

**Subject** Personal Care Assistance and Community First Services and Supports

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## Overview

This bill clarifies personal care assistance (PCA) and community first services and supports (CFSS) requirements for shared services, requires wage increases for personal care assistants and support workers providing shared services, and renumbers CFSS definitions.

The CFSS program is a statewide program to assist eligible people with accomplishing activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, and health-related procedures and tasks. It was created by the 2013 Legislature (see Minn. Stat. § 256B.85) and is replacing the PCA program and consumer support grants. CFSS is available statewide to eligible individuals to provide assistance and support to persons with disabilities, the elderly, and others with special health care needs living independently in the community.

CFSS is a federal-state funded service, with 51.16 percent paid with federal medical assistance funds and 48.84 percent paid with state general funds in federal fiscal year 2025. The statewide phase-in of CFSS began in October 2024.

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| 1 | <b>Documentation of personal care assistance services provided.</b><br>Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 12. Makes a technical terminology change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2 | <b>Shared services.</b><br>Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 16. Makes technical changes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3 | <b>Shared services; rates.</b><br>Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 17. Defines “additional revenue for shared services” and “wages and wage-related costs” in the section governing the payment rate system for PCA shared services. Requires PCA provider agencies to use unspecified percentages of the additional revenue for shared services for the wages and wage- |

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	related costs of the PCA providing the shared services. Lists prohibited uses of additional revenue for shared services.
4	<b>Personal care assistance choice option; qualifications; duties.</b> Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 19. Makes a technical and conforming change.
5	<b>Community first services and supports; covered services.</b> Amends § 256B.85, subd. 7. Adds shared services to the list of covered services under CFSS.
6	<b>Shared services under the agency-provider model.</b> Amends § 256B.85, by adding subd. 7c. Requires the commissioner to authorize shared service arrangements if the commissioner determines that a shared service arrangement is appropriate to meet all the participants' needs and sufficient to maintain the participants' health and safety. Prohibits the commissioner from reducing the total number of authorized units for a participant who elects to receive shared services. Requires an agency-provider to offer a participant the option of shared services, one-on-one services, or a combination of both types of services when shared services are authorized by the commissioner. Allows a participant to withdraw from participating in a shared service arrangement at any time.
7	<b>Shared service rates under the agency-provider model.</b> Amends § 256B.85, by adding subd. 7d. Requires the commissioner to provide a rate system for shared services and places limits on maximum rates for shared services. Specifies these rates only apply when all criteria for shared services are met.
8	<b>Pass-through for shared services under the agency-provider model.</b> Amends § 256B.85, by adding subd. 7e. Requires CFSS agency-providers to use unspecified percentages of the additional revenue for shared services for the wages and wage-related costs of the support worker providing the shared services. Lists prohibited uses of additional revenue for shared services.
9	<b>Shared services under the budget model.</b> Amends § 256B.85, by adding subd. 7f. Requires a participant who intends to elect shared services under the budget model to include a statement of this intention in the CFSS service delivery plan, develop a plan for shared services when developing or amending the CFSS service delivery plan, and follow the CFSS process for approval of the plan. Requires the commissioner to authorize shared service arrangements if the commissioner determines that a shared service arrangement is appropriate to meet all the participants' needs and sufficient to maintain the participants' health and safety. Prohibits the commissioner from reducing the total authorized dollar amount for a participant who elects to receive shared services. Requires the participants who

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	elect to share services under the budget model to jointly develop a shared service agreement. Allows a participant to withdraw from participating in a shared service arrangement at any time. Requires the commissioner to develop and publish recommendations for negotiating wages for support workers providing shared services under the budget model.
10	<b>Pass-through for shared services under the budget model.</b> Amends § 256B.85, by adding subd. 7g. Requires the CFSS participant employer to use unspecified percentages of the budget savings for shared services for the wages and wage-related costs of the support worker providing the shared services. Lists prohibited uses of additional revenue for shared services.
11	<b>Community first services and supports; definitions.</b> Creates § 256B.8502. Defines terms for purposes of CFSS.  <b>Subd. 1. Scope.</b> Specifies the terms defined in this section apply to the sections of statute governing CFSS and CFSS payment rates.  <b>Subd. 2. Additional revenue for shared services.</b> Defines “additional revenue for shared services.”  <b>Subd. 3. Budget savings for shared services.</b> Defines “budget savings for shared services.”  <b>Subd. 4. Wages and wage-related costs.</b> Defines “wages and wage-related costs.”
12	<b>Revisor instruction.</b> Instructs the revisor of statutes to renumber the definitions in the sections of statute governing CFSS and CFSS payment rates as subdivisions in the new CFSS definitions section, rearrange and renumber the existing definitions as necessary to place them in alphabetical order, and to revise all statutory cross-references consistent with this recoding.



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