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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill modifies a reduction of rates for congregate living for individuals with lower needs on the CADI and DD waivers.

Home- and community-based waivers allow for federal Medicaid reimbursement for certain services provided to the chronically ill, disabled, and elderly, who are not otherwise covered under the Medicaid program in the state plan.

Home- and community-based waiver services (HCBS) help people remain in their homes and communities, rather than be institutionalized. These waivers allow Minnesota (1) an alternative to placing Medicaid-eligible individuals in hospitals, nursing facilities, or intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF/DD) and (2) provide services that are not covered, or are limited, under the traditional Medicaid program.

Minnesota has been authorized by the federal Department of Health and Human Services to provide HCBS to people with developmental disabilities (DD) or a related condition since 1984. Since its introduction in 1984, the home- and community-based waiver programs have been the primary means of support for Minnesota's shift from institutional to HCBS. This shift from institutional care to HCBS both saves money and is preferred by the vast majority of people involved.

## **Section**

The two waiver populations affected by this bill are certain DD and CADI waiver recipients. The DD waiver is for people with developmental disabilities or a related condition who needs the level of care provided at an ICF/DD. The Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) waiver is for people who have a disability and require the level of care provided in a nursing home.

## **Section**

- 1**      **Forecasted programs.** Amends Laws 2011, First Special Session, ch. 9, art. 10, § 3, subd. 3, as amended by Laws 2012, ch. 247, art. 4, § 43. Specifies that a provision reducing rates for congregate living for individuals with lower needs does not apply to individuals living in foster care settings where the license holder is certified as an adult foster care home serving people with mental illness. Makes this section effective August 1, 2013.