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H. F. No. 2399

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; increasing payment rates for direct support services;
1.3 appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. RATE INCREASE FOR SELF-DIRECTED WORKFORCE
1.6 NEGOTIATIONS.

1.7 (a) The commissioner of human services shall:

1.8 (1) increase reimbursement rates, grants, or allocations by 3.09 percent for services
1.9 provided on or after July 1, 2017;

1.10 (2) increase reimbursement rates, grants, or allocations by 0.1 percent for services
1.11 provided on or after July 1, 2018; and

1.12 (3) increase the reimbursement rates, grants, or allocations by an additional ten percent
1.13 for services provided on or after July 1, 2018, for service recipients with complex needs,
1.14 defined as recipients with eligibility for 12 or more hours of personal care assistance services
1.15 per day according to Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0652.

1.16 (b) The rate changes described in this section apply to direct support services provided
1.17 through a covered program, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0711, subdivision
1.18 1, paragraph (b).

1.19 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective if the labor agreement between the state
1.20 and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare Minnesota according to
1.21 Laws 2013, chapter 128, article 2, is ratified by the legislature. The commissioner of human
1.22 services shall notify the revisor of statutes when ratification occurs.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDERS OF DIRECT CARE SERVICES.**

2.2 (a) \$375,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$375,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from  
2.3 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the registry of individual  
2.4 providers of direct support services as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0711,  
2.5 subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

2.6 (b) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from  
2.7 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for training and orientation of  
2.8 individual providers of direct support services as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.9 256B.0711, subdivision 1, paragraph (c). This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation  
2.10 is not available until the labor agreement between the state of Minnesota and the Service  
2.11 Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.12 section 179A.54, is implemented under Minnesota Statutes, sections 3.855 and 179A.22.  
2.13 The funding is available in either year of the biennium and is available until June 30, 2021.

2.14 (c) \$2,750,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2.15 commissioner of human services for training of individual providers of direct support  
2.16 services as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0711, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).  
2.17 Of this amount, \$2,500,000 shall only be used for stipends of \$500 for up to 5,000 individual  
2.18 providers who have completed designated voluntary trainings. Up to \$250,000 may be used  
2.19 by the grantee for grant administration. This appropriation is not available until the labor  
2.20 agreement between the state of Minnesota and the SEIU Healthcare Minnesota under  
2.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.54, is implemented under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
2.22 3.855 and 179A.22. If made available, this appropriation is onetime and is available until  
2.23 June 30, 2021.

2.24 (d) \$..... in fiscal year 2018 and \$..... in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the  
2.25 general fund to the commissioner of human services for purposes of the rate increase for  
2.26 direct support services provided through a covered program, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
2.27 section 256B.0711, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

2.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective if the labor agreement between the state  
2.29 and SEIU Healthcare Minnesota according to Laws 2013, chapter 128, article 2, is ratified  
2.30 by the legislature. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
2.31 when ratification occurs.