

Subject Family residential services and life sharing services

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Overview

This bill delays implementation of new rates for family residential services and life sharing services, establishes the Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services, and appropriates money for the task force.

Summary

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| 1 | Effective date.
Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 5, the effective date. Delays implementation of life sharing services from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2029, under the chapter of statutes governing home and community-based services standards. |
| 2 | Effective date.
Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 27, the effective date. Delays implementation of rates for life sharing services from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2029, under the chapter of statutes governing the Disability Waiver Rate System. |
| 3 | Effective date.
Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 30, the effective date. Delays implementation of new rates for family residential services from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2029, under the chapter of statutes governing the Disability Waiver Rate System. |
| 4 | Effective date.
Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 32, the effective date. Delays implementation of new rates for family residential services from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2029, under the chapter of statutes governing the Disability Waiver Rate System. |
| 5 | Effective date.
Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 47, the effective date. Delays implementation of new rates for family residential services and life sharing services from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2029, under the chapter of statutes governing the Disability Waiver Rate System. |

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6	<p>Effective date.</p> <p>Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 1, § 85, the effective date. Delays the repeal of family residential services from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2029, under the chapter of statutes governing the Disability Waiver Rate System.</p>
7	<p>Advisory task force on family residential services.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose. Establishes the Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services to evaluate proposed family residential services rate modifications and the impact any proposed payment methodology would have on existing family residential services and licensed adult family foster care providers.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Membership. Lists the members of the task force. Requires appointments to be made no later than January 1, 2026. Specifies member compensation and reimbursement for expenses is governed by the statute governing advisory councils and committees.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Meetings. Requires the commissioner of human services to convene the first meeting of the task force no later than March 1, 2026. Subjects task force meetings to the Minnesota open meeting law. Requires task force meetings to be conducted by telephone or interactive technology.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Administrative support. Requires the commissioner of human services to provide administrative support and staff assistance for the task force. Specifies the information the commissioner must provide to the task force.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Duties. Requires the task for to evaluate multiple family residential service rate models and the impact the proposed models would have on family residential services and adult family foster care providers. Lists the information the evaluations must include. Also requires the task force to monitor the development and implementation of the family residential service rate methodology and the impact of the rate methodology on family residential services and adult family foster care providers.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Reports. Requires the task force to submit to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over licensed adult foster care providers and family residential services reimbursement rates: (1) a written report no later than August 1, 2027, that includes specified recommendations; and (2) a written report that includes an assessment of the development and implementation of the family residential service rate methodology and the impact of the rate methodology on family residential services and adult family foster care providers no later than January 15, 2030.</p>

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Subd. 7. Expiration. Makes the task force expire June 30, 2030.

Provides a July 1, 2025, effective date.

8 **Appropriation; Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services.**

Appropriates unspecified amounts in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services. Sets the general fund base for the task force for fiscal years 2028 to 2030.



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