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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies CFSS program eligibility by removing a requirement that constant supervision to accomplish a task be necessary.

The Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) program was created by the 2013 Legislature (see Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 7, section 49) and will replace the Personal Care Assistance (PCA) program. CFSS will be available statewide to eligible individuals to provide assistance and support to persons with disabilities, the elderly, and others with special health care needs living independently in the community.

CFSS is intended to be more accessible and flexible than the PCA program. CFSS will facilitate transition out of institutional care, prevent or delay future admissions, and support community living. CFSS will assist participants to recover and/or gain skills to increase and maintain community stability, use technology or home modifications to decrease the need for human assistance when appropriate, avoid the use of inappropriate services, and increasingly direct their own services. CFSS will allow for testing of innovative models of coordinating services for children receiving services across home, school, and community.

CFSS changes the structure of fiscal support entities under the PCA program to support people hiring and directing their own staff. CFSS includes a budget model that allows participants to exercise more responsibility and control over the services and supports described and budgeted within the CFSS service-delivery

plan. An agency-provider model is available for participants who are unable to direct their own services.

CFSS is available to a person who meets one of the following criteria:

- is a recipient of Medical Assistance (MA);
- is a recipient of the alternative care program;
- is a MA waiver recipient (elderly waiver, developmental disabilities waiver, brain injury waiver, community alternative care waiver, or community alternatives for disabled individuals waiver);
- has medical services identified in a participant's individualized education program and is eligible for MA special education services.

In addition to meeting the eligibility criteria above, a person must also:

- require assistance and be determined dependent in one activity of daily living (ADL) or Level I behavior based on an assessment;
- not be a family support grant recipient; and
- live in the person's own apartment or home (not a hospital or institutional setting).

Section

1   **Basis and scope.** Amends § 256B.85, subd. 1. Modifies CFSS program eligibility by removing a requirement that constant supervision to accomplish a task be necessary. Makes this section effective upon federal approval. Requires services to begin 90 days after federal approval. Requires the commissioner to notify the revisor of statutes when this occurs.

2   **Definitions.** Amends § 256B.85, subd. 2. Modifies the definitions of "CFSS" and "dependency" by removing the constant supervision requirement. Makes this section effective upon federal approval. Requires services to begin 90 days after federal approval. Requires the commissioner to notify the revisor of statutes when this occurs.

3   **CFSS; covered services.** Amends § 256B.85, subd. 7. Modifies the list of covered services under the CFSS program by removing the constant supervision requirement. Makes this section effective upon federal approval. Requires services to begin 90 days after federal approval. Requires the commissioner to notify the revisor of statutes when this occurs.