## **MA-EPD Reform**

SF 4197 (Sen. Maye Quade) / HF 4158 (Rep. Hicks)

Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD) has helped disabled Minnesotans work, thrive, and contribute to Minnesota's communities and economy since 2001. Now, after over 20 plus years, it's time to update and modernize the structure. We must update MA-EPD to minimize barriers, reduce unnecessary administrative burdens, and revitalize the workforce.

"The process of preparing the MA-EPD renewal form and required documents to submit for takes me over half a day to prepare. Several times, I have had less than three days from the time I received the renewal paperwork to the date it was due. I met the submission deadline, but my health insurance, home care, and disability benefits were still temporarily suspended due to delays in processing the renewal paperwork. This creates a dangerous situation for many individuals relying on essential disability services, leads to considerable stress and anxiety, and requires substantial time to recover from so I can maintain basic aspects of my life and health".

MA-EPD Recipient

## **Streamlining MA-EPD**

- Change income review from every 6 months to 12 months, unless there's a change in income or family size;
- Extend an enrolled MA-EPD participant's reporting renewal deadline from 10 days to 30 days.













