

Subject Delaying Rates for Family Residential Services and Life Sharing Services; Establishing the Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services

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Overview

This bill delays implementation of new rates for family residential services and life sharing services, establishes an Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services, and appropriates money for the task force.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Effective date. Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 5. Delays the effective date of the inclusion of life sharing services in residential supports and services under the chapter of statutes governing home and community-based service standards.
2	Effective date. Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 27. Delays the effective date of the inclusion of life sharing services in the list of services reimbursed under the Disability Waiver Rate System.
3	Effective date. Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 30. Delays the effective date of the removal of asleep overnight staff for family residential services in the base wage index calculations under the Disability Waiver Rate System.
4	Effective date. Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 32. Delays the effective date of the removal of family residential services under the Disability Waiver Rate System.

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5	<p>Effective date.</p> <p>Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 47. Delays the effective date of the requirement that the commissioner of human services establish rates for family residential services and life sharing services.</p>
6	<p>Effective date.</p> <p>Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 85. Delays the repeal of family residential services component values and payment rate calculations under the Disability Waiver Rate System.</p>
7	<p>Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services.</p> <p>This section establishes an Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services to evaluate proposed rate modifications, lists the members of the task force, lists the duties of the task force, and requires a report.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose. Establishes the Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services to evaluate proposed family residential services rate modifications and the impact any proposed rate methodology would have on existing family residential services and adult family foster care providers.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Membership. Lists the members of the task force and appointing authorities.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Meetings. Requires the commissioner of human services to convene the first meeting of the task force no later than March 1, 2025. Makes task force meetings subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. Requires task force meetings to be conducted by telephone or interactive technology.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Administrative support. Requires the commissioner of human services to provide the task force with: (1) administrative support and staff assistance; and (2) data, fiscal estimates, rate models, draft waiver amendments, implementation updates, estimated impacts, and other information necessary for the task force to fulfill its duties.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Duties. Requires the task force to evaluate multiple family residential service rate models and the impact the proposed rate models would have on family residential services and adult family foster care providers. Lists items that must be included in the evaluations. Requires the task force to monitor the development and implementation of the rate methodology and the impact of the rate methodology on family residential services and adult family foster care providers.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Reports. No later than August 1, 2026, requires the task force to submit a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over licensed adult foster</p>

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care providers and family residential services reimbursement rates with specified recommendations. No later than January 15, 2029, requires the task force to submit a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over licensed adult foster care providers and family residential services reimbursement rates that includes an assessment of the development and implementation of the family residential service rate methodology and the impact of the rate methodology on family residential services and adult family foster care providers.

Subd. 7. Expiration. Provides a June 30, 2029, expiration date for the task force.

Provides a July 1, 2024, effective date.

8 Appropriation; Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services.

Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services. Sets the general fund base for fiscal years 2026 to 2030.



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