## Minnesota Waiver Appeal Process

If you need to file an appeal for your waiver, don't be afraid of appeals. Below are steps to walk you through the process, as well as helpful links from DHS.

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# File an appeal online

Follow this link to fill out your online appeal form.

#### **Gather documents**

You will receive a letter requesting all documentation:

MN Choice assessment

- Support plan
- Written document with all the evidence you
  have that this is an allowable goal. Include things
  like a description of camp, including an
  explanation of how it meets goals in your plan.
  Include any prior-year experience you have.
  Include any letters of support from other
  providers that your camper works with that can
  testify to the need for camp. AuSM's support
  letter linked here.
- Avoid emotional arguments or references to other people being approved.

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## Appear before a judge

- You will be given instructions. Appearance may be in-person or over the phone.
- You will have a chance to explain your side.
- DHS will have a chance to explain their side.
- The judge may ask you questions.
- Best practice is to highlight how camp relates to the disability, how it meets an identified need on the assessment, and how it relates to a goal on the plan as well as why you do not agree with DHS's reason for denial (you can request this reason from your case manager).

### Receive decision

It may take up to 90 days to receive your decision.

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# More questions?

Contact AuSM's Information and Resource team! Call 651.647.1083, email <u>info@ausm.org</u> or text 651.321.2909.

You can also learn more at the DHS website.