

Subject Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) Payment Rates

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Overview

This bill modifies CFSS payment rates by requiring inflationary adjustments for base wage components and client programming and supports component values every two years beginning on January 1, 2025; updating the competitive workforce factor every two years beginning August 1, 2024; and by increasing the implementation components by two percentage points every two years beginning January 1, 2026, until the value of each implementation component is 100 percent.

CFSS were created by the 2013 Legislature and are intended to replace the PCA and consumer support grant programs. CFSS will be available statewide to eligible individuals to provide assistance and support to persons with disabilities, the elderly, and others with special health care needs living independently in the community. CFSS will be phased in beginning in June 2022.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Payment rates; base wage index.
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Amends § 256B.851, subd. 3. Beginning January 1, 2025, and every two years thereafter, requires the base wage component values to be updated based on the most recently available wage data by SOC code from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Requires the commissioner to publish the updated base wage component values on the DHS website.

2	Payment rates; total wage index.
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Amends § 256B.851, subd. 4. Beginning August 1, 2024, and every two years thereafter, requires the competitive workforce factors to be updated using the most recently available data. Beginning August 1, 2026, requires the base wage index updates to be completed before the adjustments to the competitive workforce factors. Prohibits the competitive workforce factor from being less than zero.

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3	<p data-bbox="316 262 779 294">Payment rates; component values.</p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1430 575">Amends 256B.851, subd. 5. Beginning January 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter, requires the implementation components to be increased by two percentage points until the value of each implementation component is 100 percent. Beginning January 1, 2025, and every two years thereafter, requires the client programming and supports factor to be updated in changes to the CPI by the difference between the most recent update and the data available six months and one day before the scheduled update.</p>



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