.0618] COVERAGE FOR DETAINED INDIVIDUALS.**

121.22 (a) An inmate of a correctional facility who is conditionally released under section
121.23 241.26, 244.065, or 631.425 is eligible for medical assistance if the individual:

121.24 (1) does not require the security of a public detention facility and is housed:

121.25 (i) in a halfway house or community correction center; or

121.26 (ii) under house arrest and monitored by electronic surveillance in a residence approved
121.27 by the commissioner of corrections; and

121.28 (2) meets all other eligibility requirements of this chapter.

121.29 (b) An individual, regardless of age, who is considered an inmate of a public institution
121.30 as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 435.1010, and who meets the

122.1 eligibility requirements in section 256B.056 is not eligible for medical assistance, except
122.2 for covered medical assistance services received:

122.3 (1) while an inpatient in a medical institution as defined in Code of Federal Regulations,
122.4 title 42, section 435.1010;

122.5 (2) by an eligible juvenile in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
122.6 2023, Public Law 117-328, part 5121; and

122.7 (3) by an eligible individual under with section 256B.0761.

122.8 (c) Security logistics and costs related to the inpatient treatment of an inmate are the
122.9 responsibility of the entity that has jurisdiction over the inmate.

122.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

122.11 Sec. 3. **[256B.0619] CARCERAL TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

122.12 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** Effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever
122.13 is later, medical assistance covers carceral targeted case management services in accordance
122.14 with section 256B.0761 and United States Code, title 42, sections 1396a(a)(84); 1396d(a)(32);
122.15 1397bb(d); and 1397jj(b)(2) and (7).

122.16 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
122.17 meanings given.

122.18 (b) "Comprehensive care plan" means a person-centered plan that includes goals, tasks,
122.19 and services identified through screening and assessments and agreed upon by all parties.
122.20 A comprehensive care plan includes but is not limited to identifying resources and services
122.21 necessary to meet the individual's physical, behavioral health, and health-related social
122.22 needs prerelease and postrelease.

122.23 (c) "Consultation" means communication from a carceral targeted case manager to other
122.24 providers working with the same justice-involved individual to (1) inform, inquire, and
122.25 instruct providers on the individual's symptoms, strategies for effective engagement, care
122.26 and intervention needs, and treatment expectations across service settings, and (2) direct
122.27 and coordinate clinical service components provided to the justice-involved individual.
122.28 Service settings and components include but are not limited to education services, social
122.29 services, probation, an individual's home, primary care, medication prescribers, disabilities
122.30 services, and services from other mental health providers.

122.31 (d) "Targeted case management for justice-involved individuals" means the provision
122.32 of both county targeted case management and public or private vendor service coordination

123.1 services to bridge prerelease and postrelease medical assistance services that support the
123.2 physical, behavioral, and health-related social needs of justice-involved individuals.

123.3 (e) "Targeted case management services" means services that assist medical assistance
123.4 eligible persons with accessing needed medical, social, educational, and other services.

123.5 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** The following individuals are eligible for carceral targeted case
123.6 management services:

123.7 (1) individuals eligible for medical assistance who meet all eligibility requirements under
123.8 United States Code, title 42, section 1396a(nn);

123.9 (2) individuals eligible for medical assistance who meet eligibility requirements for the
123.10 Children's Health Insurance Program under United States Code, title 42, section 1397jj(b)(7);
123.11 or

123.12 (3) individuals eligible for medical assistance who are currently incarcerated at a section
123.13 1115 reentry demonstration pilot facility and meet the participation requirements in section
123.14 256B.0761, subdivision 2.

123.15 Subd. 4. **Carceral targeted case management services.** (a) For individuals eligible for
123.16 services under subdivision 3, clause (1) or (2), carceral targeted case management care
123.17 coordination is available for 30 days before release and up to 180 days postrelease. For
123.18 individuals eligible for services under subdivision 3, clause (3), carceral targeted case
123.19 management care coordination is available for up to 90 days before release and up to 180
123.20 days postrelease.

123.21 (b) Carceral targeted case management care coordination includes:

123.22 (1) comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment addressing physical, behavioral,
123.23 and health-related social needs in accordance with section 256B.0761 and United States
123.24 Code, title 42, sections 1396a(nn) and 1397jj(b)(7);

123.25 (2) comprehensive care plans, including but not limited to:

123.26 (i) the desired goals of the individual;

123.27 (ii) the individual's preferences for services and supports;

123.28 (iii) formal and informal services and supports based on areas of assessment, such as
123.29 social health, mental health, residence, family, education and vocation, safety, legal,
123.30 self-determination, financial, and chemical health; and

123.31 (iv) housing arrangements postrelease;

124.1 (3) regular review and revision of the comprehensive care plan with the individual to
124.2 ensure needs are adequately met by referrals and supports;

124.3 (4) coordination of referrals, which must consist of efforts beyond providing a list of
124.4 resources, to bridge prerelease to postrelease medical assistance services, including but not
124.5 limited to referrals to community-based services identified as a need on the comprehensive
124.6 care plan;

124.7 (5) warm handoffs and follow-up post release;

124.8 (6) monitoring and evaluation of services identified in the comprehensive care plan to
124.9 ensure personal outcomes are met and to ensure satisfaction with services and service
124.10 delivery;

124.11 (7) consultation with other professionals, including but not limited to community-based
124.12 mental health providers; and

124.13 (8) completion and maintenance of necessary documentation that supports and verifies
124.14 the activities in this section.

124.15 Subd. 5. **Carceral targeted case management provider standards.** Providers eligible
124.16 to receive medical assistance reimbursement under this section must enroll as a Minnesota
124.17 health care programs provider. To qualify as a provider of carceral targeted case management
124.18 services, a provider must:

124.19 (1) have a minimum of a bachelor's degree or a license in a health or human services
124.20 field, comparable training and two years of experience in human services, or credentials
124.21 from an American Indian Tribe under section 256B.02, subdivision 7;

124.22 (2) demonstrate the capacity and experience to provide targeted case management
124.23 activities for justice-involved individuals as defined in subdivision 2;

124.24 (3) be able to coordinate and connect community resources needed by the recipient;

124.25 (4) demonstrate administrative capacity and experience to serve the justice-involved
124.26 population for which the provider will provide services and to ensure quality of services
124.27 under state and federal requirements;

124.28 (5) have a financial management system that provides accurate documentation of services
124.29 and costs under state and federal requirements;

124.30 (6) demonstrate capacity to document and maintain individual case records under state
124.31 and federal requirements;

124.32 (7) demonstrate the capacity to coordinate with county administrative functions;

125.1 (8) be able to coordinate with health care providers to ensure access to necessary health
 125.2 care services;

125.3 (9) have a procedure that:

125.4 (i) notifies the recipient of any conflict of interest if the targeted case management service
 125.5 provider also provides the recipient's services and supports;

125.6 (ii) provides information on all potential conflicts of interest;

125.7 (iii) obtains the recipient's informed consent; and

125.8 (iv) provides the recipient with alternatives; and

125.9 (10) demonstrate the capacity to achieve the following performance outcomes: (i) access;
 125.10 (ii) quality; and (iii) consumer satisfaction.

125.11 Subd. 6. **Medical assistance payment and rate setting.** (a) Carceral targeted case
 125.12 management rates are equal to rates authorized by the commissioner for relocation targeted
 125.13 case management under section 256B.0621, subdivision 10.

125.14 (b) The carceral targeted case management rate only includes eligible services delivered
 125.15 to an eligible recipient by an eligible provider.

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

125.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision
 125.18 to read:

125.19 Subd. 77. **Carceral targeted case management.** Effective January 1, 2027, or upon
 125.20 federal approval, whichever is later, medical assistance covers carceral targeted case
 125.21 management services under 256B.0619.

125.22 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0761, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

125.23 Subd. 2. **Eligible individuals.** ~~Notwithstanding section 256B.055, subdivision 14,~~
 125.24 Individuals are eligible to receive services under this demonstration if they are eligible under
 125.25 section 256B.055, subdivision 3a, 6, 7, 7a, 9, 15, 16, or 17, as determined by the
 125.26 commissioner in collaboration with correctional facilities, local governments, and Tribal
 125.27 governments.

125.28 Sec. 6. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 2, the effective date,
 125.29 is amended to read:

125.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, 2027 2026.

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

126.2 Sec. 7. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 23, the effective date,
126.3 is amended to read:

126.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, 2027 2026.

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

126.6 Sec. 8. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 38, the effective date,
126.7 is amended to read:

126.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, 2027 2026.

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

126.10 Sec. 9. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 39, the effective date,
126.11 is amended to read:

126.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, 2027 2026.

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

126.14 Sec. 10. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 40, the effective
126.15 date, is amended to read:

126.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, 2027 2026.

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

126.18 Sec. 11. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 41, the effective
126.19 date, is amended to read:

126.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, 2027 2026.

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

126.22 Sec. 12. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 42, the effective
126.23 date, is amended to read:

126.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, 2027 2026.

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

127.1 Sec. 13. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 43, the effective
127.2 date, is amended to read:

127.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, ~~2027~~ 2026.

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

127.5 Sec. 14. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 44, the effective
127.6 date, is amended to read:

127.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, ~~2027~~ 2026.

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

127.9 Sec. 15. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 50, the effective
127.10 date, is amended to read:

127.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~January~~ July 1, ~~2027~~ 2026.

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

127.13 Sec. 16. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 51, is amended to
127.14 read:

127.15 Sec. 51. **RECOVERY RESIDENCE WORK GROUP.**

127.16 (a) The commissioner of human services must convene a work group to develop
127.17 recommendations specific to recovery residences. The work group must:

127.18 (1) produce a report that examines how other states fund recovery residences, identifying
127.19 best practices and models that could be applicable to Minnesota;

127.20 (2) engage with stakeholders to ensure meaningful collaboration with key external
127.21 stakeholders on the ideas being developed that will inform the final plan and
127.22 recommendations; and

127.23 (3) create an implementable plan addressing housing needs for individuals in outpatient
127.24 substance use disorder treatment that includes:

127.25 (i) clear strategies for aligning housing models with individual treatment needs;

127.26 (ii) an assessment of funding streams, including potential federal funding sources;

127.27 (iii) a timeline for implementation with key milestones and action steps;

128.1 (iv) recommendations for future resource allocation to ensure long-term housing stability
128.2 for individuals in recovery;

128.3 (v) specific recommendations for policy or legislative changes that may be required to
128.4 support sustainable recovery housing solutions, including challenges faced by recovery
128.5 residences resulting from state and local housing regulations and ordinances; and

128.6 (vi) recommendations for potentially delegating the commissioner's recovery residence
128.7 certification duties under Minnesota Statutes, sections 254B.21 to 254B.216 to a third-party
128.8 organization.

128.9 (b) The work group must include but is not limited to:

128.10 (1) at least two designees from the Department of Human Services representing: (i)
128.11 behavioral health; and (ii) homelessness and housing and support services;

128.12 (2) the commissioner of health or a designee;

128.13 (3) two people who have experience living in a recovery residence;

128.14 (4) representatives from at least three substance use disorder lodging facilities currently
128.15 operating in Minnesota;

128.16 (5) three representatives from county social services agencies, at least one from inside
128.17 the seven-county metropolitan area and one from outside the seven-county metropolitan
128.18 area;

128.19 (6) a representative from a Tribal social services agency;

128.20 (7) representatives from the state affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery
128.21 Residences; and

128.22 (8) representatives from state mental health advocacy and adult mental health provider
128.23 organizations.

128.24 (c) The work group must meet at least monthly and as necessary to fulfill its
128.25 responsibilities. The commissioner of human services must provide administrative support
128.26 and meeting space for the work group. The work group may conduct meetings remotely.

128.27 (d) The commissioner of human services must make appointments to the work group
128.28 by October 1, 2025, and convene the first meeting of the work group by January 15, 2026.

128.29 (e) The work group must submit a final report with recommendations to the chairs and
128.30 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and
128.31 human services policy and finance on or before ~~January~~ July 1, 2027 2026.

129.1 Sec. 17. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; CARCERAL TARGETED CASE**
129.2 **MANAGEMENT SERVICES BILLING UNITS.**

129.3 The commissioner of human services must establish a new billing code for carceral
129.4 targeted case management services. The commissioner must identify reimbursement rates
129.5 for the newly defined codes, as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0619,
129.6 subdivision 6. The new billing codes must correspond to a 15-minute unit and must be
129.7 available for 180 days postrelease.

129.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval,
129.9 whichever is later.

129.10 Sec. 18. **REPEALER.**

129.11 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.055, subdivision 14, is repealed.

129.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval,
129.13 whichever is later.

129.14 **ARTICLE 5**

129.15 **UNIFORM SERVICE STANDARDS**

129.16 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245.735, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

129.17 Subd. 6. **Section 223 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act entities.** ~~(a) The~~
129.18 ~~commissioner must request federal approval to participate in the demonstration program~~
129.19 ~~established by section 223 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act and, if approved, to~~
129.20 ~~continue to participate in the demonstration program as long as federal funding for the~~
129.21 ~~demonstration program remains available from the United States Department of Health and~~
129.22 ~~Human Services. To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall align the requirements~~
129.23 ~~of the demonstration program with the requirements under this section for CCBHCs receiving~~
129.24 ~~medical assistance reimbursement under the authority of the state's Medicaid state plan. A~~
129.25 ~~CCBHC may not apply to participate as a billing provider in both the CCBHC federal~~
129.26 ~~demonstration and the benefit for CCBHCs under the medical assistance program.~~

129.27 ~~(b) The commissioner must follow federal payment guidance, including payment of the~~
129.28 ~~CCBHC daily bundled rate for services rendered by CCBHCs to individuals who are dually~~
129.29 ~~eligible for Medicare and medical assistance when Medicare is the primary payer for the~~
129.30 ~~service. Services provided by a CCBHC operating under the authority of the state's Medicaid~~
129.31 ~~state plan will not receive the prospective payment system rate for services rendered by~~

130.1 ~~CCBHCs to individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and medical assistance when~~
130.2 ~~Medicare is the primary payer for the service.~~

130.3 (e) Payment for services rendered by CCBHCs to individuals who have commercial
130.4 insurance as the primary payer and medical assistance as secondary payer is subject to the
130.5 requirements under section 256B.37. Services provided by a CCBHC operating under the
130.6 authority of the 223 demonstration or the state's Medicaid state plan will not receive the
130.7 prospective payment system rate for services rendered by CCBHCs to individuals who have
130.8 commercial insurance as the primary payer and medical assistance as the secondary payer.

130.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.03, subdivision 2, is amended
130.10 to read:

130.11 Subd. 2. **Exclusion from licensure.** (a) This chapter does not apply to:

130.12 (1) residential or nonresidential programs that are provided to a person by an individual
130.13 who is related;

130.14 (2) nonresidential programs that are provided by an unrelated individual to persons from
130.15 a single related family;

130.16 (3) residential or nonresidential programs that are provided to adults who do not misuse
130.17 substances or have a substance use disorder, a mental illness, a developmental disability, a
130.18 functional impairment, or a physical disability;

130.19 (4) sheltered workshops or work activity programs that are certified by the commissioner
130.20 of employment and economic development;

130.21 (5) programs operated by a public school for children 33 months or older;

130.22 (6) nonresidential programs primarily for children that provide care or supervision for
130.23 periods of less than three hours a day while the child's parent or legal guardian is in the
130.24 same building as the nonresidential program or present within another building that is
130.25 directly contiguous to the building in which the nonresidential program is located;

130.26 (7) nursing homes or hospitals licensed by the commissioner of health except as specified
130.27 under section 245A.02;

130.28 (8) board and lodge facilities licensed by the commissioner of health that do not provide
130.29 children's residential services under Minnesota Rules, chapter 2960, mental health or
130.30 substance use disorder treatment;

130.31 (9) programs licensed by the commissioner of corrections;

- 131.1 (10) recreation programs for children or adults that are operated or approved by a park
131.2 and recreation board whose primary purpose is to provide social and recreational activities;
- 131.3 (11) noncertified boarding care homes unless they provide services for five or more
131.4 persons whose primary diagnosis is mental illness or a developmental disability;
- 131.5 (12) programs for children such as scouting, boys clubs, girls clubs, and sports and art
131.6 programs, and nonresidential programs for children provided for a cumulative total of less
131.7 than 30 days in any 12-month period;
- 131.8 (13) residential programs for persons with mental illness, that are located in hospitals;
- 131.9 (14) camps licensed by the commissioner of health under Minnesota Rules, chapter
131.10 4630;
- 131.11 (15) mental health outpatient services for adults with mental illness or children with
131.12 mental illness, except, effective January 1, 2028, for programs licensed under section
131.13 245A.044;
- 131.14 (16) residential programs serving school-age children whose sole purpose is cultural or
131.15 educational exchange, until the commissioner adopts appropriate rules;
- 131.16 (17) community support services programs as defined in section 245.462, subdivision
131.17 6, and family community support services as defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 17;
- 131.18 (18) assisted living facilities licensed by the commissioner of health under chapter 144G;
- 131.19 (19) substance use disorder treatment activities of licensed professionals in private
131.20 practice as defined in section 245G.01, subdivision 17;
- 131.21 (20) consumer-directed community support service funded under the Medicaid waiver
131.22 for persons with developmental disabilities when the individual who provided the service
131.23 is:
- 131.24 (i) the same individual who is the direct payee of these specific waiver funds or paid by
131.25 a fiscal agent, fiscal intermediary, or employer of record; and
- 131.26 (ii) not otherwise under the control of a residential or nonresidential program that is
131.27 required to be licensed under this chapter when providing the service;
- 131.28 (21) a county that is an eligible vendor under section 254B.0501 to provide care
131.29 coordination and comprehensive assessment services;
- 131.30 (22) a recovery community organization that is an eligible vendor under section
131.31 254B.0501 to provide peer recovery support services; or

132.1 (23) programs licensed by the commissioner of children, youth, and families in chapter
132.2 142B.

132.3 (b) For purposes of paragraph (a), clause (6), a building is directly contiguous to a
132.4 building in which a nonresidential program is located if it shares a common wall with the
132.5 building in which the nonresidential program is located or is attached to that building by
132.6 skyway, tunnel, atrium, or common roof.

132.7 (c) Except for the home and community-based services identified in section 245D.03,
132.8 subdivision 1, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require licensure for any services
132.9 provided and funded according to an approved federal waiver plan where licensure is
132.10 specifically identified as not being a condition for the services and funding.

132.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

132.12 Sec. 3. **[245A.044] LICENSED NONRESIDENTIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
132.13 **SERVICES.**

132.14 **Subdivision 1. License required for certain nonresidential behavioral health**
132.15 **services.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2028, providers of nonresidential mental health and
132.16 substance use disorder services must obtain a license under this chapter to provide:

132.17 (1) adult rehabilitative mental health services under section 245I.22;

132.18 (2) children's therapeutic services and supports in the community under section 245I.30
132.19 and children's day treatment under section 245I.31;

132.20 (3) crisis response services under section 245I.24; and

132.21 (4) certified community behavioral health clinic services under section 245I.17.

132.22 (b) As a condition of licensure, an applicant or license holder must demonstrate and
132.23 maintain verification of compliance with:

132.24 (1) licensing requirements under this chapter and chapter 245I; and

132.25 (2) applicable health care program requirements under Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.0170
132.26 to 9505.0475 and 9505.2160 to 9505.2245.

132.27 **Subd. 2. Implementation.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2027, the commissioner must begin
132.28 issuing licenses to providers listed in subdivision 1. The commissioner must transition
132.29 providers certified under section 245I.011 and listed in subdivision 1 into licensure with a
132.30 phased-in schedule determined by the commissioner. The commissioner must communicate

133.1 the implementation schedule to providers at least three months before the application is
133.2 made available.

133.3 (b) Applicants for licensure must have an approved certification under section 245I.011
133.4 at least 90 days before the date of the licensure application.

133.5 (c) A provider's certification under section 245I.011, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clauses
133.6 (2) to (4), or 6, paragraph (b), expires when the commissioner issues a decision on the
133.7 provider's license application.

133.8 (d) Upon licensure, a license holder must notify clients and staff of policies and
133.9 procedures outlined in the application.

133.10 (e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (c), subdivision 1, and sections 245I.17, 245I.22,
133.11 245I.24, 245I.30, and 245I.31, a provider listed under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses
133.12 (1) to (4), and certified under section 245I.011 may continue operating past January 1, 2028,
133.13 until the commissioner issues a licensing decision if the provider submitted an application
133.14 before January 1, 2028.

133.15 (f) If a provider fails to submit an application for licensure within the time frame in
133.16 paragraph (b), the commissioner must disenroll the provider from reimbursement for the
133.17 following services:

133.18 (1) adult rehabilitative mental health services under section 256B.0623;

133.19 (2) crisis response services under section 256B.0624;

133.20 (3) children's therapeutic services and supports under section 256B.0943; and

133.21 (4) certified community behavioral health clinics under section 256B.0625, subdivision
133.22 5m.

133.23 (g) The commissioner must disenroll a provider listed in paragraph (f) from medical
133.24 assistance if:

133.25 (1) the provider's licensing application has been denied or the license has been suspended
133.26 or revoked; and

133.27 (2) the provider appealed the application denial or the license suspension or revocation,
133.28 and the commissioner issued a final order on the appeal affirming the action.

133.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

134.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.10, subdivision 3, is amended
134.2 to read:

134.3 Subd. 3. **Application fee for initial license or certification.** (a) Except as provided in
134.4 paragraphs (c) ~~and~~, (d), and (f), for fees required under subdivision 1, an applicant for an
134.5 initial license or certification issued by the commissioner shall submit a \$2,100 application
134.6 fee with each new application required under this subdivision. The application fee shall not
134.7 be prorated, is nonrefundable, and is in lieu of the annual license or certification fee that
134.8 expires on December 31. The commissioner shall not process an application until the
134.9 application fee is paid.

134.10 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), an applicant shall apply for a license to provide
134.11 services at a specific location.

134.12 (c) For a license to provide home and community-based services to persons with
134.13 disabilities or age 65 and older under chapter 245D, an applicant shall submit an application
134.14 to provide services statewide. For fees required under subdivision 1, an applicant for an
134.15 initial license issued by the commissioner to provide home and community-based services
134.16 under chapter 245D shall submit a \$4,200 application fee with each new application.

134.17 (d) For fees required under subdivision 1, an applicant for an initial license or certification
134.18 issued by the commissioner for children's residential facility ~~or mental health clinic licensure~~
134.19 ~~or certification~~ shall submit a \$500 application fee with each new application required under
134.20 this subdivision.

134.21 (e) For fees required under subdivision 1, an applicant for an initial mental health clinic
134.22 certification issued by the commissioner shall submit a \$2,100 application fee with each
134.23 new application required under this subdivision.

134.24 (f) For fees required under subdivision 1, an applicant for an initial license issued by
134.25 the commissioner to provide services at a certified community behavioral health clinic under
134.26 section 245I.17 shall submit a \$4,200 application fee with each new application.

134.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245A.10, subdivision 4, is amended
134.28 to read:

134.29 Subd. 4. **License or certification fee for certain programs.** (a)(1) A program licensed
134.30 to provide one or more of the home and community-based services and supports identified
134.31 under chapter 245D to persons with disabilities or age 65 and older, shall pay an annual
134.32 nonrefundable license fee based on revenues derived from the provision of services that

135.1 would require licensure under chapter 245D during the calendar year immediately preceding

135.2 the year in which the license fee is paid, according to the following schedule:

135.3	License Holder Annual Revenue	License Fee
135.4	less than or equal to \$10,000	\$250
135.5	greater than \$10,000 but less than or	
135.6	equal to \$25,000	\$375
135.7	greater than \$25,000 but less than or	
135.8	equal to \$50,000	\$500
135.9	greater than \$50,000 but less than or	
135.10	equal to \$100,000	\$625
135.11	greater than \$100,000 but less than or	
135.12	equal to \$150,000	\$750
135.13	greater than \$150,000 but less than or	
135.14	equal to \$200,000	\$1,000
135.15	greater than \$200,000 but less than or	
135.16	equal to \$250,000	\$1,250
135.17	greater than \$250,000 but less than or	
135.18	equal to \$300,000	\$1,500
135.19	greater than \$300,000 but less than or	
135.20	equal to \$350,000	\$1,750
135.21	greater than \$350,000 but less than or	
135.22	equal to \$400,000	\$2,000
135.23	greater than \$400,000 but less than or	
135.24	equal to \$450,000	\$2,250
135.25	greater than \$450,000 but less than or	
135.26	equal to \$500,000	\$2,500
135.27	greater than \$500,000 but less than or	
135.28	equal to \$600,000	\$2,850
135.29	greater than \$600,000 but less than or	
135.30	equal to \$700,000	\$3,200
135.31	greater than \$700,000 but less than or	
135.32	equal to \$800,000	\$3,600
135.33	greater than \$800,000 but less than or	
135.34	equal to \$900,000	\$3,900
135.35	greater than \$900,000 but less than or	
135.36	equal to \$1,000,000	\$4,250
135.37	greater than \$1,000,000 but less than or	
135.38	equal to \$1,250,000	\$4,550
135.39	greater than \$1,250,000 but less than or	
135.40	equal to \$1,500,000	\$4,900
135.41	greater than \$1,500,000 but less than or	
135.42	equal to \$1,750,000	\$5,200
135.43	greater than \$1,750,000 but less than or	
135.44	equal to \$2,000,000	\$5,500

136.1	greater than \$2,000,000 but less than or	
136.2	equal to \$2,500,000	\$5,900
136.3	greater than \$2,500,000 but less than or	
136.4	equal to \$3,000,000	\$6,200
136.5	greater than \$3,000,000 but less than or	
136.6	equal to \$3,500,000	\$6,500
136.7	greater than \$3,500,000 but less than or	
136.8	equal to \$4,000,000	\$7,200
136.9	greater than \$4,000,000 but less than or	
136.10	equal to \$4,500,000	\$7,800
136.11	greater than \$4,500,000 but less than or	
136.12	equal to \$5,000,000	\$9,000
136.13	greater than \$5,000,000 but less than or	
136.14	equal to \$7,500,000	\$10,000
136.15	greater than \$7,500,000 but less than or	
136.16	equal to \$10,000,000	\$14,000
136.17	greater than \$10,000,000 but less than or	
136.18	equal to \$12,500,000	\$18,000
136.19	greater than \$12,500,000 but less than or	
136.20	equal to \$15,000,000	\$25,000
136.21	greater than \$15,000,000 but less than or	
136.22	equal to \$17,500,000	\$28,000
136.23	greater than \$17,500,000 but less than	
136.24	\$20,000,000	\$32,000
136.25	greater than \$20,000,000 but less than	
136.26	\$25,000,000	\$36,000
136.27	greater than \$25,000,000 but less than	
136.28	\$30,000,000	\$45,000
136.29	greater than \$30,000,000 but less than	
136.30	\$35,000,000	\$55,000
136.31	greater than \$35,000,000	\$75,000

136.32 (2) If requested, the license holder shall provide the commissioner information to verify
136.33 the license holder's annual revenues or other information as needed, including copies of
136.34 documents submitted to the Department of Revenue.

136.35 (3) At each annual renewal, a license holder may elect to pay the highest renewal fee,
136.36 and not provide annual revenue information to the commissioner.

136.37 (4) A license holder that knowingly provides the commissioner incorrect revenue amounts
136.38 for the purpose of paying a lower license fee shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount
136.39 of double the fee the provider should have paid.

137.1 (b) A substance use disorder treatment program licensed under chapter 245G, to provide
137.2 substance use disorder treatment shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on
137.3 the following schedule:

137.4	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
137.5	1 to 24 persons	\$2,600
137.6	25 to 49 persons	\$3,000
137.7	50 to 74 persons	\$5,000
137.8	75 to 99 persons	\$10,000
137.9	100 to 199 persons	\$15,000
137.10	200 or more persons	\$20,000

137.11 (c) A detoxification program licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6510 to
137.12 9530.6590, or a withdrawal management program licensed under chapter 245F shall pay
137.13 an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the following schedule:

137.14	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
137.15	1 to 24 persons	\$2,600
137.16	25 to 49 persons	\$3,000
137.17	50 or more persons	\$5,000

137.18 A detoxification program that also operates a withdrawal management program at the same
137.19 location shall only pay one fee based upon the licensed capacity of the program with the
137.20 higher overall capacity.

137.21 (d) A children's residential facility licensed under Minnesota Rules, chapter 2960, to
137.22 serve children shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the following schedule:

137.23	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
137.24	1 to 24 persons	\$1,000
137.25	25 to 49 persons	\$1,100
137.26	50 to 74 persons	\$1,200
137.27	75 to 99 persons	\$1,300
137.28	100 or more persons	\$1,400

137.29 (e) A residential facility licensed under section 245I.23 or Minnesota Rules, parts
137.30 9520.0500 to 9520.0670, to serve persons with mental illness shall pay an annual
137.31 nonrefundable license fee based on the following schedule:

137.32	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
137.33	1 to 24 persons	\$2,600

138.1	25 to 49 persons	\$3,000
138.2	50 or more persons	\$20,000

138.3 (f) A residential facility licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9570.2000 to 9570.3400,
 138.4 to serve persons with physical disabilities shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee
 138.5 based on the following schedule:

138.6	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
138.7	1 to 24 persons	\$450
138.8	25 to 49 persons	\$650
138.9	50 to 74 persons	\$850
138.10	75 to 99 persons	\$1,050
138.11	100 or more persons	\$1,250

138.12 (g) A program licensed as an adult day care center licensed under Minnesota Rules,
 138.13 parts 9555.9600 to 9555.9730, shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee based on the
 138.14 following schedule:

138.15	Licensed Capacity	License Fee
138.16	1 to 24 persons	\$2,600
138.17	25 to 49 persons	\$3,000
138.18	50 to 74 persons	\$5,000
138.19	75 to 99 persons	\$10,000
138.20	100 to 199 persons	\$15,000
138.21	200 or more persons	\$20,000

138.22 (h) A program licensed to provide treatment services to persons with sexual psychopathic
 138.23 personalities or sexually dangerous persons under Minnesota Rules, parts 9515.3000 to
 138.24 9515.3110, shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee of \$20,000.

138.25 (i) A mental health clinic certified under section 245I.20 shall pay an annual
 138.26 nonrefundable certification fee of ~~\$1,550~~ \$3,000. If the mental health clinic provides services
 138.27 at a primary location with satellite facilities, the satellite facilities shall be certified with the
 138.28 primary location without an additional charge.

138.29 ~~(j) If a program subject to annual fees under paragraph (b) provides services at a primary~~
 138.30 ~~location with satellite facilities, the satellite facilities must be licensed with the primary~~
 138.31 ~~location and must be subject to an additional \$500 annual nonrefundable license fee per~~
 138.32 ~~satellite facility.~~

139.1 (j) A program licensed to provide behavioral health treatment services licensed under
139.2 section 245I.22, 245I.24, 245I.30, or 245I.31 shall pay an annual nonrefundable license fee
139.3 of \$3,000 for each license.

139.4 (k) Certified community behavioral health clinics licensed under section 245I.17 shall
139.5 pay an annual nonrefundable license fee of \$7,800.

139.6 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245A.10, is amended by adding a subdivision to
139.7 read:

139.8 Subd. 4a. Fees for satellite locations. (a) If a program subject to annual fees under
139.9 subdivision 4, paragraph (b), provides services at a primary location with satellite facilities,
139.10 the satellite facilities are licensed with the primary location and are subject to an additional
139.11 \$500 annual nonrefundable license fee per satellite facility.

139.12 (b) If a program subject to annual fees under subdivision 4, paragraph (j), provides
139.13 services at a primary location with satellite sites or facilities, the satellite locations must be
139.14 licensed with the primary location and are subject to an additional annual nonrefundable
139.15 fee according to the following schedule:

139.16 (1) one to five satellite locations: \$1,500;

139.17 (2) six to 19 satellite locations: \$3,500; or

139.18 (3) 20 or more satellite locations: \$5,000.

139.19 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245A.65, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

139.20 **Subd. 1a. Determination of vulnerable adult status.** (a) A license holder that provides
139.21 services to adults who are excluded from the definition of vulnerable adult under section
139.22 626.5572, subdivision 21, paragraph (a), clause (2), must determine whether the person is
139.23 a vulnerable adult under section 626.5572, subdivision 21, paragraph (a), clause (4). This
139.24 determination must be made within 24 hours of:

139.25 (1) admission to the licensed program; and

139.26 (2) any incident that:

139.27 (i) was reported under section 626.557; or

139.28 (ii) would have been required to be reported under section 626.557, if one or more of
139.29 the adults involved in the incident had been vulnerable adults.

(b) Upon determining that a person receiving services is a vulnerable adult under section 626.5572, subdivision 21, paragraph (a), clause (4), all requirements relative to vulnerable adults under this chapter and section 626.557 must be met by the license holder.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clause (1), a license holder providing mobile crisis services must make the required determination within 24 hours of first providing crisis stabilization services to an adult under section 245I.24, subdivision 9.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Programs licensed by the commissioner.** (a) The commissioner shall conduct a background study on:

(1) the person or persons applying for a license;

(2) an individual age 13 and over living in the household where the licensed program will be provided who is not receiving licensed services from the program;

(3) current or prospective employees of the applicant or license holder who will have direct contact with persons served by the facility, agency, or program;

(4) volunteers or student volunteers who will have direct contact with persons served by the program to provide program services if the contact is not under the continuous, direct supervision by an individual listed in clause (1) or (3);

(5) an individual age ten to 12 living in the household where the licensed services will be provided when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15;

(6) an individual who, without providing direct contact services at a licensed program, may have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults receiving services from a program, when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15; and

(7) all controlling individuals as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 5a;

(8) notwithstanding clause (3), for children's residential facilities and foster residence settings, any adult working in the facility, whether or not the individual will have direct contact with persons served by the facility.

(b) For child foster care when the license holder resides in the home where foster care services are provided, a short-term substitute caregiver providing direct contact services for a child for less than 72 hours of continuous care is not required to receive a background study under this chapter.

141.1 (c) This subdivision applies to the following programs that must be licensed under
141.2 chapter 245A:

141.3 (1) adult foster care;

141.4 (2) children's residential facilities;

141.5 (3) licensed home and community-based services under chapter 245D;

141.6 (4) residential mental health programs for adults;

141.7 (5) substance use disorder treatment programs under chapter 245G;

141.8 (6) withdrawal management programs under chapter 245F;

141.9 (7) adult day care centers;

141.10 (8) family adult day services;

141.11 (9) detoxification programs;

141.12 (10) community residential settings;

141.13 (11) intensive residential treatment services and residential crisis stabilization under
141.14 chapter 245I; ~~and~~

141.15 (12) treatment programs for persons with sexual psychopathic personality or sexually
141.16 dangerous persons, licensed under chapter 245A and according to Minnesota Rules, parts
141.17 9515.3000 to 9515.3110;

141.18 (13) adult rehabilitative mental health services under chapter 245I;

141.19 (14) certified community behavioral health clinic services under chapter 245I;

141.20 (15) children's therapeutic services and supports under chapter 245I; and

141.21 (16) crisis response services under chapter 245I.

141.22 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.13, subdivision 2, is amended
141.23 to read:

141.24 Subd. 2. **Activities pending completion of background study.** The subject of a
141.25 background study may not perform any activity requiring a background study under
141.26 paragraph (c) until the commissioner has issued one of the notices under paragraph (a).

141.27 (a) Notices from the commissioner required prior to activity under paragraph (c) include:

141.28 (1) a notice of the study results under section 245C.17 stating that:

141.29 (i) the individual is not disqualified; or

142.1 (ii) more time is needed to complete the study but the individual is not required to be
142.2 removed from direct contact or access to people receiving services prior to completion of
142.3 the study as provided under section 245C.17, subdivision 1, paragraph (b) or (c). The notice
142.4 that more time is needed to complete the study must also indicate whether the individual is
142.5 required to be under continuous direct supervision prior to completion of the background
142.6 study. When more time is necessary to complete a background study of an individual
142.7 affiliated with a Title IV-E eligible children's residential facility or foster residence setting,
142.8 the individual may not work in the facility or setting regardless of whether or not the
142.9 individual is supervised;

142.10 (2) a notice that a disqualification has been set aside under section 245C.23; or

142.11 (3) a notice that a variance has been granted related to the individual under section
142.12 245C.30.

142.13 (b) For a background study affiliated with a licensed child care center or certified
142.14 license-exempt child care center, the notice sent under paragraph (a), clause (1), item (ii),
142.15 must not be issued until the commissioner receives a qualifying result for the individual for
142.16 the fingerprint-based national criminal history record check or the fingerprint-based criminal
142.17 history information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The notice must require
142.18 the individual to be under continuous direct supervision prior to completion of the remainder
142.19 of the background study except as permitted in subdivision 3.

142.20 (c) Activities prohibited prior to receipt of notice under paragraph (a) include:

142.21 (1) being issued a license;

142.22 (2) living in the household where the licensed program will be provided;

142.23 (3) providing direct contact services to persons served by a program unless the subject
142.24 is under continuous direct supervision;

142.25 (4) having access to persons receiving services if the background study was completed
142.26 under section 144.057, subdivision 1, or 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2),
142.27 (5), or (6), unless the subject is under continuous direct supervision;

142.28 (5) for licensed child care centers and certified license-exempt child care centers,
142.29 providing direct contact services to persons served by the program;

142.30 (6) for children's residential facilities or foster residence settings, working in the facility
142.31 or setting;

(7) for background studies affiliated with a personal care provider organization, except as provided in section 245C.03, subdivision 3b, or with an early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention provider or adult rehabilitative mental health services provider, before ~~a personal care assistant~~ an individual provides services, the ~~personal care assistance provider agency~~ entity must initiate a background study of the ~~personal care assistant individual~~ individual under this chapter and the ~~personal care assistance provider agency~~ entity must have received a notice from the commissioner that the ~~personal care assistant~~ individual is:

(i) not disqualified under section 245C.14; or

(ii) disqualified, but the personal care assistant has received a set aside of the disqualification under section 245C.22; or

(8) for background studies affiliated with an early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention provider, before an individual provides services, the early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention provider must initiate a background study for the individual under this chapter and the early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention provider must have received a notice from the commissioner that the individual is:

(i) not disqualified under section 245C.14; or

(ii) disqualified, but the individual has received a set-aside of the disqualification under section 245C.22.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245C.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Determining immediate risk of harm.** (a) If the commissioner determines that the individual studied has a disqualifying characteristic, the commissioner shall review the information immediately available and make a determination as to the subject's immediate risk of harm to persons served by the program where the individual studied will have direct contact with, or access to, people receiving services.

(b) The commissioner shall consider all relevant information available, including the following factors in determining the immediate risk of harm:

(1) the recency of the disqualifying characteristic;

(2) the recency of discharge from probation for the crimes;

(3) the number of disqualifying characteristics;

(4) the intrusiveness or violence of the disqualifying characteristic;

- 144.1 (5) the vulnerability of the victim involved in the disqualifying characteristic;
- 144.2 (6) the similarity of the victim to the persons served by the program where the individual
144.3 studied will have direct contact;
- 144.4 (7) whether the individual has a disqualification from a previous background study that
144.5 has not been set aside;
- 144.6 (8) if the individual has a disqualification which may not be set aside because it is a
144.7 permanent bar under section 245C.24, subdivision 1, or the individual is a child care
144.8 background study subject who has a felony-level conviction for a drug-related offense in
144.9 the last five years, the commissioner may order the immediate removal of the individual
144.10 from any position allowing direct contact with, or access to, persons receiving services from
144.11 the program and from working in a children's residential facility or foster residence setting;
144.12 and
- 144.13 (9) if the individual has a disqualification which may not be set aside because it is a
144.14 permanent bar under section 245C.24, subdivision 2, or the individual is a child care
144.15 background study subject who has a felony-level conviction for a drug-related offense during
144.16 the last five years, the commissioner may order the immediate removal of the individual
144.17 from any position allowing direct contact with or access to persons receiving services from
144.18 the center and from working in a licensed child care center or certified license-exempt child
144.19 care center.
- 144.20 (c) This section does not apply when the subject of a background study is regulated by
144.21 a health-related licensing board as defined in chapter 214, and the subject is determined to
144.22 be responsible for substantiated maltreatment under section 626.557 or chapter 260E.
- 144.23 (d) This section does not apply to a background study related to an initial application
144.24 for a child foster family setting license.
- 144.25 (e) Except for paragraph (f), this section does not apply to a background study that is
144.26 also subject to the requirements under section ~~256B.0659, subdivisions 11 and 13, for a~~
144.27 ~~personal care assistant or a qualified professional as defined in section 256B.0659,~~
144.28 ~~subdivision 1, or to a background study for an individual providing early intensive~~
144.29 ~~developmental and behavioral intervention services under section 256B.0949~~ 245C.13,
144.30 subdivision 2, paragraph (c), clause (7).
- 144.31 (f) If the commissioner has reason to believe, based on arrest information or an active
144.32 maltreatment investigation, that an individual poses an imminent risk of harm to persons
144.33 receiving services, the commissioner may order that the person be continuously supervised

145.1 or immediately removed pending the conclusion of the maltreatment investigation or criminal
145.2 proceedings.

145.3 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245G.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

145.4 Subdivision 1. **License requirements.** (a) An applicant for a license to provide substance
145.5 use disorder treatment must comply with the general requirements in section 626.557;
145.6 chapters 245A, 245C, and 260E; and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9544.

145.7 (b) The commissioner may grant variances to the requirements in this chapter that do
145.8 not affect the client's health or safety if the conditions in section 245A.04, subdivision 9,
145.9 are met.

145.10 (c) If a program is licensed according to this chapter and is part of a certified community
145.11 behavioral health clinic under section ~~245.735~~ 245I.17, the license holder must comply with
145.12 the requirements in section ~~245.735~~ 245I.17, subdivisions ~~4b to 4e~~ 12 and 13, as part of the
145.13 licensing requirements under this chapter.

145.14 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.011, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

145.15 Subd. 3. **Certification required.** (a) An individual, organization, or government entity
145.16 that is exempt from licensure under section 245A.03, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause
145.17 ~~(12)~~ (15), and chooses to be identified as a certified mental health clinic must:

145.18 (1) be a mental health clinic that is certified under section 245I.20;

145.19 (2) comply with all of the responsibilities assigned to a license holder by this chapter
145.20 except subdivision 1; and

145.21 (3) comply with all of the responsibilities assigned to a certification holder by chapter
145.22 245A.

145.23 (b) An individual, organization, or government entity described by this subdivision must
145.24 obtain a criminal background study for each staff person or volunteer who provides direct
145.25 contact services to clients.

145.26 ~~(c) If a clinic is certified according to this chapter and is part of a certified community~~
145.27 ~~behavioral health clinic under section 245.735, the license holder must comply with the~~
145.28 ~~requirements in section 245.735, subdivisions 4b to 4e, as part of the licensing requirements~~
145.29 ~~under this chapter.~~

145.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment, except
145.31 the amendment striking paragraph (c) is effective January 1, 2028.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.011, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Programs certified under chapter 256B.** (a) An individual, organization, or government entity certified under the following sections must comply with all of the responsibilities assigned to a license holder under this chapter except subdivision 1:

(1) an assertive community treatment provider under section 256B.0622, subdivision 3a;

~~(2) an adult rehabilitative mental health services provider under section 256B.0623;~~

~~(3) a mobile crisis team under section 256B.0624;~~

~~(4) a children's therapeutic services and supports provider under section 256B.0943;~~

~~(5)~~ (2) a children's intensive behavioral health services provider under section 256B.0946; and

~~(6)~~ (3) an intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services provider under section 256B.0947.

(b) An individual, organization, or government entity certified under the sections listed in paragraph (a), ~~clauses (1) to (6),~~ must obtain a criminal background study for each staff person and volunteer providing direct contact services to a client.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2028.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **License required for nonresidential programs.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2028, an individual, organization, or government entity must have a license under this chapter to provide the following services:

(1) adult rehabilitative mental health services, as defined in section 256B.0623;

(2) mobile crisis services, as defined in section 256B.0624;

(3) children's therapeutic services and supports, as defined in section 256B.0943; or

(4) certified community behavioral health clinic services, as defined in sections 245I.17 and 256B.0625, subdivision 5m.

(b) An individual, organization, or government entity certified as any of the following must remain certified according to subdivision 5 until the commissioner issues a license,

147.1 the commissioner denies the license application, or the certification expires according to
147.2 chapter 245A:

147.3 (1) an adult rehabilitative mental health services provider under section 256B.0623;

147.4 (2) a mobile crisis team under section 256B.0624;

147.5 (3) a children's therapeutic services and supports provider under section 256B.0943; or

147.6 (4) a certified community behavioral health clinic under section 245.735.

147.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
147.8 to read:

147.9 Subd. 1a. **Alcohol and drug counselor** "Alcohol and drug counselor" means an individual
147.10 qualified under section 245G.11, subdivision 5.

147.11 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
147.12 to read:

147.13 Subd. 10a. **Comprehensive evaluation.** "Comprehensive evaluation" means a
147.14 person-centered, family-centered, and trauma-informed evaluation conducted according to
147.15 section 245I.17, subdivision 12.

147.16 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
147.17 to read:

147.18 Subd. 18a. **Initial evaluation.** "Initial evaluation" means the assessment and preliminary
147.19 diagnosis necessary to begin client services, conducted according to section 245I.17.

147.20 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
147.21 to read:

147.22 Subd. 31a. **Psychotherapy.** "Psychotherapy" has the meaning given in section 256B.0671,
147.23 subdivision 11.

147.24 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.02, subdivision 33, is amended to read:

147.25 Subd. 33. **Rehabilitative mental health services.** "Rehabilitative mental health services"
147.26 means mental health services provided to ~~an adult~~ a client that enable the client to develop
147.27 and achieve psychiatric stability, social competencies, personal and emotional adjustment,
147.28 independent living skills, family roles, and community skills when symptoms of mental
147.29 illness has impaired any of the client's abilities in these areas. Rehabilitative mental health

148.1 services include interventions that allow a client to self-monitor, compensate for, counteract,
148.2 or replace psychosocial skills deficits or maladaptive skills acquired over the course of a
148.3 mental illness. For a child client, rehabilitative mental health services include interventions
148.4 to restore a child or adolescent to an age-appropriate developmental trajectory that has been
148.5 disrupted by a mental illness.

148.6 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.02, subdivision 39, is amended to read:

148.7 Subd. 39. **Treatment plan.** "Treatment plan" means services that a license holder
148.8 formulates to respond to a client's needs and goals. A treatment plan includes individual
148.9 treatment plans under section 245I.10, subdivisions 7 and 8; initial treatment plans under
148.10 section 245I.23, subdivision 7; and crisis treatment plans under sections 245I.23, subdivision
148.11 8, and 256B.0624, subdivision 11. For a license holder under section 245I.17, a treatment
148.12 plan is the integrated treatment plan developed according to section 245I.17, subdivision
148.13 13.

148.14 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

148.15 Subd. 4. **Behavioral emergencies.** (a) A license holder must have procedures that each
148.16 staff person follows when responding to a client who exhibits behavior that threatens the
148.17 immediate safety of the client or others. A license holder's behavioral emergency procedures
148.18 must incorporate person-centered planning and trauma-informed care.

148.19 (b) A license holder's behavioral emergency procedures must include:

148.20 (1) a plan designed to prevent the client from inflicting self-harm and harming others;

148.21 (2) contact information for emergency resources that a staff person must use when the
148.22 license holder's behavioral emergency procedures are unsuccessful in controlling a client's
148.23 behavior;

148.24 (3) the types of behavioral emergency procedures that a staff person may use;

148.25 (4) the specific circumstances under which the program may use behavioral emergency
148.26 procedures; ~~and~~

148.27 (5) the staff persons whom the license holder authorizes to implement behavioral
148.28 emergency procedures; and

148.29 (6) the contact information for the local crisis team.

148.30 (c) The license holder's behavioral emergency procedures must not include secluding
148.31 or restraining a client except as allowed under section 245.8261.

(d) Staff persons must not use behavioral emergency procedures to enforce program rules or for the convenience of staff persons. Behavioral emergency procedures must not be part of any client's treatment plan. A staff person may not use behavioral emergency procedures except in response to a client's current behavior that threatens the immediate safety of the client or others.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. Quality assurance and improvement plan. (a) At a minimum, a license holder must develop a written quality assurance and improvement plan that includes plans for:

- (1) encouraging ongoing consultation among members of the treatment team;
- (2) obtaining and evaluating feedback about services from clients, family and other natural supports, referral sources, and staff persons;
- (3) measuring and evaluating client outcomes;
- (4) reviewing client suicide deaths and suicide attempts;
- (5) examining the quality of clinical service delivery to clients; and
- (6) self-monitoring of compliance with this chapter.

(b) At least annually, a license holder must review, evaluate, and update the quality assurance and improvement plan. The review must:

- (1) include documentation of the actions that the certification holder will take as a result of information obtained from monitoring activities in the plan; and
- (2) establish goals for improved service delivery to clients for the next year.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245I.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Behavioral health practitioner scope of practice. (a) A behavioral health practitioner under the treatment supervision of a mental health professional or certified rehabilitation specialist may provide an adult client with client education, rehabilitative mental health services, functional assessments, level of care assessments, crisis planning, and treatment plans. A behavioral health practitioner under the treatment supervision of a mental health professional may provide skill-building services ~~to a child client,~~ crisis planning, and complete treatment plans for a child client.

150.1 (b) A behavioral health practitioner must not provide treatment supervision to other staff
150.2 persons. A behavioral health practitioner may provide direction to mental health rehabilitation
150.3 workers and mental health behavioral aides.

150.4 (c) A behavioral health practitioner who provides services to clients according to section
150.5 256B.0624 may perform crisis assessments and interventions for a client.

150.6 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 245I.04, subdivision 17, is amended
150.7 to read:

150.8 Subd. 17. **Mental health behavioral aide scope of practice.** While under the treatment
150.9 supervision of a mental health professional, a mental health behavioral aide may ~~practice~~
150.10 ~~psychosocial skills with~~ provide skill-building services to a child client according to the
150.11 ~~child's treatment plan and individual behavior plan that a mental health professional, clinical~~
150.12 ~~trainee, or behavioral health practitioner has previously taught to the child.~~

150.13 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

150.14 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) A license holder must ensure that a mental health
150.15 professional or certified rehabilitation specialist provides treatment supervision to each staff
150.16 person who provides services to a client and who is not a mental health professional or
150.17 certified rehabilitation specialist. When providing treatment supervision, a treatment
150.18 supervisor must follow a staff person's written treatment supervision plan.

150.19 (b) Treatment supervision must focus on each client's treatment needs and the ability of
150.20 the staff person under treatment supervision to provide services to each client, including
150.21 the following topics related to the staff person's current caseload:

150.22 (1) a review and evaluation of the interventions that the staff person delivers to each
150.23 client;

150.24 (2) instruction on alternative strategies if a client is not achieving treatment goals;

150.25 (3) a review and evaluation of each client's assessments, treatment plans, and progress
150.26 notes for accuracy and appropriateness;

150.27 (4) instruction on the cultural norms or values of the clients and communities that the
150.28 license holder serves and the impact that a client's culture has on providing treatment;

150.29 (5) evaluation of and feedback regarding a direct service staff person's areas of
150.30 competency; ~~and~~

150.31 (6) coaching, teaching, and practicing skills with a staff person; and

151.1 (7) modeling service practices that respect the client, include the client in planning and
151.2 implementation of the individual treatment plan, recognize the client's strengths, and
151.3 coordinate with other involved parties and providers.

151.4 (c) A treatment supervisor must provide treatment supervision to a staff person using
151.5 methods that allow for immediate feedback, including in-person, telephone, and interactive
151.6 video supervision.

151.7 (d) A treatment supervisor's responsibility for a staff person receiving treatment
151.8 supervision is limited to the services provided by the associated license holder. If a staff
151.9 person receiving treatment supervision is employed by multiple license holders, each license
151.10 holder is responsible for providing treatment supervision related to the treatment of the
151.11 license holder's clients.

151.12 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

151.13 Subd. 2. **Treatment supervision planning.** (a) A treatment supervisor and the staff
151.14 person supervised by the treatment supervisor must develop a written treatment supervision
151.15 plan. The license holder must ensure that a new staff person's treatment supervision plan is
151.16 completed, approved by the staff person, and implemented by a treatment supervisor and
151.17 the new staff person within 30 days of the new staff person's first day of employment. The
151.18 license holder must review and update each staff person's treatment supervision plan annually.

151.19 (b) Each staff person's treatment supervision plan must include:

151.20 (1) the name and qualifications of the staff person receiving treatment supervision;

151.21 (2) the names and licensures of the treatment supervisors who are supervising the staff
151.22 person;

151.23 (3) how frequently the treatment supervisors must provide treatment supervision to the
151.24 staff person; and

151.25 (4) the staff person's authorized scope of practice, including a description of the client
151.26 ~~population~~ ages that the staff person serves, and a description of the treatment methods and
151.27 modalities that the staff person may use to provide services to clients.

151.28 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.07, is amended to read:

151.29 **245I.07 PERSONNEL FILES.**

151.30 (a) For each staff person, a license holder must maintain a personnel file that includes:

152.1 (1) verification of the staff person's qualifications required for the position including
152.2 training, education, practicum or internship agreement, licensure, and any other required
152.3 qualifications;

152.4 (2) documentation related to the staff person's background study;

152.5 (3) the hiring date of the staff person;

152.6 (4) a description of the staff person's job responsibilities with the license holder;

152.7 (5) the date that the staff person's specific duties and responsibilities became effective,
152.8 including the date that the staff person began having direct contact with clients;

152.9 (6) documentation of the staff person's training as required by section 245I.05, subdivision
152.10 2;

152.11 (7) a verification copy of license renewals that the staff person completed during the
152.12 staff person's employment;

152.13 (8) annual job performance evaluations; and

152.14 (9) if applicable, the staff person's alleged and substantiated violations of the license
152.15 holder's policies under section 245I.03, subdivision 8, clauses (3) to (7), and the license
152.16 holder's response.

152.17 (b) The license holder must ensure that all personnel files are readily accessible for the
152.18 commissioner's review. The license holder is not required to keep personnel files in a single
152.19 location.

152.20 (c) For a license holder under section 245I.17, a personnel file for staff who provide
152.21 substance use disorder treatment services must include records of training required under
152.22 section 245G.13, subdivision 2.

152.23 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.10, is amended by adding a subdivision
152.24 to read:

152.25 Subd. 2a. **Evaluation, treatment authorization, and planning in a certified community**
152.26 **behavioral health clinic.** Notwithstanding subdivisions 2 and 7, a license holder under
152.27 section 245I.17 must meet the requirements for assessments under section 245I.17,
152.28 subdivisions 11 and 12, and for treatment planning under section 245I.17, subdivision 13.
152.29 Certified community behavioral health clinic service planning and authorization must comply
152.30 with the standards in section 245I.17.

153.1 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.10, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

153.2 Subd. 6. **Standard diagnostic assessment; required elements.** (a) Only a mental health
153.3 professional or a clinical trainee may complete a standard diagnostic assessment of a client.
153.4 A standard diagnostic assessment of a client must include a face-to-face interview with a
153.5 client and a written evaluation of the client. The assessor must complete a client's standard
153.6 diagnostic assessment within the client's cultural context. An alcohol and drug counselor
153.7 may gather and document the information in paragraphs (b) and (c) when completing a
153.8 comprehensive assessment according to section 245G.05.

153.9 (b) When completing a standard diagnostic assessment of a client, the assessor must
153.10 gather and document information about the client's current life situation, including the
153.11 following information:

153.12 (1) the client's age;

153.13 (2) the client's current living situation, including the client's housing status and household
153.14 members;

153.15 (3) the status of the client's basic needs;

153.16 (4) the client's education level and employment status;

153.17 (5) the client's current medications;

153.18 (6) any immediate risks to the client's health and safety, including withdrawal symptoms,
153.19 medical conditions, and behavioral and emotional symptoms;

153.20 (7) the client's perceptions of the client's condition;

153.21 (8) the client's description of the client's symptoms, including the reason for the client's
153.22 referral;

153.23 (9) the client's history of mental health and substance use disorder treatment;

153.24 (10) cultural influences on the client; and

153.25 (11) substance use history, if applicable, including:

153.26 (i) amounts and types of substances, frequency and duration, route of administration,
153.27 periods of abstinence, and circumstances of relapse; and

153.28 (ii) the impact to functioning when under the influence of substances, including legal
153.29 interventions.

153.30 (c) If the assessor cannot obtain the information that this paragraph requires without
153.31 retraumatizing the client or harming the client's willingness to engage in treatment, the

154.1 assessor must identify which topics will require further assessment during the course of the
154.2 client's treatment. The assessor must gather and document information related to the following
154.3 topics:

154.4 (1) the client's relationship with the client's family and other significant personal
154.5 relationships, including the client's evaluation of the quality of each relationship;

154.6 (2) the client's strengths and resources, including the extent and quality of the client's
154.7 social networks;

154.8 (3) important developmental incidents in the client's life;

154.9 (4) maltreatment, trauma, potential brain injuries, and abuse that the client has suffered;

154.10 (5) the client's history of or exposure to alcohol and drug usage and treatment; and

154.11 (6) the client's health history and the client's family health history, including the client's
154.12 physical, chemical, and mental health history.

154.13 (d) When completing a standard diagnostic assessment of a client, an assessor must use
154.14 a recognized diagnostic framework.

154.15 (1) When completing a standard diagnostic assessment of a client who is five years of
154.16 age or younger, the assessor must use the current edition of the DC: 0-5 Diagnostic
154.17 Classification of Mental Health and Development Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood
154.18 published by Zero to Three.

154.19 (2) When completing a standard diagnostic assessment of a client who is six years of
154.20 age or older, the assessor must use the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical
154.21 Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association.

154.22 (3) When completing a standard diagnostic assessment of a client who is 12 to 17 years
154.23 of age, an assessor must use either the CRAFFT Questionnaire or the criteria in the most
154.24 recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by
154.25 the American Psychiatric Association to screen and assess the client for a substance use
154.26 disorder.

154.27 ~~(3)~~ (4) When completing a standard diagnostic assessment of a client who is 18 years
154.28 of age or older, an assessor must use either (i) the CAGE-AID Questionnaire or (ii) the
154.29 criteria in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
154.30 Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association to screen and assess the client
154.31 for a substance use disorder.

155.1 (e) When completing a standard diagnostic assessment of a client, the assessor must
155.2 include and document the following components of the assessment:

155.3 (1) the client's mental status examination;

155.4 (2) the client's baseline measurements; symptoms; behavior; skills; abilities; resources;
155.5 vulnerabilities; safety needs, including client information that supports the assessor's findings
155.6 after applying a recognized diagnostic framework from paragraph (d); and any differential
155.7 diagnosis of the client; and

155.8 (3) an explanation of: (i) how the assessor diagnosed the client using the information
155.9 from the client's interview, assessment, psychological testing, and collateral information
155.10 about the client; (ii) the client's needs; (iii) the client's risk factors; (iv) the client's strengths;
155.11 and (v) the client's responsivity factors.

155.12 (f) When completing a standard diagnostic assessment of a client, the assessor must
155.13 consult the client and the client's family about which services that the client and the family
155.14 prefer to treat the client. ~~The assessor must make referrals for the client as to services required~~
155.15 ~~by law.~~

155.16 (g) Information from other providers and prior assessments may be used to complete
155.17 the diagnostic assessment if the source of the information is documented in the diagnostic
155.18 assessment.

155.19 (h) If the client screens positive for a need for substance use disorder treatment services,
155.20 the assessor must document what actions will be taken to address the client's co-occurring
155.21 conditions.

155.22 (i) The assessor must determine if the client is eligible for targeted case management
155.23 services according to section 245.462, subdivision 20, or 245.4871, subdivision 6, and refer
155.24 the client to the county or contracted provider as appropriate.

155.25 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245I.10, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

155.26 Subd. 8. **Individual treatment plan; required elements.** (a) After completing a client's
155.27 diagnostic assessment or reviewing a client's diagnostic assessment received from a different
155.28 provider and before providing services to the client beyond those permitted under subdivision
155.29 7, the license holder must complete the client's individual treatment plan. The license holder
155.30 must:

155.31 (1) base the client's individual treatment plan on the client's diagnostic assessment and
155.32 baseline measurements;

(2) for a child client, use a child-centered, family-driven, and culturally appropriate planning process that allows the child's parents and guardians to observe and participate in the child's individual and family treatment services, assessments, and treatment planning;

(3) for an adult client, use a person-centered, culturally appropriate planning process that allows the client's family and other natural supports to observe and participate in the client's treatment services, assessments, and treatment planning;

(4) identify the client's treatment goals, measureable treatment objectives, a schedule for accomplishing the client's treatment goals and objectives, a treatment strategy, and the individuals responsible for providing treatment services and supports to the client. The license holder must have a treatment strategy to engage the client in treatment if the client:

(i) has a history of not engaging in treatment; and

(ii) is ordered by a court to participate in treatment services or to take neuroleptic medications;

(5) identify the participants involved in the client's treatment planning. The client must be a participant in the client's treatment planning. If applicable, the license holder must document the reasons that the license holder did not involve the client's family, case manager, or other natural supports in the client's treatment planning; and

~~(6) review the client's individual treatment plan every 180 days and update the client's individual treatment plan with the client's treatment progress, new treatment objectives and goals or, if the client has not made treatment progress, changes in the license holder's approach to treatment; and~~

~~(7)~~ (6) ensure that the client approves of the client's individual treatment plan unless a court orders the client's treatment plan under chapter 253B.

(b) If the client disagrees with the client's treatment plan, the license holder must document in the client file the reasons why the client does not agree with the treatment plan. If the license holder cannot obtain the client's approval of the treatment plan, a mental health professional must make efforts to obtain approval from a person who is authorized to consent on the client's behalf within 30 days after the client's previous individual treatment plan expired. A license holder may not deny a client service during this time period solely because the license holder could not obtain the client's approval of the client's individual treatment plan. A license holder may continue to bill for the client's otherwise eligible services when the client re-engages in services.

157.1 (c) The individual treatment plan must be updated as necessary to reflect the changing
157.2 needs of the client. The individual treatment plan must provide assistance with accessing
157.3 necessary crisis services when the license holder is aware of the client's need for crisis
157.4 services. The license holder must review the client's individual treatment plan every 180
157.5 days and update the client's individual treatment plan with the client's treatment progress,
157.6 new treatment objectives and goals, or, if the client has not made treatment progress, changes
157.7 in the license holder's approach to treatment.

157.8 Sec. 31. **[245L.17] CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC**
157.9 **LICENSURE.**

157.10 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this
157.11 subdivision have the meanings given.

157.12 (b) "Care coordination" means the activities required to coordinate care across settings
157.13 and providers for an individual served to ensure seamless transitions across the full spectrum
157.14 of health services. Care coordination includes:

157.15 (1) outreach and engagement;

157.16 (2) documenting a plan of care for medical, behavioral health, and social services and
157.17 supports in the integrated treatment plan;

157.18 (3) assisting with obtaining appointments;

157.19 (4) confirming appointments are kept;

157.20 (5) developing a crisis plan;

157.21 (6) tracking medication; and

157.22 (7) implementing care coordination agreements with external providers. Care coordination
157.23 may include psychiatric consultation with primary care practitioners and with mental health
157.24 clinical care practitioners.

157.25 (c) "CCBHC client" means an individual who has participated in a preliminary screening
157.26 and risk assessment and who has received at least one of the nine required services from a
157.27 CCBHC.

157.28 (d) "Certified community behavioral health clinic" or "CCBHC" means a provider of
157.29 integrated behavioral health services that is licensed under this section and compliant with
157.30 federal CCBHC requirements.

158.1 (e) "Community needs assessment" means an assessment to identify community needs
158.2 and determine the community behavioral health clinic's capacity to address the needs of the
158.3 population being served.

158.4 (f) "Designated collaborating organization" means an entity meeting the requirements
158.5 of subdivision 5 that has a formal agreement with a CCBHC to furnish CCBHC services.

158.6 (g) "Federal CCBHC criteria" means the most recently issued Certified Community
158.7 Behavioral Health Clinic Certification Criteria published by the Substance Abuse and Mental
158.8 Health Services Administration.

158.9 (h) "Needs assessment" means the community needs assessment described in federal
158.10 criteria for CCBHC.

158.11 (i) "Preliminary screening and risk assessment" means a mandatory screening and risk
158.12 assessment that is completed at the time of first contact, whether that contact is in person,
158.13 by telephone, or using other remote communication.

158.14 Subd. 2. **Establishment of licensure.** (a) The certified community behavioral health
158.15 clinic model is an integrated service delivery model that uses evidence-based behavioral
158.16 health practices to achieve better outcomes for individuals experiencing behavioral health
158.17 concerns while achieving sustainable rates through cost-based reimbursement for providers
158.18 and economic efficiencies for payors.

158.19 (b) Beginning January 1, 2028, a CCBHC must be licensed under this section and chapter
158.20 245A.

158.21 (c) A CCBHC must meet the requirements of this section and federal CCBHC criteria.
158.22 The commissioner may require a CCBHC applicant or license holder to submit documentation
158.23 of compliance with state licensing requirements and federal CCBHC criteria. When permitted
158.24 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the commissioner may
158.25 select a transition date on which revisions to the federal CCBHC criteria become required
158.26 as licensing conditions for CCBHCs.

158.27 Subd. 3. **License extension.** (a) The commissioner must extend a compliant license
158.28 holder's license under this section for 36 months.

158.29 (b) The commissioner must complete a licensing review that includes an on-site inspection
158.30 within six months before the expiration of the CCBHC's current license.

158.31 (c) Within 180 days of license expiration, a CCBHC license holder must submit to the
158.32 commissioner all documentation required by the commissioner under subdivision 2,
158.33 paragraph (c).

159.1 Subd. 4. **Required services and scope of licensure.** Within a declared service area, the
159.2 CCBHC must be able to offer:

159.3 (1) mobile crisis services, directly or through a designated collaborating organization
159.4 under subdivision 4;

159.5 (2) outpatient mental health and substance use disorder treatment services under
159.6 subdivisions 9 and 10;

159.7 (3) screening, diagnosis, and risk assessment under subdivision 11;

159.8 (4) person- and family-centered treatment planning;

159.9 (5) psychiatric rehabilitation services under subdivision 14;

159.10 (6) community-based mental health care for veterans under subdivision 15;

159.11 (7) outpatient primary care screening and monitoring under subdivision 16;

159.12 (8) peer services under subdivision 17; and

159.13 (9) targeted case management under subdivision 18.

159.14 Subd. 5. **Designated collaborating organization.** (a) If a CCBHC is unable to provide
159.15 mobile crisis services, the CCBHC may contract with another entity that is licensed to
159.16 provide mobile crisis services under section 245I.24 and that meets the requirements of the
159.17 federal CCBHC criteria as a designated collaborating organization.

159.18 (b) The CCBHC must submit a designated collaborating organization arrangement for
159.19 approval to the commissioner as part of the licensing process.

159.20 Subd. 6. **Exemptions to host county approval.** Notwithstanding any other law that
159.21 requires a county contract or other form of county approval for a service listed in subdivision
159.22 4, a CCBHC that meets the requirements of this section may receive the prospective payment
159.23 under section 256B.0625, subdivision 5m, for that service without a county contract or
159.24 county approval.

159.25 Subd. 7. **Variances.** When the standards listed in this section or other applicable standards
159.26 conflict or address similar issues in duplicative or incompatible ways, the commissioner
159.27 may grant variances to state requirements if the variances do not conflict with federal
159.28 requirements for services reimbursed under medical assistance. If standards overlap, the
159.29 commissioner may substitute all or a part of a licensure or certification that is substantially
159.30 the same as another licensure or certification. The commissioner must consult with
159.31 stakeholders before granting variances under this provision. For a CCBHC that is licensed
159.32 but not approved for prospective payment under section 256B.0625, subdivision 5m, the

160.1 commissioner may grant a variance under this paragraph if the variance does not increase
160.2 the state share of costs.

160.3 Subd. 8. **Evidence-based practices.** The commissioner must issue a list of required
160.4 evidence-based practices to be delivered by CCBHCs and may also provide a list of
160.5 recommended evidence-based practices. The commissioner may update the list to reflect
160.6 advances in outcomes research and medical services for persons living with mental illnesses
160.7 or substance use disorders. When developing the list, the commissioner must consider the
160.8 adequacy of evidence to support the efficacy of the practice across cultures and ages, the
160.9 workforce available, and the current availability of the practices in the state. At least 30
160.10 days before issuing the initial list or issuing any revisions, the commissioner must provide
160.11 stakeholders with an opportunity to comment.

160.12 Subd. 9. **Outpatient mental health services.** (a) A license holder must provide outpatient
160.13 mental health services that comply with the federal CCBHC criteria and applicable state
160.14 standards in this chapter, except as provided in this subdivision.

160.15 (b) Completion of an initial or comprehensive evaluation fulfills the requirements to
160.16 perform a diagnostic assessment in accordance with section 245I.10, subdivisions 2 and 6.

160.17 (c) An integrated treatment plan under this section fulfills the requirements to conduct
160.18 treatment planning in accordance with section 245I.10, subdivisions 7 and 8.

160.19 (d) A license holder under this section is exempt from certification as a mental health
160.20 clinic under section 245I.20.

160.21 Subd. 10. **Outpatient substance use disorder treatment.** (a) When a license holder
160.22 provides substance use disorder treatment services to an individual with a substance use
160.23 disorder diagnosis, the license holder must comply with the requirements for substance use
160.24 disorder treatment services in chapter 245G, except as provided in this subdivision.

160.25 (b) Completion of a preliminary screening and risk assessment under this section fulfills
160.26 the requirements to complete an initial services plan under section 245G.04, subdivision 1.

160.27 (c) Completion of a comprehensive evaluation under this section fulfills the requirements
160.28 to administer a comprehensive assessment under section 245G.05.

160.29 (d) An integrated treatment plan under this section that contains a six-dimension analysis
160.30 of the client's needs according to the third edition of ASAM criteria, as defined in section
160.31 254B.01, subdivision 2a, fulfills the requirements to provide an individual treatment plan
160.32 under section 245G.06.

161.1 (e) A license holder under this section fulfills the requirement to document personnel
161.2 files under section 245G.13, subdivision 3, by complying with the requirements of this
161.3 chapter.

161.4 (f) A license holder under this section fulfills the requirement to protect client rights
161.5 under section 245G.15 by complying with the requirements of section 245I.12.

161.6 (g) A license holder under this section fulfills the requirements to respond to behavioral
161.7 emergencies under section 245G.16 by complying with the requirements of section 245I.03,
161.8 subdivision 4.

161.9 (h) A license holder under this section is exempt from licensure under chapter 245G.

161.10 Subd. 11. **Initial triage and risk assessment.** (a) A license holder must have policies
161.11 and procedures on:

161.12 (1) how staff will implement the requirements of this subdivision;

161.13 (2) staff positions authorized to complete triage and risk assessments;

161.14 (3) documenting the results of the risk screenings; and

161.15 (4) ensuring the client is offered timely services according to the federal CCBHC criteria.

161.16 (b) A license holder must conduct an initial triage and risk assessment when a new client
161.17 requests services or is referred to services. A license holder may conduct an initial triage
161.18 and risk assessment in person, by telephone, or through other remote communication. Based
161.19 on the acuity of needs as assessed in the initial triage and risk assessment, the client must
161.20 be categorized as having emergency, urgent, or routine needs.

161.21 (c) Based on these categorizations, the license holder must offer services that meet the
161.22 relevant timelines under the federal CCBHC criteria.

161.23 (d) The license holder must provide training that addresses:

161.24 (1) when a prospective client requires intervention from qualified staff;

161.25 (2) the use of standardized measures that screen for significant risks;

161.26 (3) other factors that indicate a client has urgent needs besides the Columbia Suicide
161.27 Severity Rating Scale or a self-harm screening; and

161.28 (4) overdose and substance use disorder risks.

161.29 Subd. 12. **Initial and comprehensive evaluation.** (a) A license holder under this section
161.30 must provide initial and comprehensive evaluations according to this section and federal
161.31 CCBHC criteria.

(b) An initial evaluation is necessary to authorize the provision of all medically necessary CCBHC services until the completion of a comprehensive evaluation. A comprehensive evaluation is necessary to authorize the provision of all medically necessary CCBHC services on an ongoing basis. A license holder must ensure that each client's comprehensive evaluation reflects the needs and assessments for all services provided.

Subd. 13. **Integrated treatment plan.** (a) A license holder under this section must complete an integrated treatment plan for each client following the client's comprehensive evaluation no later than 60 calendar days after the date of the first request for services.

(b) A license holder must document all required services under subdivision 9 within the integrated treatment plan based on the client's needs.

(c) A license holder must review and update a client's integrated treatment plan as necessary to reflect the changing needs of the client and progress made in treatment. If the client has not made treatment progress, updates to the treatment plan must indicate changes in the license holder's approach to treatment to better meet the needs of the client. A license holder must review and update the integrated treatment plan at least every 180 days or as clinically indicated.

Subd. 14. **Psychiatric rehabilitation services.** (a) For children, a license holder under this section must provide children's therapeutic services and supports according to sections 245I.30 and 245I.31, except that an initial or comprehensive assessment under this section fulfills the requirement to perform a standard diagnostic assessment.

(b) For adults, a license holder under this section must provide adult rehabilitative mental health services according to section 245I.22, except that:

(1) the license holder is exempt from the requirement to perform a level of care assessment under section 245I.22, subdivision 6, paragraph (b); and

(2) an initial or comprehensive assessment under this section fulfills the requirement to perform a standard diagnostic assessment.

Subd. 15. **Community-based care for veterans.** (a) The license holder must provide services according to federal requirements for eligibility and coordination with TRICARE and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) The license holder must assign and document a principal behavioral health provider for every veteran receiving services.

Subd. 16. **Primary care screening and monitoring.** To fulfill the requirements for primary care screening, a license holder under this section must have policies and procedures

163.1 detailing the screenings to be performed with specific populations at the clinic. The policies
163.2 and procedures must be approved by the medical director.

163.3 Subd. 17. **Peer services.** A license holder must be able to provide peer services as
163.4 described by federal CCBHC criteria and sections 245G.07, subdivision 2, clause (8),
163.5 256B.0615, and 256B.0616.

163.6 Subd. 18. **Targeted case management.** (a) A license holder must provide mental health
163.7 targeted case management as described by federal CCBHC criteria and section 256B.0625,
163.8 subdivision 20.

163.9 (b) An initial or comprehensive evaluation under this section fulfills any requirement
163.10 to perform a standard diagnostic assessment for targeted case management.

163.11 Subd. 19. **Community needs assessment.** (a) The community needs assessment must
163.12 be a collaborative document that reflects the license holder's or applicant's engagement with
163.13 current clients, other social and medical services agencies, community groups, underserved
163.14 populations, and government agencies. The applicant or license holder must document an
163.15 outreach plan within the community needs assessment to demonstrate how stakeholder
163.16 feedback was solicited and reflected in the plan.

163.17 (b) The applicant or license holder must publicly post a draft community needs assessment
163.18 on the organization's website for 30 days and submit a summary of public comments and
163.19 recommendations from the comment period to the commissioner.

163.20 (c) In the draft community needs assessment, the applicant or license holder must declare
163.21 a planned geographic service delivery area in which the CCBHC will be capable of providing
163.22 all nine required services. An applicant must provide an analysis of how CCBHC status
163.23 will lead to a significant improvement in the availability and quality of the services. An
163.24 existing license holder must include analysis of which needs from prior needs assessments
163.25 have been improved by the operation of the CCBHC. A clinic that has not made and
163.26 demonstrated substantial progress in addressing the identified needs must specify what
163.27 changes will occur to address the lack of progress.

163.28 (d) The commissioner must provide feedback and technical assistance if the community
163.29 needs assessment must be revised.

163.30 Subd. 20. **Staffing plan.** Based on an accepted community needs assessment, the
163.31 applicant or license holder must complete a staffing plan. The staffing plan must include
163.32 analysis of the extent to which identified staffing levels will be capable of meeting the needs
163.33 identified in the community needs assessment.

Subd. 21. **Data and evaluation.** A provider must submit documentation that establishes the ability of the clinic to complete the required data collection as a CCBHC, as determined by the commissioner. For an applicant that is an existing provider, the commissioner must review and evaluate data submitted related to claims, grants, and other reporting to ensure the data meets reporting requirements.

Subd. 22. **Cost reporting.** A provider must submit a cost report on the forms and in the manner required in section 256B.0625, subdivision 5m.

Sec. 32. **[245I.22] ADULT REHABILITATIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** Beginning January 1, 2028, a provider of adult mental health rehabilitative services must be licensed under this section and chapter 245A.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision have the meanings given.

(b) "Adult mental health rehabilitative services" or "ARMHS" has the meaning given in section 245I.02, subdivision 33.

(c) "Basic living skills" means rehabilitative interventions that instruct, assist, and support the client with:

(1) interpersonal communication skills;

(2) community resource utilization and integration skills;

(3) crisis planning;

(4) relapse prevention skills;

(5) health care directives;

(6) budgeting and shopping skills;

(7) healthy lifestyle skills and practices;

(8) cooking and nutrition skills;

(9) transportation skills;

(10) mental illness symptom management skills;

(11) household management skills;

(12) employment-related skills; and

(13) parenting skills.

165.1 (d) "Community intervention" means a client's community assisting in the client's
165.2 rehabilitation, including consultation with relatives, guardians, friends, employers, treatment
165.3 providers, and other significant individuals. Community intervention is appropriate when
165.4 directed exclusively to the treatment of the client.

165.5 (e) "Medication education services" means services provided individually or in groups
165.6 that focus on educating the client about mental illness and symptoms, the role and effects
165.7 of medications in treating symptoms of mental illness, and the side effects of medications.
165.8 Medication education services must be coordinated with, but must not duplicate, medication
165.9 management services. Medication education services must be provided by physicians,
165.10 advanced practice registered nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, or registered nurses.

165.11 (f) "Transition to community living services" means services that maintain continuity
165.12 of contact between the ARMHS provider and the client and facilitate discharge from a
165.13 hospital, residential treatment program, board and lodging facility, or nursing home.
165.14 Transition to community living services must not be used to provide other areas of adult
165.15 rehabilitative mental health services.

165.16 Subd. 3. **Service components.** An ARMHS provider must be capable of providing:

- 165.17 (1) basic living skills;
165.18 (2) medication education services;
165.19 (3) community intervention; and
165.20 (4) transition to community living services.

165.21 Subd. 4. **Provider requirements.** An ARMHS license holder must be enrolled with
165.22 medical assistance and comply with standards in section 256B.0623.

165.23 Subd. 5. **Qualifications.** ARMHS must be provided by:

- 165.24 (1) a mental health professional qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 2;
165.25 (2) a certified rehabilitation specialist qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 8;
165.26 (3) a clinical trainee qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 6;
165.27 (4) a behavioral health practitioner qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 4;
165.28 (5) a mental health certified peer specialist qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision
165.29 12; or
165.30 (6) a mental health rehabilitation worker qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision
165.31 14.

166.1 Subd. 6. **Service planning.** (a) An ARMHS provider must complete a written functional
166.2 assessment according to section 245I.10, subdivision 9, for each client.

166.3 (b) When an ARMHS provider completes a written functional assessment, the provider
166.4 must also complete a level of care assessment, as defined in section 245I.02, subdivision
166.5 19, for the client.

166.6 Subd. 7. **Group modality.** ARMHS may be provided in group settings if appropriate
166.7 to each participating client's needs and treatment plan. A group is defined as two to ten
166.8 clients, at least one of whom is concurrently receiving ARMHS. The service and group
166.9 must be specified in the client's individual treatment plan.

166.10 Sec. 33. **[245I.24] MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES.**

166.11 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) Mobile crisis response services provide short-term,
166.12 face-to-face mental health care in community settings for adults and children experiencing
166.13 crisis to help individuals maintain safety and return to a baseline level of functioning.

166.14 (b) Beginning January 1, 2028, a provider of mobile crisis response services must be
166.15 licensed under this section and chapter 245A.

166.16 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision
166.17 have the meanings given.

166.18 (b) "Crisis assessment" means an immediate face-to-face assessment by a physician, a
166.19 mental health professional, or a qualified member of a crisis team, as described in subdivision
166.20 5.

166.21 (c) "Crisis intervention" means face-to-face, short-term intensive mental health services
166.22 initiated during a mental health crisis to help an individual cope with immediate stressors,
166.23 identify and utilize available resources and strengths, engage in voluntary treatment, and
166.24 begin to return to the individual's baseline level of functioning.

166.25 (d) "Crisis screening" means a screening of a client's potential mental health crisis
166.26 situation under subdivision 6.

166.27 (e) "Crisis stabilization services" means individualized mental health services that are
166.28 designed to restore an individual to the individual's baseline level of functioning. Crisis
166.29 stabilization services may be provided in the individual's home, the home of a family member
166.30 or friend of the individual, another community setting, a short-term supervised licensed
166.31 residential program, or an emergency department. Crisis stabilization services include family
166.32 psychoeducation.

167.1 (f) "Crisis team" means the staff of a provider entity who are supervised and prepared
167.2 to provide mobile crisis services to a client in a potential mental health crisis situation.

167.3 (g) "Mental health crisis" is a behavioral, emotional, or psychiatric situation that, without
167.4 the provision of crisis response services, would likely result in significantly reducing the
167.5 individual's levels of functioning in primary activities of daily living, the individual needing
167.6 emergency services under section 62Q.55, or the individual being placed in a more restrictive
167.7 setting, including but not limited to inpatient hospitalization.

167.8 (h) "Mobile crisis services" means screening, assessment, intervention, and
167.9 community-based crisis stabilization services that are provided to an individual client.
167.10 Mobile crisis services does not include residential crisis stabilization.

167.11 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** (a) An individual is eligible for crisis assessment services when the
167.12 person has screened positive for a potential mental health crisis during a crisis screening.

167.13 (b) An individual is eligible for crisis intervention services and crisis stabilization services
167.14 when the individual has been assessed during a crisis assessment to be experiencing a mental
167.15 health crisis.

167.16 Subd. 4. **Policies, procedures, and practices specified.** (a) In addition to the policies
167.17 and procedures required by section 245I.03, the license holder must establish, enforce, and
167.18 maintain policies and procedures to:

167.19 (1) ensure that crisis screenings, crisis assessments, and crisis intervention services are
167.20 available 24 hours per day, seven days per week;

167.21 (2) respond to a call for services in a designated service area or according to a written
167.22 agreement with the local mental health authority for an adjacent area;

167.23 (3) have at least one mental health professional on staff at all times and at least one
167.24 additional staff member capable of leading a crisis response in the community; and

167.25 (4) respond to clients in the community according to the requirements and priorities in
167.26 subdivision 6.

167.27 (b) The license holder must provide the commissioner with information about the number
167.28 of requests for service, the number of clients that the provider serves face-to-face, and client
167.29 outcomes at least every six months, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.

167.30 (c) The license holder must:

168.1 (1) provide support for an individual's family and natural supports by enabling the
168.2 individual's family and natural supports to observe and participate in the individual's
168.3 treatment, assessments, and planning services;

168.4 (2) implement culturally specific treatment identified in the crisis treatment plan that is
168.5 meaningful and appropriate, as determined by the individual's culture, beliefs, values, and
168.6 language;

168.7 (3) respond to an individual's changing intervention and care needs, as identified by the
168.8 individual or a family member; and

168.9 (4) have the communication tools and procedures to communicate and consult promptly
168.10 about crisis assessment and interventions as services are provided.

168.11 (d) The license holder must coordinate services with:

168.12 (1) county emergency services under section 245.469, community hospitals, ambulance
168.13 services, transportation services, social services, law enforcement, engagement services,
168.14 and mental health crisis services through regularly scheduled interagency meetings;

168.15 (2) other behavioral health service providers, county mental health authorities, or federally
168.16 recognized American Indian authorities, and others as necessary, with the consent of the
168.17 individual or parent or guardian;

168.18 (3) detoxification, withdrawal management services, and medical stabilization services
168.19 as needed; and

168.20 (4) the individual's case manager if the individual is receiving case management services.

168.21 Subd. 5. **Crisis assessment and intervention staff qualifications.** (a) Crisis assessment
168.22 and intervention services must be provided by:

168.23 (1) a mental health professional qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 2;

168.24 (2) a clinical trainee qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 6;

168.25 (3) a behavioral health practitioner qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 4;

168.26 (4) a mental health certified family peer specialist qualified under section 245I.04,
168.27 subdivision 12; or

168.28 (5) a mental health certified peer specialist qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision
168.29 10.

(b) When crisis assessment and intervention services are provided to an individual in the community, a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner must lead the response.

(c) For providers under this section, the 30 hours of ongoing training required by section 245I.05, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), must be specific to providing crisis services to children and adults and include training about evidence-based practices identified by the commissioner of health to reduce the individual's risk of suicide and self-injurious behavior.

(d) At least six hours of the ongoing training under paragraph (c) must be specific to working with families and providing crisis stabilization services to children and include the following topics:

(1) developmental tasks of childhood and adolescence;

(2) family relationships;

(3) child and youth engagement and motivation, including motivational interviewing;

(4) culturally responsive care, including care for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth;

(5) positive behavior support;

(6) crisis intervention for youth with developmental disabilities;

(7) child traumatic stress, trauma-informed care, and trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy; and

(8) youth substance use.

(e) Individual providers must be experienced in crisis assessment, crisis intervention techniques, treatment engagement strategies, working with families, and clinical decision making under emergency conditions and have knowledge of local services and resources.

Subd. 6. Crisis screening. (a) A license holder may use the resources of emergency services under section 245.469 for crisis screening. The crisis screening must gather information, determine whether a mental health crisis situation exists, identify parties involved, and determine an appropriate response.

(b) When conducting a crisis screening, a provider must:

(1) employ evidence-based practices to reduce the individual's risk of suicide and self-injurious behavior;

(2) work with the individual to establish a plan and time frame for responding to the individual's mental health crisis, including responding to the individual's immediate need for support by telephone or text message until the provider can respond to the individual face-to-face;

(3) document significant factors in determining whether the individual is experiencing a mental health crisis, including prior requests for crisis services, an individual's recent presentation at an emergency department, known calls to 911 or law enforcement, or information from third parties with knowledge of an individual's history or current needs;

(4) accept calls from interested third parties and consider the additional needs or potential mental health crises that the third parties may be experiencing;

(5) provide psychoeducation, including reducing access to means of suicide, to relevant third parties including family members or other persons living with the individual; and

(6) consider other available services to determine which service intervention would best address the individual's needs and circumstances.

(c) For the purposes of this section, the following situations indicate a positive screen for a potential mental health crisis:

(1) the individual presents at an emergency department or urgent care setting and the health care team at that location requested crisis services; or

(2) a peace officer requested crisis services for an individual who is potentially subject to transportation under section 253B.051.

(d) The provider must prioritize providing a face-to-face crisis assessment of the individual, unless a provider documents specific evidence to show why the face-to-face assessment was not possible, including insufficient staffing resources, concerns for staff or individual safety, or other clinical factors.

(e) A provider is not required to have direct contact with the individual to determine that the individual is experiencing a potential mental health crisis. A mobile crisis provider may gather relevant information about the individual from a third party to establish the individual's need for services and potential safety factors.

Subd. 7. **Crisis assessment.** (a) If an individual screens positive for a potential mental health crisis, a crisis assessment must be completed. A crisis assessment must evaluate any immediate needs for which services are needed and, as time permits, the individual's:

(1) current life situation;

- 171.1 (2) health information, including current medications;
- 171.2 (3) sources of stress;
- 171.3 (4) mental health problems and symptoms;
- 171.4 (5) strengths;
- 171.5 (6) cultural considerations;
- 171.6 (7) support network;
- 171.7 (8) vulnerabilities;
- 171.8 (9) current functioning; and
- 171.9 (10) preferences, as communicated directly by the individual or as communicated in a
- 171.10 health care directive as described in chapters 145C and 253B, the crisis treatment plan
- 171.11 described in subdivision 11, a crisis prevention plan, or a wellness recovery action plan.
- 171.12 (b) A provider must conduct a crisis assessment at the individual's location when
- 171.13 appropriate and, when not appropriate, document the reasons.
- 171.14 (c) Whenever possible, the assessor must attempt to include input from the individual,
- 171.15 the individual's family, and other natural supports to assess whether a crisis exists.
- 171.16 (d) A crisis assessment must include a determination of:
- 171.17 (1) whether the individual is willing to voluntarily engage in treatment;
- 171.18 (2) whether the individual has an advance directive; and
- 171.19 (3) gathering the individual's information and history from involved family or other
- 171.20 natural supports.
- 171.21 (e) If a team determines that the individual does not need an acute level of care, the team
- 171.22 must provide services or service coordination if the individual has a co-occurring substance
- 171.23 use disorder and is otherwise eligible for services.
- 171.24 (f) If, after completing a crisis assessment, a provider refers the individual to an intensive
- 171.25 setting, including an emergency department, inpatient hospitalization, or residential crisis
- 171.26 stabilization, one of the crisis team members who completed or conferred about the
- 171.27 individual's crisis assessment must immediately contact the referral entity and consult with
- 171.28 the staff responsible for triage or intake at the referral entity. During the consultation, the
- 171.29 crisis team member must convey key findings or concerns that led to the individual's referral.
- 171.30 Following the consultation, the provider must also send written documentation to the referral

172.1 entity. The provider must document if the individual or the individual's legal guardian signed
172.2 releases for health records or if an exception under section 144.293, subdivision 5, exists.

172.3 Subd. 8. **Crisis intervention services.** (a) If the crisis assessment determines an individual
172.4 needs mobile crisis intervention services, the license holder must provide crisis intervention
172.5 services promptly. As able during the intervention, at least two members of the mobile crisis
172.6 intervention team must confer directly or by telephone about the crisis assessment, crisis
172.7 treatment plan, and actions taken and needed. At least one of the team members must be
172.8 providing face-to-face crisis intervention services. If providing crisis intervention services,
172.9 a clinical trainee or mental health practitioner must seek treatment supervision as required
172.10 in subdivision 10.

172.11 (b) If a provider delivers crisis intervention services while the individual is absent, the
172.12 provider must document the reason for delivering services while the individual is absent.

172.13 (c) The mobile crisis intervention team must develop a crisis treatment plan according
172.14 to subdivision 11.

172.15 (d) The mobile crisis intervention team must document which crisis treatment plan goals
172.16 and objectives have been met and when no further crisis intervention services are required.

172.17 (e) If the individual's mental health crisis is stabilized, but the individual needs a referral
172.18 to other services, the team must provide referrals to these services. If the individual is unable
172.19 to follow up on the referral, the team must link the individual to the service and follow up
172.20 to ensure the individual is receiving the service.

172.21 Subd. 9. **Crisis stabilization services.** (a) Crisis stabilization services must be provided
172.22 by qualified staff of a crisis stabilization services provider entity, which must:

172.23 (1) develop a crisis treatment plan that meets the criteria in subdivision 11;

172.24 (2) complete a vulnerable adult determination in accordance with section 245A.65,
172.25 subdivision 1a;

172.26 (3) deliver crisis stabilization services according to the crisis treatment plan and include
172.27 face-to-face contact with the individual receiving services by qualified staff for further
172.28 assessment, help with referrals, updating of the crisis treatment plan, skills training, and
172.29 collaboration with other service providers in the community;

172.30 (4) if the provider delivers crisis stabilization services while the individual is absent,
172.31 document the reason for delivering services while the individual is absent; and

173.1 (5) if the individual's mental health crisis is stabilized and the individual does not have
173.2 a health care directive or psychiatric declaration, as defined in chapter 145C or section
173.3 253B.03, subdivision 6d, offer to work with the individual to develop a directive or
173.4 declaration.

173.5 (b) A staff member providing crisis stabilization services must be:

173.6 (1) a mental health professional qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 2;

173.7 (2) a certified rehabilitation specialist qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 8;

173.8 (3) a clinical trainee qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 6;

173.9 (4) a behavioral health practitioner qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 4;

173.10 (5) a mental health certified family peer specialist qualified under section 245I.04,
173.11 subdivision 12;

173.12 (6) a mental health certified peer specialist qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision
173.13 10; or

173.14 (7) a mental health rehabilitation worker qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision
173.15 14.

173.16 (c) For providers under this section, the 30 hours of ongoing training required in section
173.17 245I.05, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), must be specific to providing crisis services to children
173.18 and adults and include training about evidence-based practices identified by the commissioner
173.19 of health to reduce an individual's risk of suicide and self-injurious behavior.

173.20 (d) For providers who deliver care to children 21 years of age or younger, at least six
173.21 hours of the ongoing training under this subdivision must be specific to working with families
173.22 and providing crisis stabilization services to children, including the following topics:

173.23 (1) developmental tasks of childhood and adolescence;

173.24 (2) family relationships;

173.25 (3) child and youth engagement and motivation, including motivational interviewing;

173.26 (4) culturally responsive care, including care for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and
173.27 queer youth;

173.28 (5) positive behavior support;

173.29 (6) crisis intervention for youth with developmental disabilities;

174.1 (7) child traumatic stress, trauma-informed care, and trauma-focused cognitive behavioral
174.2 therapy; and

174.3 (8) youth substance use.

174.4 This paragraph does not apply to adult residential crisis stabilization services providers
174.5 licensed under section 245I.23 or providing services pursuant to section 256B.0624,
174.6 subdivision 7a.

174.7 Subd. 10. **Supervision.** Clinical trainees and mental health practitioners may provide
174.8 crisis assessment and crisis intervention services if the following treatment supervision
174.9 requirements are met:

174.10 (1) the license holder must accept full responsibility for the services provided;

174.11 (2) a mental health professional working for the license holder must be immediately
174.12 available by telephone or in person for treatment supervision;

174.13 (3) a mental health professional must be consulted, in person or by telephone, during
174.14 the first three hours when a clinical trainee or mental health practitioner provides crisis
174.15 assessment or crisis intervention services; and

174.16 (4) a mental health professional must:

174.17 (i) review and approve, as defined in section 245I.02, subdivision 2, the tentative crisis
174.18 assessment and crisis treatment plan within 24 hours of first providing services to the
174.19 individual, notwithstanding section 245I.08, subdivision 3; and

174.20 (ii) document the consultation required in clause (3).

174.21 Subd. 11. **Crisis treatment plan.** (a) Within 24 hours of an individual's admission, the
174.22 license holder must complete the individual's crisis treatment plan. The license holder must:

174.23 (1) base the individual's crisis treatment plan on the individual's crisis assessment;

174.24 (2) consider crisis assistance strategies that have been effective for the individual in the
174.25 past;

174.26 (3) for a child, use a child-centered, family-driven, and culturally appropriate planning
174.27 process that allows the child's parents and guardians to observe or participate in the child's
174.28 individual and family treatment services, assessment, and treatment planning;

174.29 (4) for an adult, use a person-centered, culturally appropriate planning process that allows
174.30 the individual's family and other natural supports to observe or participate in treatment
174.31 services, assessment, and treatment planning;

175.1 (5) identify the participants involved in the individual's treatment planning. The individual
175.2 must be a participant if possible;

175.3 (6) identify the individual's initial treatment goals, measurable treatment objectives, and
175.4 specific interventions that the license holder will use to help the person engage in treatment;

175.5 (7) include documentation of referral to and scheduling of services, including specific
175.6 providers where applicable;

175.7 (8) ensure that the individual or the individual's legal guardian approves under section
175.8 245I.02, subdivision 2, of the individual's crisis treatment plan unless a court orders the
175.9 individual's treatment plan under chapter 253B. If the individual or the individual's legal
175.10 guardian disagrees with the crisis treatment plan, the license holder must document in the
175.11 client file the reasons why the individual disagrees with the crisis treatment plan; and

175.12 (9) ensure that a treatment supervisor approves, as defined in section 245I.02, subdivision
175.13 2, of the individual's treatment plan within 24 hours of the individual's admission if a mental
175.14 health practitioner or clinical trainee completes the crisis treatment plan, notwithstanding
175.15 section 245I.08, subdivision 3.

175.16 (b) The provider entity must provide the individual and the individual's legal guardian
175.17 with a copy of the crisis treatment plan.

175.18 Subd. 12. **Application requirements.** In a licensing application submitted under this
175.19 section and section 245A.04, the applicant must demonstrate that the applicant is:

175.20 (1) enrolled as a medical assistance provider; and

175.21 (2) in compliance with the provider type requirements under section 256B.0624,
175.22 subdivision 4, as determined by the commissioner.

175.23 Sec. 34. **[245I.30] CHILDREN'S THERAPEUTIC SERVICES AND SUPPORTS.**

175.24 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) "Children's therapeutic services and supports" means a
175.25 flexible package of community-based mental health services for children who require varying
175.26 therapeutic and rehabilitative levels of intervention to treat a diagnosed mental illness.
175.27 Interventions are delivered using various treatment modalities and combinations of services
175.28 designed to reach treatment outcomes identified in the individual treatment plan. Children's
175.29 therapeutic services and supports include development and rehabilitative services that
175.30 support a child's developmental treatment needs.

175.31 (b) Beginning January 1, 2028, a provider of children's therapeutic services and supports
175.32 must be licensed under this section and chapter 245A.

Subd. 2. **Service components.** (a) A children's therapeutic services and supports license holder must be capable of providing:

(1) individual and family psychotherapy, psychotherapy for crises, and group psychotherapy;

(2) individual, family, or group skills training; and

(3) crisis planning.

(b) Crisis planning that meets the standards in section 245.4871, subdivision 9a, must be offered to each client's family.

Subd. 3. **Provider requirements.** A children's therapeutic services and supports license holder must be enrolled with medical assistance and comply with the requirements in section 256B.0943.

Subd. 4. **Qualifications of provider staff.** Children's therapeutic services and supports must be provided by:

(1) a mental health professional qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 2;

(2) a clinical trainee qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 6;

(3) a behavioral health practitioner qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 4;

(4) a mental health certified family peer specialist qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 12; or

(5) a mental health behavioral aide qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 16.

Subd. 5. **Group modality.** Group skills training may be provided to multiple clients who, because of the nature of the clients' emotional, behavioral, or social dysfunction, can derive mutual benefit from interaction in a group setting. A group must consist of two to ten clients, at least one of whom is a client and is concurrently receiving a service under this section. The service and group must be specified in the client's individual treatment plan.

Sec. 35. **[245I.31] CHILDREN'S DAY TREATMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) For the purposes of this section, "children's day treatment program" means a site-based structured mental health program consisting of psychotherapy and individual or group skills training provided by a team under the treatment supervision of a mental health professional.

177.1 (b) A children's day treatment program must be licensed for a specific location of
177.2 operation and must not be part of inpatient or residential treatment services.

177.3 (c) A children's day treatment program must stabilize a client's mental health status while
177.4 developing and improving the client's independent living and socialization skills. The goal
177.5 of the day treatment program must be to reduce or relieve the effects of mental illness and
177.6 provide training to enable the client to live in the community.

177.7 (d) Beginning January 1, 2028, a provider of children's day services must be licensed
177.8 under this section and chapter 245A.

177.9 Subd. 2. **Service components.** A children's day treatment program must be capable of
177.10 providing the services in section 245I.30, subdivision 2.

177.11 Subd. 3. **Provider requirements.** A children's day treatment license holder must:

177.12 (1) be enrolled as a provider with medical assistance;

177.13 (2) maintain a policy regarding the use of restrictive procedures and meet the requirements
177.14 of section 245.8261;

177.15 (3) maintain a policy on medications in accordance with section 245I.11, subdivision
177.16 6; and

177.17 (4) meet group modality requirements in section 245I.30, subdivision 5.

177.18 Subd. 4. **Qualifications of provider staff.** Children's day treatment services must be
177.19 provided by:

177.20 (1) a mental health professional qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 2;

177.21 (2) a clinical trainee qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 6; or

177.22 (3) a behavioral health practitioner qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 4.

177.23 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0623, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

177.24 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** ~~Subject to federal approval,~~ Medical assistance covers medically
177.25 necessary adult rehabilitative mental health services when the services are provided by an
177.26 entity ~~meeting the standards in this section~~ licensed under section 245I.24. The provider
177.27 entity must make reasonable and good faith efforts to report individual client outcomes to
177.28 the commissioner, using instruments and protocols approved by the commissioner.

177.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

178.1 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0623, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

178.2 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** An eligible recipient is an individual who:

178.3 (1) is age 18 or older;

178.4 (2) is diagnosed with a medical condition, such as mental illness or traumatic brain
178.5 injury, for which adult rehabilitative mental health services are needed;

178.6 (3) has substantial disability and functional impairment in three or more of the areas
178.7 listed in section 245I.10, subdivision 9, paragraph (a), clause (4), so that self-sufficiency is
178.8 markedly reduced; and

178.9 (4) has had a recent standard diagnostic assessment pursuant to section 245I.10,
178.10 subdivision 6, by a qualified professional that documents adult rehabilitative mental health
178.11 services are medically necessary to address identified disability and functional impairments
178.12 and individual recipient goals.

178.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

178.14 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0623, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

178.15 Subd. 12. **Additional requirements.** ~~(a) Providers of adult rehabilitative mental health~~
178.16 ~~services must comply with the requirements relating to referrals for case management in~~
178.17 ~~section 245.467, subdivision 4.~~

178.18 ~~(b) Adult rehabilitative mental health services are provided for most recipients in the~~
178.19 ~~recipient's home and community. Services may also be provided at the home of a relative~~
178.20 ~~or significant other, job site, psychosocial clubhouse, drop-in center, social setting, classroom,~~
178.21 ~~or other places in the community. (a) Except for "transition to community services," the~~
178.22 place of service does not include a regional treatment center, nursing home, residential
178.23 treatment facility licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670 (Rule 36),
178.24 or section 245I.23, or an acute care hospital.

178.25 ~~(c) Adult rehabilitative mental health services may be provided in group settings if~~
178.26 ~~appropriate to each participating recipient's needs and individual treatment plan. A group~~
178.27 ~~is defined as two to ten clients, at least one of whom is a recipient, who is concurrently~~
178.28 ~~receiving a service which is identified in this section. The service and group must be specified~~
178.29 ~~in the recipient's individual treatment plan. (b) No more than two qualified staff may bill~~
178.30 Medicaid for services provided to the same group of recipients. If two adult rehabilitative
178.31 mental health workers bill for recipients in the same group session, they must each bill for
178.32 different recipients.

~~(d)~~ (c) Adult rehabilitative mental health services are appropriate if provided to enable a recipient to retain stability and functioning, when the recipient is at risk of significant functional decompensation or requiring more restrictive service settings without these services.

~~(e) Adult rehabilitative mental health services instruct, assist, and support the recipient in areas including: interpersonal communication skills, community resource utilization and integration skills, crisis planning, relapse prevention skills, health care directives, budgeting and shopping skills, healthy lifestyle skills and practices, cooking and nutrition skills, transportation skills, medication education and monitoring, mental illness symptom management skills, household management skills, employment-related skills, parenting skills, and transition to community living services.~~

~~(f) Community intervention, including consultation with relatives, guardians, friends, employers, treatment providers, and other significant individuals, is appropriate when directed exclusively to the treatment of the client.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2028.

Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0624, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** ~~(a) Subject to federal approval,~~ Medical assistance covers medically necessary crisis response services when the services are provided according to the standards in ~~this section~~ 245I.24.

~~(b) Subject to federal approval,~~ Medical assistance covers medically necessary residential crisis stabilization for adults when the services are provided by an entity licensed under and meeting the standards in section 245I.23 or an entity with an adult foster care license meeting the standards in ~~this section~~ subdivision 7a.

(c) The provider entity must make reasonable and good faith efforts to report individual client outcomes to the commissioner using instruments and protocols approved by the commissioner.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2028.

Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0624, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Provider entity standards.** (a) A mobile crisis provider must be:

(1) a county board operated entity;

(2) an Indian health services facility or facility owned and operated by a tribe or Tribal organization operating under United States Code, title 325, section 450f; or

(3) a provider entity that is under contract with the county board in the county where the potential crisis or emergency is occurring. To provide services under this section, the provider entity must directly provide the services; or if services are subcontracted, the provider entity must maintain responsibility for services and billing.

~~(b) A mobile crisis provider must meet the following standards:~~

~~(1) ensure that crisis screenings, crisis assessments, and crisis intervention services are available to a recipient 24 hours a day, seven days a week;~~

~~(2) be able to respond to a call for services in a designated service area or according to a written agreement with the local mental health authority for an adjacent area;~~

~~(3) have at least one mental health professional on staff at all times and at least one additional staff member capable of leading a crisis response in the community; and~~

~~(4) provide the commissioner with information about the number of requests for service, the number of people that the provider serves face-to-face, outcomes, and the protocols that the provider uses when deciding when to respond in the community.~~

~~(c) A provider entity that provides crisis stabilization services in a residential setting under subdivision 7 is not required to meet the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b), but must meet all other requirements of this subdivision.~~

~~(d) A crisis services provider must have the capacity to meet and carry out the standards in section 245I.011, subdivision 5, and the following standards:~~

~~(1) ensures that staff persons provide support for a recipient's family and natural supports, by enabling the recipient's family and natural supports to observe and participate in the recipient's treatment, assessments, and planning services;~~

~~(2) has adequate administrative ability to ensure availability of services;~~

~~(3) is able to ensure that staff providing these services are skilled in the delivery of mental health crisis response services to recipients;~~

~~(4) is able to ensure that staff are implementing culturally specific treatment identified in the crisis treatment plan that is meaningful and appropriate as determined by the recipient's culture, beliefs, values, and language;~~

181.1 ~~(5) is able to ensure enough flexibility to respond to the changing intervention and care~~
181.2 ~~needs of a recipient as identified by the recipient or family member during the service~~
181.3 ~~partnership between the recipient and providers;~~

181.4 ~~(6) is able to ensure that staff have the communication tools and procedures to~~
181.5 ~~communicate and consult promptly about crisis assessment and interventions as services~~
181.6 ~~occur;~~

181.7 ~~(7) is able to coordinate these services with county emergency services, community~~
181.8 ~~hospitals, ambulance, transportation services, social services, law enforcement, engagement~~
181.9 ~~services, and mental health crisis services through regularly scheduled interagency meetings;~~

181.10 ~~(8) is able to ensure that services are coordinated with other behavioral health service~~
181.11 ~~providers, county mental health authorities, or federally recognized American Indian~~
181.12 ~~authorities and others as necessary, with the consent of the recipient or parent or guardian.~~
181.13 ~~Services must also be coordinated with the recipient's case manager if the recipient is~~
181.14 ~~receiving case management services;~~

181.15 ~~(9) is able to ensure that crisis intervention services are provided in a manner consistent~~
181.16 ~~with sections 245.461 to 245.486 and 245.487 to 245.4879;~~

181.17 ~~(10) is able to coordinate detoxification services for the recipient according to Minnesota~~
181.18 ~~Rules, parts 9530.6605 to 9530.6655, or withdrawal management according to chapter 245F;~~

181.19 ~~(11) is able to establish and maintain a quality assurance and evaluation plan to evaluate~~
181.20 ~~the outcomes of services and recipient satisfaction; and~~

181.21 ~~(12) is an enrolled medical assistance provider.~~

181.22 (b) A mobile crisis provider must ensure services are provided consistent with section
181.23 245.469, subdivisions 1 and 2.

181.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

181.25 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0624, is amended by adding a subdivision
181.26 to read:

181.27 Subd. 7a. **Residential crisis stabilization services in adult foster care settings.** (a) If
181.28 crisis stabilization services are provided in a supervised, licensed residential setting that
181.29 serves no more than four adult residents, and one or more individuals are present at the
181.30 setting to receive residential crisis stabilization, the residential setting staff must include,
181.31 for at least eight hours per day, at least one mental health professional, clinical trainee,
181.32 certified rehabilitation specialist, or mental health practitioner.

182.1 (b) The commissioner must establish a statewide per diem rate for crisis stabilization
182.2 services provided under this paragraph to medical assistance enrollees. The rate for a provider
182.3 must not exceed the rate charged by that provider for the same service to other payers.
182.4 Payment must not be made to more than one entity for each individual for services provided
182.5 under this paragraph on a given day. The commissioner must set rates prospectively for the
182.6 annual rate period. The commissioner must require providers to submit annual cost reports
182.7 on a uniform cost reporting form and use submitted cost reports to inform the rate-setting
182.8 process. The commissioner must recalculate the statewide per diem every year.

182.9 (c) A provider under this subdivision must follow the requirements under section 245I.24,
182.10 subdivisions 4, paragraphs (c) and (d), and 9.

182.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

182.12 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0625, subdivision 5m, is
182.13 amended to read:

182.14 Subd. 5m. **Certified community behavioral health clinic services.** (a) Medical
182.15 assistance covers services provided by a not-for-profit certified community behavioral health
182.16 clinic (CCBHC) that meets the requirements of section ~~245.735, subdivision 3~~ 245I.17.

182.17 (b) The commissioner shall reimburse CCBHCs on a per-day basis for each day that an
182.18 eligible service is delivered using the CCBHC daily bundled rate system for medical
182.19 assistance payments as described in paragraph (c). The commissioner shall include a quality
182.20 incentive payment in the CCBHC daily bundled rate system as described in paragraph (e).
182.21 There is no county share for medical assistance services when reimbursed through the
182.22 CCBHC daily bundled rate system.

182.23 (c) The commissioner shall ensure that the CCBHC daily bundled rate system for CCBHC
182.24 payments under medical assistance meets the following requirements:

182.25 (1) the CCBHC daily bundled rate shall be a provider-specific rate calculated for each
182.26 CCBHC, based on the daily cost of providing CCBHC services and the total annual allowable
182.27 CCBHC costs divided by the total annual number of CCBHC visits. For calculating the
182.28 payment rate, total annual visits include visits covered by medical assistance and visits not
182.29 covered by medical assistance. Allowable costs include but are not limited to the salaries
182.30 and benefits of medical assistance providers; the cost of CCBHC services provided under
182.31 section ~~245.735, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clauses (6) and (7)~~ 245I.17, subdivision 4;
182.32 and other costs such as insurance or supplies needed to provide CCBHC services;

183.1 (2) payment shall be limited to one payment per day per medical assistance enrollee
183.2 when an eligible CCBHC service is provided. A CCBHC visit is eligible for reimbursement
183.3 if at least one of the CCBHC services listed under section ~~245.735, subdivision 3, paragraph~~
183.4 ~~(a), clause (6)~~ 245I.17, subdivision 4, is furnished to a medical assistance enrollee by a
183.5 health care practitioner or licensed agency employed by or under contract with a CCBHC;

183.6 (3) initial CCBHC daily bundled rates for newly ~~certified~~ licensed CCBHCs under
183.7 section ~~245.735, subdivision 3~~ 245I.17, shall be established by the commissioner using a
183.8 provider-specific rate based on the newly ~~certified~~ licensed CCBHC's audited historical
183.9 cost report data adjusted for the expected cost of delivering CCBHC services. Estimates
183.10 are subject to review by the commissioner and must include the expected cost of providing
183.11 the full scope of CCBHC services and the expected number of visits for the rate period;

183.12 (4) the commissioner shall rebase CCBHC rates once every two years following the last
183.13 rebasing and no less than 12 months following an initial rate or a rate change due to a change
183.14 in the scope of services. For CCBHCs certified after September 30, 2020, and before January
183.15 1, 2021, the commissioner shall rebase rates according to this clause for services provided
183.16 on or after January 1, 2024;

183.17 (5) the commissioner shall provide for a 60-day appeals process after notice of the results
183.18 of the rebasing;

183.19 (6) an entity that receives a CCBHC daily bundled rate that overlaps with another federal
183.20 Medicaid rate is not eligible for the CCBHC rate methodology;

183.21 (7) payments for CCBHC services to individuals enrolled in managed care shall be
183.22 coordinated with the state's phase-out of CCBHC wrap payments. The commissioner shall
183.23 complete the phase-out of CCBHC wrap payments within 60 days of the implementation
183.24 of the CCBHC daily bundled rate system in the Medicaid Management Information System
183.25 (MMIS), for CCBHCs reimbursed under this chapter, with a final settlement of payments
183.26 due made payable to CCBHCs no later than 18 months thereafter;

183.27 (8) the CCBHC daily bundled rate for each CCBHC shall be updated by trending each
183.28 provider-specific rate by the Medicare Economic Index for primary care services. This
183.29 update shall occur each year in between rebasing periods determined by the commissioner
183.30 in accordance with clause (4). CCBHCs must provide data on costs and visits to the state
183.31 annually using the CCBHC cost report established by the commissioner; and

183.32 (9) a CCBHC may request a rate adjustment for changes in the CCBHC's scope of
183.33 services when such changes are expected to result in an adjustment to the CCBHC payment
183.34 rate by 2.5 percent or more. The CCBHC must provide the commissioner with information

184.1 regarding the changes in the scope of services, including the estimated cost of providing
184.2 the new or modified services and any projected increase or decrease in the number of visits
184.3 resulting from the change. Estimated costs are subject to review by the commissioner. Rate
184.4 adjustments for changes in scope shall occur no more than once per year in between rebasing
184.5 periods per CCBHC and are effective on the date of the annual CCBHC rate update.

184.6 (d) Managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans shall reimburse CCBHC
184.7 providers at the CCBHC daily bundled rate. The commissioner shall monitor the effect of
184.8 this requirement on the rate of access to the services delivered by CCBHC providers. If, for
184.9 any contract year, federal approval is not received for this paragraph, the commissioner
184.10 must adjust the capitation rates paid to managed care plans and county-based purchasing
184.11 plans for that contract year to reflect the removal of this provision. Contracts between
184.12 managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans and providers to whom this paragraph
184.13 applies must allow recovery of payments from those providers if capitation rates are adjusted
184.14 in accordance with this paragraph. Payment recoveries must not exceed the amount equal
184.15 to any increase in rates that results from this provision. This paragraph expires if federal
184.16 approval is not received for this paragraph at any time.

184.17 (e) The commissioner shall implement a quality incentive payment program for CCBHCs
184.18 that meets the following requirements:

184.19 (1) a CCBHC shall receive a quality incentive payment upon meeting specific numeric
184.20 thresholds for performance metrics established by the commissioner, in addition to payments
184.21 for which the CCBHC is eligible under the CCBHC daily bundled rate system described in
184.22 paragraph (c);

184.23 (2) a CCBHC must be ~~certified~~ licensed and enrolled as a CCBHC for the entire
184.24 measurement year to be eligible for incentive payments;

184.25 (3) each CCBHC shall receive written notice of the criteria that must be met in order to
184.26 receive quality incentive payments at least 90 days prior to the measurement year; and

184.27 (4) a CCBHC must provide the commissioner with data needed to determine incentive
184.28 payment eligibility within six months following the measurement year. The commissioner
184.29 shall notify CCBHC providers of their performance on the required measures and the
184.30 incentive payment amount within 12 months following the measurement year.

184.31 (f) All claims to managed care plans for CCBHC services as provided under this section
184.32 shall be submitted directly to, and paid by, the commissioner on the dates specified no later
184.33 than January 1 of the following calendar year, if:

(1) one or more managed care plans does not comply with the federal requirement for payment of clean claims to CCBHCs, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 447.45(b), and the managed care plan does not resolve the payment issue within 30 days of noncompliance; and

(2) the total amount of clean claims not paid in accordance with federal requirements by one or more managed care plans is 50 percent of, or greater than, the total CCBHC claims eligible for payment by managed care plans.

If the conditions in this paragraph are met between January 1 and June 30 of a calendar year, claims shall be submitted to and paid by the commissioner beginning on January 1 of the following year. If the conditions in this paragraph are met between July 1 and December 31 of a calendar year, claims shall be submitted to and paid by the commissioner beginning on July 1 of the following year.

(g) Peer services provided by a CCBHC ~~certified~~ licensed under section ~~245.735~~ 245I.17 are a covered service under medical assistance when a licensed mental health professional or alcohol and drug counselor determines that peer services are medically necessary. Eligibility under this subdivision for peer services provided by a CCBHC supersede eligibility standards under sections 256B.0615, 256B.0616, and 245G.07, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2028.

Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0943, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Covered service components of children's therapeutic services and supports.** (a) Subject to federal approval, medical assistance covers medically necessary children's therapeutic services and supports when the services are provided by an eligible provider entity ~~certified under and meeting the standards in this section~~ licensed under section 245I.30 or children's day treatment services licensed under section 245I.31. The provider entity must make reasonable and good faith efforts to report individual client outcomes to the commissioner, using instruments and protocols approved by the commissioner.

(b) The covered service components of children's therapeutic services and supports are:

~~(1) patient and/or family psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, psychotherapy for crisis, and group psychotherapy;~~

~~(2) individual, family, or group skills training provided by a mental health professional, clinical trainee, or mental health practitioner;~~

186.1 ~~(3) crisis planning;~~

186.2 ~~(4) mental health behavioral aide services;~~

186.3 (1) the services described in section 245I.30, subdivision 2, provided by providers
186.4 licensed under section 245I.30 or 245I.31;

186.5 (2) administration of standardized measures;

186.6 ~~(5)~~ (3) direction of a mental health behavioral aide; and

186.7 ~~(6)~~ (4) mental health service plan development; and

186.8 ~~(7) children's day treatment.~~

186.9 (c) In delivering services under this section, a licensed provider entity must ensure that
186.10 psychotherapy to address a child's underlying mental health disorder is documented as part
186.11 of the child's ongoing treatment. A provider must deliver or arrange for medically necessary
186.12 psychotherapy unless the child's parent or caregiver chooses not to receive the psychotherapy
186.13 or the provider determines that psychotherapy is no longer medically necessary. When a
186.14 provider determines that psychotherapy is no longer medically necessary, the provider must
186.15 update required documentation, including but not limited to the individual treatment plan,
186.16 the child's medical record, or other authorizations, to include the determination. When a
186.17 provider determines that a child needs psychotherapy but psychotherapy cannot be delivered
186.18 due to a shortage of licensed mental health professionals in the child's community, the
186.19 provider must document the lack of access in the child's medical record.

186.20 (d) Medical assistance covers service plan development before completion of a child's
186.21 individual treatment plan. Service plan development consists of development, review, and
186.22 revision of the individual treatment plan by face-to-face or electronic communication,
186.23 including time spent gathering client history from other key figures or providers. The provider
186.24 must document events, including the time spent with the family and other key participants
186.25 in the child's life to approve the individual treatment plan. Service plan development is
186.26 covered only if a treatment plan is completed or for work already completed at the time the
186.27 client voluntarily chooses to disengage with services for the child. If it is determined upon
186.28 review that a treatment plan was not completed for the child, the commissioner shall recover
186.29 the payment for the service plan development.

186.30 (e) Medical assistance covers time spent administering and reporting standardized
186.31 measures approved by the commissioner.

186.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

187.1 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0943, subdivision 3, is
187.2 amended to read:

187.3 Subd. 3. **Determination of client eligibility.** (a) A client's eligibility to receive children's
187.4 therapeutic services and supports under this section shall be determined based on a standard
187.5 diagnostic assessment by a mental health professional or a clinical trainee that is performed
187.6 within one year before the initial start of service and updated as required under section
187.7 245I.10, subdivision 2. The standard diagnostic assessment must:

187.8 (1) determine whether ~~a child under age 18 has a diagnosis of mental illness or, if the~~
187.9 ~~person is between the ages of 18 and 21, whether~~ the person has a mental illness; and

187.10 (2) document children's therapeutic services and supports as medically necessary to
187.11 address an identified disability, functional impairment, and the individual client's needs and
187.12 goals; ~~and.~~

187.13 ~~(3) be used in the development of the individual treatment plan.~~

187.14 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a client may be determined to be eligible for up to
187.15 five days of day treatment under this section based on a hospital's medical history and
187.16 presentation examination of the client.

187.17 ~~(c) Children's therapeutic services and supports include development and rehabilitative~~
187.18 ~~services that support a child's developmental treatment needs.~~

187.19 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0943, subdivision 12, is
187.20 amended to read:

187.21 Subd. 12. **Excluded services.** (a) The following services are not eligible for medical
187.22 assistance payment as children's therapeutic services and supports:

187.23 (1) service components of children's therapeutic services and supports simultaneously
187.24 provided by more than one provider entity unless prior authorization is obtained;

187.25 (2) treatment by multiple providers within the same agency at the same clock time,
187.26 unless one service is delivered to the child and the other service is delivered to the child's
187.27 family or treatment team without the child present;

187.28 (3) children's therapeutic services and supports provided in violation of medical assistance
187.29 policy in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0220;

187.30 (4) mental health behavioral aide services provided by a personal care assistant who is
187.31 not qualified as a mental health behavioral aide and employed by a certified children's
187.32 therapeutic services and supports provider entity;

188.1 (5) service components of CTSS that are the responsibility of a residential or program
188.2 license holder, including foster care providers under the terms of a service agreement or
188.3 administrative rules governing licensure; and

188.4 (6) adjunctive activities that may be offered by a provider entity but are not otherwise
188.5 covered by medical assistance, including:

188.6 (i) a service that is primarily recreation oriented or that is provided in a setting that is
188.7 not medically supervised. This includes sports activities, exercise groups, activities such as
188.8 craft hours, leisure time, social hours, meal or snack time, trips to community activities,
188.9 and tours;

188.10 (ii) a social or educational service that does not have or cannot reasonably be expected
188.11 to have a therapeutic outcome related to the client's mental illness;

188.12 (iii) prevention or education programs provided to the community; and

188.13 (iv) treatment for clients with primary diagnoses of alcohol or other drug abuse.

188.14 (b) Time spent on administrative tasks before and after providing direct services, including
188.15 scheduling or maintaining clinical records, is included in CTSS payments and may not be
188.16 separately billed as additional clock hours of service.

188.17 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 260E.14, subdivision 1, is amended
188.18 to read:

188.19 Subdivision 1. **Facilities and schools.** (a) The local welfare agency is the agency
188.20 responsible for investigating allegations of maltreatment in child foster care, family child
188.21 care, legally nonlicensed child care, and reports involving children served by an unlicensed
188.22 personal care provider organization under section 256B.0659. Copies of findings related to
188.23 personal care provider organizations under section 256B.0659 must be forwarded to the
188.24 Department of Human Services provider enrollment.

188.25 (b) The Department of Human Services is the agency responsible for screening and
188.26 investigating allegations of maltreatment in juvenile correctional facilities listed under
188.27 section 241.021 located in the local welfare agency's county and in facilities licensed or
188.28 certified under chapters 245A and 245D.

188.29 (c) The Department of Health is the agency responsible for screening and investigating
188.30 allegations of maltreatment in facilities licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58 and 144A.43
188.31 to 144A.482 or chapter 144H.

(d) The Department of Education is the agency responsible for screening and investigating allegations of maltreatment in a school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, and 13, and chapter 124E. The Department of Education's responsibility to screen and investigate includes allegations of maltreatment involving students 18 through 21 years of age, including students receiving special education services, up to and including graduation and the issuance of a secondary or high school diploma.

(e) The Department of Human Services is the agency responsible for screening and investigating allegations of maltreatment of minors in an EIDBI agency operating under sections 245A.142 and 256B.0949.

(f) A health or corrections agency receiving a report may request the local welfare agency to provide assistance pursuant to this section and sections 260E.20 and 260E.22.

(g) The Department of Children, Youth, and Families is the agency responsible for screening and investigating allegations of maltreatment in facilities or programs not listed in paragraph (a) that are licensed or certified under chapters 142B and 142C.

(h) The Department of Human Services is the agency responsible for screening and investigating allegations of maltreatment of minors for mobile crisis response services and children's therapeutic services and supports programs licensed under chapter 245I.

Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 626.5572, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **Lead investigative agency.** "Lead investigative agency" is the primary administrative agency responsible for investigating reports made under section 626.557.

(a) The Department of Health is the lead investigative agency for facilities or services licensed or required to be licensed as hospitals, home care providers, nursing homes, boarding care homes, hospice providers, residential facilities that are also federally certified as intermediate care facilities that serve people with developmental disabilities, or any other facility or service not listed in this subdivision that is licensed or required to be licensed by the Department of Health for the care of vulnerable adults. "Home care provider" has the meaning provided in section 144A.43, subdivision 4, and applies when care or services are delivered in the vulnerable adult's home.

(b) The Department of Human Services is the lead investigative agency for facilities or services licensed or required to be licensed as adult day care, adult foster care, community residential settings, programs for people with disabilities, EIDBI agencies, family adult day services, mental health programs licensed under chapter 245I, mental health clinics, substance

use disorder programs, the Minnesota Sex Offender Program, or any other facility or service not listed in this subdivision that is licensed or required to be licensed by the Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services is also the lead investigative agency for unlicensed EIDBI agencies under section 256B.0949. The Department of Human Services is the lead investigative agency for adult rehabilitative mental health services under section 245I.22, mobile crisis response services under section 245I.24, and certified community behavioral health clinics under section 245I.17.

(c) The county social service agency or its designee is the lead investigative agency for all other reports, including but not limited to reports involving vulnerable adults receiving services from a personal care provider organization under section 256B.0659.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2028.

Sec. 48. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

The revisor of statutes shall renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 245.735, subdivisions 5 and 6, as Minnesota Statutes, section 245I.17, subdivisions 23 and 24.

Sec. 49. **REPEALER.**

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 245.735, subdivisions 1a, 2a, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, 3h, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4e, 7, and 8; 245C.03, subdivision 7; 245I.20, subdivision 9; 245I.23, subdivision 23; 256B.0623, subdivisions 2, 4, 5, 6, and 9; 256B.0624, subdivisions 2, 3, 4a, 5, 6, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9, and 11; and 256B.0943, subdivisions 4, 5, 5a, 6, 7, and 11, are repealed.

(b) Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 245.735, subdivisions 3 and 4d; and 256B.0943, subdivisions 1 and 9, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2028.

ARTICLE 6

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245D.12, is amended to read:

**245D.12 INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS; ~~SETTING CAPACITY~~
~~REPORT.~~**

Subdivision 1. Setting capacity report. (a) The license holder providing integrated community support, as defined in section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (8), must submit a setting capacity report to the commissioner to ensure the identified location

191.1 of service delivery meets the criteria of the home and community-based service requirements
191.2 as specified in section 256B.492.

191.3 (b) The license holder shall provide the setting capacity report on the forms and in the
191.4 manner prescribed by the commissioner. The report must include:

191.5 (1) the address of the multifamily housing building where the license holder delivers
191.6 integrated community supports and owns, leases, or has a direct or indirect financial
191.7 relationship with the property owner;

191.8 (2) the total number of living units in the multifamily housing building described in
191.9 clause (1) where integrated community supports are delivered;

191.10 (3) the total number of living units in the multifamily housing building described in
191.11 clause (1), including the living units identified in clause (2);

191.12 (4) the total number of people who could reside in the living units in the multifamily
191.13 housing building described in clause (2) and receive integrated community supports; and

191.14 (5) the percentage of living units that are controlled by the license holder in the
191.15 multifamily housing building by dividing clause (2) by clause (3).

191.16 (c) Only one license holder may deliver integrated community supports at the address
191.17 of the multifamily housing building.

191.18 Subd. 2. **Licensure moratorium.** (a) Except as permitted in this subdivision, the
191.19 commissioner must not issue an initial license under this chapter authorizing integrated
191.20 community supports under section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (8), and
191.21 must not approve a license change adding integrated community supports to an existing
191.22 license under this chapter.

191.23 (b) The commissioner may approve an exception to the moratorium only when the
191.24 applicant or licensee meets all requirements under subdivision 1, the request is not superseded
191.25 by temporary moratoriums under section 245A.03, subdivision 7a, and the applicant submits
191.26 documentation demonstrating compliance with:

191.27 (1) federal and state home and community-based services requirements for
191.28 provider-controlled settings;

191.29 (2) the prohibition on the use of Medicaid money for room and board under United
191.30 States Code, title 42, section 1396n(c); and

191.31 (3) all licensing requirements applicable to integrated community supports under this
191.32 chapter.

192.1 (c) In determining whether to approve an exception, the commissioner must consider
192.2 statewide and regional capacity for integrated community supports based on needs
192.3 determination processes under section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraph (e).

192.4 (d) A determination under this subdivision is final and not subject to appeal.

192.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

192.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0623, is amended by adding a subdivision
192.7 to read:

192.8 Subd. 15. **Billing limits.** The maximum billable units for adult rehabilitation mental
192.9 health services under this section without authorization from the commissioner are:

192.10 (1) four hours per week per recipient combined total of H2017, H2017 HM, and H2017
192.11 HQ;

192.12 (2) 18 hours per month per recipient combined total of H2017, H2017 HM, and H2017
192.13 HQ; or

192.14 (3) 200 hours per year per recipient combined total of H2017, H2017 HM, and H2017
192.15 HQ.

192.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

192.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17, is
192.18 amended to read:

192.19 Subd. 17. **Transportation costs.** (a) "Nonemergency medical transportation service"
192.20 means motor vehicle transportation provided by a public or private person that serves
192.21 Minnesota health care program beneficiaries who do not require emergency ambulance
192.22 service, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 3, to obtain covered medical services.

192.23 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "rural urban commuting area" or "RUCA" means
192.24 a census-tract based classification system under which a geographical area is determined
192.25 to be urban, rural, or super rural. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026, for medical assistance
192.26 fee-for-service and January 1, 2027, for prepaid medical assistance.

192.27 (c) Medical assistance covers medical transportation costs incurred solely for obtaining
192.28 emergency medical care or transportation costs incurred by eligible persons in obtaining
192.29 emergency or nonemergency medical care when paid directly to an ambulance company,
192.30 nonemergency medical transportation company, or other recognized providers of
192.31 transportation services. Medical transportation must be provided by:

193.1 (1) nonemergency medical transportation providers who meet the requirements of this
193.2 subdivision;

193.3 (2) ambulances, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 2;

193.4 (3) taxicabs that meet the requirements of this subdivision;

193.5 (4) public transportation, within the meaning of "public transportation" as defined in
193.6 section 174.22, subdivision 7; or

193.7 (5) not-for-hire vehicles, including volunteer drivers, as defined in section 65B.472,
193.8 subdivision 1, paragraph (p).

193.9 (d) Medical assistance covers nonemergency medical transportation provided by
193.10 nonemergency medical transportation providers enrolled in the Minnesota health care
193.11 programs. All nonemergency medical transportation providers must comply with the
193.12 operating standards for special transportation service as defined in sections 174.29 to 174.30
193.13 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 8840, and all drivers must be individually enrolled with the
193.14 commissioner and reported on the claim as the individual who provided the service. All
193.15 nonemergency medical transportation providers shall bill for nonemergency medical
193.16 transportation services in accordance with Minnesota health care programs criteria. Publicly
193.17 operated transit systems, volunteers, and not-for-hire vehicles are exempt from the
193.18 requirements outlined in this paragraph. This paragraph expires upon the effective date of
193.19 paragraph (e).

193.20 (e) Effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, medical
193.21 assistance covers nonemergency medical transportation provided by nonemergency medical
193.22 transportation providers enrolled in the Minnesota health care programs. All nonemergency
193.23 medical transportation providers must comply with the operating standards for special
193.24 transportation service as defined in sections 174.29 to 174.30 and Minnesota Rules, chapter
193.25 8840, and all drivers must be individually enrolled with the commissioner and reported on
193.26 the claim as the individual who provided the service. All nonemergency medical
193.27 transportation providers shall bill for nonemergency medical transportation services in
193.28 accordance with Minnesota health care programs criteria and comply with the requirements
193.29 of section 256B.073. Publicly operated transit systems, volunteers, and not-for-hire vehicles
193.30 are exempt from the requirements outlined in this paragraph.

193.31 ~~(e)~~ (f) An organization may be terminated, denied, or suspended from enrollment if:

193.32 (1) the provider has not initiated background studies on the individuals specified in
193.33 section 174.30, subdivision 10, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3); or

194.1 (2) the provider has initiated background studies on the individuals specified in section
194.2 174.30, subdivision 10, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), and:

194.3 (i) the commissioner has sent the provider a notice that the individual has been
194.4 disqualified under section 245C.14; and

194.5 (ii) the individual has not received a disqualification set-aside specific to the special
194.6 transportation services provider under sections 245C.22 and 245C.23.

194.7 ~~(f)~~ (g) The administrative agency of nonemergency medical transportation must:

194.8 (1) adhere to the policies defined by the commissioner;

194.9 (2) pay nonemergency medical transportation providers for services provided to
194.10 Minnesota health care programs beneficiaries to obtain covered medical services;

194.11 (3) provide data monthly to the commissioner on appeals, complaints, no-shows, canceled
194.12 trips, and number of trips by mode; and

194.13 (4) by July 1, 2016, in accordance with subdivision 18e, utilize a web-based single
194.14 administrative structure assessment tool that meets the technical requirements established
194.15 by the commissioner, reconciles trip information with claims being submitted by providers,
194.16 and ensures prompt payment for nonemergency medical transportation services. This
194.17 paragraph expires July 1, 2026, for medical assistance fee-for-service and January 1, 2027,
194.18 for prepaid medical assistance.

194.19 ~~(g)~~ (h) Effective July 1, 2026, for medical fee-for-service and January 1, 2027, for prepaid
194.20 medical assistance, the administrative agency of nonemergency medical transportation must:

194.21 (1) adhere to the policies defined by the commissioner;

194.22 (2) pay nonemergency medical transportation providers for services provided to
194.23 Minnesota health care program beneficiaries to obtain covered medical services; and

194.24 (3) provide data monthly to the commissioner on appeals, complaints, no-shows, canceled
194.25 trips, and number of trips by mode.

194.26 ~~(h)~~ (i) Until the commissioner implements the single administrative structure and delivery
194.27 system under subdivision 18e, clients shall obtain their level-of-service certificate from the
194.28 commissioner or an entity approved by the commissioner that does not dispatch rides for
194.29 clients using modes of transportation under paragraph ~~(h)~~ (o), clauses (4), (5), (6), and (7).
194.30 This paragraph expires July 1, 2026, for medical assistance fee-for-service and January 1,
194.31 2027, for prepaid medical assistance.

195.1 ~~(j)~~ (j) The commissioner may use an order by the recipient's attending physician, advanced
195.2 practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or a medical or mental health professional to
195.3 certify that the recipient requires nonemergency medical transportation services.

195.4 Nonemergency medical transportation providers shall perform driver-assisted services for
195.5 eligible individuals, when appropriate. Driver-assisted service includes passenger pickup
195.6 at and return to the individual's residence or place of business, assistance with admittance
195.7 of the individual to the medical facility, and assistance in passenger securement or in securing
195.8 of wheelchairs, child seats, or stretchers in the vehicle.

195.9 ~~(k)~~ (k) Nonemergency medical transportation providers must take clients to the health
195.10 care provider using the most direct route, and must not exceed 30 miles for a trip to a primary
195.11 care provider or 60 miles for a trip to a specialty care provider, unless the client receives
195.12 authorization from the local agency. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026, for medical
195.13 assistance fee-for-service and January 1, 2027, for prepaid medical assistance.

195.14 ~~(l)~~ (l) Effective July 1, 2026, for medical assistance fee-for-service and January 1, 2027,
195.15 for prepaid medical assistance, nonemergency medical transportation providers must take
195.16 clients to the health care provider using the most direct route and must not exceed 30 miles
195.17 for a trip to a primary care provider or 60 miles for a trip to a specialty care provider, unless
195.18 the client receives authorization from the administrator.

195.19 ~~(m)~~ (m) Nonemergency medical transportation providers may not bill for separate base
195.20 rates for the continuation of a trip beyond the original destination. Nonemergency medical
195.21 transportation providers must maintain trip logs, which include pickup and drop-off times,
195.22 signed by the medical provider or client, whichever is deemed most appropriate, attesting
195.23 to mileage traveled to obtain covered medical services. Clients requesting client mileage
195.24 reimbursement must sign the trip log attesting mileage traveled to obtain covered medical
195.25 services.

195.26 ~~(n)~~ (n) The administrative agency shall use the level of service process established by
195.27 the commissioner to determine the client's most appropriate mode of transportation. If public
195.28 transit or a certified transportation provider is not available to provide the appropriate service
195.29 mode for the client, the client may receive a onetime service upgrade.

195.30 ~~(o)~~ (o) The covered modes of transportation are:

195.31 (1) client reimbursement, which includes client mileage reimbursement provided to
195.32 clients who have their own transportation, or to family or an acquaintance who provides
195.33 transportation to the client;

196.1 (2) volunteer transport, which includes transportation by volunteers using their own
196.2 vehicle;

196.3 (3) unassisted transport, which includes transportation provided to a client by a taxicab
196.4 or public transit. If a taxicab or public transit is not available, the client can receive
196.5 transportation from another nonemergency medical transportation provider;

196.6 (4) assisted transport, which includes transport provided to clients who require assistance
196.7 by a nonemergency medical transportation provider;

196.8 (5) lift-equipped/ramp transport, which includes transport provided to a client who is
196.9 dependent on a device and requires a nonemergency medical transportation provider with
196.10 a vehicle containing a lift or ramp;

196.11 (6) protected transport, which includes transport provided to a client who has received
196.12 a prescreening that has deemed other forms of transportation inappropriate and who requires
196.13 a provider: (i) with a protected vehicle that is not an ambulance or police car and has safety
196.14 locks, a video recorder, and a transparent thermoplastic partition between the passenger and
196.15 the vehicle driver; and (ii) who is certified as a protected transport provider; and

196.16 (7) stretcher transport, which includes transport for a client in a prone or supine position
196.17 and requires a nonemergency medical transportation provider with a vehicle that can transport
196.18 a client in a prone or supine position.

196.19 ~~(p)~~ (p) The local agency shall be the single administrative agency and shall administer
196.20 and reimburse for modes defined in paragraph ~~(n)~~ (o) according to paragraphs ~~(r)~~ (s) to ~~(t)~~
196.21 (u) when the commissioner has developed, made available, and funded the web-based single
196.22 administrative structure, assessment tool, and level of need assessment under subdivision
196.23 18e. The local agency's financial obligation is limited to funds provided by the state or
196.24 federal government. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026, for medical assistance
196.25 fee-for-service and January 1, 2027, for prepaid medical assistance.

196.26 ~~(p)~~ (q) The commissioner shall:

196.27 (1) verify that the mode and use of nonemergency medical transportation is appropriate;

196.28 (2) verify that the client is going to an approved medical appointment; and

196.29 (3) investigate all complaints and appeals.

196.30 ~~(q)~~ (r) The administrative agency shall pay for the services provided in this subdivision
196.31 and seek reimbursement from the commissioner, if appropriate. As vendors of medical care,
196.32 local agencies are subject to the provisions in section 256B.041, the sanctions and monetary

197.1 recovery actions in section 256B.064, and Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2160 to 9505.2245.
197.2 This paragraph expires July 1, 2026, for medical assistance fee-for-service and January 1,
197.3 2027, for prepaid medical assistance.

197.4 ~~(+)~~ (s) Payments for nonemergency medical transportation must be paid based on the
197.5 client's assessed mode under paragraph ~~(m)~~ (n), not the type of vehicle used to provide the
197.6 service. The medical assistance reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation
197.7 services that are payable by or on behalf of the commissioner for nonemergency medical
197.8 transportation services are:

197.9 (1) \$0.22 per mile for client reimbursement;

197.10 (2) up to 100 percent of the Internal Revenue Service business deduction rate for volunteer
197.11 transport;

197.12 (3) equivalent to the standard fare for unassisted transport when provided by public
197.13 transit, and \$12.10 for the base rate and \$1.43 per mile when provided by a nonemergency
197.14 medical transportation provider;

197.15 (4) \$14.30 for the base rate and \$1.43 per mile for assisted transport;

197.16 (5) \$19.80 for the base rate and \$1.70 per mile for lift-equipped/ramp transport;

197.17 (6) \$75 for the base rate and \$2.40 per mile for protected transport; and

197.18 (7) \$60 for the base rate and \$2.40 per mile for stretcher transport, and \$9 per trip for
197.19 an additional attendant if deemed medically necessary. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026,
197.20 for medical assistance fee-for-service and January 1, 2027, for prepaid medical assistance.

197.21 ~~(s)~~ (t) Effective July 1, 2026, for medical assistance fee-for-service and January 1, 2027,
197.22 for prepaid medical assistance, payments for nonemergency medical transportation must
197.23 be paid based on the client's assessed mode under paragraph ~~(m)~~ (n), not the type of vehicle
197.24 used to provide the service.

197.25 ~~(+)~~ (u) The base rate for nonemergency medical transportation services in areas defined
197.26 under RUCA to be super rural is equal to 111.3 percent of the respective base rate in
197.27 paragraph ~~(+)~~ (s), clauses (1) to (7). The mileage rate for nonemergency medical transportation
197.28 services in areas defined under RUCA to be rural or super rural areas is:

197.29 (1) for a trip equal to 17 miles or less, equal to 125 percent of the respective mileage
197.30 rate in paragraph ~~(+)~~ (s), clauses (1) to (7); and

(2) for a trip between 18 and 50 miles, equal to 112.5 percent of the respective mileage rate in paragraph ~~(s)~~ (s), clauses (1) to (7). This paragraph expires July 1, 2026, for medical assistance fee-for-service and January 1, 2027, for prepaid medical assistance.

~~(u)~~ (v) For purposes of reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation services under paragraphs ~~(s)~~ (s) to ~~(u)~~ (u), the zip code of the recipient's place of residence shall determine whether the urban, rural, or super rural reimbursement rate applies. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026, for medical assistance fee-for-service and January 1, 2027, for prepaid medical assistance.

~~(v)~~ (w) The commissioner, when determining reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation, shall exempt all modes of transportation listed under paragraph ~~(n)~~ (o) from Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0445, item R, subitem (2).

~~(w)~~ (x) Effective for the first day of each calendar quarter in which the price of gasoline as posted publicly by the United States Energy Information Administration exceeds \$3.00 per gallon, the commissioner shall adjust the rate paid per mile in paragraph ~~(s)~~ (s) by one percent up or down for every increase or decrease of ten cents for the price of gasoline. The increase or decrease must be calculated using a base gasoline price of \$3.00. The percentage increase or decrease must be calculated using the average of the most recently available price of all grades of gasoline for Minnesota as posted publicly by the United States Energy Information Administration. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026, for medical assistance fee-for-service and January 1, 2027, for prepaid medical assistance.

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

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17b, is amended to read:

Subd. 17b. **Documentation required.** (a) As a condition for payment, nonemergency medical transportation providers must document each occurrence of a service provided to a recipient according to this subdivision. Providers must maintain records sufficient to distinguish individual trips with specific vehicles and drivers. The documentation may be collected and maintained using electronic systems or software or in paper form but must be made available and produced upon request. Program funds paid for transportation that is not documented according to this subdivision may be subject to recovery by the commissioner pursuant to section 256B.064.

(b) A nonemergency medical transportation provider must compile transportation trip records that are written in English and legible according to the standard of a reasonable person and that include each of the following elements:

- 199.1 (1) the recipient's name;
- 199.2 (2) the date or dates the service is provided, if different than the date the entry was made;
- 199.3 (3) either the printed name of the driver sufficient to distinguish the driver of service or
- 199.4 the driver's provider number;
- 199.5 (4) the date and the signature of the driver attesting that the record accurately represents
- 199.6 the services provided and the actual miles driven, and acknowledging that misreporting
- 199.7 information that results in ineligible or excessive payments may result in civil or criminal
- 199.8 action;
- 199.9 (5) the date and the signature of the recipient or authorized party attesting that
- 199.10 transportation services were provided as indicated on the transportation trip record, or the
- 199.11 signature of the medical services provider certifying that the recipient was transported to
- 199.12 the medical services provider destination. In the event that both the medical services provider
- 199.13 and the recipient or authorized party refuse or are unable to provide signatures, the driver
- 199.14 must document on the transportation trip record that signatures were requested and not
- 199.15 provided;
- 199.16 (6) the address, or the description if the address is not available, of both the origin and
- 199.17 destination, and the mileage for the most direct route from the origin to the destination;
- 199.18 (7) the name or number of the mode of transportation in which the service is provided;
- 199.19 (8) the license plate number of the vehicle used to transport the recipient;
- 199.20 (9) the time of the recipient pickup;
- 199.21 (10) the time of the recipient drop-off;
- 199.22 (11) the odometer reading of the vehicle used to transport the recipient taken at the time
- 199.23 of pickup;
- 199.24 (12) the odometer reading of the vehicle used to transport the recipient taken at the time
- 199.25 of drop-off;
- 199.26 (13) the name of the extra attendant when an extra attendant is used to provide special
- 199.27 transportation service; and
- 199.28 (14) the documentation indicating the method that was used to determine the most direct
- 199.29 route.

200.1 (c) In determining whether the commissioner will seek recovery, the documentation
200.2 requirements in this section apply retroactively to audit findings beginning January 1, 2020,
200.3 and to all audit findings thereafter.

200.4 (d) Effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, records that
200.5 comply with section 256B.073 may be used to meet the requirements of this subdivision if
200.6 all required elements are included in the record.

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

200.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.073, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

200.9 Subdivision 1. **Documentation; establishment and operation.** The commissioner of
200.10 human services shall establish ~~implementation requirements and standards for~~ and maintain
200.11 the requirements and standards for the ongoing operation of electronic visit verification to
200.12 comply with the 21st Century Cures Act, Public Law 114-255. Within available
200.13 appropriations, the commissioner shall take steps to comply with the electronic visit
200.14 verification requirements in the 21st Century Cures Act, Public Law 114-255.

200.15 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.073, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

200.16 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision have
200.17 the meanings given them.

200.18 (b) "Data aggregator" means the entity designated by the commissioner to collect, store,
200.19 and transmit electronic visit verification data from providers and third-party systems to the
200.20 commissioner in accordance with the standards and requirements established under this
200.21 section.

200.22 ~~(b)~~ (c) "Electronic visit verification" or "EVV" means the electronic documentation of
200.23 the process required under United States Code, title 42, section 1396b(1), and this section
200.24 used to electronically verify:

200.25 (1) type of service performed;

200.26 (2) individual receiving the service;

200.27 (3) date of the service;

200.28 (4) location of the service delivery;

200.29 (5) individual providing the service; and

200.30 (6) time the service begins and ends.

201.1 (d) "Electronic visit verification data" means information collected through an electronic
201.2 visit verification system, including data elements required under United States Code, title
201.3 42, section 1396b(l), and any additional data elements specified by the commissioner under
201.4 this section.

201.5 ~~(e)~~ (e) "Electronic visit verification system" means a system that provides electronic
201.6 verification of services used to collect, verify, and transmit EVV data to the commissioner
201.7 or the commissioner's designated data aggregator that complies with the 21st Century Cures
201.8 Act, Public Law 114-255, and the requirements of subdivision 3.

201.9 (f) "Electronic visit verification vendor" means any entity that develops, provides, or
201.10 supports an electronic visit verification system, including the state-provided vendor and
201.11 any third-party vendor.

201.12 (g) "Financial management services provider" means an entity enrolled with the
201.13 commissioner to provide financial management services under section 256B.85 or other
201.14 applicable law and responsible for fiscal, payroll, and reporting functions on behalf of
201.15 participant employers.

201.16 (h) "Individual" means a person who receives services subject to electronic visit
201.17 verification under the medical assistance program.

201.18 (i) "Managed care organization" means a public or private organization that contracts
201.19 with the commissioner under section 256B.69 or other applicable law to deliver health care
201.20 services to individuals eligible for medical assistance or MinnesotaCare.

201.21 (j) "Provider" means an individual or organization that meets one or more of the following
201.22 conditions:

201.23 (1) is enrolled as a Minnesota health care programs provider;

201.24 (2) provides services through a managed care organization under contract with the
201.25 commissioner under section 256B.69;

201.26 (3) is a financial management services provider; or

201.27 (4) is a participant employer under section 256B.85, subdivision 7, or an employer of
201.28 record directing services under section 256B.49, subdivision 16.

201.29 ~~(k)~~ (k) "Service" means one of the following:

201.30 (1) personal care assistance services as defined in section 256B.0625, subdivision 19a,
201.31 and provided according to section 256B.0659;

201.32 (2) community first services and supports under section 256B.85;

202.1 (3) home health services under section 256B.0625, subdivision 6a; ~~or~~

202.2 (4) all unit-based services delivered by a provider that is a provider type designated
 202.3 high-risk by the commissioner based on the criteria and standards used to designate Medicare
 202.4 providers in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 424.518;

202.5 (5) unit-based services that are designated high-risk by the commissioner; or

202.6 ~~(4)~~ (6) other medical supplies and equipment or home and community-based services
 202.7 that are required to be electronically verified by the 21st Century Cures Act, Public Law
 202.8 114-255.

202.9 (l) "State-provided electronic visit verification system" means the electronic visit
 202.10 verification system made available by the commissioner to providers at no cost for services
 202.11 subject to federal electronic visit verification requirements.

202.12 (m) "Third-party electronic visit verification system" means an electronic visit verification
 202.13 system purchased or operated by a provider or vendor other than the state-provided system
 202.14 designated by the commissioner.

202.15 (n) "Verification method" means the electronic process used to capture and verify visit
 202.16 information, including telephone, fixed visit verification devices, or mobile applications,
 202.17 as approved by the commissioner.

202.18 (o) "Visit" means a single occurrence of service delivery subject to electronic visit
 202.19 verification.

202.20 (p) "Worker" means an individual who provides personal care assistance services,
 202.21 community first services and supports, home health services, consumer-directed community
 202.22 supports, or other services identified by the commissioner as subject to electronic visit
 202.23 verification.

202.24 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.073, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

202.25 Subd. 3. **Requirements.** ~~(a) In developing implementation requirements for administering~~
 202.26 ~~electronic visit verification, the commissioner shall~~ must ensure that the system and related
 202.27 requirements:

202.28 ~~(1) are minimally administratively and financially burdensome to a provider or~~ reasonable
 202.29 for providers;

202.30 ~~(2) are minimally burdensome~~ support continued access to the services and are designed
 202.31 to avoid disruption to service recipient and the least disruptive to the service recipient in
 202.32 receiving and maintaining allowed services delivery or receipt;

203.1 (3) consider existing best practices and use of electronic visit verification;

203.2 (4) are conducted according to all state and federal laws;

203.3 (5) are effective methods for preventing fraud when balanced against the requirements
203.4 of clauses (1) and (2); and

203.5 (6) are consistent with the Department of Human Services' policies related to covered
203.6 services, flexibility of service use, and quality assurance.

203.7 (b) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must make training and guidance available to providers on
203.8 the electronic visit verification ~~system~~ requirements and system use.

203.9 (c) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must establish baseline measurements related to preventing
203.10 fraud and establish measures to determine the effect of electronic visit verification
203.11 requirements on program integrity.

203.12 (d) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must make a state-selected electronic visit verification system
203.13 available to providers of services.

203.14 (e) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must make available and publish on the agency website the
203.15 name and contact information for the vendor of the state-selected electronic visit verification
203.16 system and the other vendors that offer alternative electronic visit verification systems. The
203.17 information provided must state that the state-selected electronic visit verification system
203.18 is offered at no cost to the provider of services and that the provider may choose an alternative
203.19 system that may be at a cost to the provider.

203.20 (f) The commissioner may establish implementation dates and implementation schedules
203.21 for services or system functions subject to electronic visit verification under this section,
203.22 including but not limited to the phased addition of new services, verification methods, or
203.23 technical requirements.

203.24 (g) The commissioner may waive the requirements of this section for any service
203.25 component or setting when the application of electronic visit verification is contrary to
203.26 paragraph (a).

203.27 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.073, is amended by adding a subdivision
203.28 to read:

203.29 Subd. 4a. **Electronic visit verification system options.** (a) A provider must use an
203.30 electronic visit verification system that complies with the requirements established by the
203.31 commissioner. A provider may use either the state-provided system or a third-party system.

204.1 All systems used for compliance must provide data to the commissioner in the format and
204.2 frequency required by the commissioner.

204.3 (b) The commissioner must make a state-provided electronic visit verification system
204.4 available at no cost to providers of services. The commissioner must provide training on
204.5 the system to all providers.

204.6 (c) The commissioner must allow providers of services to utilize a third-party electronic
204.7 visit verification system that the commissioner determines meets the requirements of this
204.8 section.

204.9 (d) A provider using a third-party electronic visit verification system that meets all
204.10 technical specifications and federal and state laws must:

204.11 (1) collect and submit all data for each visit to the commissioner, including but not
204.12 limited to manual entries;

204.13 (2) maintain compliance identified by the commissioner, including but not limited to
204.14 incorporating into the system any changes in data requirements that must be transmitted to
204.15 the state EVV system; and

204.16 (3) integrate the system with the state's designated data aggregator to accurately send
204.17 data.

204.18 (e) The state-designated data aggregator must be available at no cost to a provider for
204.19 purposes of transmitting electronic visit verification data from approved third-party systems
204.20 to the commissioner. Any costs associated with the development and use of a third-party
204.21 system are the responsibility of the provider.

204.22 (f) If a provider is unable to integrate a third-party system with the designated state
204.23 aggregator, the provider must use the state EVV system.

204.24 (g) The commissioner must provide training on reviewing and correcting imported data
204.25 in the state's designated data aggregator to providers.

204.26 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.073, is amended by adding a subdivision
204.27 to read:

204.28 Subd. 4b. **Provider responsibilities.** A provider must:

204.29 (1) use an electronic visit verification system that meets all technical and data submission
204.30 requirements established by the commissioner;

205.1 (2) enroll with the state-provided electronic visit verification system or the commissioner's
205.2 designated data aggregator, as applicable;

205.3 (3) provide all information requested by the commissioner for enrollment, access, and
205.4 data submission and ensure that such information remains accurate and up to date;

205.5 (4) maintain records for each individual receiving services subject to electronic visit
205.6 verification, including but not limited to all required data elements;

205.7 (5) maintain a current list of workers providing services subject to electronic visit
205.8 verification to individuals receiving services under medical assistance;

205.9 (6) provide the commissioner and any managed care organization under contract with
205.10 the commissioner under section 256B.69 with immediate, direct, and on-site or remote
205.11 access to the electronic visit verification system;

205.12 (7) at the request of the commissioner or a managed care organization, allow review or
205.13 copying of electronic visit verification documentation at no cost;

205.14 (8) ensure that electronic visit verification systems and related processes meet accessibility
205.15 and confidentiality requirements under state and federal law;

205.16 (9) comply with all policies, procedures, and technical specifications issued by the
205.17 commissioner under this section; and

205.18 (10) ensure that workers, participants, and other individuals using electronic visit
205.19 verification are trained and comply with all documentation and data entry requirements
205.20 established by the commissioner.

205.21 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.073, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

205.22 Subd. 5. **Vendor requirements.** (a) The vendor of the electronic visit verification system
205.23 selected by the commissioner and the vendor's affiliate must comply with the requirements
205.24 of this subdivision.

205.25 (b) The vendor of the ~~state-selected~~ state-provided electronic visit verification system
205.26 and the vendor's affiliate must:

205.27 (1) notify the provider of services that the provider may choose the ~~state-selected~~
205.28 state-provided electronic visit verification system at no cost to the provider;

205.29 (2) offer the ~~state-selected~~ state-provided electronic visit verification system to the
205.30 provider of services prior to offering any fee-based electronic visit verification system;

(3) notify the provider of services that the provider may choose any fee-based electronic visit verification system prior to offering the vendor's or its affiliate's fee-based electronic visit verification system; and

(4) when offering the ~~state-selected~~ state-provided electronic visit verification system, clearly differentiate between the ~~state-selected~~ state-provided electronic visit verification system and the vendor's or its affiliate's alternative fee-based system.

(c) The vendor of the ~~state-selected~~ state-provided electronic visit verification system and the vendor's affiliate must not use state data that are not available to other vendors of electronic visit verification systems to promote or sell the vendor's or its affiliate's alternative electronic visit verification system.

(d) Upon request from the provider, the vendor of the ~~state-selected~~ state-provided electronic visit verification system must provide proof of compliance with the requirements of paragraph (b).

(e) An agreement between the vendor of the ~~state-selected~~ state-provided electronic visit verification system or its affiliate and a provider of services for an electronic visit verification system that is not the ~~state-selected~~ state-provided system entered into on or after July 1, 2023, is subject to immediate termination by the provider if the vendor violates any of the requirements of paragraph (b).

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.073, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. Data and documentation. (a) A provider must submit electronic visit verification data to the commissioner or the commissioner's designated data aggregator in accordance with the technical standards, format, and frequency established under this section. The commissioner may use integrated electronic visit verification data for oversight, quality assurance, and program integrity purposes consistent with state and federal law.

(b) The commissioner and managed care organizations must use electronic visit verification data to validate claims for payment under medical assistance. Claims that cannot be validated in accordance with electronic visit verification requirements may be subject to actions by the commissioner as authorized under state and federal law, including actions related to payment, program integrity, or provider compliance.

(c) A provider must record all required electronic visit verification data at the time of service delivery using an approved verification method. To be compliant with electronic

207.1 visit verification requirements, a provider must document a visit with all required data
207.2 elements recorded at the time of service delivery.

207.3 (d) A manual visit is a visit:

207.4 (1) entered administratively and not by the caregiver at the time of service delivery; or

207.5 (2) where data elements are edited after the time of service delivery.

207.6 (e) A manual visit does not comply with electronic visit verification requirements. A
207.7 manual visit must be confirmed and verified according to processes established by the
207.8 commissioner before being used to validate or support a claim for payment.

207.9 (f) A worker providing services subject to electronic visit verification must record the
207.10 start and end times of each visit at the time the service is delivered using an approved
207.11 verification method. A worker must complete and verify all time documentation, including
207.12 but not limited to verification of service type, date, and duration, on the date the service
207.13 occurs and be consistent with documentation requirements under sections 256B.0625,
207.14 subdivision 6a; 256B.0659, subdivision 12; 256B.49, subdivision 16; and 256B.85,
207.15 subdivision 15. A provider of services must maintain documentation demonstrating
207.16 compliance with this subdivision and make the documentation available to the commissioner
207.17 or a managed care organization under contract with the commissioner under section 256B.69
207.18 upon request.

207.19 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.073, is amended by adding a subdivision
207.20 to read:

207.21 Subd. 7. **Third-party system responsibilities.** (a) This section is effective for Early
207.22 Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention services beginning July 1, 2027, or
207.23 upon federal approval, whichever is later. This section is effective for all other services
207.24 subject to this subdivision beginning January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever
207.25 is later.

207.26 (b) A provider that uses a third-party electronic visit verification system must ensure
207.27 that the system meets all technical, functional, and data-exchange requirements established
207.28 by the commissioner and transmits data to the commissioner or the commissioner's designated
207.29 data aggregator in the format and frequency required by the commissioner.

207.30 (c) A third-party electronic visit verification vendor must:

207.31 (1) comply with all technical, contractual, privacy, and security standards established
207.32 by the commissioner;

208.1 (2) not use or disclose state data for any purpose other than fulfilling the requirements
208.2 of this section or federal law;

208.3 (3) provide the commissioner access to system documentation, data mapping, and audit
208.4 records upon request; and

208.5 (4) immediately report to the commissioner any data transmission failure, breach, or
208.6 interruption affecting the state's ability to receive required electronic visit verification data.

208.7 (d) A provider remains responsible for ensuring compliance with this section even when
208.8 using a third-party electronic visit verification system.

208.9 (e) The third-party vendor must ensure training on the system is available to providers.

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

208.11 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0911, subdivision 14, is
208.12 amended to read:

208.13 Subd. 14. **Use of MnCHOICES certified assessors required.** (a) Each lead agency
208.14 shall use MnCHOICES certified assessors who have completed MnCHOICES training and
208.15 the certification process determined by the commissioner in subdivision 13.

208.16 (b) Each lead agency must ensure that the lead agency has sufficient numbers of certified
208.17 assessors to provide long-term consultation assessment and support planning within the
208.18 timelines and parameters of the service.

208.19 (c) A lead agency may choose, according to departmental policies, to contract with a
208.20 qualified, certified assessor to conduct assessments and reassessments on behalf of the lead
208.21 agency.

208.22 (d) Tribes and health plans under contract with the commissioner must provide long-term
208.23 care consultation services as specified in the contract.

208.24 (e) A lead agency must provide the commissioner with an administrative contact for
208.25 communication purposes.

208.26 (f) A lead agency may contract under this subdivision with any hospital licensed under
208.27 sections 144.50 to 144.56 to conduct assessments of patients in the hospital on behalf of
208.28 the lead agency when the lead agency has failed to meet its obligations under subdivision
208.29 17. The contracted assessment must be conducted by a hospital employee who is a qualified,
208.30 certified assessor. The hospital employees who perform assessments under the contract
208.31 between the hospital and the lead agency may perform assessments in addition to other
208.32 duties assigned to the employee by the hospital, except the hospital employees who perform

209.1 the assessments under contract with the lead agency must not perform any waiver-related
209.2 tasks other than assessments. Hospitals are not eligible for reimbursement under subdivision
209.3 33. The lead agency that enters into a contract with a hospital under this paragraph is
209.4 responsible for oversight, compliance, and quality assurance for all assessments performed
209.5 under the contract.

209.6 (g) The commissioner must employ certified assessors within the department to conduct
209.7 assessments on behalf of lead agencies under conditions and circumstances determined by
209.8 the commissioner. Certified assessors employed by the department may conduct assessments
209.9 in addition to other duties as assigned, except the certified assessors employed by the
209.10 department must not perform any responsibilities of a lead agency described in this section
209.11 other than assessments. Nothing in this paragraph creates an obligation for the department
209.12 to provide the department's certified assessors to conduct assessments on behalf of a lead
209.13 agency.

209.14 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0911, subdivision 32, is amended to read:

209.15 Subd. 32. **Administrative activity.** (a) The commissioner shall:

209.16 (1) streamline the processes, including timelines for when assessments need to be
209.17 completed;

209.18 (2) provide the services in this section; ~~and~~

209.19 (3) implement integrated solutions to automate the business processes to the extent
209.20 necessary for support plan approval, reimbursement, program planning, evaluation, and
209.21 policy development; and

209.22 (4) grant limited role-based access to a person's support plan in the MnCHOICES system
209.23 to home and community-based service providers who have been designated as a provider
209.24 for that person by a lead agency for the purpose of signing the person's support plan
209.25 electronically and demonstrating that the provider has reviewed, understood, and agrees to
209.26 deliver services as outlined in the plan.

209.27 (b) The commissioner shall work with lead agencies responsible for conducting long-term
209.28 care consultation services to:

209.29 (1) modify the MnCHOICES application and assessment policies to create efficiencies
209.30 while ensuring federal compliance with medical assistance and long-term services and
209.31 supports eligibility criteria; and

210.1 (2) develop a set of measurable benchmarks sufficient to demonstrate quarterly
210.2 improvement in the average time per assessment and other mutually agreed upon measures
210.3 of increasing efficiency.

210.4 (c) The commissioner shall collect data on the benchmarks developed under paragraph
210.5 (b) and provide to the lead agencies an annual trend analysis of the data in order to
210.6 demonstrate the commissioner's compliance with the requirements of this subdivision.

210.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0949, is amended by adding a subdivision
210.8 to read:

210.9 Subd. 19. **Billing limits.** (a) Effective July 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever
210.10 is later, the following billing limits apply to early intensive development and behavioral
210.11 intervention services:

210.12 (1) intensive services: 40 hours per week per recipient;

210.13 (2) travel: two hours per day per recipient;

210.14 (3) observation and direction: 20 hours per week per recipient; and

210.15 (4) individual treatment and planning: 300 units per year per recipient.

210.16 (b) The commissioner must grant exceptions to the billing limits under paragraph (a)
210.17 when services in excess of the billing limits are determined to be medically necessary. A
210.18 provider must apply to the commissioner for an exception on the forms and in the manner
210.19 prescribed by the commissioner. A determination under this paragraph is final and not
210.20 subject to appeal.

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

210.22 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.4905, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

210.23 Subd. 11. **Informed choice in technology policy.** It is the policy of this state that all
210.24 adults who have disabilities and children who have disabilities:

210.25 (1) can use assistive technology, remote supports, or a combination of both to enhance
210.26 the adult's or child's independence and quality of life; and

210.27 (2) have the right, at least annually, to make an informed choice about the adult's or
210.28 child's use of assistive technology and remote supports when permitted under the individual's
210.29 federally approved waiver plan, service authorization, and applicable service standards.

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

211.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.4905, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

211.2 Subd. 12. **Informed choice and technology prioritization in implementation for**
211.3 **disability waiver services.** (a) The commissioner of human services shall ensure that:

211.4 (1) disability waivers under sections 256B.092 and 256B.49 support the presumption
211.5 that all adults who have disabilities and children who have disabilities may use assistive
211.6 technology, remote supports, or both to enhance the adult's or child's independence and
211.7 quality of life; ~~and~~

211.8 (2) each individual accessing waiver services is offered, after an informed
211.9 decision-making process and during a person-centered planning process, the opportunity
211.10 to choose assistive technology, remote support, or both prior to the commissioner offering
211.11 or reauthorizing services that utilize direct support staff to ensure equitable access; and

211.12 (3) policies and procedures related to the use of technology, including but not limited
211.13 to remote support, promote informed choice and protect the health and safety of individuals
211.14 receiving services consistent with federal law and the terms of approved waiver plans.

211.15 (b) Nothing in this subdivision authorizes the use of remote support as a method of
211.16 service delivery unless expressly permitted under the applicable service definition, waiver
211.17 plan, and service standards approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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

211.19 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.4912, is amended by adding a subdivision
211.20 to read:

211.21 Subd. 17. **Billing limits.** (a) The limits in this subdivision establish the maximum amounts
211.22 of authorized units for each service within a service day, week, or month.

211.23 (b) Effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, the following
211.24 billing limits apply:

211.25 (1) adult companion services: up to six hours per day per recipient with a maximum of
211.26 963 hours annually;

211.27 (2) chore services: up to six hours per week per recipient for 15-minute units;

211.28 (3) homemaker services, cleaning: up to 16 hours per week per recipient;

211.29 (4) homemaker services, home management: up to 16 hours per week per recipient;

211.30 (5) day support services: up to eight hours per day per recipient;

212.1 (6) family training and counseling under a disability waiver: up to two hours per week
212.2 per recipient or family unit;

212.3 (7) community residential services one-to-one staffing: the maximum daily hours
212.4 permitted under the applicable service tier under section 256B.4914, as published by the
212.5 commissioner;

212.6 (8) independent living skills: up to six hours per day per recipient;

212.7 (9) individualized home supports with family training: six total hours per day;

212.8 (10) individualized home supports with training: up to 182.5 hours per month;

212.9 (11) home-delivered meals: up to two meals per day per recipient;

212.10 (12) individualized home supports: up to 16 hours per day per recipient, inclusive of all
212.11 staffing ratios;

212.12 (13) personal emergency response system: one unit per month per recipient, inclusive
212.13 of installation, monitoring, and maintenance;

212.14 (14) respite services provided in the recipient's home: 30 consecutive days per occurrence;

212.15 (15) overnight supervision services: ten hours per day per recipient, with no more than
212.16 eight hours asleep; and

212.17 (16) transportation services: 28 one-way trips per week per participant.

212.18 (c) For personal emergency response system billing units under paragraph (b), clause
212.19 (13), lead agency staff must end service lines for any inactive providers to prevent duplicate
212.20 billing.

212.21 (d) The limits in this subdivision do not limit a person's use of other waiver services.
212.22 Billing limits under this subdivision apply only to the individual service listed and do not
212.23 prohibit the recipient from accessing other services for which they are eligible on the same
212.24 day, week, or month, subject to other applicable requirements.

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

212.26 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.4914, subdivision 6d, is amended to read:

212.27 Subd. 6d. **Payment for customized living.** (a) The payment methodology for customized
212.28 living and 24-hour customized living must be the customized living tool. The commissioner
212.29 shall revise the customized living tool to reflect the services and activities unique to
212.30 disability-related recipient needs and adjust for regional differences in the cost of providing
212.31 services.

213.1 (b) The rate adjustments described in section 256S.205 do not apply to rates paid under
213.2 this section.

213.3 (c) Customized living and 24-hour customized living rates determined under this section
213.4 shall not include more than 24 hours of support in a daily unit.

213.5 (d) The commissioner shall establish the following acuity-based customized living tool
213.6 input limits, based on case mix, for customized living and 24-hour customized living rates
213.7 determined under this section:

213.8 (1) no more than two hours of mental health management per day for people assessed
213.9 for case mixes A, D, and G;

213.10 (2) no more than four hours of activities of daily living assistance per day for people
213.11 assessed for case mix B; and

213.12 (3) no more than six hours of activities of daily living assistance per day for people
213.13 assessed for case mix D.

213.14 (e) Customized living monthly service rate limits must align with monthly service rate
213.15 limits determined under section 256S.202, subdivisions 1 and 2.

213.16 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.4914, is amended by adding a subdivision
213.17 to read:

213.18 Subd. 10e. **Documentation of staffing; auditing and rate review.** (a) Effective for
213.19 services provided on or after January 1, 2029, a provider enrolled to provide residential
213.20 support services under subdivision 6 must maintain documentation of direct staffing hours
213.21 provided to each person receiving services, including but not limited to documentation
213.22 identifying:

213.23 (1) the name, role, and unique identifier for each staff person who provided services to
213.24 match records to payroll, time and attendance systems, and any other source documentation;

213.25 (2) the date services were provided;

213.26 (3) the total number of hours of direct support provided;

213.27 (4) awake overnight staffing hours provided, if applicable;

213.28 (5) asleep overnight staffing hours provided, if applicable; and

213.29 (6) any other staffing information required by the commissioner.

213.30 (b) A provider must maintain documentation in a manner and format determined by the
213.31 commissioner for at least six years. If a provider changes payroll vendors, merges operations,

214.1 or changes staffing identifiers, the provider must maintain a documented link between prior
214.2 and current staffing identifiers sufficient to allow tracking of hours worked, turnover, and
214.3 role classification for each staff person.

214.4 (c) A provider must submit the documentation required under paragraph (a) to the
214.5 commissioner annually, in a manner and format determined by the commissioner. The
214.6 commissioner must establish multiple submission windows throughout the calendar year
214.7 and may assign providers to a submission window for administrative efficiency and system
214.8 capacity. Documentation must reflect staffing provided during the prior calendar year and
214.9 must be submitted no later than the final business day of the provider's assigned submission
214.10 window. The commissioner may conduct random or targeted validations and audits of
214.11 submitted data and may require supplemental documentation as necessary to verify accuracy
214.12 and compliance.

214.13 (d) The commissioner must conduct periodic analysis of documentation submitted under
214.14 this subdivision and may validate staffing data through random audits or other verification
214.15 methods.

214.16 (e) Based on the analysis under paragraph (d), the commissioner may provide
214.17 recommendations to lead agencies regarding modifications to the rate of a person receiving
214.18 services, including increases or decreases necessary to align the rate with staffing provided
214.19 to the person as demonstrated by the submitted historical staffing documentation.
214.20 Recommendations must be based on the requirements of this section and applicable federal
214.21 and state requirements governing rate setting.

214.22 (f) If a provider fails to submit documentation requested within the submission window
214.23 in paragraph (c), the commissioner must issue a written notice of noncompliance. If
214.24 documentation is not received within 60 days following the notice of noncompliance, the
214.25 commissioner may temporarily suspend payments to the provider until the required
214.26 documentation is submitted. The commissioner must make withheld payments to the provider
214.27 once the required documentation is received. If the noncompliance persists, the commissioner
214.28 may adjust future rate payments, require the provider to submit a corrective action plan, or
214.29 pursue other enforcement actions as authorized by law.

214.30 (g) The commissioner must publish annual aggregate reports summarizing audit findings
214.31 and trends related to staffing provided under this section.

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

215.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.492, is amended by adding a subdivision
215.2 to read:

215.3 **Subd. 4. Integrated community supports setting approval moratorium and**
215.4 **exception.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "integrated community supports setting"
215.5 means a multifamily housing building where a provider delivers integrated community
215.6 supports under section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (8), and for which a
215.7 provider has a provider-controlled or provider-associated financial interest as defined under
215.8 section 245A.02, subdivision 10b.

215.9 (b) The commissioner must not approve a new integrated community supports setting
215.10 or approve an expansion of an existing integrated community supports setting except as
215.11 provided in this subdivision.

215.12 (c) The commissioner may approve an exception to the moratorium only when the
215.13 applicant demonstrates indirect control of the setting and compliance with:

215.14 (1) the federal home and community-based services requirements under Code of Federal
215.15 Regulations, title 42, section 441.301(c);

215.16 (2) the prohibition on the use of medical assistance money for room and board under
215.17 United States Code, title 42, section 1396n(c);

215.18 (3) independent lease requirements consistent with chapter 504B; and

215.19 (4) all documentation requirements under section 245D.12.

215.20 (d) To approve an exception, the commissioner must determine that the lead agency has
215.21 requested the additional capacity to meet the specific disability-related needs of the person.
215.22 Priority must be given to geographic regions with insufficient integrated community supports
215.23 capacity based on statewide or regional needs determination processes.

215.24 (e) A determination under this subdivision is final and not subject to appeal.

215.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

215.26 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256S.20, is amended by adding a subdivision
215.27 to read:

215.28 **Subd. 6. Customized living and 24-hour customized living moratorium.** (a) Except
215.29 as permitted in this subdivision, the commissioner must not authorize:

215.30 (1) a new customized living setting or 24-hour customized living setting; or

216.1 (2) a new provider enrollment to deliver customized living services or 24-hour customized
216.2 living services.

216.3 (b) The commissioner may approve an exception to the moratorium only when the
216.4 commissioner determines the exception is necessary for:

216.5 (1) a change of ownership at the same address;

216.6 (2) continuity of care due to a provider closure, decertification, licensing action, or other
216.7 service disruption; or

216.8 (3) compliance with federal law.

216.9 (c) In determining whether to approve an exception to the moratorium, the commissioner
216.10 must consider the availability of services in the geographic area, a person's assessed needs
216.11 and informed choice, whether a less restrictive alternative is available, and the
216.12 recommendation of the lead agency.

216.13 (d) A determination under this subdivision is final and not subject to appeal.

216.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

216.15 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256S.21, is amended by adding a subdivision
216.16 to read:

216.17 Subd. 4. **Documentation of staffing; auditing and rate review for residential support**
216.18 **services.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, residential support services include 24-hour
216.19 customized living services, customized living services, family adult foster care, and corporate
216.20 adult foster care.

216.21 (b) Effective January 1, 2029, a provider enrolled to provide residential support services
216.22 under this subdivision must maintain documentation of direct staffing hours provided to
216.23 each person receiving services, including but not limited to documentation identifying:

216.24 (1) the name, role, and unique identifier for each staff person who provided services to
216.25 match records to payroll, time and attendance systems, and any other source documentation;

216.26 (2) the date services were provided;

216.27 (3) the total number of hours of direct support provided;

216.28 (4) awake overnight staffing hours provided, if applicable;

216.29 (5) asleep overnight staffing hours provided, if applicable; and

216.30 (6) any other staffing information required by the commissioner.

217.1 (c) A provider must maintain documentation in a manner and format determined by the
217.2 commissioner for at least six years. If a provider changes payroll vendors, merges operations,
217.3 or changes staffing identifiers, the provider must maintain a documented link between prior
217.4 and current staffing identifiers sufficient to allow tracking of hours worked, turnover, and
217.5 role classification for each staff person.

217.6 (d) A provider must submit the documentation required under paragraph (b) to the
217.7 commissioner annually, in a manner and format determined by the commissioner. The
217.8 commissioner must establish multiple submission windows throughout the calendar year
217.9 and may assign providers to a submission window for administrative efficiency and system
217.10 capacity. Documentation must reflect staffing provided during the prior calendar year and
217.11 must be submitted no later than the final business day of the provider's assigned submission
217.12 window. The commissioner may conduct random or targeted validations and audits of
217.13 submitted data and may require supplemental documentation as necessary to verify accuracy
217.14 and compliance.

217.15 (e) The commissioner must conduct periodic analysis of documentation submitted under
217.16 this subdivision and may validate staffing data through random audits or other verification
217.17 methods.

217.18 (f) Based on the analysis under paragraph (e), the commissioner may provide
217.19 recommendations to lead agencies regarding modifications to the rate of the person receiving
217.20 services, including increases or decreases necessary to align the rate with staffing provided
217.21 to the person as demonstrated by the submitted historical staffing documentation.
217.22 Recommendations must be based on the requirements of this section and applicable federal
217.23 and state requirements governing rate setting.

217.24 (g) If a provider fails to submit documentation requested within the submission window
217.25 under paragraph (d), the commissioner must issue a written notice of noncompliance. If
217.26 documentation is not received within 60 days following the notice of noncompliance, the
217.27 commissioner may temporarily suspend payments to the provider until the required
217.28 documentation is submitted. The commissioner must make withheld payments to the provider
217.29 once the required documentation is received. If the noncompliance persists, the commissioner
217.30 may adjust future rate payments, require the provider to submit a corrective action plan, or
217.31 pursue other enforcement actions as authorized by law.

217.32 (h) The commissioner must publish annual aggregate reports summarizing audit findings
217.33 and trends related to staffing provided under this section.

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

218.1 Sec. 24. **MARKET RATE STUDY FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED**
218.2 **SERVICES.**

218.3 (a) The commissioner of human services must conduct a market rate study to evaluate
218.4 the adequacy, sustainability, and equity of payment rates for specific home and
218.5 community-based services under the home and community-based services waivers authorized
218.6 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.092 and 256B.49.

218.7 (b) The study must include, at a minimum, an analysis of the following:

218.8 (1) employment support services delivered in remote or virtual settings;

218.9 (2) 24-hour emergency assistance;

218.10 (3) assistive technology;

218.11 (4) environmental accessibility adaptations;

218.12 (5) chore services;

218.13 (6) transitional services;

218.14 (7) independent living skills training;

218.15 (8) specialist services, including positive support services and orientation and mobility
218.16 services; and

218.17 (9) administrative fees charged by enrolled providers or vendors for services or purchased
218.18 goods.

218.19 (c) In planning and conducting the market rate study, the commissioner must consult
218.20 with interested parties, including but not limited to service providers, people with disabilities,
218.21 lead agencies, Tribal Nations, culturally specific and community-based providers, and
218.22 disability advocacy organizations. The consultation process must be designed to ensure
218.23 meaningful participation from providers in greater Minnesota and from providers serving
218.24 communities of color and Tribal Nations.

218.25 (d) In conducting the study, the commissioner must analyze provider costs, workforce
218.26 availability, wage competitiveness, regional market conditions, inflationary impacts, and
218.27 access issues. The commissioner must also evaluate whether current reimbursement
218.28 methodologies reflect actual costs of providing services and support long-term access to
218.29 qualified providers.

218.30 (e) By February 15, 2027, the commissioner must submit a report with findings and
218.31 recommendations, including but not limited to any proposed statutory changes, to the chairs

219.1 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health
219.2 and human services policy and finance.

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

219.4 Sec. 25. **WAIVER CASE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY WORKING GROUP.**

219.5 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The commissioner of human services shall
219.6 convene a waiver case management advisory working group. The purpose of the working
219.7 group is to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the quality, workforce
219.8 sustainability, accountability, and long-term stability of home and community-based waiver
219.9 case management services provided under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.0913, 256B.092,
219.10 256B.0922, and 256B.49, and chapter 256S.

219.11 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The commissioner shall appoint members representing diverse
219.12 geographic regions of the state, including metropolitan and greater Minnesota areas, with
219.13 at least 30 percent of the members living or working outside the seven-county metropolitan
219.14 area and including:

219.15 (1) representatives of the Department of Human Services;

219.16 (2) lead agencies, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0911, subdivision 10;

219.17 (3) contracted waiver case management providers;

219.18 (4) waiver case managers with current direct service responsibilities;

219.19 (5) individuals receiving waiver services or their family members or advocates;

219.20 (6) representatives of disability advocacy organizations;

219.21 (7) representatives of the Minnesota Disability Law Center;

219.22 (8) representatives of culturally specific or Tribal communities; and

219.23 (9) workforce representatives with experience in human services.

219.24 Subd. 3. **Compensation; expenses.** Members of the working group may receive
219.25 compensation and expense reimbursement as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059,
219.26 subdivision 3.

219.27 Subd. 4. **Meetings; administrative support.** (a) The first meeting of the working group
219.28 must be convened no later than August 1, 2026. The working group must meet at least
219.29 monthly. Meetings are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D. The working group may
219.30 meet by telephone or interactive technology consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
219.31 13D.015.

220.1 (b) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff and administrative support
220.2 to convene the working group, facilitate working group meetings, and prepare the final
220.3 report.

220.4 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The working group shall:

220.5 (1) evaluate the impact of current funding levels, workforce capacity, administrative
220.6 requirements, and caseload expectations on service delivery and quality outcomes;

220.7 (2) examine accountability and oversight mechanisms and grievance processes across
220.8 delivery models;

220.9 (3) review available data related to workforce vacancies, turnover, compensation, and
220.10 service access;

220.11 (4) identify barriers to maintaining high-quality and culturally responsive case
220.12 management services;

220.13 (5) examine case management training requirements and core competencies;

220.14 (6) evaluate client transfer and service continuity processes; and

220.15 (7) develop recommendations, including potential legislative or administrative changes,
220.16 to ensure a stable, accountable, and high-quality waiver case management system that
220.17 supports person-centered planning and informed choice.

220.18 Subd. 6. **Report.** By September 1, 2027, the commissioner shall submit a report
220.19 summarizing the working group's findings and recommendations to the chairs and ranking
220.20 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy
220.21 and finance.

220.22 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The working group expires upon submission of the report required
220.23 under subdivision 6.

220.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

220.25 Sec. 26. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; HCBS WAIVER CASE**
220.26 **MANAGEMENT EVALUATION AND REPORT.**

220.27 (a) The commissioner of human services must evaluate reimbursement rates and lead
220.28 agency duties associated with home and community-based services (HCBS) case management
220.29 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.092 and 256B.49, and chapter 256S. The
220.30 commissioner must develop an updated payment methodology for waiver case management

221.1 that reasonably covers the cost to provide high-quality, person-centered, and culturally
221.2 responsive case management services. The report must, at a minimum, include:

221.3 (1) an evaluation of costs and workforce pressures that impact the delivery of case
221.4 management services;

221.5 (2) an evaluation of costs to provide culturally responsive case management services;

221.6 (3) an evaluation of current reimbursement rates, methodologies, and the extent to which
221.7 rates cover costs to provide services and attract and retain case managers;

221.8 (4) an evaluation of current caseload sizes and recommended best practices for caseload
221.9 and case mix;

221.10 (5) identification and evaluation of the required professional qualifications, experience,
221.11 and training of case management professionals; and

221.12 (6) recommended HCBS waiver rate methodology, specified cost components, weighted
221.13 values, and modeled rate frameworks.

221.14 (b) The commissioner must consult with interested parties, including but not limited to
221.15 lead agencies, contracted case management services providers, individuals receiving services
221.16 and their families, advocacy organizations, and relevant experts. The commissioner must
221.17 consider the recommendations of the waiver case management advisory working group
221.18 under section 25 when developing recommendations under this section.

221.19 (c) The commissioner may contract with rate experts to develop and model recommended
221.20 rates.

221.21 (d) By December 15, 2028, the commissioner of human services must submit a report
221.22 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
221.23 over health and human services with the findings and recommendations of the evaluation.

221.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2027.

221.25 **Sec. 27. INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS REFORM STUDY.**

221.26 Subdivision 1. **Review and evaluation.** The commissioner of human services must
221.27 review the medical assistance integrated community supports (ICS) service provided under
221.28 the home and community-based waivers authorized under Minnesota Statutes, sections
221.29 256B.092 and 256B.49, and evaluate the need for statutory, regulatory, and programmatic
221.30 reforms. At a minimum, the evaluation must include:

222.1 (1) an examination of current provider standards, service delivery models, and oversight
222.2 mechanisms applicable to ICS providers;

222.3 (2) an assessment of the effectiveness of ICS in supporting individuals to live
222.4 independently in community settings, including outcomes related to service utilization and
222.5 health and safety;

222.6 (3) a review of payment methodologies, including rate structures, administrative
222.7 components, and alignment with federal Medicaid requirements under home and
222.8 community-based services waivers and state plan authorities;

222.9 (4) an environmental scan of comparable supportive housing and community-based
222.10 service models in other states, including best practices for program integrity, quality
222.11 assurance, and service coordination;

222.12 (5) an assessment of program integrity risks, including billing practices and service
222.13 verification; and

222.14 (6) identification of opportunities to improve coordination between ICS providers and
222.15 lead agencies.

222.16 Subd. 2. **Stakeholder consultation.** The commissioner must consult with stakeholders
222.17 in conducting the review under this section. Stakeholders must include, at a minimum:

222.18 (1) individuals who receive ICS services and self-advocates;

222.19 (2) family members and caregivers of individuals who receive ICS services;

222.20 (3) ICS providers;

222.21 (4) counties and Tribal Nations serving as lead agencies; and

222.22 (5) advocacy organizations representing people with disabilities.

222.23 Subd. 3. **Report.** (a) The commissioner must develop recommendations for legislative
222.24 and administrative changes to strengthen the ICS program. Recommendations may include
222.25 but are not limited to:

222.26 (1) establishing risk-based provider oversight and program integrity requirements;

222.27 (2) clarifying allowable services and service limits consistent with federal Medicaid
222.28 requirements, including prohibitions on payment for room and board;

222.29 (3) improving service verification, documentation, and accountability measures;

222.30 (4) enhancing recipient protections, including person-centered planning and grievance
222.31 processes; and

223.1 (5) aligning ICS with home and community-based services settings requirements under
223.2 Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 441.301.

223.3 (b) The commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members
223.4 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and
223.5 finance by September 1, 2027. The report must include findings, stakeholder feedback, and
223.6 specific legislative proposals related to ICS reform.

223.7 Sec. 28. **MNCHOICES REDESIGN WORKING GROUP.**

223.8 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services shall convene a
223.9 MnCHOICES redesign working group to develop recommendations related to state provision
223.10 of MnCHOICES assessments under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0911, subdivision
223.11 14, paragraph (g).

223.12 Subd. 2. **Membership.** At a minimum, the working group must include the following
223.13 members:

223.14 (1) two individuals receiving waiver services or the individuals' family members or
223.15 advocates, appointed by the commissioner in consultation with organizations representing
223.16 individuals with lived experience of disability and waiver services;

223.17 (2) three county representatives, appointed by the Minnesota Association of County
223.18 Social Service Administrators, including;

223.19 (i) at least one representative of a lead agency located in a metropolitan county, as defined
223.20 in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 4; and

223.21 (ii) at least two representatives of lead agencies located outside of a metropolitan county,
223.22 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 4;

223.23 (3) one staff member from the Minnesota Social Service Association, appointed by the
223.24 Minnesota Social Service Association;

223.25 (4) at least three representatives from Tribal Nations, appointed by the commissioner;

223.26 (5) two representatives of disability advocacy organizations, appointed by the
223.27 commissioner;

223.28 (6) one representative of aging services organizations, appointed by LeadingAge
223.29 Minnesota;

223.30 (7) one representative of aging services organizations, appointed by Care Providers of
223.31 Minnesota; and

224.1 (8) additional nonvoting participants as determined by the commissioner, which may
224.2 include staff from the Department of Human Services and other interested parties.

224.3 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The working group shall make recommendations to shift the
224.4 responsibility and administration of conducting MnCHOICES assessments to the state.

224.5 Recommendations must include:

224.6 (1) defined roles and responsibilities between county, Tribal Nation, and state functions;

224.7 (2) revised payment methodologies and financing of duties;

224.8 (3) efficient workflows between local and state functions;

224.9 (4) service continuity for people seeking and receiving long-term services and supports;

224.10 and

224.11 (5) methods for gathering public feedback and providing public awareness.

224.12 Subd. 4. **Terms, compensation, and removal.** The terms, compensation, and removal
224.13 of the working group members are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059.

224.14 Subd. 5. **Meetings; administrative support.** (a) The first meeting of the working group
224.15 must be convened no later than August 1, 2026. The working group must meet at least
224.16 monthly. The working group may meet by telephone or interactive technology consistent
224.17 with Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.015.

224.18 (b) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff and administrative support
224.19 to convene the working group, facilitate working group meetings, and prepare the final
224.20 report.

224.21 Subd. 6. **Report.** By September 1, 2027, the commissioner must submit a report of the
224.22 working group's findings and recommendations, including but not limited to any legislative
224.23 changes necessary to implement the recommendations, to the chairs and ranking minority
224.24 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and
224.25 finance.

224.26 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The working group expires upon submission of the report required
224.27 under subdivision 6.

224.28 Sec. 29. **REPEALER.**

224.29 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.073, subdivision 4, is repealed.

224.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

ARTICLE 7

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 8.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** (a) The attorney general, or any deputy, assistant, or special assistant attorney general whom the attorney general authorizes in writing, has the authority in any county of the state to subpoena and require the production of: (1) any records of: (i) telephone companies, cellular phone companies, and paging companies; (ii) subscribers of private computer networks, including Internet service providers or computer bulletin board systems; (iii) electric companies, gas companies, and water utilities; (iv) chemical suppliers; (v) hotels and motels; (vi) pawn shops; (vii) airlines, buses, taxis, and other entities engaged in the business of transporting people; and (viii) freight companies, self-service storage facilities, warehousing companies, package delivery companies, and other entities engaged in the businesses of transport, storage, or delivery, and; (2) wage and employment records; (3) records of the existence of safe deposit box account numbers and customer savings and checking account numbers maintained by financial institutions and safe deposit companies; (4) insurance records related to claim settlement; and (5) banking, credit card, and financial records, including but not limited to a safe deposit, loan and account application and agreement, signature card, statement, check, transfer, account authorization, safe deposit access record, and documentation of fraud, that belong to the subject of an investigation conducted pursuant to the attorney general's authority under section 256B.12, whether the record is held in the investigation subject's name or in another person's name.

(b) Subpoenas may only be issued for records that are relevant to an ongoing legitimate law enforcement investigation.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 15.471, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Party.** (a) Except as modified by paragraph (b), "party" means a person named or admitted as a party, or seeking and entitled to be admitted as a party, in a court action or contested case proceeding, or a person admitted by an administrative law judge for limited purposes, and who is:

(1) an unincorporated business, partnership, corporation, association, or organization, having not more than 500 employees at the time the civil action was filed or the contested case proceeding was initiated; and

226.1 (2) an unincorporated business, partnership, corporation, association, or organization
226.2 whose annual revenues did not exceed ~~\$7,000,000~~ \$13,500,000 at the time the civil action
226.3 was filed or the contested case proceeding was initiated.

226.4 (b) "Party" also includes a partner, officer, shareholder, member, or owner of an entity
226.5 described in paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2).

226.6 (c) "Party" does not include a person providing services pursuant to licensure or
226.7 reimbursement on a cost basis by ~~the Department of Health~~, the Department of Human
226.8 Services, or Direct Care and Treatment when that person is named or admitted or seeking
226.9 to be admitted as a party in a matter which involves the licensing or reimbursement rates,
226.10 procedures, or methodology applicable to those services.

226.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144G.41, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

226.12 Subdivision 1. **Minimum requirements.** All assisted living facilities shall:

226.13 (1) distribute to residents the assisted living bill of rights;

226.14 (2) provide services in a manner that complies with the Nurse Practice Act in sections
226.15 148.171 to 148.285;

226.16 (3) utilize a person-centered planning and service delivery process;

226.17 (4) have and maintain a system for delegation of health care activities to unlicensed
226.18 personnel by a registered nurse, including supervision and evaluation of the delegated
226.19 activities as required by the Nurse Practice Act in sections 148.171 to 148.285;

226.20 (5) except as specified in subdivision 1c, provide a means for residents to request
226.21 assistance for health and safety needs 24 hours per day, seven days per week. A facility
226.22 may use person-centered strategies to provide a means for residents to request assistance
226.23 and, if effective, may allow residents to use technological devices to request assistance;

226.24 (6) allow residents the ability to furnish and decorate the resident's unit within the terms
226.25 of the assisted living contract;

226.26 (7) permit residents access to food at any time;

226.27 (8) allow residents to choose the resident's visitors and times of visits;

226.28 (9) allow the resident the right to choose a roommate if sharing a unit;

226.29 (10) notify the resident of the resident's right to have and use a lockable door to the
226.30 resident's unit. The licensee shall provide the locks on the unit. Only a staff member with
226.31 a specific need to enter the unit shall have keys, and advance notice must be given to the

227.1 resident before entrance, when possible. An assisted living facility must not lock a resident
227.2 in the resident's unit;

227.3 (11) develop and implement a staffing plan for determining its staffing level that:

227.4 (i) includes an evaluation, to be conducted at least twice a year, of the appropriateness
227.5 of staffing levels in the facility;

227.6 (ii) ensures sufficient staffing at all times to meet the scheduled and reasonably
227.7 foreseeable unscheduled needs of each resident as required by the residents' assessments
227.8 and service plans on a 24-hour per day basis; and

227.9 (iii) ensures that the facility can respond promptly and effectively to individual resident
227.10 emergencies and to emergency, life safety, and disaster situations affecting staff or residents
227.11 in the facility;

227.12 (12) ensure that one or more persons are available 24 hours per day, seven days per
227.13 week, who are responsible for responding to the requests of residents for assistance with
227.14 health or safety needs. Such persons must be:

227.15 (i) awake;

227.16 (ii) located in the same building, in an attached building, or on a contiguous campus
227.17 with the facility in order to respond within a reasonable amount of time;

227.18 (iii) capable of communicating with residents;

227.19 (iv) capable of providing or summoning the appropriate assistance; and

227.20 (v) capable of following directions; and

227.21 (13) provide staff access to an on-call registered nurse 24 hours per day, seven days per
227.22 week.

227.23 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144G.41, is amended by adding a subdivision to
227.24 read:

227.25 Subd. 1c. **Alternative to summoning device to request assistance.** For a resident who,
227.26 based on an individualized nursing assessment under section 144G.70, subdivision 2, cannot
227.27 reliably use a summoning device such as a phone, bell, call light, pull cord, or pendant to
227.28 request assistance for health and safety needs, a facility:

227.29 (1) is not required to have a resident use a summoning device to request assistance for
227.30 health and safety needs; and

227.31 (2) must use person-centered strategies to meet the resident's assessed needs.

228.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.12, is amended to read:

228.2 **256B.12 LEGAL REPRESENTATION.**

228.3 The attorney general or the appropriate county attorney appearing at the direction of the
228.4 attorney general shall be the attorney for the state agency, and the county attorney of the
228.5 appropriate county shall be the attorney for the county agency in all matters pertaining
228.6 hereto. To prosecute under this chapter or sections ~~609.466~~ 609.467; 609.52, subdivision
228.7 2; and 609.542 or to recover payments wrongfully made under this chapter, the attorney
228.8 general or the appropriate county attorney, acting independently or at the direction of the
228.9 attorney general may institute a criminal or civil action.

228.10 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 295.50, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

228.11 Subd. 4. **Health care provider.** (a) "Health care provider" means:

228.12 (1) a person whose health care occupation is regulated or required to be regulated by
228.13 the state of Minnesota furnishing any or all of the following goods or services directly to a
228.14 patient or consumer: medical, surgical, optical, visual, dental, hearing, nursing services,
228.15 drugs, laboratory, diagnostic or therapeutic services;

228.16 (2) a person who provides goods and services not listed in clause (1) that qualify for
228.17 reimbursement under the medical assistance program provided under chapter 256B;

228.18 (3) a staff model health plan company;

228.19 (4) an ambulance service required to be licensed;

228.20 (5) a person who sells or repairs hearing aids and related equipment or prescription
228.21 eyewear; or

228.22 (6) a person providing patient services, who does not otherwise meet the definition of
228.23 health care provider and is not specifically excluded in ~~clause~~ paragraph (b), who employs
228.24 or contracts with a health care provider as defined in clauses (1) to (5) to perform, supervise,
228.25 otherwise oversee, or consult with regarding patient services.

228.26 (b) Health care provider does not include:

228.27 (1) hospitals; medical supplies distributors, except as specified under paragraph (a),
228.28 clause (5); nursing homes licensed under chapter 144A or licensed in any other jurisdiction;
228.29 wholesale drug distributors; pharmacies; surgical centers; bus and taxicab transportation,
228.30 or any other providers of transportation services other than ambulance services required to
228.31 be licensed; supervised living facilities for persons with developmental disabilities, licensed
228.32 under Minnesota Rules, parts 4665.0100 to 4665.9900; ~~housing with services establishments~~

229.1 ~~required to be registered under chapter 144D~~ assisted living facilities licensed under chapter
229.2 144G; board and lodging establishments providing only custodial services that are licensed
229.3 under chapter 157 and registered under section 157.17 to provide supportive services or
229.4 health supervision services; adult foster homes as defined in Minnesota Rules, part
229.5 9555.5105; day training and habilitation services for adults with developmental disabilities
229.6 as defined in section 252.41, subdivision 3; boarding care homes, as defined in Minnesota
229.7 Rules, part 4655.0100; and adult day care centers as defined in Minnesota Rules, part
229.8 9555.9600;

229.9 (2) home health agencies as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0175, subpart 15; a
229.10 person providing personal care assistance services and supervision of personal care assistance
229.11 services as defined in ~~Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0335~~ section 256B.0625, subdivision
229.12 19a; a person providing home care nursing services as defined in Minnesota Rules, part
229.13 9505.0360; and home care providers required to be licensed under chapter 144A for home
229.14 care services provided under chapter 144A;

229.15 (3) a person who employs health care providers solely for the purpose of providing
229.16 patient services to its employees;

229.17 (4) an educational institution that employs health care providers solely for the purpose
229.18 of providing patient services to its students if the institution does not receive fee for service
229.19 payments or payments for extended coverage; and

229.20 (5) a person who receives all payments for patient services from health care providers,
229.21 surgical centers, or hospitals for goods and services that are taxable to the paying health
229.22 care providers, surgical centers, or hospitals, as provided under section 295.53, subdivision
229.23 1, paragraph (b), clause (3) or (4), or from a source of funds that is excluded or exempt from
229.24 tax under sections 295.50 to 295.59.

229.25 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 295.50, subdivision 9b, is amended
229.26 to read:

229.27 Subd. 9b. **Patient services.** (a) "Patient services" means inpatient and outpatient services
229.28 and other goods and services provided by hospitals, surgical centers, or health care providers.
229.29 They include the following health care goods and services provided to a patient or consumer:

229.30 (1) bed and board;

229.31 (2) nursing services and other related services;

229.32 (3) use of hospitals, surgical centers, or health care provider facilities;

- 230.1 (4) medical social services;
- 230.2 (5) drugs, biologicals, supplies, appliances, and equipment;
- 230.3 (6) other diagnostic or therapeutic items or services;
- 230.4 (7) medical or surgical services;
- 230.5 (8) items and services furnished to ambulatory patients not requiring emergency care;
- 230.6 and
- 230.7 (9) emergency services.
- 230.8 (b) "Patient services" does not include:
- 230.9 (1) services provided to nursing homes licensed under chapter 144A;
- 230.10 (2) examinations for purposes of utilization reviews, insurance claims or eligibility,
- 230.11 litigation, and employment, including reviews of medical records for those purposes;
- 230.12 (3) services provided to and by community residential mental health facilities licensed
- 230.13 under section 245I.23 or Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670, and to and by
- 230.14 residential treatment programs for children with a serious mental illness licensed or certified
- 230.15 under chapter 245A;
- 230.16 (4) services provided under the following programs: day treatment services as defined
- 230.17 in section 245.462, subdivision 8; assertive community treatment as described in section
- 230.18 256B.0622; adult rehabilitative mental health services as described in section 256B.0623;
- 230.19 crisis response services as described in section 256B.0624; and children's therapeutic services
- 230.20 and supports as described in section 256B.0943;
- 230.21 (5) services provided to and by community mental health centers as defined in section
- 230.22 245.62, subdivision 2;
- 230.23 (6) services provided to and by ~~assisted living programs and~~ congregate housing
- 230.24 programs;
- 230.25 (7) hospice care services;
- 230.26 (8) home and community-based waived services under chapter 256S and sections
- 230.27 256B.49 and 256B.501;
- 230.28 (9) targeted case management services under sections 256B.0621; 256B.0625,
- 230.29 subdivisions 20, 20a, 33, and 44; and 256B.094; and
- 230.30 (10) services provided to the following: supervised living facilities for persons with
- 230.31 developmental disabilities licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 4665.0100 to 4665.9900;

231.1 ~~housing with services establishments required to be registered under chapter 144D~~ assisted
231.2 living facilities licensed under chapter 144G; board and lodging establishments providing
231.3 only custodial services that are licensed under chapter 157 and registered under section
231.4 157.17 to provide supportive services or health supervision services; adult foster homes as
231.5 defined in Minnesota Rules, part 9555.5105; day training and habilitation services for adults
231.6 with developmental disabilities as defined in section 252.41, subdivision 3; boarding care
231.7 homes as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 4655.0100; adult day care services as defined
231.8 in section 245A.02, subdivision 2a; and home health agencies as defined in Minnesota
231.9 Rules, part 9505.0175, subpart 15, or licensed under chapter 144A.

231.10 Sec. 8. [609.467] MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD.

231.11 Subdivision 1. Medical assistance fraud prohibited. A person who does any of the
231.12 following is guilty of medical assistance fraud and may be sentenced as provided in
231.13 subdivision 2:

231.14 (1) acting with intent to defraud, executes or participates in, or attempts or conspires to
231.15 execute or participate in, a scheme or artifice to obtain, by means of any false or fraudulent
231.16 pretenses, representations, or promises, or concealment of any material fact, any money or
231.17 credits relating to the payment of medical assistance funds under chapter 256B;

231.18 (2) acting with intent to defraud, presents, submits, tenders, offers, or participates in, or
231.19 attempts or conspires to execute or participate in, the preparation of a claim for payment,
231.20 claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application, knowing or having reason to know
231.21 that any part of the claim, report, or application is ineligible for payment or reimbursement;

231.22 (3) acting with intent to defraud, knowingly provides false information or intentionally
231.23 omits material information as part of any enrollment application, provider agreement, or
231.24 ownership and management disclosure required by any state or federal law as a medical
231.25 assistance provider under chapter 245A or 256B;

231.26 (4) owns, operates, manages, or exercises control over any entity receiving medical
231.27 assistance money, while knowing or having reason to know that the person has been
231.28 suspended or prohibited from enrolling as a medical assistance provider by any state agency
231.29 or under any state law or is excluded or prohibited from enrolling as a medical assistance
231.30 provider by any federal agency or under any federal law;

231.31 (5) knowingly and intentionally permits another person to own, operate, manage, or
231.32 exercise control over any entity receiving medical assistance money, while knowing or
231.33 having reason to know the other person is suspended or prohibited from enrolling as a

232.1 medical assistance provider by any state agency or under any state law or is excluded or
232.2 prohibited from enrolling as a medical assistance provider by any federal agency or under
232.3 any federal law;

232.4 (6) falsely makes or alters any record relating to the delivery of medical assistance
232.5 services so that the record purports to have been made by another person or by the maker
232.6 or alterer under an assumed or fictitious name, or at another time, or with different provisions,
232.7 or by the authority of a person who did not give such authority;

232.8 (7) acting with intent to defraud, presents, submits, tenders, offers, or participates in, or
232.9 attempts or conspires to participate in, the preparation of a claim for reimbursement for
232.10 personal care assistance services under section 256B.0659 or community first services and
232.11 supports under section 256B.85, knowing or having reason to know that required conditions
232.12 for payment under chapter 256B were not met, including applicable service authorization,
232.13 service delivery plan, documentation, training, supervision, evaluation, or other program
232.14 requirements; or

232.15 (8) after receiving a lawful request for records by any state agency or law enforcement
232.16 agency, intentionally destroys, or attempts or conspires to destroy, medical, health care, and
232.17 financial records required to be maintained under chapter 245A or 256B or rules adopted
232.18 pursuant to those chapters.

232.19 Subd. 2. **Penalties.** (a) A person who is convicted under subdivision 1 may be sentenced
232.20 to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of not more than \$20,000, or
232.21 both.

232.22 (b) A person who is convicted under subdivision 1 may be sentenced to imprisonment
232.23 for not more than 20 years or to payment of not more than \$100,000, or both, if the violation
232.24 causes a loss to any victim in an aggregate amount of more than \$100,000, but not more
232.25 than \$1,000,000.

232.26 (c) A person who is convicted under subdivision 1 may be sentenced to imprisonment
232.27 for not more than 30 years or to payment of not more than \$1,000,000, or both, if the violation
232.28 causes a loss to any victim in an aggregate amount of more than \$1,000,000.

232.29 Subd. 3. **Failure to keep or maintain medical assistance records.** A person who
232.30 submits a claim for reimbursement, claim for payment, claim for reimbursement cost report,
232.31 or rate application and knowingly and intentionally fails to maintain medical, health care,
232.32 and financial records as required under chapter 245A or 256B or rules adopted pursuant to
232.33 those chapters is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

233.1 Subd. 4. **Continuing offense.** For purposes of calculating the statute of limitations
233.2 identified in section 628.26, any violation of subdivision 1 or 3 is a continuing offense. Any
233.3 violation of subdivision 1 or 3 extends to any act committed during the course of the scheme,
233.4 conspiracy, or conduct and is within the statute of limitations identified in section 628.26
233.5 so long as any part of the continuing scheme, conspiracy, or conduct comprising a violation
233.6 occurred within the identified statute of limitations.

233.7 Subd. 5. **Venue.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 627.01, a violation
233.8 of this section may be prosecuted in:

233.9 (1) the county where any part of the offense occurred; or

233.10 (2) the county where the entity that received a claim for payment, claim for
233.11 reimbursement, cost report, or rate application is located.

233.12 Subd. 6. **Restitution.** The court may order a person convicted of violating this section
233.13 to pay restitution for any costs, expenses, or losses resulting from the crime and for costs,
233.14 expenses, or losses resulting from similar conduct that was related to the offense but was
233.15 not charged. The court may order restitution for similar conduct that was related to the
233.16 offense if the related conduct occurred within the applicable statute of limitations and the
233.17 prosecutor provides notice of intent to seek restitution for that conduct at least five business
233.18 days before the sentencing hearing. The offender may challenge restitution as provided in
233.19 section 611A.045, subdivision 3. A dispute as to whether restitution is for similar conduct
233.20 that was related to the offense must be resolved by the court by the preponderance of the
233.21 evidence. The burden of demonstrating that the court may order restitution for any cost,
233.22 expense, or loss described in this subdivision is on the prosecution.

233.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to crimes
233.24 committed on or after that date.

233.25 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.52, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

233.26 Subd. 2. **Acts constituting theft.** (a) Whoever does any of the following commits theft
233.27 and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3:

233.28 (1) intentionally and without claim of right takes, uses, transfers, conceals or retains
233.29 possession of movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to
233.30 deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property; or

233.31 (2) with or without having a legal interest in movable property, intentionally and without
233.32 consent, takes the property out of the possession of a pledgee or other person having a

234.1 superior right of possession, with intent thereby to deprive the pledgee or other person
234.2 permanently of the possession of the property; or

234.3 (3) obtains for the actor or another the possession, custody, or title to property of or
234.4 performance of services by a third person by intentionally deceiving the third person with
234.5 a false representation which is known to be false, made with intent to defraud, and which
234.6 does defraud the person to whom it is made. "False representation" includes without
234.7 limitation:

234.8 (i) the issuance of a check, draft, or order for the payment of money, except a forged
234.9 check as defined in section 609.631, or the delivery of property knowing that the actor is
234.10 not entitled to draw upon the drawee therefor or to order the payment or delivery thereof;
234.11 or

234.12 (ii) a promise made with intent not to perform. Failure to perform is not evidence of
234.13 intent not to perform unless corroborated by other substantial evidence; or

234.14 ~~(iii) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement, a rate application, or a cost~~
234.15 ~~report used to establish a rate or claim for payment for medical care provided to a recipient~~
234.16 ~~of medical assistance under chapter 256B, which intentionally and falsely states the costs~~
234.17 ~~of or actual services provided by a vendor of medical care; or~~

234.18 ~~(iv)~~ (iii) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement for providing treatment
234.19 or supplies required to be furnished to an employee under section 176.135 which intentionally
234.20 and falsely states the costs of or actual treatment or supplies provided; or

234.21 ~~(v)~~ (iv) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement for providing treatment
234.22 or supplies required to be furnished to an employee under section 176.135 for treatment or
234.23 supplies that the provider knew were medically unnecessary, inappropriate, or excessive;
234.24 or

234.25 (4) by swindling, whether by artifice, trick, device, or any other means, obtains property
234.26 or services from another person; or

234.27 (5) intentionally commits any of the acts listed in this subdivision but with intent to
234.28 exercise temporary control only and:

234.29 (i) the control exercised manifests an indifference to the rights of the owner or the
234.30 restoration of the property to the owner; or

234.31 (ii) the actor pledges or otherwise attempts to subject the property to an adverse claim;
234.32 or

235.1 (iii) the actor intends to restore the property only on condition that the owner pay a
235.2 reward or buy back or make other compensation; or

235.3 (6) finds lost property and, knowing or having reasonable means of ascertaining the true
235.4 owner, appropriates it to the finder's own use or to that of another not entitled thereto without
235.5 first having made reasonable effort to find the owner and offer and surrender the property
235.6 to the owner; or

235.7 (7) intentionally obtains property or services, offered upon the deposit of a sum of money
235.8 or tokens in a coin or token operated machine or other receptacle, without making the
235.9 required deposit or otherwise obtaining the consent of the owner; or

235.10 (8) intentionally and without claim of right converts any article representing a trade
235.11 secret, knowing it to be such, to the actor's own use or that of another person or makes a
235.12 copy of an article representing a trade secret, knowing it to be such, and intentionally and
235.13 without claim of right converts the same to the actor's own use or that of another person. It
235.14 shall be a complete defense to any prosecution under this clause for the defendant to show
235.15 that information comprising the trade secret was rightfully known or available to the
235.16 defendant from a source other than the owner of the trade secret; or

235.17 (9) leases or rents personal property under a written instrument and who:

235.18 (i) with intent to place the property beyond the control of the lessor conceals or aids or
235.19 abets the concealment of the property or any part thereof; or

235.20 (ii) sells, conveys, or encumbers the property or any part thereof without the written
235.21 consent of the lessor, without informing the person to whom the lessee sells, conveys, or
235.22 encumbers that the same is subject to such lease or rental contract with intent to deprive the
235.23 lessor of possession thereof; or

235.24 (iii) does not return the property to the lessor at the end of the lease or rental term, plus
235.25 agreed-upon extensions, with intent to wrongfully deprive the lessor of possession of the
235.26 property; or

235.27 (iv) returns the property to the lessor at the end of the lease or rental term, plus
235.28 agreed-upon extensions, but does not pay the lease or rental charges agreed upon in the
235.29 written instrument, with intent to wrongfully deprive the lessor of the agreed-upon charges.

235.30 For the purposes of items (iii) and (iv), the value of the property must be at least \$100.

235.31 Evidence that a lessee used a false, fictitious, or not current name, address, or place of
235.32 employment in obtaining the property or fails or refuses to return the property or pay the
235.33 rental contract charges to lessor within five days after written demand for the return has

236.1 been served personally in the manner provided for service of process of a civil action or
236.2 sent by certified mail to the last known address of the lessee, whichever shall occur later,
236.3 shall be evidence of intent to violate this clause. Service by certified mail shall be deemed
236.4 to be complete upon deposit in the United States mail of such demand, postpaid and addressed
236.5 to the person at the address for the person set forth in the lease or rental agreement, or, in
236.6 the absence of the address, to the person's last known place of residence; or

236.7 (10) alters, removes, or obliterates numbers or symbols placed on movable property for
236.8 purpose of identification by the owner or person who has legal custody or right to possession
236.9 thereof with the intent to prevent identification, if the person who alters, removes, or
236.10 obliterates the numbers or symbols is not the owner and does not have the permission of
236.11 the owner to make the alteration, removal, or obliteration; or

236.12 (11) with the intent to prevent the identification of property involved, so as to deprive
236.13 the rightful owner of possession thereof, alters or removes any permanent serial number,
236.14 permanent distinguishing number or manufacturer's identification number on personal
236.15 property or possesses, sells or buys any personal property knowing or having reason to
236.16 know that the permanent serial number, permanent distinguishing number or manufacturer's
236.17 identification number has been removed or altered; or

236.18 (12) intentionally deprives another of a lawful charge for cable television service by:

236.19 (i) making or using or attempting to make or use an unauthorized external connection
236.20 outside the individual dwelling unit whether physical, electrical, acoustical, inductive, or
236.21 other connection; or by

236.22 (ii) attaching any unauthorized device to any cable, wire, microwave, or other component
236.23 of a licensed cable communications system as defined in chapter 238. Nothing herein shall
236.24 be construed to prohibit the electronic video rerecording of program material transmitted
236.25 on the cable communications system by a subscriber for fair use as defined by Public Law
236.26 94-553, section 107; or

236.27 (13) except as provided in clauses (12) and (14), obtains the services of another with
236.28 the intention of receiving those services without making the agreed or reasonably expected
236.29 payment of money or other consideration; or

236.30 (14) intentionally deprives another of a lawful charge for telecommunications service
236.31 by:

237.1 (i) making, using, or attempting to make or use an unauthorized connection whether
237.2 physical, electrical, by wire, microwave, radio, or other means to a component of a local
237.3 telecommunication system as provided in chapter 237; or

237.4 (ii) attaching an unauthorized device to a cable, wire, microwave, radio, or other
237.5 component of a local telecommunication system as provided in chapter 237.

237.6 The existence of an unauthorized connection is prima facie evidence that the occupier
237.7 of the premises:

237.8 (A) made or was aware of the connection; and

237.9 (B) was aware that the connection was unauthorized;

237.10 (15) with intent to defraud, diverts corporate property other than in accordance with
237.11 general business purposes or for purposes other than those specified in the corporation's
237.12 articles of incorporation; or

237.13 (16) with intent to defraud, authorizes or causes a corporation to make a distribution in
237.14 violation of section 302A.551, or any other state law in conformity with it; or

237.15 (17) takes or drives a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or an authorized
237.16 agent of the owner, knowing or having reason to know that the owner or an authorized agent
237.17 of the owner did not give consent; or

237.18 (18) intentionally, and without claim of right, takes motor fuel from a retailer without
237.19 the retailer's consent and with intent to deprive the retailer permanently of possession of
237.20 the fuel by driving a motor vehicle from the premises of the retailer without having paid
237.21 for the fuel dispensed into the vehicle; or

237.22 (19) commits wage theft under subdivision 1, clause (13).

237.23 (b) Proof that the driver of a motor vehicle into which motor fuel was dispensed drove
237.24 the vehicle from the premises of the retailer without having paid for the fuel permits the
237.25 factfinder to infer that the driver acted intentionally and without claim of right, and that the
237.26 driver intended to deprive the retailer permanently of possession of the fuel. This paragraph
237.27 does not apply if: (1) payment has been made to the retailer within 30 days of the receipt
237.28 of notice of nonpayment under section 604.15; or (2) a written notice as described in section
237.29 604.15, subdivision 4, disputing the retailer's claim, has been sent. This paragraph does not
237.30 apply to the owner of a motor vehicle if the vehicle or the vehicle's license plate has been
237.31 reported stolen before the theft of the fuel.

238.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to crimes
238.2 committed on or after that date.

238.3 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 609.902, subdivision 4, is amended
238.4 to read:

238.5 Subd. 4. **Criminal act.** "Criminal act" means conduct constituting, or a conspiracy or
238.6 attempt to commit, a felony violation of chapter 152, or a felony violation of section 299F.79;
238.7 299F.80; 299F.82; 609.185; 609.19; 609.195; 609.20; 609.205; 609.221; 609.222; 609.223;
238.8 609.2231; 609.228; 609.235; 609.245; 609.25; 609.27; 609.322; 609.342; 609.343; 609.344;
238.9 609.345; 609.42; 609.467; 609.48; 609.485; 609.495; 609.496; 609.497; 609.498; 609.52,
238.10 subdivision 2, if the offense is punishable under subdivision 3, clause (1), if the property is
238.11 a firearm, clause (3)(b), or clause (3)(d)(v); section 609.52, subdivision 2, paragraph (a),
238.12 clause (1) or (4); 609.527, if the crime is punishable under subdivision 3, clause (4); 609.528,
238.13 if the crime is punishable under subdivision 3, clause (4); 609.53; 609.561; 609.562; 609.582,
238.14 subdivision 1 or 2; 609.668, subdivision 6, paragraph (a); 609.67; 609.687; 609.713; 609.86;
238.15 609.894, subdivision 3 or 4; 609.895; 624.713; 624.7191; or 626A.02, subdivision 1, if the
238.16 offense is punishable under section 626A.02, subdivision 4, paragraph (a). "Criminal act"
238.17 also includes conduct constituting, or a conspiracy or attempt to commit, a felony violation
238.18 of section 609.52, subdivision 2, clause (3), (4), (15), or (16), if the violation involves an
238.19 insurance company as defined in section 60A.02, subdivision 4, a nonprofit health service
238.20 plan corporation regulated under chapter 62C, a health maintenance organization regulated
238.21 under chapter 62D, ~~or~~ a fraternal benefit society regulated under chapter 64B, or any state
238.22 agency.

238.23 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 628.26, is amended to read:

238.24 **628.26 LIMITATIONS.**

238.25 (a) Indictments or complaints for any crime resulting in the death of the victim may be
238.26 found or made at any time after the death of the person killed.

238.27 (b) Indictments or complaints for a violation of section 609.25 may be found or made
238.28 at any time after the commission of the offense.

238.29 (c) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.282 may be found or made at
238.30 any time after the commission of the offense if the victim was under the age of 18 at the
238.31 time of the offense.

239.1 (d) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.282 where the victim was 18
239.2 years of age or older at the time of the offense, or 609.42, subdivision 1, clause (1) or (2),
239.3 shall be found or made and filed in the proper court within six years after the commission
239.4 of the offense.

239.5 (e) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections 609.322, 609.342 to 609.345, and
239.6 609.3458 may be found or made at any time after the commission of the offense.

239.7 (f) Indictments or complaints for a violation of section 609.561 shall be found or made
239.8 and filed in the proper court within ten years after the commission of the offense.

239.9 (g) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections ~~609.466~~ 609.467 and 609.52,
239.10 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), item (iii), shall be found or made and filed in the
239.11 proper court within six years after the commission of the offense.

239.12 (h) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.2335, 609.52, subdivision 2,
239.13 paragraph (a), clause (3), items (i) and (ii), (4), (15), or (16), 609.631, or 609.821, where
239.14 the value of the property or services stolen is more than \$35,000, or for violation of section
239.15 609.527 where the offense involves eight or more direct victims or the total combined loss
239.16 to the direct and indirect victims is more than \$35,000, shall be found or made and filed in
239.17 the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

239.18 (i) Except for violations relating to false material statements, representations or omissions,
239.19 indictments or complaints for violations of section 609.671 shall be found or made and filed
239.20 in the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

239.21 (j) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections 609.562 and 609.563, shall be
239.22 found or made and filed in the proper court within five years after the commission of the
239.23 offense.

239.24 (k) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.746 shall be found or made
239.25 and filed in the proper court within the later of three years after the commission of the
239.26 offense or three years after the offense was reported to law enforcement authorities.

239.27 (l) In all other cases, indictments or complaints shall be found or made and filed in the
239.28 proper court within three years after the commission of the offense.

239.29 (m) The limitations periods contained in this section shall exclude any period of time
239.30 during which the defendant was not an inhabitant of or usually resident within this state.

239.31 (n) The limitations periods contained in this section for an offense shall not include any
239.32 period during which the alleged offender participated under a written agreement in a pretrial
239.33 diversion program relating to that offense.

(o) The limitations periods contained in this section shall not include any period of time during which physical evidence relating to the offense was undergoing DNA analysis, as defined in section 299C.155, unless the defendant demonstrates that the prosecuting or law enforcement agency purposefully delayed the DNA analysis process in order to gain an unfair advantage.

Sec. 12. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; ASSESSMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION ROLES.**

(a) The commissioner of human services, in consultation with Tribal Nations and counties, must conduct a study to assess and recommend improvements to the roles and responsibilities of the state agency, counties, and Tribal Nations in administering human services programs.

(b) The study must include a comprehensive review of programs administered by the department, including but not limited to medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, behavioral health services, long-term services and supports, housing and homelessness programs, Minnesota supplemental aid, general assistance, and licensing and oversight functions.

(c) The study must evaluate the:

(1) current roles and responsibilities held by the state agency, counties, and Tribal Nations in administering human services programs, including but not limited to the challenges and benefits of the current delegation of roles and responsibilities;

(2) lived experience of people accessing human services programs related to the delegation of administrative duties;

(3) financing of human services program administration across the state agency, counties, and Tribal Nations;

(4) variations in service delivery between different geographical regions of the state; and

(5) administration of human services programs in other states, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of the local governments versus the state Medicaid or human services agency, and identifying the benefits, challenges, and financing of the delegation of duties.

(d) The study must focus on the goals of transforming the human services system to ensure a transparent, accessible, accountable, equitable, and effective human services system.

(e) The study must provide recommendations for the optimal delegation of duties between the state agency, counties, and Tribal Nations in the delivery of human services.

Recommendations must include:

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(1) how the delegation of duties will improve the experience of people accessing human
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services;
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(2) implementation and timing considerations to ensure continuity of services;
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(3) systems technology adaptations required;
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(4) workforce considerations; and
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(5) financing strategies and the estimated fiscal impact to the state budget.
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(f) By October 1, 2028, the commissioner must submit a report on the study and
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recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
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with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance.
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Sec. 13. REPEALER.
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Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.466, is repealed.

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ARTICLE 8

241.13

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

241.14

Section 1. HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS.

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The dollar amounts shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to or, if

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shown in parentheses, are subtracted from the appropriations in Laws 2025, First Special

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Session chapter 9, article 12, from the general fund or any fund named for the purposes

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specified in this article, to be available for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The

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figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them

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are available for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The

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first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is

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fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

241.23	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
241.24	<u>Available for the Year</u>			
241.25	<u>Ending June 30</u>			
241.26		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
241.27	Sec. 2. <u>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>(122,988,000)</u>
241.28	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
241.29		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
241.30	<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(125,001,000)</u>	
241.31	<u>Special Government</u>			
241.32	<u>Revenue Fund</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,013,000</u>	
241.33	Sec. 3. <u>CENTRAL OFFICE; OPERATIONS</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>28,615,000</u>

242.1 Subdivision 1. **Evaluation of DHS Structure and**
242.2 **Processes**

242.3 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 is for a
242.4 comprehensive evaluation of the Department
242.5 of Human Services structure and processes.
242.6 This is a onetime appropriation and is
242.7 available until June 30, 2028.

242.8 Subd. 2. **Assessment of State, County, and Tribal**
242.9 **Nation Roles in Administering Human Services**
242.10 **Programs**

242.11 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 is for an
242.12 assessment of state, county, and Tribal Nation
242.13 roles in administering human services
242.14 programs. This is a onetime appropriation and
242.15 is available until June 30, 2029.

242.16 Subd. 3. **Base Level Adjustment**

242.17 The general fund base is increased by
242.18 \$19,071,000 in fiscal year 2028 and increased
242.19 by \$16,954,000 in fiscal year 2029.

242.20 Sec. 4. **CENTRAL OFFICE; HEALTH CARE** \$ -0- \$ 1,795,000

242.21 **Base Level Adjustment** The general fund
242.22 base is increased by \$2,195,000 in fiscal year
242.23 2028 and increased by \$2,160,000 in fiscal
242.24 year 2029.

242.25 Sec. 5. **CENTRAL OFFICE; AGING AND**
242.26 **DISABILITY SERVICES** \$ -0- \$ 16,977,000

242.27 Subdivision 1. **Market Rate and Homemaker**
242.28 **Services Rate Study**

242.29 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 is for a study on
242.30 rate setting methodologies for services
242.31 currently offered under market rate
242.32 methodologies and homemaker services. This
242.33 is onetime appropriation and is available until
242.34 June 30, 2028.

243.1 **Subd. 2. Waiver Case Management Study**

244.1 and increased by \$2,352,000 in fiscal year
244.2 2029.

244.3	Sec. 8. <u>FORECASTED PROGRAMS;</u>			
244.4	<u>HOUSING SUPPORT</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>10,057,000</u>

244.5	Sec. 9. <u>FORECASTED PROGRAMS;</u>			
244.6	<u>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>(202,368,000)</u>

244.7	Sec. 10. <u>FORECASTED PROGRAMS;</u>			
244.8	<u>ALTERNATIVE CARE</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>(156,000)</u>

244.9	Sec. 11. <u>FORECASTED PROGRAMS;</u>			
244.10	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUND</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>(19,237,000)</u>

244.11 **ARTICLE 9**
244.12 **OTHER AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS**

244.13 Section 1. OTHER AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS.

244.14 The dollar amounts shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to or, if
244.15 shown in parentheses, are subtracted from the appropriations in Laws 2025, First Special
244.16 Session chapter 9, article 14, from the general fund or any fund named for the purposes
244.17 specified in this article, to be available for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The
244.18 figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them
244.19 are available for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The
244.20 first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is
244.21 fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

244.22			<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
244.23			<u>Available for the Year</u>	
244.24			<u>Ending June 30</u>	
244.25			<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

244.26	Sec. 2. <u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>1,230,000</u>
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244.27 \$1,230,000 in fiscal year 2027 is for the
244.28 Medicaid Fraud Unit. This is a onetime
244.29 appropriation.

244.30 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,
244.31 YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

244.32	<u>Subdivision 1. Operations and Administration:</u>			
244.33	<u>Agency-wide Supports</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>3,304,000</u>

245.1 **Subd. 2. Assessment of State, County, and Tribal**
 245.2 **Nation Roles in Administering Human Services**
 245.3 **Programs**

245.4 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 is for an
 245.5 assessment of state, county, and Tribal Nation
 245.6 roles in administering human services
 245.7 programs. This is a onetime appropriation and
 245.8 is available until June 30, 2029."

245.9 Delete the title and insert:

245.10 "A bill for an act

245.11 relating to state government; modifying provisions relating to human services
 245.12 health care, the Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General,
 245.13 background studies, behavioral health services, uniform service standards, aging
 245.14 and disability services, and assisted living facilities; establishing medical assistance
 245.15 fraud as a crime; providing for criminal penalties; establishing working groups;
 245.16 making technical corrections; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending
 245.17 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 8.16, subdivision 1; 13A.03, by adding a
 245.18 subdivision; 142B.01, subdivision 8; 144G.41, subdivision 1, by adding a
 245.19 subdivision; 245.095, subdivisions 2, 5, by adding a subdivision; 245.735,
 245.20 subdivision 6; 245A.02, subdivision 5a; 245A.07, subdivision 2a; 245A.10, by
 245.21 adding a subdivision; 245A.65, subdivision 1a; 245C.02, subdivision 18; 245C.03,
 245.22 subdivisions 1, 3a, 9, by adding subdivisions; 245C.04, subdivision 1; 245C.15,
 245.23 subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 245C.24, subdivision 2; 245D.04, subdivision 3; 245D.081,
 245.24 subdivision 3; 245D.10, subdivision 4; 245D.12; 245G.03, subdivision 1; 245I.011,
 245.25 subdivisions 3, 5, by adding a subdivision; 245I.02, subdivisions 33, 39, by adding
 245.26 subdivisions; 245I.03, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 245I.06, subdivisions
 245.27 1, 2; 245I.07; 245I.10, subdivisions 6, 8, by adding a subdivision; 256B.02, by
 245.28 adding a subdivision; 256B.04, subdivisions 5, 10, by adding a subdivision;
 245.29 256B.0623, subdivisions 1, 3, 12, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0624, subdivisions
 245.30 1, 4, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0625, subdivision 17b, by adding a subdivision;
 245.31 256B.064, subdivisions 1b, 1c, 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, by adding subdivisions; 256B.0651,
 245.32 subdivision 17; 256B.073, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, by adding subdivisions;
 245.33 256B.0761, subdivision 2; 256B.0911, subdivision 32; 256B.0943, subdivision 2;
 245.34 256B.0949, subdivision 17, by adding a subdivision; 256B.27, subdivision 3;
 245.35 256B.4905, subdivisions 11, 12; 256B.4912, by adding a subdivision; 256B.4914,
 245.36 subdivision 6d, by adding a subdivision; 256B.492, by adding a subdivision;
 245.37 256B.69, subdivision 5a, by adding a subdivision; 256B.85, subdivision 23a;
 245.38 256S.20, by adding a subdivision; 256S.21, by adding a subdivision; 295.50,
 245.39 subdivision 4; 609.52, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections
 245.40 15.013, by adding a subdivision; 15.471, subdivision 6; 245A.03, subdivision 2;
 245.41 245A.04, subdivisions 1, 7; 245A.05; 245A.07, subdivision 3; 245A.10,
 245.42 subdivisions 3, 4; 245A.142, subdivision 3; 245A.242, subdivision 2; 245C.02,
 245.43 subdivision 15a; 245C.05, subdivision 5; 245C.07; 245C.13, subdivision 2;
 245.44 245C.15, subdivision 4a; 245C.16, subdivision 1; 245C.22, subdivision 5; 245I.04,
 245.45 subdivisions 5, 17; 254B.0503, subdivision 1; 256B.04, subdivision 21; 256B.051,
 245.46 subdivision 6; 256B.0625, subdivisions 5m, 17; 256B.0659, subdivision 21;
 245.47 256B.0701, subdivision 9; 256B.0759, subdivision 4; 256B.0911, subdivision 14;
 245.48 256B.0943, subdivisions 3, 12; 256B.0949, subdivision 16; 256B.12; 256B.85,
 245.49 subdivisions 12, 17a; 260E.03, subdivision 6; 260E.11, subdivision 1; 260E.14,
 245.50 subdivision 1; 295.50, subdivision 9b; 609.902, subdivision 4; 626.5572,
 245.51 subdivision 13; 628.26; Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4,
 245.52 sections 2; 23; 38; 39; 40; 41; 42; 43; 44; 50; 51; proposing coding for new law

246.1 in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 245A; 245I; 256B; 609; repealing Minnesota
246.2 Statutes 2024, sections 245.735, subdivisions 1a, 2a, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, 3h,
246.3 4a, 4b, 4c, 4e, 7, 8; 245C.03, subdivision 7; 245I.20, subdivision 9; 245I.23,
246.4 subdivision 23; 256B.055, subdivision 14; 256B.0623, subdivisions 2, 4, 5, 6, 9;
246.5 256B.0624, subdivisions 2, 3, 4a, 5, 6, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9, 11; 256B.073, subdivision
246.6 4; 256B.0943, subdivisions 4, 5, 5a, 6, 7, 11; 609.466; Minnesota Statutes 2025
246.7 Supplement, sections 245.735, subdivisions 3, 4d; 245A.10, subdivision 3a;
246.8 256B.0701, subdivision 11; 256B.0943, subdivisions 1, 9; Minnesota Rules, part
246.9 9505.2165, subpart 4."

246.10 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee
246.11 on Ways and Means.

246.12 This Committee action taken April 16, 2026

246.13, Co-Chair

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