



# 2026 Policy Agenda

The Autism Society of Minnesota is a place where everyone can learn, access services, and develop skills. The organization has supported autistics for over 50 years. We support the whole state, the whole lifespan, and the whole spectrum. Part of AuSM's mission is ensuring that our laws and public policies support individuals and families living with autism.

## **Protect Medicaid**

This legislative session will focus on ensuring that Minnesota is able to provide stable and consistent services despite federal cuts to these vital programs.

## **Classroom Safety**

Add clarifying language to existing statute to ensure children with disabilities are protected and have safety plans for all types of crisis in the educational setting.

## **Autism Insurance Expansion**

Expand therapy types covered by private insurance as well as remove age cap to include adult coverage.

## **Dynamic Fiscal Notes**

Leading advocate driven legislation to allow MN to look at both cost of new programs as well as potential savings for legislative budgeting.

## **AAC Insurance Mandate**

Require private insurance to have coverage for Assisted and Augmentative communication devices.

## **Waiver Reimagine Budget Protection**

With unclear changes coming to waiver systems this law will prevent new budgeting methodology from reducing waiver budgets by more than 10%. A greater reduction would force individuals and families to fundamentally alter the way in which individuals receive services.

## **Sensory Friendly Event Licensing Requirements**

Require all events with a license and over 1000 attendees to provide sensory friendly accommodations.

## **Continue Work on Wage Equity in Minnesota**

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