



*MOHR members are dedicated to advancing the quality of life for Minnesotans with disabilities. These priorities are among the most important for legislative decision makers and other stakeholders to support the people MOHR members serve.*



## Target Fraud Swiftly, Thoroughly and Planfully

MOHR is committed to accountability and transparency, and our members are among the state's leading sources of best practices. Fraud in Minnesota's state-funded programs must be targeted – without negatively impacting Minnesotans in need of services.



## Ensure Access to Day Support Services

The Absence and Utilization Factor in the Disability Waiver Rate System helps offset fixed program costs when participants have unplanned absences. Reducing this factor would significantly jeopardize access to life changing Day Support Services – especially for programs serving people with the most complex health and disability needs. Their complex needs often come with more frequent absences. **It was extremely concerning to see this proposed reduction in the Governor's Supplemental Budget.**



## Ensure Access to Waiver Funded Disability Services

In every corner of Minnesota, waiver-funded disability services help Minnesotans with disabilities to live full, community-integrated lives. Ensuring access to these services requires continued attention to the Disability Waiver Rate System (DWRS), which is foundational to service availability. MOHR partnered with others on legislation to change the current every-other-year economic adjustments to reimbursement rates to annual adjustments (**Senate File 4260/House File 3374**).

**It is extremely concerning that the Governor's Supplemental Budget instead proposes arbitrary caps on DWRS economic adjustments. At a time of major workforce shortages, service waiting lists, and the impacts of nearly \$1 billion in DWRS reductions last session, this proposal further widens the gap between reimbursement rates and the true cost of providing services.**



## Respond to the Challenging Fiscal Environment

The Long Term Services and Supports Advisory Council is charged with reducing cost growth and building greater efficiencies in that system. This council can help our state better utilize resources and improve outcomes, with recommendations due to the legislature in late 2026. MOHR has long advocated for more streamlining and coordination across state agencies that touch the lives of those we serve, and significant opportunities remain.



## Support Access to Extended Employment Services

Extended Employment is a vital service that ensures Minnesotans with disabilities have access to long-term work opportunities, helping people earn wages, contribute to local businesses, and reduce reliance on public assistance. This cost effective program should remain accessible to the individuals in need of these employment supports, including those who are eligible for DHS waived services (**Senate File 4438/House File 4193**).



## About MOHR

MOHR is an all-volunteer 501c(6) non-profit association that supports nearly 100 non-profit member organizations statewide. With MOHR's support, member organizations provide meaningful employment and day services to thousands of Minnesotans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### What are Day and Employment services?

Day services provide support outside the home for adults with disabilities to be active in the community, socialize with their peers, build their skills and explore recreational opportunities. Employment services allow individuals to enter the workforce, giving them the opportunity to earn a wage, achieve personal fulfillment, utilize their skills, and participate in the community – the same things most Minnesotans look for from their work.

### Why do these services matter?

People with disabilities represent the largest minority in the country. These individuals deserve to find meaningful work and opportunities to explore their personal interests and goals. Additionally, employing people with disabilities has been shown to benefit businesses as well, giving them increased productivity, and access to a broader pool of workers.

## At a Glance



### State Wide Membership

MOHR represents 100 nonprofit employment and day service providers, nearly all the providers in the state.



### Tens of Thousands Served

Through our members, we provide services to tens of thousands of Minnesotans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.



### Business Benefit

Hiring employees with disabilities contributes to higher productivity, lower absenteeism and increased customer loyalty.

**1 in 5**

### Representation

Approximately 20 percent of Minnesotans live with one or more disabilities.

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