



## **Reform 2020: Community First Services and Supports (CFSS)**

### **Issue:**

- As the home and community-based services system has evolved over several decades, it has become increasingly complex. This complexity sometimes results in barriers, gaps and redundancies that prevent people from accessing the service most appropriate for their individual circumstances when and how they need it.
- The system also is pressured by demographic trends of increasing populations of older people and people with disabilities over the next several decades.
- To meet rapidly growing demands, the system must be efficient and effective in supporting people's independence, recovery and community participation.

### **Proposal:**

- This proposal reforms the Personal Care Assistance (PCA) program to a new service called Community First Services and Supports (CFSS). CFSS will support people who need help caring for their personal needs or health-related tasks to live independently in the community.
- Innovative models of coordinating services for children receiving CFSS across home, school and community will be tested.
- Changes will be made to the structure of fiscal support entities to support people hiring and directing their own staff in the CFSS program.

### **Impact:**

- CFSS will be more accessible, flexible, and will facilitate transition out of institutional care, prevent or delay future admissions and support community living.
- Individuals will recover and/or gain skills to increase and maintain community stability, use technology or home modifications to decrease the need for human assistance when appropriate, avoid use of inappropriate services and increasingly direct their own services.

### **Number of people affected:**

- During fiscal year 2012, about 18,077 people received PCA services through fee-for-service Medical Assistance each month and another 5,547 people received PCA services through managed care each month.
- As of July 1, 2012, 40,293 PCAs had provided services to individuals during the past month while 88,270 people were enrolled as PCAs in Minnesota Health Care Programs.
- As of July 1, 2012, 483 PCA agencies had provided services to individuals during the past month while 574 PCA agencies were enrolled to provide PCA services through Minnesota Health Care Programs.

**Fiscal impact:**

- FY 2014: \$1.04 million savings
- FY 2015: \$45,000
- FY 2016: \$498,000 savings
- FY 2017: \$2.35 million savings
- The Reform 2020 package contains elements that are contingent upon 1115 waiver approved by the federal government.

**Related information:**

- Minnesota Management & Budget website: <http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/>
- Statutory references: 256B.021, Creates new section of statute
- DHS Reform 2020 Web pages: [www.dhs.state.mn.us/Reform2020](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/Reform2020)

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