

**Subject** Makes Permanent Certain Temporary COVID-19 Modifications to Human Services Programs

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### Overview

This bill makes permanent certain temporary COVID-19 modifications related to mental health case management and mental health targeted case management, long-term care consultation assessments, targeted case management, home and community-based service waiver assessments, the MFIP application process, and housing support absence payments.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Mental health case management.</b><br>Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 20. Allows for medical assistance and MinnesotaCare payment for mental health case management for children provided thought contact by interactive video that meets statutory requirements.   |
| 2 | <b>Mental health targeted case management through interactive video.</b><br>Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 20b. Modifies mental health targeted case management interactive video frequency requirements to allow for up to two consecutive interactive video contacts following in-person contact, not to exceed 50% of the required face-to-face contact. |
| 3 | <b>Definitions.</b><br>Amends § 256B.0911, subd. 1a. Modifies the definition of “long-term care consultation services” by removing language requiring long-term care consultation assessments to be face-to-face.  |
| 4 | <b>Assessment and support planning.</b><br>Amends § 256B.0911, subd. 3a. Makes technical and conforming changes. Adds paragraph (q), which requires all long-term care consultation assessments to be face-  |

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	<p>to-face unless the assessment is a reassessment that meets specified requirements such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) allowing remote reassessments to be conducted by interactive video or telephone for services provided under alternative care, the elderly waiver, the developmental disabilities waiver, the CADI waiver, and the BI waiver;</li><li>2) allowing remote assessments to substitute for two consecutive reassessments if followed by a face-to-face reassessment; and</li><li>3) allowing a remote assessment if the person being assessed, the person's legal representative, and the lead agency case manager all agree that a remote reassessment is appropriate.</li></ol> <p>Gives the person being reassessed, or the person's legal representative, the right to refuse a remote reassessment at any time. Requires a certified assessor to suspend a remote reassessment and schedule a face-to-face reassessment if the certified assessor determines that a remote reassessment is inappropriate. Applies all other requirements of a face-to-face reassessment to a remote reassessment.</p>
5	<p><b>Long-term care reassessments and community support plan updates.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0911, subd 3f. Makes conforming changes in the section of statutes governing long-term care consultation services.</p>
6	<p><b>Preadmission screening of individuals under 65 years of age.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0911, subd. 4d. Makes conforming changes in the section of statutes governing long-term care consultation services.</p>
7	<p><b>Targeted case management through interactive video.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0924, subd. 4a. Modifies targeted case management interactive video frequency requirements to allow for up to two consecutive interactive video contacts following in-person contact, not to exceed 50% of the required face-to-face contact.</p>
8	<p><b>Payment for targeted case management.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0924, subd. 6. Allows for medical assistance and MinnesotaCare payment for targeted management provided through contact by interactive video that meets statutory requirements.</p>
9	<p><b>Medical assistance reimbursement of case management services.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.094, subd. 6. Allows for case management face-to-face contacts for clients or children placed more than 60 miles from the county or tribal boundaries to occur via interactive video for up to two consecutive contacts following each in-person contact.</p>

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10	<b>Assessment and reassessment.</b> Amends § 256B.49, subd. 14. Removes language requiring assessments to be face-to-face in the section of statutes governing home and community-based service waivers for persons with disabilities.
11	<b>Rate increases.</b> Amends § 256I.05, subd. 1c. Makes the housing support room and board rate for an individual payable beyond an 18-calendar-day absence period, not to exceed 150 days in a calendar year, for purposes of maintaining housing while temporarily absent due to residential behavioral health treatment or health care treatment that requires admission to certain facilities.
12	<b>Submitting application form.</b> Amends § 256J.09, subd. 3. Modifies county agency duties related to the information the agency must provide to potential MFIP applicants by requiring the agency to inform a person that the application may be submitted by telephone or through Internet telepresence and the interview may be conducted by telephone. Makes technical and conforming changes.
13	<b>County agency to provide orientation.</b> Amends § 256J.45, subd. 1. Removes the requirement that the MFIP orientation be provided face-to-face.
14	<b>Nursing facility level of care determination required.</b> Amends § 256S.05, subd. 2. Makes a conforming change in the chapter of statutes governing the elderly waiver related to the changes in long-term care consultation assessments.



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