



Reform 2020: Enhance vulnerable adult protection

Issue:

- A growing number of older adults and people with disabilities are receiving services in the community. A strong adult protection system guards against their abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- Crisis services must be agile and accessible when needed by individuals, their families, providers, case managers and others.

Proposal:

- This proposal simplifies reporting of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults by establishing a single statewide toll-free number.
- A centralized database and Web-based application will allow for more flexible submission of maltreatment reports and eliminates duplicate reporting requirements for certain provider types.
- New dedicated funding to counties through the Vulnerable Child and Adults Act will help support county adult protection units.

Impact:

- A single common entry point will make it easier for citizens and professionals to report suspected maltreatment, leading to quicker investigation and intervention to protect vulnerable adults from further harm.

Fiscal impact:

- FY 2014: \$4.02 million
- FY 2015: \$4.50 million
- FY 2016: \$4.50 million
- FY 2017: \$4.48 million
- 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: 626.557, subd. 4, 9, 9e; Rider; Repealer [245A.655]
- DHS Adult Protection Web pages: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/id_005710