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Overview

This bill modifies the new employment support services, employment exploration services, and employment development services under the DWRS by creating a transition period. The bill also modifies the expiration date of supported employment services under DWRS. In 2017, employment support services, employment exploration services, and employment development services were new services added to the DWRS. The Department of Human Services (DHS) has not implemented these new services yet because DHS is awaiting federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The DWRS was enacted by the legislature in 2013 in order to comply with federal requirements that medical assistance (MA) rates be determined according to a statewide methodology. Prior to the implementation of DWRS, counties contracted with providers and set reimbursement rates. DHS administers the DWRS.

Enactment of the DWRS created a statewide framework within which reimbursement rates for services provided under the MA home and community-based services (HCBS) disability waivers are established. Applicable services under DWRS are those authorized under the state's four MA HCBS disability waivers: brain injury waiver, waiver for persons with developmental disabilities, community access for disability inclusion waiver, and the community alternative care waiver.

Section

- 1 Day training and habilitation services for adults with developmental disabilities.** Amends § 252.41, subd. 3. Makes a conforming change to the day training and habilitation statute related to the transition period established for the new employment services under the disability waiver rate system. Provides a retroactive effective date of January 1, 2018.
- 2 New services.** Amends § 256B.4913, subd. 7. Specifies a transition process for the three new employment services under DWRS. Prohibits service authorizations that include the delayed transition from authorizing and billing for the new employment services on the same day that day training and habilitation or prevocational services are billed. Provides a July 1, 2018 effective date.
- 3 Data collection for rate determination.** Amends § 256B.4914, subd. 4. Requires discussion of the transition to the new employment services to be part of the service planning process and requires lead agencies to enter certain information into the rate management system. Provides a July 1, 2018 effective date.