

Subject Disability Waiver Rate System

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Overview

This bill modifies the Disability Waiver Rate System (DWRS) by modifying the base wage calculation for employment and exploration services staff and modifying a required analysis of the absence and utilization ratio.

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.

The DWRS is a statewide framework for calculating reimbursement rates for services provided under the MA home and community-based services (HCBS) disability waivers.

Summary

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| 1 | Base wage index and standard component values.
Amends § 256B.4914, subd. 5. Modifies the base wage calculation for employment exploration services staff. |
| 2 | Reporting and analysis of cost data.
Amends § 256B.4914, subd. 10a. Modifies the required analysis of the absence and utilization ratio under DWRS for day programs and unit-based services, except respite services, by requiring specific data to be used in the analysis and prohibiting the analysis from including factors unsupported by the cost or claims data. |



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