

Subject Substance use disorder treatment services and related provisions

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Overview

This bill makes various changes to substance use disorder (SUD) provisions relating to peer support services, SUD treatment effectiveness, behavioral health services studies, and reimbursement rates. The bill also allows for access to certified birth records and identification cards or driver's licenses without paying a fee under certain circumstances.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Certified birth record for persons eligible for medical assistance.</p> <p>Creates § 144.2256. Specifies the procedure by which an individual eligible for medical assistance (MA) who has been treated for SUD within the last 12 months may apply to the state registrar or local issuance office and receive a certified birth record, or statement of no vital record found; requires statement of eligibility and specifies contents; classifies specified data as private data on individuals.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Birth record fees waived for persons treated for substance use disorders.</p> <p>Amends § 144.226, by adding subd. 9. Prohibits the subject of a birth record who is eligible for MA and has been treated for substance use disorder within the last 12 months from being charged any of the fees specified for a certified birth record or statement of no vital record found.</p> <p>Provides a January 1, 2024, effective date.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Application; identification card or copy of driver's license.</p> <p>Amends § 171.06, by adding subd. 12. Specifies the procedure by which an MA-eligible individual who has been treated for an SUD within the last 12 months may apply to the commissioner of public safety or driver's license agent and receive an identification card or driver's license, and have all fees waived. Requires the</p> |

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	commissioner or driver's license agent to issue an identification card or driver's license and waive all fees to a person who submits specified information.
4	Additional treatment service. Amends § 245G.07, subd. 2. Allows peer recovery support services to be provided in groups of up to six clients per group, at SUD licensed treatment facilities.
5	Rate requirements. Amends § 254B.05, subd. 5. Includes both individual and group peer support services in eligible SUD treatment services.
6	Substance use disorder treatment effectiveness. Amends § 254B.051. Subd. 1. Commissioner to collect additional data. Makes technical changes. Subd. 2. Data to be provided. Requires the commissioner to: (1) work with SUD providers to design the SUD treatment effectiveness reporting system and format of data availability for the purposes of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of SUD program services; (2) provide the data in an electronic format that complies with the chapter of statutes governing government data practices and in a format that allows providers to access all of the information provided to the providers by the commissioner; and (3) include a feature that allows an SUD provider to compare their performance against other providers. Requires applicable data collected by the commissioner from substance use disorder treatment providers to be made available to those providers.
7	Reimbursement for mental health services. Amends § 256B.761. Removes references to SUD treatment from the paragraph increasing MA payment rates for mental health services by three percent after January 1, 2024.
8	Credit allowed. Amends § 290.0682, subd. 2. Establishes a tax credit for eligible individuals employed in a licensed SUD treatment facility. Makes this section effective for taxable years beginning after December 1, 2023.
9	Medical assistance outpatient and behavioral health services rate study. Amends Laws 2021, First Special Session ch. 7, art. 17, § 18. Modifies the MA outpatient and behavioral health services rate study by adding a review of the costs of providing room and board for all levels of SUD residential treatment, for adolescent residential treatment, for adolescent nonresidential treatment, and for withdrawal management services for adolescents. Extends the due dates of the

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| | preliminary and final reports the commissioner is required to submit to the legislature by one year. |
| 10 | Medical assistance behavioral health system transformation study.
Amends Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 4, § 23. Requires the commissioner to seek federal approval by January 1, 2025, to implement a demonstration project covering traditional healing behavioral health services in correctional facilities and receive federal financial participation. |
| 11 | Direction to commissioner of human services; transition support services recommendations.
Requires the commissioner of human services, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop recommendations related to transition support services for persons who have been clients of a substance use disorder treatment program and who receive MA or services through the behavioral health fund. Lists the stakeholders who must be consulted. Lists the transition support components upon which the commissioner must make recommendations. Requires the commissioner’s recommendations for funding transition support services to maximize existing federal and state funding sources, and prohibits counting federal and state benefits as income for the purposes of qualifying for public assistance programs. By December 1, 2024, requires the commissioner to submit a report to the legislature on the recommendations required under this section. |
| 12 | Direction to commissioner of human services; adopt rate study proposed rates.
Requires the commissioner of human services to adopt the proposed rates in the Minnesota Health Care Programs Fee-for-Service Outpatient Services Rate Study, except for the rate reductions to withdrawal management services, for SUD rates, mental health rates, behavioral health home rates, and early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention rates. Requires the commissioner to maintain specified rate enhancements for clients with children until a cost-based rate is established.

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