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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

**This bill makes changes to the consumer-directed community supports (CDCS) budget methodology for adults and appropriates money for the Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver, Family Support Grants (FSG), and Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS).**

**Home and community-based waivers offer service options that allow people to live in the community instead of going into or staying in an institutional setting. Home and community-based waivers cover two types of services: (1) services necessary to avoid institutionalization that are not offered in Minnesota's MA state plan, and (2) services that are extensions of Minnesota's MA state plan services. The DD waiver provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities or related conditions who need the same level of care as provided in an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities (ICF/MR). CDCS is an option within the waiver programs that allows for greater flexibility.**

**The Family Support Grant program provides state cash assistance for maintaining a child with developmental disabilities or a related condition in their family home. Funds are for those expenses that are incurred as a result of the disability, not for costs that would normally occur even if the child did not have the disability.**

**SILS services are provided to adults with developmental disabilities or a related condition in their home and community to maintain or increase their ability to live in the community.**

- 1 Disability waivers; CDCS budget methodology for adults.** Modifies the budget methodology for persons who have graduated from high school or who are over 21 years of age and who need support services during the day and choose the CDCS option through one of the home and community-based waivers for persons with disabilities. Requires the commissioner of human services to submit an amendment to the Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services for this change by October 1, 2009. Makes this section effective immediately.

**2 Appropriations.**

**Subd. 1. Developmental disabilities waiver.** Appropriates an unspecified amount for the 2010-2011 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the DD waiver. Specifies that this appropriation is in addition to the forecast increases and is to serve an additional 200 persons beginning July 1, 2009. Adds this appropriation to the base.

**Subd. 2. FSG program.** Appropriates an unspecified amount for the 2010-2011 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the FSG program to serve an additional 200 persons in each year of the biennium, beginning on July 1, 2009. Adds this appropriation to the base.

**Subd. 3. SILS.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the SILS program to serve an additional 200 persons in each year of the 2010-2011 biennium, beginning on July 1, 2009. Adds this appropriation to the base.