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ARRM Identifies Disability Service Providers Across Minnesota For Newsroom Interviews Regarding Governor Walz's Medicaid Audit Announcement

ST. PAUL, MN—Following Governor Tim Walz's announcement yesterday ordering an up to 90-day payment pause for 14 Medicaid service lines while a third-party audit is conducted, the Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM) is fielding a flood of inquiries from newsrooms across the state seeking to understand the potential impact on Minnesota's disability services infrastructure.

ARRM has been asked repeatedly to help identify providers across Minnesota that could be affected and how the payment pause could impact Minnesotans living with disabilities. Based on these inquiries, ARRM has identified members from the Twin Cities, Duluth, Worthington, Mankato, and Moorhead for newsrooms to contact.

"These are the organizations and leaders that ensure people with disabilities can live, work, and participate in their communities," said Sue Schettle, CEO of ARRM. "If payments for critical Medicaid services are halted for even a few weeks, the results could be devastating, not just for providers, but for the thousands of Minnesotans who rely on these supports to live their daily lives."

Schettle emphasized that while ARRM supports accountability and transparency in public programs, the decision to pause payments could unintentionally destabilize an already fragile care network. Many disability service providers operate on thin margins, with limited reserves, and are already grappling with workforce shortages and rising operational costs.

"The disability services system does not have the capacity to absorb a 90-day disruption," Schettle said. "Most providers are not the problem here, they are the lifeline. We urge the

Governor and the Department of Human Services to ensure that care is not disrupted and that emergency funding is available to sustain providers during the audit process.”

ARRM is actively communicating with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to understand the scope and timing of the audit, and to advocate for a process that protects both the integrity of the Medicaid program and the stability of essential community services.

[NOTE: The version of this press release disseminated to media outlets included providers' contact information. We have published the text of the press release with contact information redacted to serve as a general resource. If you are a member of the press and would like provider contact information, please contact ARRM.]

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About ARRM:

The Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM) represents over 200 community-based providers supporting people with disabilities across Minnesota. ARRM works to advance policies, practices, and partnerships that promote independence, inclusion, and quality of life for people with disabilities.