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S.F. No. 3734 - Home and community-based standards modification (as amended by the A-1 amendment)

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Section 1 (245D.071, subdivision 3, paragraph (b) – Assessment and initial service planning) clarifies the timelines for the initial planning meeting for the provision of 245D licensed services to people with disabilities by making the language in paragraph (b) consistent with the existing language in paragraph (c). Under the clarified language, the service provider must hold an initial planning meeting before providing 45 days of service or within 60 days of service initiation, whichever is shorter.

Section 2 (245D.071, subdivision 4 – Service outcomes and supports) is a conforming change related to the term used to refer to the initial planning meeting.

Section 3 (245D.081, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (3) – Coordination and evaluation of individual service delivery) modifies the minimal educational requirements for the designated staff person of a 245D licensed service provider who is tasked with coordinating the delivery and evaluation of the services provided by removing the requirement that the staff person's educational background be in a field related to human services. The licensed provider must still ensure that the designated staff person has the required competencies to coordinate and evaluate the provided services.

Clause (5) removes the requirement that the designated staff person's four years of experience providing direct care had been full-time and removes the requirement that the four years of experience was supervised by a person meeting the requirements of a designated staff person.

Section 4 (**245D.081, subdivision 3, paragraph (b) – Program management and oversight**) modifies the required qualification for the designated manager of the services provided by a 245D licensed provider by removing the requirement that the designated managers three years of supervisory experience have been in a program providing direct support services.

Note: the modifications of the minimal educational requirements for designated service coordinator apply to designated managers under this section.

Section 5 (**245D.09, subdivision 3, paragraph (b) – Staff qualifications**) permits staff under the age of 18 to administer medications provided the 245D licensed provider documents that the staff person is competent to do so.