

**Subject** Caregiver Support and Essential Community Supports Programs

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## Overview

This bill establishes caregiver support programs and modifies the benefit and eligibility for the essential community supports program.

## Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>Caregiver support programs.</b>
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Creates § 256.9755.

**Subd. 1. Program goals.** States it is the goal of all area agencies on aging and caregiver support programs to support family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias who are living in the community.

**Subd. 2. Authority.** Requires the Minnesota Board on Aging to allocate to area agencies on aging the state and federal funds which are received for the caregiver support program in a manner consistent with federal requirements.

**Subd. 3. Caregiver support services.** Specifies how funds allocated to area agencies on aging for caregiver support services must be used.

**Subd. 4. Report.** Requires the Minnesota Board on Aging to annually report by January 15 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services on the effectiveness of the caregiver support programs.

2	<b>Essential community supports.</b>
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Amends § 256B.0922, subd. 1. Increases the maximum monthly benefit under the essential community supports program from \$400 to \$600 per person. Expands the list of services for which a person must have been determined by a community assessment to need at least one of in order to maintain his or her community residence to include respite care and companion services.

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3	<p data-bbox="316 262 893 294"><b>Appropriation; caregiver support programs.</b></p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1430 497">Appropriates \$200,000 in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the Minnesota Board on Aging for the purposes of caregiver support programs. Requires programs receiving funding under this section to include an Alzheimer’s-specific respite service in their caregiver support program. Adds this appropriation to the base.</p>



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