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Orders the department of social and health services to adopt and implement rules that enable working age adults with developmental disabilities to pursue and maintain gainful employment in integrated settings. The rules must provide that counties, under contract with the department and within available funding, will develop and make available services that offer support for working age adults who do not have a severe or profound developmental disability or are not nearing retirement age to pursue or maintain gainful employment, support including and technical assistance to achieve integrated employment outcomes; and offer persons with a profound developmental disability and severe or persons retirement age the option to participate employment-related activities and nonemployment-related community access services.

Orders department staff to: (1) Authorize services to working age adults that support the individual's ability to pursue and maintain integrated, gainful employment; and

(2) Authorize community access services for persons with severe or profound developmental disabilities or adults nearing retirement age.