

**Subject** Exempting assisted living service providers from DWRS direct care staff compensation requirements

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## Overview

This bill exempts licensed assisted living facilities from the requirement to use a certain percentage of revenue generated by the disability waiver rate system (DWRS) rates for residential support services for direct care staff compensation.

DWRS 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 (see Minn. Stat. §§ 256B.4912, 256B.4913, and 256B.4914). In fiscal year 2024, DWRS distributed about \$3.185 billion in state and federal funds for reimbursement to providers of qualifying services.

Under DWRS, current law requires residential support services providers paid under DWRS to use a minimum of 66 percent of the revenue generated by DWRS residential support services rates for direct care staff compensation.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Direct care staff; compensation.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.4914, subd. 10d. Exempts licensed assisted living facilities from the requirement to use a certain percentage of revenue generated by DWRS rates for residential support services for direct care staff compensation.</p> |
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