

Subject Children's residential treatment admission requirements

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Overview

This bill specifies referral and assessment requirements for children to receive residential mental health crisis stabilization services for up to 30 days, separate from existing residential treatment admission and assessment requirements. After 30 days, a child referred for crisis stabilization residential treatment services would be subject to such requirements in order to receive ongoing treatment.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Crisis admissions and stabilization.
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Amends § 245.4882 by adding subd. 6. Provides that a mental health professional, physician assessing a child in an emergency department, or a member of a mobile crisis team may refer a child for residential treatment services for crisis stabilization. Requires a provider making a referral to conduct an assessment of the child. Allows a child referred for residential treatment for crisis stabilization to receive services for up to 30 days, and then be subject to existing screening and admissions criteria for ongoing residential treatment.

2	Admission criteria.
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Amends § 245.4885, subd. 1. Specifies that for admission to residential treatment facilities, an emergency includes a situation in which a child is referred to residential treatment for crisis stabilization services. Exempts a child admitted in an emergency from undergoing a separate assessment under this section.