

Policy Purview

The specific policy purview of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee is not set by rule, but rather is governed by the decisions of House leadership. This document describes some of the main areas of policy in statute that have typically been considered under the purview of the Human Services Committee.

Sections of Statute under Purview of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

Department of Human Services Central Office and Office of Inspector General Chapters

- **Chapter 245 – Department of Human Services**
 - Sections 245.001 to 245.46 establish the Department of Human Services and outline certain administrative requirements.
- **Chapter 245A – Human Services Licensing**
 - Establishes licensing requirements for human services programs.
- **Chapter 245C – Human Services Background Studies**
 - Lays out who must receive a background study, when background studies must occur, processes for conducting background studies, and background study fees.
- **Chapter 256 – Human Services**
 - Lays out the commissioner of human services' powers and duties, establishes the Council on Disability, establishes the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, and establishes the Board on Aging.
- **Chapter 256G – Unitary Residence and Financial Responsibility**
 - Governs financial responsibility for social services programs administered by DHS and DCT in which residence is the determining factor.

Long-Term Care Chapters

- **Chapter 245D – Home and Community-Based Services Standards**
 - Lays out standards for HCBS related to service planning and delivery, record requirements, facility licensure, community residential settings, day services facilities, alternative licensing inspections, and mental health certification.

- **Chapter 252 – Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities**
 - Provides for parental contributions for services provided to certain children in out-of-home settings.
 - Establishes the semi-independent living services program.
 - Governs intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental disabilities.
 - Establishes day training and habilitation services.

- **Chapter 256B (various sections) – Medical Assistance for Needy Persons**
 - Parts of this chapter are often addressed in the Health Policy and Finance Committee. Governs various MA programs and covered services for seniors and persons with disabilities, including:
 - Alternative care
 - Essential community supports
 - MA disability waivers and the Disability Waiver Rate System
 - Consumer-directed community supports
 - Personal care assistance and community-first services and supports
 - Long-term care consultation services

- **Chapter 256C – Persons with Disabilities**
 - Provides for public accommodations and housing accommodations for persons who are blind.
 - Establishes the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing State Services Division, regional service centers, and the Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing.

- **Chapter 256R – Nursing Facility Rates**
 - Establishes MA reimbursement rates for nursing facilities.

- **Chapter 256S – Medical Assistance Elderly Waiver**
 - Establishes program parameters for the MA elderly waiver program, including:
 - Eligibility requirements
 - Assessment and reassessment requirements
 - Authorization of services
 - Rate setting

Behavioral Health Chapters

- **Chapter 245 – Department of Human Services**
 - Governs a variety of mental health services and programs, including:
 - Adult Mental Health Act
 - Community support and day treatment services
 - Children’s Mental Health Act
 - Children’s mental health grants
 - School-linked mental health grants
 - Children's mental health integrated fund

- Establishes the compulsive gambling treatment program.
- Establishes the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.
- Provides for mental illness crisis housing.
- **Chapter 245F – Withdrawal Management Programs**
 - Governs withdrawal management programs, including provisions related to program licensure, admission and discharge policies, assessments, medical services, staff qualifications and requirements, and patient records.
- **Chapter 245G – Substance Use Disorder Licensed Treatment Facilities**
 - Governs substance use disorder licensed treatment facilities, including provisions related to licensing requirements, assessments, individual treatment plans, treatment and medical services, staff qualifications and requirements, and opioid treatment programs.
- **Chapter 245I – Mental Health Uniform Service Standards Act**
 - Provides for uniform service and licensing standards for mental health services providers, including provisions related to provider qualifications and scope of practice, training, treatment supervision, documentation and filing requirements, assessments, treatment planning, mental health clinic certification, and service-specific requirements.
- **Chapter 254B – Substance Use Disorder Treatment**
 - Governs substance use disorder treatment services, including standards of care; vendor and individual eligibility for behavioral health fund services, rate methodologies, and payment processes; provider qualifications; service requirements; and training.
- **Chapter 256B (various sections) – Medical Assistance for Needy Persons**
 - Governs various MA programs and covered services related to adult and children’s mental health and substance use disorder. See sections 256B.0625, 256B.0671, 256B.0759 (SUD demonstration project), 256B.0924, 256B.0941, 256B.0943, 256B.0945, 256B.0946, and 256B.0947.

Vulnerable Adults Sections

- **Chapter 256M – Vulnerable Children and Adults Act**
 - Provides for adult protection grant allocations and service plans.
- **Sections 626.557 to 626.5573 – Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults**
 - Establishes requirements and processes for reporting and investigating maltreatment of vulnerable adults.

Homelessness, Housing, and Support Services Chapters

- **Chapter 256D – Economic Assistance**
 - Establishes the general assistance and Minnesota supplemental aid programs and lays out eligibility requirements and benefit standards.
- **Chapter 256I – Housing Support**
 - Establishes the housing support program and lays out eligibility requirements and monthly rates.
- **Chapter 256K – Services for Homeless Families and Youth**
 - Establishes various programs related to providing shelter and services for persons experiencing homelessness, including:
 - Emergency services grants
 - Transitional housing programs
 - Safe harbor shelter and housing
 - Shelter-linked youth mental health grants
 - Homeless Youth Act
 - Long-term homeless supportive services
- **Chapter 256P – Economic Assistance Program Eligibility and Verification**
 - Establishes program eligibility and verification requirements for a variety of economic assistance programs administered by both DHS and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Direct Care and Treatment Chapters

- **Chapter 246 – State-Operated Services**
 - Governs state-operated services in state facilities and state-operated, community-based programs for individuals with complex needs related to behavioral health and developmental and intellectual disabilities.
- **Chapter 246B – Sex Offender Program**
 - Governs the Minnesota Sex Offender Program, including provisions related to licensure, the vocational work program, payment for care and treatment, and county financial liability.
- **Chapter 246C – Direct Care and Treatment**
 - Establishes the Direct Care and Treatment agency, executive board, and chief executive officer, and governs the duties and authority of those entities and direct care and treatment services.
- **Chapter 253B – Civil Commitment**
 - Governs civil commitment procedures.