

S.F. No. 492 – Human Services Remote Home and Community-Based Services Waivers Extension

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Section 1 [Laws 2020, First Special Session chapter 7, section 1, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 2020, Third Special Session chapter 1, section 3, Subdivision 2] removes from the list of DHS waivers and modifications set to expire on June 30, 2021, the program modification that allows the remote provision of home and community-based services.

Section 2 [Laws 2020, First Special Session chapter 7, section 1, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 2020, Third Special Session chapter 1, section 3, Subdivision 5] extends until June 30, 2022, the existing program modification that allows the temporary expansion of home and community-based services that may be provided remotely via real-time, two-way communication.

Services that may be provided remotely include 24-hour emergency assistance, adult companion services, personal assistance, day training and habilitation (DT&H), employment development, employment exploration, employment support, family training and counseling, family caregiver coaching and counseling, family caregiver training and education, homemaker services with home management, homemaker services with personal care, independent living skills (ILS) training, individualized community living supports, individualized home supports, in-home family support, personal support, positive supports, prevocational services, respite, specialist services, structured day services, supported living services, and transitional services.

Section 3 [Direction to the Commissioner of Human Services; Direct Care Services During Short-Term Acute Hospital Visits] requires the commissioner of human services to develop draft legislation to authorize in Minnesota a recent federal modification to include hospitals during certain acute care hospital stays in the list of permissible settings in which personal care assistance (PCA) and similar services can be provided.

Section 4 [Direction to the Commissioner of Human Services; Recommendations on Providing Services in the Community] requires the commissioner to use the commissioner's existing authority to establish an advisory task forces to advise the commissioner regarding legislative changes concerning the provision of unit-based services, which are services provided independently

of a residential service or day program, and include services such as employment exploration services, employment development services, housing access coordination, individualized home supports, in-home family support, independent living skills training, individualized home supports, night supervision, personal support, respite, and companion care.