

Subject Brain Injury Waiver
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Overview

This bill expands eligibility for services in the state traumatic brain injury program to persons with brain injuries acquired by fetal alcohol exposure, and directs the commissioner of human services to seek to amend the brain injury waiver to include these persons.

The brain injury waiver and the developmental disabilities (DD) waiver are two of the state's four MA disability waivers. The brain injury waiver provides services for individuals with a brain injury who need the level of care provided in a nursing home or neurobehavioral hospital. 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.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Eligibility. Amends § 256B.093, subd. 2. Expands eligibility for the traumatic brain injury program by including persons with a brain injury acquired by fetal alcohol exposure.
2	Direction to the commissioner. Directs the commissioner of human services to seek to amend the brain injury waiver to include as eligible persons individuals with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder diagnosis who are not being served under the DD waiver.