

# Recent changes and resources for workforce shortage

December 1, 2020

- [Temporary 8.4 percent increase for PCA services and CDCS/CSG budgets during COVID-19](#)
  - This is pending CMS approval but will be back dated to December 1, 2020 through February 7, 2021.
- Parents of minor children and spouses may bill up to 40 hours a week for PCA services.
  - If the parent is the responsible party, they need to find a different responsible party, as they cannot serve in both capacities (for example, a grandparent or a neighbor could become the responsible party if the parent is doing PCA work).
  - Contact the Call Center with any questions at 651-431-2700, option 4, or toll free at 800-366-5411.
  - This is pending CMS approval but will be back dated to December 1, 2020 through February 7, 2021.
- The capped number of hours a PCA can work was increased from 275 hours to 310 hours. This is a permanent change.
- There is now emergency temporary staffing for qualifying residential facilities who have COVID outbreaks. This service provides free staffing (RN, LPN or DSP) for 80 hours. It is currently only funded through end of year, but might be extended if funding is obtained.
  - [Emergency temporary staffing application, DHS-6818](#)
- [Assistance with recruitment](#) from DEED
- [Recruitment, assessment and retention guide for providers](#)
- [Direct Support Connect](#)
- [Resources to help families find and pay for childcare](#)
- DHS partnered with [MN-NEAT](#) to provide a [webinar about technology for alternative overnight supervision](#), which explained how to use and fund technology that can sometimes serve as an alternative to overnight supervision.
- The [Minnesota Guide to Assistive Technology](#) supports people through the process of identifying how assistive technology can help meet their support needs.
- [DSD Innovation Grants](#) (check this page next month to see if any of the recently awarded grants apply to you)
- [Award opportunity for innovation in transforming the direct support professionals workforce](#)
- [Crisis Respite/Settings](#) A recent waiver plan change allows a 245D licensed provider enrolled to provide crisis respite to provide that service in a licensed hotel.