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Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive rule drafts, and requests for more information on the possible rules should be directed to Ian Lewenstein, ian.lewenstein@state.mn.us, 651-539-1414, or the Minnesota Department of Corrections, 1450 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format such as large print, braille, or audio. To make a request, please contact Ian Lewenstein.

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Dated: August 9, 2021

Paul Schnell, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Corrections

Department of Corrections REQUEST FOR COMMENTS for Possible Amendments to Rules Relating to Residential Treatment Programs for Adult and Juvenile Sex Offenders; Minnesota Rules, Chapters 2955 and 2965; Revisor's ID Number R-4447

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Corrections (department) requests comments on the department's possible amendments to its rules on residential treatment programs for adult and juvenile sex offenders. The department's rule amendments will incorporate updated researched-based practices to help program clients reduce their likelihood of reoffending. Updated requirements will help better protect the safety of Minnesotans when clients are reintegrated into the community.

The department also plans to streamline its regulatory requirements by combining both chapters on adult and juvenile clients into one cohesive chapter applicable to all regulated programs. One chapter will alleviate the regulatory burden of having to read two rule chapters, and department staff and other affected parties will benefit from one cohesive rule chapter. Other changes include:

- establishing well-defined, consistent standards to promote the most effective treatment for clients;
- updating definitions and ensuring that they are consistently used; and
- getting rid of jargon and legalese and conforming to plain-language standards for more-effective regulatory compliance.

Persons Affected. The rule amendments likely affect:

- treatment programs in state and local correctional facilities;
- state-operated treatment programs not operated in state or local correctional facilities, but excluding the Minnesota Sex Offender Program under Minnesota Rules, parts 9515.3000 to 9515.3110;
- program employees, adult and juvenile clients, and people providing services to treatment programs;
- families or guardians of juveniles and adults receiving treatment services;
- persons and entities that pay for or reimburse for program services; and
- persons involved in the justice, mental health, and social-service systems who have contact with clients in need of treatment.

Statutory Authority. The department has the statutory authority to amend and adopt rules on residential treatment programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 241.67, subdivision 2, paragraph (a).

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Public Comment. Interested individuals or groups may email or mail comments or information on the possible rules until the department publishes a notice of intent to adopt the rules. The department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from this notice's publication date.

Advisory Committee. The department plans to form an informal advisory committee to help the department on its possible amendments. Please contact Alan Listiak at the Minnesota Department of Corrections, alan.listiak@state.mn.us or 651-361-7148 if you want to join the advisory committee.

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Dated: August 17, 2021

Paul Schnell, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Corrections

Department of Human Services

Economic Assistance and Employment Supports Division

MFIP Transitional Standard with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and MFIP Cost of Living (COLA) Adjustments for October 1, 2021

Minnesota Statute 256J.24, Subd. 5a requires the Commissioner of Human Services to adjust the food portion of the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Transitional Standard in order to incorporate the annual cost of living adjustment as directed by Food and Nutrition Services at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in compliance with the federal waiver for MFIP from the United States Department of Agriculture. The statute also requires the Commissioner publish the adjusted Transitional Standard for assistance unit sizes one to ten. The Transitional Standard consists of a cash and food portion. 2021 Minnesota statute 256J.24, Subd. 5c requires an annual adjustment to the cash portion for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index for the prior calendar year. The MFIP Transitional Standard and cash and food portions effective October 1, 2021 are listed below.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Over 10
Transitional Standard	\$563	\$926	\$1,189	\$1,429	\$1,649	\$1,906	\$2,076	\$2,297	\$2,516	\$2,729	\$212
Cash Portion	\$355	\$545	\$641	\$731	\$808	\$885	\$963	\$1,030	\$1,095	\$1,151	\$54
Food Portion	\$208	\$381	\$548	\$698	\$841	\$1,021	\$1,113	\$1,267	\$1,421	\$1,578	\$158