

Subject Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff

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Overview

This bill modifies training requirements for direct support staff providing licensed home and community-based services (HCBS).

HCBS waivers allow for federal Medicaid reimbursement for certain services provided to the chronically ill, disabled, and elderly, which are not otherwise covered under the Medicaid program in the state plan (receipt of a “waiver” allows a state to waive certain federal Medicaid rules governing institutional care).

The purpose of these waivers is to 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 ICF/DDs; and (2) to provide services that are not covered or are limited under the traditional Medicaid program.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Sexual violence. Amends § 245D.02, by adding subd. 32a. Defines “sexual violence” in the chapter of statutes governing home and community-based services standards.
2	Orientation to program requirements. Amends § 245D.09, subd. 4. Adds strategies to minimize the risk of sexual violence to the list of orientation items on which license holders must train direct support staff.
3	Orientation to individual service recipient needs. Amends § 245D.09, subd. 4a. Makes a conforming technical change.

Section	Description
4	Annual training. Amends § 245D.09, subd. 5. Makes a conforming technical change.



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