

**256L.07 RESPITE CARE PILOT PROJECT; FAMILY ADULT FOSTER CARE.**

Subdivision 1. **Program established.** The state recognizes the importance of developing and maintaining quality family foster care resources. In order to accomplish that goal, the commissioner shall establish a two-year respite care pilot project for family adult foster care providers in three counties. This pilot project is intended to provide support to caregivers of family adult foster care residents. The commissioner shall establish a state-funded pilot project to accomplish the provisions in subdivisions 2 to 4.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** A family adult foster care home provider as defined under section 144D.01, subdivision 7, who has been licensed for six months is eligible for up to 30 days of respite care per calendar year. In cases of emergency, a county social services agency may waive the six-month licensing requirement. In order to be eligible to receive respite payment, a provider must take time off away from their foster care residents.

Subd. 3. **Payment structure.** (a) The rate of payment for respite care for an adult foster care resident eligible for only group residential housing shall be based on the current monthly group residential housing base room and board rate and the current maximum monthly group residential housing difficulty of care rate.

(b) The rate of payment for respite care for an adult foster care resident eligible for alternative care funds shall be based on the resident's alternative care foster care rate.

(c) The rate of payment for respite care for an adult foster care resident eligible for Medicaid home and community-based services waiver funds shall be based on the group residential housing base room and board rate.

(d) The total amount available to pay for respite care for a family adult foster care provider shall be based on the number of residents currently served in the foster care home. Respite care must be paid for on a per diem basis and for a full day.

Subd. 4. **Private pay residents.** Payment for respite care for private pay foster care residents must be arranged between the provider and the resident or the resident's family.

**History:** *1Sp2001 c 9 art 3 s 71; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113*