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

Effective immediately on July 2, 2021:

1. **Adult foster care, community residential settings, and family adult day services:** Being familiar with and following COVID-19 guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is no longer a licensing requirement. As of July 2, 2021, licensors cannot cite a provider for not following MDH and CDC guidance.

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.

Starting on August 31, 2021 (60 days after the end of the peacetime emergency):

Effective August 31, 2021, all programs must be fully compliant with all relevant statutes and rules, including the following previously waived requirements that have not otherwise expired:

1. Licensors will transition back to conducting in-person visits for licensing reviews.
2. Licenses will no longer be extended for an additional three months. The last three-month extension will be issued for licenses expiring on July 31, 2021.
3. **Adult foster care:** New adult foster care providers and caregivers must complete three hours of orientation training including the requirements of the Vulnerable Adults Act and general provisions of the adult foster care rules. (Minnesota Rules, part 9555.5505, subpart 2)
4. **Family adult day services:** When there are six to eight participants present, there must be a second staff person present. (Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.143, subdivision 11)