



ARRM

2018 Legislative Agenda

Increased stability to support greater opportunity

ARRM works to ensure Minnesota’s public policy and regulatory environment promotes the independence, health and safety of people with disabilities and strengthens our members’ ability to support them. In 2018, ARRM and its members are focused on passing reforms that help address the significant workforce shortages in our industry.

Invest in Individuals



92,500 people with disabilities in Minnesota receiving Home and Community-Based Services

90,880 workers in Minnesota providing services for people with disabilities

“Staff are our most valuable asset. We invest in them when people’s rates allow it.”

The Best Life Alliance is advocating for the structuring of the rate management system that ensures that Minnesotans with disabilities have access to stable, consistent Home and Community-Based Services that meet their diverse needs.

Pass ARRM’s 2018 Policy Reform Bill (HF 2911/ SF 2483)

Building on the important policy changes that were enacted in 2017, our policy bill continues to address the workforce shortage felt among HCBS providers by allowing providers to use their staff in the most efficient way possible through increased use of technology and streamlining regulations.

Sensible and effective training policies * Enhance technology use * Maximize staff capacity

Account for Unfunded Regulations

HCBS providers are unique as private businesses in that they can have unfunded government regulations placed upon them but little to no ability to adjust their cost of service to reflect increased expenses and increased quality of services. With over 95% of revenue coming from state and federal determined Medicaid reimbursement rates, costly mandates force providers to choose between innovative services, staff wages, serving individuals or simply keeping their doors open.

Increase in licensing Fees * Changes in training Requirements * Documentation Requirements

Industry Impact



100,000
Caregivers in MN



\$1.4 Billion
Savings in 2016*



30% ↓
Caregiver Shortfall

**Estimated savings of community-based services over 2016 cost of institutionalization (Adjusted institutionalization costs reported by Minnesota Department of Human Services to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)*

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.

Contact ARRM for more information about Home and Community–Based Services that support Minnesotans with disabilities.

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