



Home and Community-Based Service Sustainability SF 3118/ HF 3207



#1 Needed Service

RESPITE SERVICES

Respite

According to the Long Term Services and Supports Biennial Gaps Analysis counties, providers and support recipients all identified Respite as the number one most needed service.

Respite is a short-term care service provided to an individual when the person's primary caregiver is absent or needs relief.

Having a robust array of Respite services available to individuals further supports an individual's natural support system, reducing burn-out of those caregivers.

In 2017, the legislature removed Daily Respite from the framework, allowing the service to be purchased at market rates and better align with the cost to providers. Unit-Based Respite, however, remains an under-funded framework rate.



#1 Utilized Unit Based Service

ILS/IHS SERVICE

Individualized Home Supports

Individualized Home Supports (IHS) provides support and training in certain aspects of community living for people who live in their own homes.

In 2021, individuals utilizing Individualized Living Services (ILS) will switch to IHS services through Waiver Re-Imagine. Before this formal change, individuals utilizing ILS will see a dramatic drop in service rates as banding is lifted in 2020, causing some providers to no longer provide the service.

OVER 60% REDUCTION IN RATES



ARRM's 2020 Legislative Proposal



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Make Unit Based Respite a market rate service

By making Unit-Based Respite a market rate service, service rates will better align with provider costs to meet the needs of the recipients, allowing providers to create unique programs, specific to their communities.

ARRM's proposal would remove Unit-Based Respite from the DWRS, making the service a market rate service.

Adjust the Absence and Utilization Rate for Individualized Home Supports

The current Absence and Utilization Rate for Individualized Home Supports is 3.9%, the same as Residential Services. However, due to the nature of the service, the amount of cancellations or no-shows is much higher than that of traditional residential services, which is what the Absence and Utilization Rate is designed to account for.

ARRM's proposal would follow the recommendations of the 2016 DWRS Non-Wage Survey, which stated that the Absence and Utilization Rate for this type of service should be 7.5%.

By changing the Absence and Utilization Rate, providers will be more accurately compensated for the cost of providing this individualized service.

Account for future licensing fee increases in the Disability Waiver Rate System

The Disability Waiver Rate System is designed to be a cost-based system. However, historically when proposals have come forward to increase licensing fees for 245D providers no additional rate change to cover this cost has been allocated.

ARRM's proposal simply states that any new licensing fee increase must be accounted for through the DWRS.

ABOUT ARRM

ARRM is an association of providers, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of community-based services that support people with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives. We represent 160 providers who employ roughly 30,000 people. They provide supports for thousands of Minnesotans with developmental and physical disabilities, brain injury, mental illness and autism.

Contact ARRM for more information about Home and Community-Based Services that support Minnesotans with disabilities.

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