

Letter of Support for House HHS Omnibus

Dear Chair Schultz and Members of the Committee:

The Minnesota Council on Disability appreciates your inclusion of the following provisions into the House HHS Omnibus bill and requests that you advocate for these to be included through conference committee:

1. Life Sharing services program and its funding (HF 3919; Article 2, Sec. 37) as a covered MA waiver service.
2. Creating and funding the Disability Services Accessibility Task Force and Pilot Projects (HF 3396; Article 2; Sec. 38) to evaluate the accessibility, services, and potential barriers that Minnesotans with disabilities experience receiving services through the county or state. We also appreciate MCD being named as a participant in the task force.
3. Allowing Personal Care Assistants to transport their clients as an IADL and as a billable service (Article 2; Sec. 8).
4. Minnesota Council on Disability's increased funding beginning in FY 23 (Article 15; Sec. 5).
 - MCD has several technical and policy-related funding needs to track data, results, increase policy expertise, and grow its capacity. This increased funding is critical to help MCD meet its legislatively mandated duties.

We appreciate your support of these provisions and your partnership in supporting the lives of Minnesotans with disabilities.

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