

Subject MA home and community-based services case management

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Overview

This bill prohibits county agencies from contracting for medical assistance (MA) home and community-based waiver case management services on or after July 1, 2029, establishes a waiver case management quality working group, and requires the commissioner of human services to conduct a case management and home and community-based services rates study.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Case management services.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.092, subd. 1a. Requires counties that contract for developmental disability waiver case management services to use a competitive proposal process to procure contracted case management services at least once every two years. Requires contracts to include provisions for oversight to ensure high-quality case management services. Beginning July 1, 2029, prohibits a county agency from entering into any new contracts or renewing contracts for case management services.</p> <p>Provides a January 1, 2027, effective date and applies the changes to contracts entered into or renewed on or after that date.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Case management.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.49, subd. 13. Requires counties that contract for community alternative care, community access for disability inclusion, and brain injury waiver case management services to use a competitive proposal process to procure contracted case management services at least once every two years. Requires contracts to include provisions for oversight to ensure high-quality case management services. Beginning July 1, 2029, prohibits a county agency from entering into any new contracts or renewing contracts for case management services.</p> |

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3	<p>Elderly waiver case management provided by counties and Tribes.</p> <p>Amends § 256S.07, subd. 1. Requires counties that contract for elderly waiver case management services to use a competitive proposal process to procure contracted case management services at least once every two years. Requires contracts to include provisions for oversight to ensure high-quality case management services. Beginning July 1, 2029, prohibits a county agency from entering into any new contracts or renewing contracts for case management services.</p> <p>Provides a January 1, 2027, effective date and applies the changes to contracts entered into or renewed on or after that date.</p>
4	<p>Waiver case management quality working group.</p> <p>Establishes the waiver case management quality working group.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment. Requires the commissioner of human services to convene a waiver case management quality working group to develop recommendations related to county provision of home and community-based waiver case management services without the use of contractors.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Membership. Lists the individuals and organizations that must be represented in the working group.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Duties. Lists the duties of the working group, including making recommendations to: (1) ensure that clients are receiving high-quality case management services; and (2) transition from a contract-based case management services system to a system in which counties provide case management services without contracting for those services.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Compensation; expenses. Allows members of the working group to receive compensation and expense reimbursement as provided in the statute governing advisory councils and committees.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Meetings; administrative support. Specifies when the first meeting of the working group must be convened and how often the working group must meet. Makes working group meetings subject to the Open Meeting Law. Allows the working group to meet by telephone or interactive technology. Requires the Department of Human Services to provide staff and administrative support for the working group.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Report. By September 1, 2027, requires the commissioner to submit a report of the working group's findings and recommendations, including any</p>

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legislative language necessary to implement the recommendations, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance.

Subd. 7. Expiration. Makes the working group expire upon submission of the report required under subdivision 6.

5 **Direction to commissioner; case management and home and community-based services rates study.**

Requires the commissioner of human services to analyze the current rate-setting methodology for all case management and MA home and community-based services waivers and make recommendations to improve rate-setting methodologies to more accurately reflect service costs. By January 1, 2027, requires the commissioner to issue a request for proposals to analyze the rate frameworks and current rate-setting practices and to consult with lead agencies and providers in the development of the request for proposals and for the duration of the contract.

By January 15, 2028, requires the commissioner to submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance on the initial results of the analysis required under this section. By January 15, 2029, requires the commissioner to submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance that includes legislative language necessary to modify existing or implement new rate methodologies and a detailed fiscal analysis.



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