



2025 Legislative Updates

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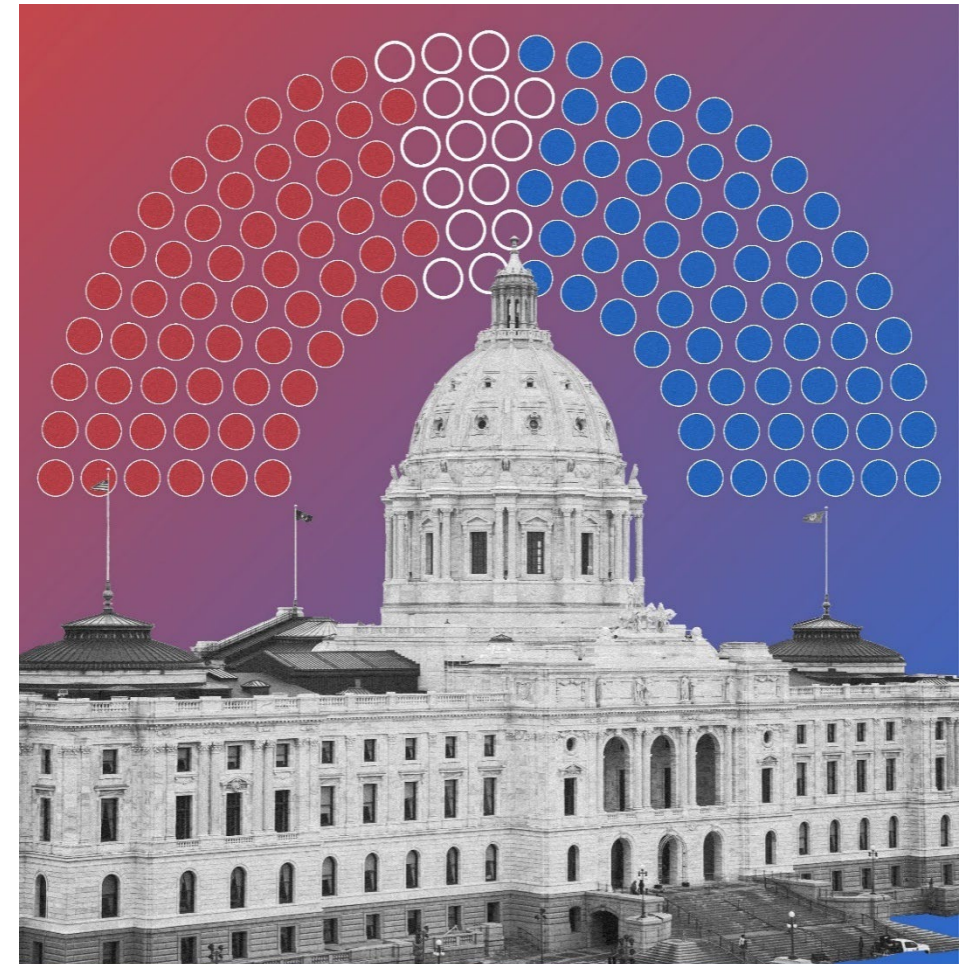
- APS: Alternative Payment System
- CFSS: Community First Services and Supports
- CSG: Consumer Support Grant
- DD: Developmentally Disabled
- DFL: Democratic–Farmer–Labor Party/Democratic Party
- DHS: Department of Human Services
- DWRS: Disability Waiver Rate System
- EIDBI: Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention
- FSG: Family Support Grant
- GOP: Grand Old Party/Republican Party
- HCBS: Home and Community-Based Services
- HCN: Home Care Nursing
- HHS: Health and Human Services
- HIS: Individualized Home Supports
- HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Viruses

Common acronyms used in this webinar - L to Z

- LTCC: Long-Term Care Consultation
- LTSS: Long-term Services and Supports
- MA: Medical Assistance
- MMIS: Medicaid Management Information System
- OIG: Office of Inspector General
- PCRA: Planned Closure Rate Agreements
- PDPM: Patient Driven Payment Model
- SBI: Single Bed Incentives
- SEIU: Service Employees International Union Bargaining
- SMRT: State Medical Review Team
- TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury (or BI for Brain Injury)
- VA: Vulnerable Adult

2025 Session At-a-glance

- 2025-26 was the start of new biennium. In the first year of the biennium, the legislature must pass a balanced budget.
- November forecast revealed limited funds available for 2026-27 and a looming budget deficit in 2028-29.
- The State general and special elections shifted the legislative makeup.
- Session got off to a slow start with House DFL members denying quorum and power sharing agreements in both bodies.
- Ultimately, the DFL maintained a one-seat majority in the Senate and the DFL & GOP tied in the House.
- Special session was needed to finalize the budget. Both bodies are adjourned until Tuesday, February 17, 2026.



Session Priorities

- Program integrity – fraud prevention and detection
- Statewide Office of Inspector General (OIG)
- Behavioral Health- mental health, substance use disorder services
- Addressing growth in disability spending
- Addressing the cost of pharmaceuticals





Aging and Nursing Facility updates

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Key Health and Human Services (HHS) bills

Key bills enacted

- Human Services Policy Omnibus: [HF 2115/Chapter 38](#)
- Human Services Budget Omnibus: [HF 3/Chapter 9](#)
- Health and Human Services Budget Omnibus: [HF 2/Chapter 3](#)
- Service Dog Protections: [HF 688/Chapter 16](#)

Nursing Facility payments reductions:

- Transition to the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) case mix classification system
- Repeal automatic annual Alternative Payment System (APS) property rate inflation
- Phase out Single Bed Incentives (SBI) and layaways
- Operating cap with CPI-U w/ 4% annual cap

Increasing the Nursing Facility surcharge (Medical Assistance programs will see the surcharge in their reimbursement rate and private pay individuals will see significant increases).

Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board minimum wages

Designated Support Person for Nursing Facility Residents

Aging and Adult Services

- Extension of Elderly Waiver customized living rate floor
- No-cost extension of supported decision-making grants
- Health Awareness Hub
- HCBS Employee Scholarship
- Dementia Services Program
- Catholic Charities' Homeless Elders Grant
- Premiums increase for Medicare Supplemental policies
- MnCHOICES attestation of no changes for adults between ages 21 and 65



Minnesota Board on Aging updates

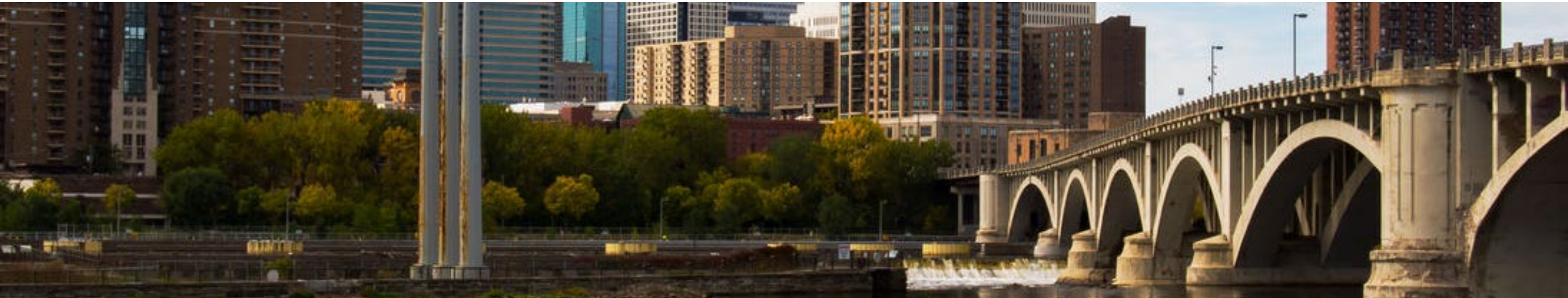
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Minnesota Board on Aging legislation

Senior Nutrition funding (included in Chapter 9 – [Human Services Budget](#))

- Adds \$500K for FY2026-27 and \$1.5M for FY2028-29

MBA representative added to the **Assistive Technology Advisory Council** (in State & Local Government omnibus bill)



Disability Services updates

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Aging and Disability Services

- Allowance for lead agencies to contract with hospitals to perform MnCHOICES
- Requirement for lead agencies to provide estimated timelines for MnCHOICES
- Allowance for up to four consecutive MnCHOICES remote reassessments
- MnCHOICES: verbal attestation to replace required reassessment signatures
- Creation of MnCHOICES Dashboard on assessment completion
- SEIU Bargaining agreement – fully funded
- Compliance education requirements for 245D providers
- Specification that Tribes are allowable providers of VA/DD targeted case management

Disability Services

- Modification of positive support provider
- Out of home respite for children exemptions from licensed setting requirements
- Payment for adaptive swimming in FSG, CSG, HCBS, CFSS
- Creation of an Advisory Task Force on Waiver Reimagine
- Requirement for lead agencies to review and accept all disability waiver service agreements by lead agency staff in MMIS
- Repeal of the Waiver Reimagine Advisory Committee
- Establishes Waiver Reimagine Phase II effective date of January 1, 2027
- Requires DHS to include HCN in individualized budgets under Waiver Reimagine

Disability Services II

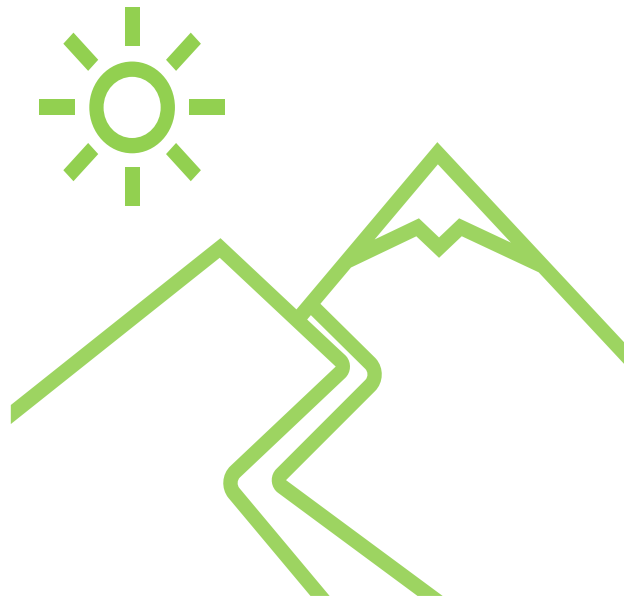
- Establishment of awake night supervision rate
- Creation of 6-hour cap on IHS with training and 3-hour consecutive cap
- DWRS criteria for evaluating rate exception requires and annual renewals of existing rate exceptions
- DWRS inflationary cap
- LTSS Advisory Council
- LTCC Payment Reform
- Positive Supports Competency Program establishment
- Requires DHS to consult with interested parties about disability waiver cost reporting and submit draft legislation

Disability Services III

- CFSS Reimbursement of Acute Hospital Stays
- Increased payment rate for Family Residential Services and Life Sharing
- EIDBI Provisional Licensure
- Clarifies that DHS is the lead investigative agency for child maltreatment reports in EIDBI
- Service dogs
- Modifications to missing and endangered persons alert to include people with autism, TBI, dementia and Alzheimer's
- Expedited disability determinations for the SMRT
- Person portal
- Task force on guardianship repealed

Disability Services IV

- Extension of audio-only telehealth services
- Funding for HIV grants
- Non-emergency medical transportation single administrator
- Prohibition on illegal remuneration in MA (aka “kickbacks”)
- Minnesota Care eligibility for people who are undocumented



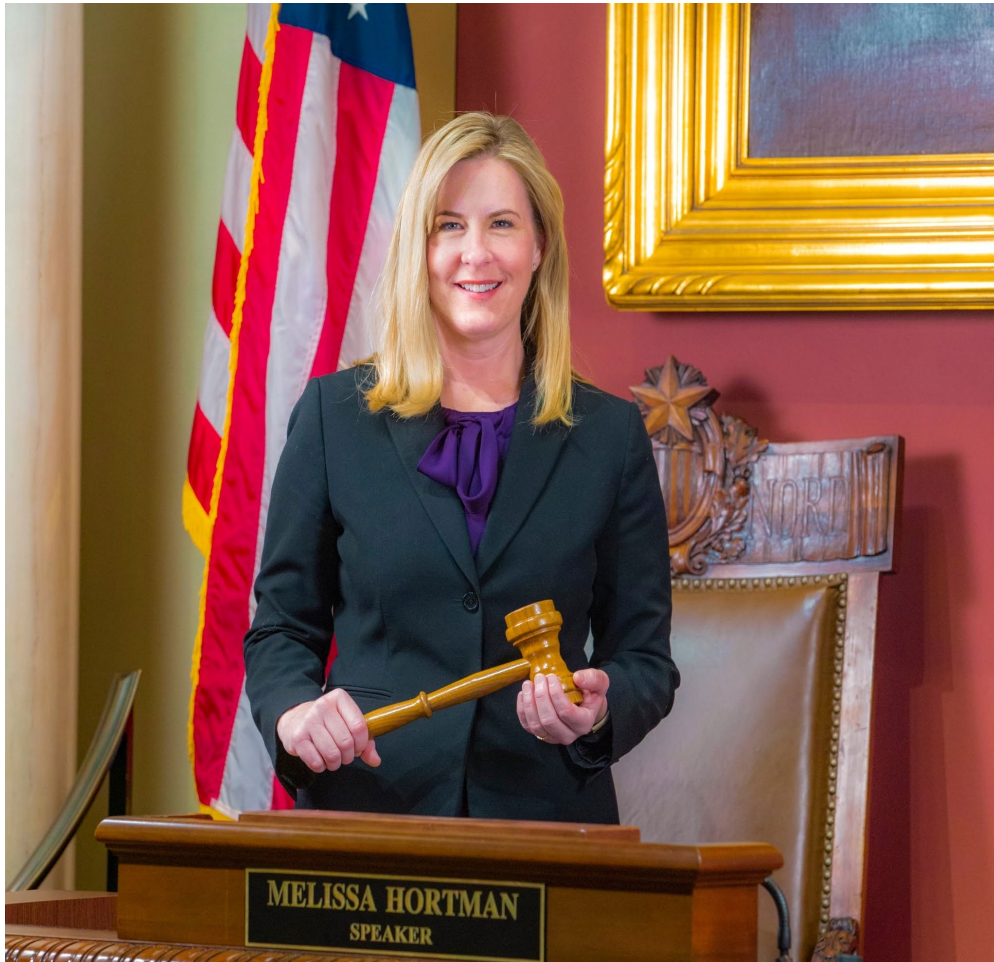
Next regular session begins February 17, 2026

- Policy year, likely supplemental budget
- Anticipated deficit in next biennium
- LTSS Advisory Council updates

November 3, 2026 election

- Governor Walz
- Minnesota House
- Minnesota Senate

Interim roadmap



- Plant a tree
- Visit a local park
- Pet a dog
- Tell a cheesy joke
- Bake and share
- Try a new hobby
- Stand up for what you believe in, especially if that thing is justice and peace
- Do something, whether big or small, to make our community just a little better for someone else.



Questions & Answers

Todd Stump

Thank You!