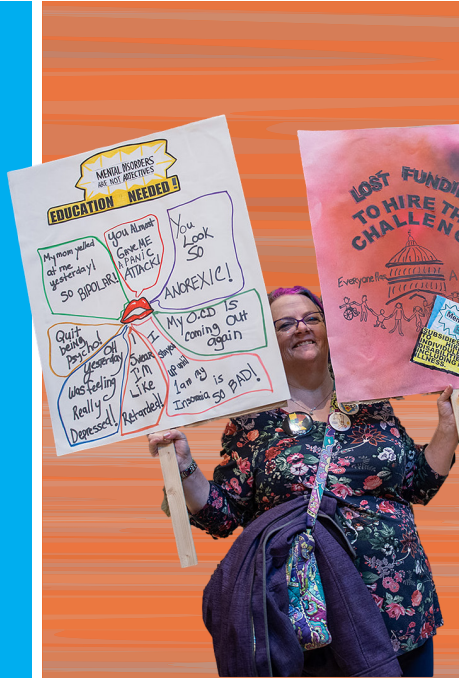


ARRM

2024 Legislative Priorities



POLICY PRIORITIES

SYSTEM SERVICE REFORM

MUNICIPAL OVERSIGHT (HF 3938/ SF 3839)

Some cities and other municipalities have historically used the requirement of a city rental license as a tool to regulate Community Residential Settings in their communities. Recent news stories have highlighted cities revoking rental licenses as a way to force homes to move out of neighborhoods or to force the current residents of the homes to find alternative housing options.

Legislative Proposal:

ARRM's 2024 proposal will make it illegal for cities to require rental licenses for homes licensed under 245A.02, subdivision 14 (b)

SKILLED LIVING FACILITIES (SLF) TO COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS (CRS) (HF 3939/ SF 3733)

SLFs support between 5 and 6 individuals. These homes are funded through the DWRS and follow 245D rules and regulations, but still need to be licensed by the Department of Health (MDH) for their physical plant management. MDH licenses do not allow for the use of technology or alone time for the individuals living in the home and create additional administrative burdens for providers.

Legislative Proposal:

ARRM proposes a time-limited licensing moratorium exception that would allow a 5 or 6-person SLF to convert to a CRS setting. Estimated Impact: 14 homes

FAMILY FOSTER CARE (FFC) RATES (HF 3712/ SF 3841)

Beginning in 2026, new rate tiers will be implemented for FFC and Life Sharing Services. FFCs will be removed from the DWRS, and FFC providers will be excluded from the ability to request rate exceptions. These changes may result in drastic rate reductions for some providers of these services and could force some FFC providers to no longer provide services.

Legislative Proposal:

Delay implementation of the Adult FFC Rate Tiers to 2028. Create a Task Force that will study the impact of the rate tiers on Adult FFC Services and explore alternative payment models and structures.

INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANTS (HF 3907/ SF 3840)

Despite Minnesota being an 'independent living' state, there are very few policies or funding in place that incentivizes or supports individuals to live independently and for providers to provide the services that support individuals who choose to live in their own home.

Legislative Proposal:

One-time grants available to providers to expand the services they provide to individuals who live independently, in their own homes.

INDIRECT TIME (HF 3835/ SF 3732)

Providers that provide the Individualized Home Support (IHS) tiered services are not allowed to bill for services provided when the individual receiving the services is not physically or remotely present.

Legislative Proposal:

Allow providers to bill for certain services that are done when the individual is not physically or remotely present. This will align the IHS tiered services with the employment services that also allow for indirect billing.