

256.479 CUSTOMIZED LIVING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

(a) The commissioner of human services shall develop incentive-based grants to providers of customized living services under the brain injury, community access for disability inclusion, and elderly waivers for achieving outcomes specified in a contract. The commissioner may solicit proposals from providers and implement those that, on a competitive basis, best meet the state's policy objectives. Until June 30, 2021, the commissioner shall give preference to providers that serve at least 75 percent elderly waiver participants.

(b) Effective July 1, 2021, to be eligible for a grant under this section, a provider must serve at least 75 waiver participants, and at least 75 percent of the clients served by the provider must be waiver participants. For providers of customized living services under the brain injury or community access for disability inclusion, the required 75 waiver participants must reside at multiple locations each with six or more residents. The commissioner shall give greater preference to those providers serving a higher percentage of waiver participants.

(c) The commissioner shall limit expenditures under this subdivision to the amount appropriated for this purpose.

(d) In establishing the specified outcomes and related criteria, the commissioner shall consider the following state policy objectives:

- (1) provide more efficient, higher quality services;
- (2) encourage home and community-based services providers to innovate;
- (3) equip home and community-based services providers with organizational tools and expertise to improve their quality;
- (4) incentivize home and community-based services providers to invest in better services; and
- (5) disseminate successful performance improvement strategies statewide.

History: *1Sp2019 c 9 art 4 s28; 3Sp2020 c 1 s 1,6*