Ending the modifications to adult foster care, community residential settings, and family adult day services licensing requirements

 Modifications ending effective immediately:

1. **Adult foster care, community residential settings, and family adult day services:** During the peacetime emergency, license holders are required to be familiar with Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on COVID-19. This is an ongoing requirement, as the guidance will evolve during the pandemic. DHS will communicate current guidance and any updated guidance via email and on the DHS website directly to licensed corporate adult foster care and community residential settings and to county licensors who are expected to share this guidance with family adult foster care providers and family adult day service providers. If a person receiving services or the license holder, a household member, caregiver, or staff person has symptoms of COVID-19, the license holder must follow the MDH and CDC guidelines specific to the situation and program capabilities. In addition, if any of these individuals tests positive for COVID-19, the license holder must notify MDH and the county or private licensing agency and follow any guidance provided by MDH.

2. **Community residential settings, corporate adult foster care:** Providers are no longer required to maintain and update a COVID-19 preparedness plan, however, providers may find their plan to be a useful resource in the event someone tests positive for COVID-19.

The following modifications end on August 30, 2021 (60 days after the end of the peacetime emergency):

1. **Adult foster care: Orientation requirement:** Minnesota Rules, part 9555.5505, subpart 2
   During the peacetime emergency, orientation may be condensed to less than three hours. At a minimum, training on the requirements of the Vulnerable Adults Act must be provided.

2. **Family adult day services: Staffing requirements:** Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.143, subdivision 11
   Upon approval by the county licensing agency, the requirement for a second staff person to be present when six to eight participants are present may be modified for situations where a single person who is trained in first aid and CPR can safely serve the six to eight participants in the program.

3. **Licenses for family child care, child and adult foster care, and community residential settings that are set to expire through the COVID-19 peacetime emergency will be automatically extended for three additional months.**
   Note: the last extension will be issued for licenses expiring on July 31, 2021. Licensors are expected to be resuming onsite licensing reviews. License holders are expected to cooperate with the relicensing process and submit all necessary paperwork in a timely manner.