

**Subject** Waiver Reimagine Phase II

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## Summary

When implementing waiver reimagine phase II, this bill:

- 1) prohibits the commissioner of human services from reducing the individual authorized budget amount of any waiver services recipient by more than 10 percent unless there is a documented decrease in need;
- 2) specifies the information the commissioner must use in determining if a reduction in a recipient's authorized budget amount is prohibited;
- 3) specifies the 10 percent reduction prohibition continues to apply to every subsequent determination of a recipient's authorized budget amount if a recipient's documented needs based on assessments completed after waiver reimagine phase II implementation remain the same as or exceed the level of need in the recipient's most recent assessment prior to waiver reimagine phase II implementation;
- 4) requires the commissioner to incorporate a cost-of-living adjustment for all waiver recipient individual authorized budgets into the methodology established in waiver reimagine phase II; and
- 5) requires the commissioner to include the reduction limits and cost-of-living adjustment in any proposed statutory language codifying implementation and methodology of waiver reimagine phase II.

Waiver reimagine is a Department of Human Services initiative to reconfigure Minnesota's four Medical Assistance (MA) disability waiver programs, provide recipients with more control over planning and supports, and increase self-directed options. Phase I of this initiative was implemented in 2021 and included a simplified common service menu across the four MA disability waivers. Phase II includes reconfiguring the four MA disability waivers into two waivers, implementing an individualized budget methodology, increasing self-directed options, and developing and implementing an online support planning and tracking tool.