



Minnesota's Prenatal to Three Coalition
2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY



2024 Legislative Session: Summaries

For a general summary of all the policies passed this session, view the [PN-3 Coalition's 2024 Legislative Summary](#).

For more details on policies related to child care, mental health, tax credits, and health equity, view the summaries of the following organizations:

- [Child Care Aware of Minnesota](#)
- [NAMI Minnesota](#)
- [MN Budget Project](#)
- [MN Coalition for Family Home Visiting](#)

This Legislative Summary would not be possible without the collaborative work of many early childhood and family organizations and agencies across the state of Minnesota.

We are grateful for the providers, caregivers, and advocates who work tirelessly to advance health outcomes for pregnant people, young children, and families in Minnesota.



2024 Legislative Session: Bills Passed

- **African American Family Preservation Act**
([SF0716 – Chapter 117](#))
- **Commerce Omnibus**
([SF4097 – Chapter 114](#))
- **Children & Families, Education & Licensing**
([HF5237 – Chapter 115](#))
- **Jobs & Workforce Development**
([SF5289 – Chapter 120](#))
- **Judiciary Omnibus**
([HF5216 – Chapter 123](#))

“Mega-Omnibus” Bill:

Taxes

([HF5247 – Chapter 127](#))

Transportation, Housing & Labor

([HF5242](#))

Health & Human Services

([SF4699](#))

Licensing Scope of Practice

([HF4247](#))

Higher Education

([HF4024 – Chapter 124](#))

Energy & Agriculture

([SF4942 – Chapter 126](#))

Human Services Budget

([SF5335 – Chapter 125](#))



Child Care & Early Learning

Children & Families Omnibus: (HF 5237 – Chapter 115)

E-12 Education; Licensing; Department of Children, Youth & Families

- **All Licensed Child Care to Receive One-Star Parent Aware Rating** (July, FY26)
- Children impacted by SUDs added as a priority group for Early Learning Scholarships
- **Child Care Facility Grants:** \$1.125 M/FY25
- **Licensed Child Care Weighted Risk System:**
 - Ongoing funding is appropriated to support tiered Weighted Risk System (WRS) to evaluate licensing compliance for child care centers & family child care providers.
- **Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK):**
 - \$33 million/FY25 is allocated from the VPK Reserve to create an additional 5,200 seats (now 12,360 VPK seats)

Early Learning Programs Move to Align with Great Start Scholarships:

- **Prospective Payments for Child Care Providers, Based on Enrollment:** Beginning Jan 2026, providers will receive payments at the beginning of the child's enrollment
- **Early Learning Scholarship Program invests in IT System:** up to \$12 million of grant funding to be used to develop IT system to support ongoing program changes (\$2.4 million/FY allocated for ongoing maintenance)



Child Care Licensing & Requirements

Children & Families Omnibus: ([HF 5237](#) – [Chapter 115](#))

E-12 Education; Licensing; Department of Children, Youth & Families

Technical Changes to Licensing Statutes *(non-exhaustive list of changes)*

- Confidentiality protection for those who bring forward claims of fraud
- Allows parents to bring home & wash water bottles used at the child care program.
- Clarifies CPR & First Aid training timelines.
- Allows licensed child care centers & family child care programs to adopt immunization policy for children over 2 months of age.

Certified License-Exempt Center Statute Changes

- Defines requirements for certified centers in the absence of Directors
- Defines age ranges for children by group (infant, toddler, preschool, & school age)
- Adds conditional certification and process for reconsideration
- Adds language about required record keeping



Mental Health

Human Services ([SF5335 – Chapter 125](#))
“Mega-Omnibus” Bill ([HF 5247 – Chapter 127](#))

- Mental Health Services to be reimbursed under the resource-based relative value scale (RBRVS) and equal to **83 percent of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule** (Jan 2025)
- **Medical Assistance Mental Health Benefit Created** to provide residential mental health crisis stabilization for children & First Episode Psychosis Coordinated Specialty Care
- Simplification of Mental Health Procedure Codes
- **Mental Health Services Provider Certification Pathway** created

Children’s Mental Health

- School-Linked Behavioral Health: \$3 M/ FY25
- Respite Care Services: \$2.65 M / FY25
- Volunteers of America: \$1.7 M/ FY25

1115 Medical Assistance Waiver

- Short-Term enrollment assistance and coverage for prerelease care transition services to incarcerated individuals
- Nutrition, housing, and other supports surrounding the Social Determinants of Health to be a covered service under Medical Assistance



Health & Human Services, (SF4699)

“Mega-Omnibus” Bill:

Taxes; Higher Education; Energy & Agriculture; Transportation; Health & Human Services; Human Services Licensing (HF 5247 – Chapter 127)

- **Maternal & Infant Health Report** will now include number of people enrolled in Medical Assistance during the perinatal period, the percentage whom received services/experienced complications, including race and ethnicity
- **Community Health Needs Assessment & Health Improvement Implementation**
- **Office of Emergency Medical Services** established

Health Improvement Grants

- **Stillbirth Prevention Through Tracking Fetal Movement Pilot**
- **Chosen Vessels Midwifery Services:** \$263,000/FY25
- **American Indian-Focused Birth Center Planning:** \$368,000/FY25
- **African American-Focused Homeplace Planning:** \$263,000/FY25
- **Evaluation of Statewide Health Care Needs & Capacity:** \$250,000/FY25



Bills Passed in 2024 MN Legislature

“Mega-Omnibus” Bill ([HF 5247](#) – [Chapter 127](#))

Higher Education ([HF4024](#) – [Chapter 124](#))

- **Head Start Centers on Campus:** One-time \$500,000/FY25 for trustees of MN state colleges & universities to partner with National Head Start Association to create Head Start Centers on campuses

Energy & Agriculture ([SF4942](#) – [Chapter 126](#))

- **Farm to School Program Expanded:** ongoing \$1.274 M/FY to include Family Child Care hosts and Child Care Centers under National School Lunch or Child & Adult Care Food Programs

Taxes ([HF5247](#) – [Chapter 127](#))

- **Advance periodic payments of Minnesota's Child Tax Credit** allows families to receive multiple advanced payments, instead receiving full amount in one lump sum after filing state income taxes (ongoing \$5.5 M/ FY)
- Establishes “**minimum credit**” for Child Tax Credit
- **Free Tax Preparation, Outreach & Education Grants** to organizations that do free tax preparation for lower-income Minnesotans (\$1 M/ FY 25 & \$1 M/ FY26-27)
- Moist snuff tobacco definition expanded to offset cost of **Child Tax Credit provisions** (\$3 M/ FY 24-25 & \$7 M/ FY 26-27 in revenue)



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- Bans health insurance plans from excluding/restricting coverage of gender-affirming care.
- Illegal to deny medical care due to medical debt, to include medical debt in a credit report, or to hold a spouse responsible for paying medical debt.

Jobs & Workforce Development Omnibus ([SF5289](#) – [Chapter 120](#)):

- \$1 million/ FY25 for WomenVenture to continue Child Care work

Judiciary Omnibus ([HF5216](#) – [Chapter 123](#)):

- Prohibits a private entity (including HOAs) from prohibiting or unreasonably restricting child care under a family and group family child care provider license.