

Subject Disability Waiver Technology Provisions Modified

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Overview

This bill modifies the commissioner of human services' responsibilities related to implementing technology for disability waiver services recipients and includes certain technology costs in compensation for direct care staff under the Disability Waiver Rate System.

The Disability Waiver Rate System is Minnesota's uniform, statewide methodology to determine reimbursement rates for home and community-based services provided under the four Medicaid (MA) disability waivers: the community alternative care (CAC) waiver, the community access for disability inclusion (CADI) waiver, the developmental disability (DD) waiver, and the brain injury (BI) waiver.

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| 1 | <p>Informed choice in technology implementation for disability waiver services.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.4905, subd. 12. Requires the commissioner of human services to ensure that lead agencies: (1) do not include processes or requirements, in addition to those required by the commissioner, that could result in the delay of approval or implementation of technology; and (2) approve technology in a timely manner and make determinations within 30 calendar days of the date of the original request. If a technology request is denied, requires the lead agency to submit a notice of action form clearly stating the reason for the denial.</p> <p>Provides a January 1, 2025, effective date.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Direct care staff; compensation.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.4914, subd. 10d. Expands the list of items included in compensation for direct care staff under the Disability Waiver Rate System to include costs related to providing remote support and cost of technology to support individuals remotely.</p> |

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