

## Olmstead Plan Public Comment Guide: Health and Safety

Public comment is an opportunity to give feedback on goal drafts related to health and safety. Some goal topics include health care, health insurance, and abuse and neglect of people with disabilities.

The full draft of the Olmstead Plan and the full text of goals can be found on the Olmstead Implementation Office [public comment period webpage](#).

### Draft goals for health and safety include:

#### Health Goal 1: More Veterans with disabilities will receive disability compensation.

- Lead agency: Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)
- This goal is about increasing the number of Veterans who have service-related disabilities, file service-related disability claims through their local County Veterans Services Office (CVSO), and receive compensation from their claims.

#### Health Goal 2: Fewer people with disabilities will experience abuse and neglect.

- Lead agency: Department of Health (MDH)
- This goal has three parts and is about:
  - confirmed cases of abuse and neglect in facilities that MDH licenses, such as nursing homes, assisted living, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, hospitals;
  - disabled adults who experience sexual violence; and
  - children with disabilities who experience abuse and neglect.

#### Health Data Goal 1: Department of Public Safety communications, programs, and services will be accessible for people with disabilities.

- Lead agencies: Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Part one of this goal will be to collect data that is not currently tracked. When a baseline is established, the agencies will add a measurable goal to the Olmstead Plan.
- DPS wants to make sure its communications about safety and service delivery are accessible. DPS also wants to make sure its programs and services are inclusive and accessible.

## **Health Data Goal 2: More Minnesota Department of Health response staff will receive training about the access and functional needs of people with disabilities in public health emergencies.**

- Lead agencies: MDH
- Part one of this goal will be to collect data that is not currently tracked. When a baseline is established, the agencies will add a measurable goal to the Olmstead Plan.
- The goal will have two parts.
  - This goal is about MDH Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) staff receiving training about access and functional needs of people with disabilities.
  - This goal is about the MDH Response Sections receiving training about access and functional needs of people with disabilities.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What would make these goals more effective to improve the lives of Minnesotans with disabilities?
- What would make these goals more effective to better integrate Minnesotans with disabilities in community life?
- What's missing from these goals?