





ARRM 2021 Legislative Agenda

Pass Emergency COVID Relief Funding for Home and Community-Based Service Providers (HF XX/ SF XX)

50 HCBS providers were recently surveyed, asking about the financial impact of COVID-19 on their organizations and the services they provide.

 **82%**
reported revenue loss, totaling more than \$15.6 million

 **\$2.65 million**
in lost revenue from open beds from 1/1 - 6/30/2020, because the individuals being supported had moved home with their families

 Respondents reported increased expenses, such as PPE & hazard pay, costing almost **\$12 million**

Stable Workforce

- State funding that supports meaningful wages for Direct Support Professionals
- Study the impact of minimum wage increases across the state (HF XX/ SF XX)

Supporting Choice for People with Disabilities

Access to Tech

- Make Minnesota a “Technology First” state (HF XX/ SF XX)
- Make Alternative Overnight Supervision person-centered (HF XX/ SF XX)
- Allow for Remote Support for certain services (HF XX/ SF XX)

Services that Meet Individual Needs

- Allow to be reimbursed for indirect time when supporting an individual living independently (HF XX/ SF XX)
- Create a service that allows for support during short-term hospital stays (HF XX/ SF XX)
- Establish a work group to review regulations when services are provided to a person living independently (HF XX/ SF XX)
- Building services around personal outcomes and value-based structures (HF XX/ SF XX)

Support the Service Spectrum: Address funding shortfalls for ICF/IDD services (HF XX/ SF XX)

The last rate adjustment for ICF/IDD Services was in 2015 at 1%.

Our legislation will make it possible for providers to request a rate change when an individual's needs change, reimburse residential providers delivering services during the day at equivalent rates to a day service provider and provides for an across the board rate increase for ICF/IDD services.

