

Subject Family Residential Services Rates under DWRS

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Overview

This bill reenacts payment rates for family residential services under the Disability Waiver Rate System (DWRS). Family residential services were removed from the DWRS framework in 2023.

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.

Family residential services are provided in a licensed family foster care home and include training and/or habilitation, ongoing residential care, and supportive services. Services are individualized and based on the needs of the recipient, as identified in the support plan.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Base wage index; calculations.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.4914, subd. 5a. Reinstates the base wage index calculation for asleep overnight staff for family residential services under DWRS effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.</p> <p>Provides an immediate effective date.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Residential support services; generally.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.4914, subd. 6. Reinstates family residential services under residential support services for purposes of DWRS.</p> <p>Provides an immediate effective date.</p> |

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3	<p>Family residential services; component values and calculation of payment rates.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.4914, by adding subd. 6e. Effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, reinstates family residential services component values and payment rate calculations under DWRS.</p> <p>Provides an immediate effective date.</p>
4	<p>Payments for family residential services and life sharing services.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.4914, subd. 19. Effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, removes a requirement that the commissioner establish rates for family residential services.</p> <p>Provides an immediate effective date.</p>



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