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STATEMENT FROM ARRM ON PROPOSED 'HERO PAY' IN STATE BIENNIUM BUDGET

SAINT PAUL, MINN. – Recent news that legislative leaders and the Governor have agreed to disburse \$250 million in 'hero pay' to our state's most critical and valued frontline workers is welcomed news by Minnesota's more than 30,000 Direct Support Professionals (DSPs).

For more than 15 months now, the already depleted and exhausted DSP workforce has shown up to provide critical care and vital support to Minnesota's disability community, consistently putting their own health and safety behind that of the individuals with disabilities they support.

Throughout the pandemic, DSPs have heeded the call to step up to the front lines and continue providing world-class care to help individuals with disabilities live their best lives. As this bonus pay proposal continues to take shape, we call on state legislators and the Governor to recognize the critical care provided by DSPs through this difficult time and supplement DSPs' average hourly wages of just over \$13.00 with hero pay.

About ARRM (The Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota)

ARRM is a nonprofit association of more than 200 provider organizations, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of home and community-based services supporting people living with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives.

Founded in 1970, ARRM continues to lead advocacy and training for positive industry reforms that support Minnesotans with disabilities. To learn more, visit arrm.org, and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).