

**Subject** COVID-19-related Grants for Home and Community-Based Service Providers

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### Overview

This bill establishes COVID-19-related grants for home and community-based service providers and appropriates money for the grants.

## Summary

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1	<b>Appropriation; COVID-19-related grants for home and community-based service providers.</b>
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This section establishes COVID-19-related grants for home and community-based service providers.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines the terms “eligible provider,” “eligible services,” and “total revenue from medical assistance.”

**Subd. 2. Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for grants to eligible providers to assist providers: (1) with the costs of business interruptions caused by required closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic; (2) with increased costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; and (3) to help ensure access to eligible services during or following the COVID-19 pandemic. Limits administrative expenses. Specifies this appropriation is onetime and is available until December 31, 2021.

**Subd. 3. Allowable uses of money.** Requires grantees to use money awarded under this section for the increased costs or losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic that were incurred between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020.

**Subd. 4. Grant request.** Requires eligible providers to request a grant no later than an unspecified date. Requires the commissioner to develop an expedited request process and to accept electronic request form submissions and electronic signatures.

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**Subd. 5. Attestation.** Lists conditions eligible providers must attest to on the grant request form in order to obtain a grant.

**Subd. 6. Agreement.** Lists requirements eligible providers must agree to on the grant request form in order to obtain a grant.

**Subd. 7. Grants.** Requires the commissioner to begin issuing grants no later than an unspecified date in an amount equal to 2.5 percent of the provider's total revenue from medical assistance for eligible services provided during calendar year 2019. Requires the commissioner to implement grants and the process of making grants without compliance with certain procedures prescribed in law, such as the statutes and related policies that govern allotment and encumbrances, grants management, grant agreements, grant payments, and express audit requirements. Specifies the commissioner's determination of the grant amount is final and not subject to appeal.

**Subd. 8. Payments for services provided.** Allows providers who receive a grant under this section to continue to bill for services.

**Subd. 9. Recoupment.** Allows the commissioner to perform an audit up to six years after a grant is awarded to ensure the funds are used solely for allowable purposes. Requires the commissioner to treat any funds used for a purpose not authorized under this section as an overpayment and requires the commissioner to recover overpayments.

**Subd. 10. Expiration.** Makes this section expire December 31, 2021, except for subdivision 9.

Provides an immediate effective date.



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