

Minnesota Division of Aging & Adult Services



State Agency Mission

The work of the Aging and Adult Services Division reflects the missions of the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Board on Aging. The Department of Human Services, working with many others, helps people meet their basic needs so they can live in dignity and achieve their highest potential. The Board on Aging works to ensure that older Minnesotans and their families are effectively served by state and local policies and programs, so they can age well and live well.

Populations Served

- Older Adults**
- Adults with Physical Disabilities
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders
- Other:** Caregivers

Organizational Structure

The director is hired by a higher ranking official, but serves at the convenience of the Governor, and oversees a staff of 91 FTE.

Local Network

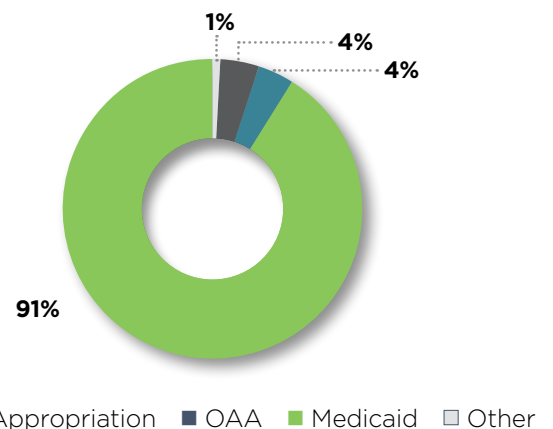
- 7** Area Agencies on Aging
- 1** Tribal Organization

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

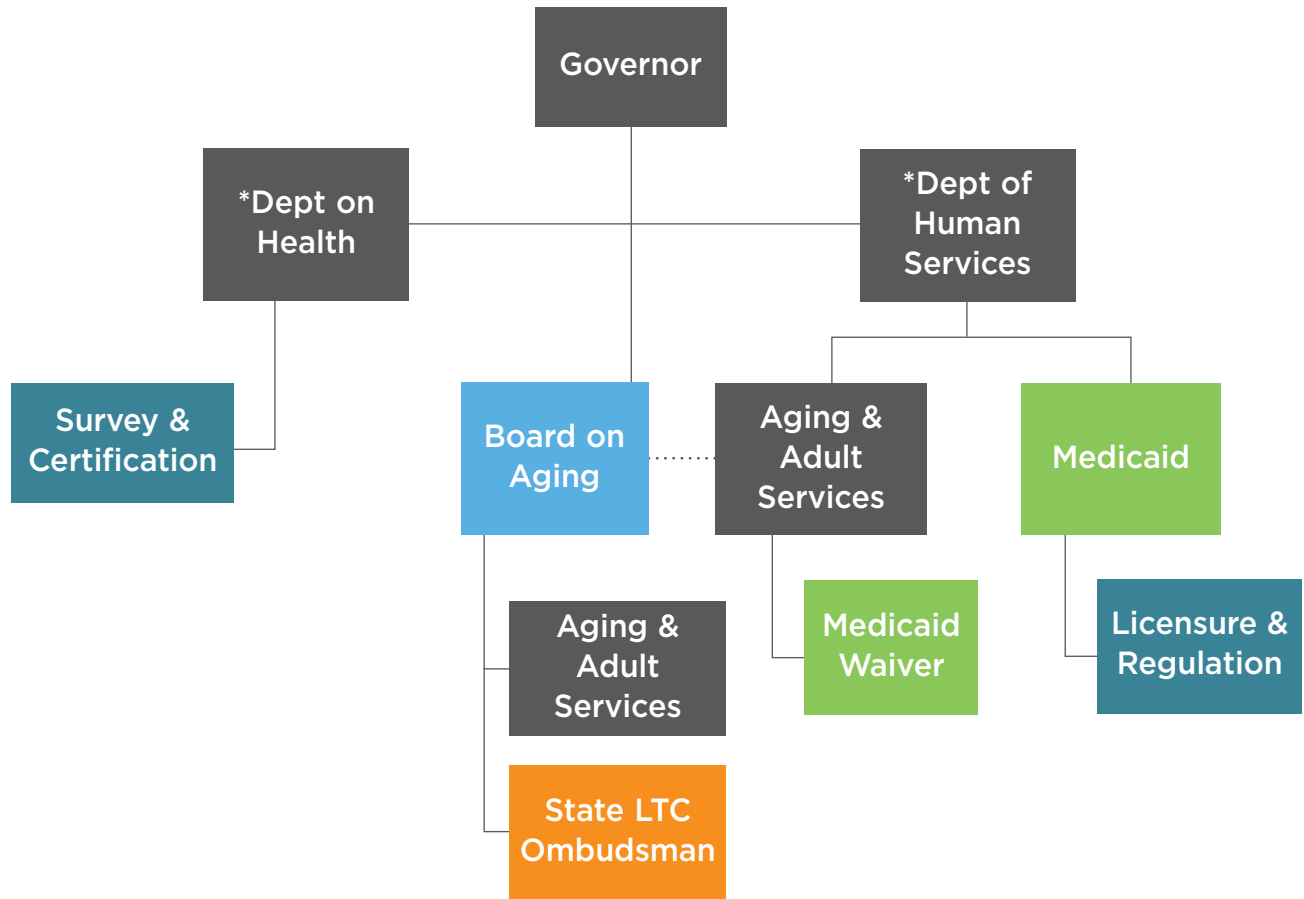
1. Mitigating Social Isolation
2. Adult Protective Services
3. Addressing Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in Services
4. Workforce Shortage
5. Supporting Caregivers

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$515,000,000



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions ■ Medicaid Services ■ Long-term Care Ombudsman ■ Provider Regulation and Oversight | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Advisory Board Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship. * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency |
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Responsibilities of the Minnesota Division of Aging & Adult Services

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	✓
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	✓
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	✓
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	✓
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	
Administer PASRR	
MLTSS—Provide quality assurance for aging & adult service programs	✓
MLTSS—Develop policies on aging & adult service programs	✓
MLTSS—Oversight of functions related to aging & adult services	✓

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	
License institutional providers	
Regulate HCBS providers	
License HCBS providers	
Certify Assisted Living providers	

Key State Initiative

Age-Friendly Minnesota

On December 11, 2019, MN Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 19-38 challenging Minnesota to research opportunities and overcome barriers to become an age-friendly state. An age-friendly state is one that engages older people and understands that to be age-friendly, a community must consider the social, economic, environmental and lifestyle factors that influence health and aging for everyone. Through the Executive Order a governor appointed age-friendly council was formed to develop an action plan with recommendations for the state to become age-friendly. As informed by the Executive Order the council was charged to elevate the voices of older Minnesotans, reinforce collaboration and coordination between state agencies and promote opportunities through public-private partnerships. The council also assessed and examined programs, policies and services for older Minnesotans. The recommendations include:

- Recommendation 1: Support efforts for the State of Minnesota to enroll in the WHO/AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.
- Recommendation 2: Champion diversity, equity, and inclusion in all age-friendly work at the outset of all issues.
- Recommendation 3: Provide resources and support to local communities to adopt age-friendly policies, plans, and practices.
- Recommendation 4: Create a sustainable, ongoing infrastructure within the administration to support Age-Friendly Minnesota work.
- Recommendation 5: Support the development of a framework and/or analytical tool that State agencies can use to analyze their policies and programs through an age-friendly lens—both an initial evaluation and ongoing analysis.
- Recommendation 6: Establish a repository of resources to inform the Age-Friendly Minnesota process post-enrollment for policymakers, the public, and professionals in the world of aging.
- Recommendation 7: Add emergency preparedness as a unique domain in Age-Friendly Minnesota's ongoing work.
- Recommendation 8: Develop a plan to integrate age-friendly work into the legislature and relevant committees.

