

# ARRM's 2018 Policy Reform Bill

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## Enhance Technology Use

**About the Issue:** We are in the midst of a workforce crisis. There are simply not enough staff to provide services to the amount of people that will be requiring services now or into the future. In 2017 ARRM passed language to mandate discussions about technology at the 45 Day planning meetings, this applies to individuals that are moving to a new provider or are new to the system.

**ARRM's 2018 Solution:** Mandate that a discussion on how the use of technology may fit into someone's life happens at least once a year at that person's planning meeting. This language extends the discussion of technology to everyone currently receiving services.

## Maximize Staff Capacity

**About the Issue:** In 2017, ARRM successfully extended the sunset date for which providers are allowed to add a fifth bed to a residential setting. When this sunset date was extended however, the date for which that setting must be licensed was not extended.

**ARRM's 2018 Solution:** Revise the language so it states that providers must be licensed by 2021 in order to be able to add a fifth bed to a residential setting.

## Sensible Staff Qualifications

**About the Issue:** Current requirements to provide Behavioral Services are difficult to attain, resulting in the inability to hire adequate staff for the service.

**ARRM's 2018 Solution:** Revise the requirements so that they are able to be met, while still holding standards necessary for the service provisions.

## Expand the Licensing Moratorium Exception

**About the Issue:** An exception to the Adult Foster Care licensing moratorium was passed in 2017, allowing currently unlicensed settings to get licensed, this moratorium exception expires June 30th, 2018. This process has resulted in many unintended consequences that are still being worked out between providers and DHS. Additionally, if you have an open bed as of May 1st, 2017 you are not able to license that bed.

**ARRM's 2018 Solution:** Extend the exception by one year and allow for open beds as of May 1st, 2017 to also be licensed within a home.

## ABOUT ARRM

ARRM is an association of providers, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of community-based services that support people with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives. We represent 160 providers who employ roughly 30,000 people. They provide supports for thousands of Minnesotans with developmental and physical disabilities, brain injury, mental illness and autism.

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