

S.F. No. 654 – Access to shared services under the home and community-based services waiver expansion

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S.F. 654 establishes standards for two or three individuals to share services provided by a single direct care worker under alternative care, the elderly waiver, and the disability waivers.

Section 1 [256B.4912, subdivision 16, paragraph (b)] defines “shared services.”

Paragraph (c) specifies which services may be shared and requires that the shared services must be provided as outlined in each individual’s coordinated service and support plan. Shared services may include chore services, extended home care services, homemaker services, individualized community support, integrated community supports, and others deemed appropriate.

Paragraph (d) specifies which services may never be shared, including child care.

Paragraph (e) specifies the requirements for planning for shared services.

Paragraph (f) specifies the requirements of a shared service agreement between the individuals sharing services.

Paragraph (g) permits an individual to withdraw from a shared service agreement at any time.

Paragraph (h) limits the circumstances under which a lead agency may disapprove a shared service agreement.

Paragraph (i) prohibits the commissioner or lead agencies to reduce the authorized budget of individuals who choose shared services.

Paragraph (j) requires the commissioner to submit the requests for any required federal approvals of shared services and to develop guidance for implementing shared service agreements.

Section 2 (256B.4914, subdivision 8) permits providers to bill for individualized home supports with training by the hour and clarifies the calculations for shared unit-based services, including for individualized home supports with training and individualized home supports with family training when shared by three individuals.

Section 3 (256B.4914, subdivision 9) permits the sharing of night supervision and clarifies the rate calculation for shared individualized home supports without training.

Section 4 (256S.16, subdivision 2) requires the commissioner to create a rate formula for shared chore services and shared homemaker services provided under the elderly waiver and alternative care based on the existing rates for non-shared services.

Section 5 (Direction to the commissioner) requires the commissioner to create a rate formula for shared chore and shared homemaker services provided under the disability waivers based on the existing rates for non-shared services.

Section 6 (Direction to the commissioner) requires the commissioner to seek federal approval to allow providers of individualized home supports with training to bill for additional services including general care coordination.

Section 7 (Direction to the commissioner) requires the commissioner to seek federal approval to allow providers of individualized home supports with training and individualized home supports without training to bill for these services while an individual is traveling out-of-state or attending postsecondary school out-of-state.