

**Subject** Telehealth; protected nonemergency medical transportation;  
behavioral health appropriations

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### Overview

This bill modifies health insurance telehealth provisions in chapter 62A, increases reimbursement rates for protected nonemergency transportation trips exceeding 100 miles, and appropriates money for a range of behavioral health grants.

### Summary

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| 1 | <b>Definitions.</b><br>Amends § 62A.673, subd. 2. Modifies the definition of “telehealth” to include audio-only communications; deletes expiration date for audio-only telehealth criteria; specifies that telehealth includes audio-only communication if the communication is a scheduled appointment and appropriate to meet the standard of care.                         |
| 2 | <b>Telehealth equipment.</b><br>Amends § 62A.673, subd. 6. Strikes language in paragraph (b) and expiration date. Inserts stricken language in new paragraph (c), allowing substance use disorder and mental health treatment services to be delivered through audio-only telehealth without a scheduled appointment in emergency or crisis situations.                       |
| 3 | <b>Transportation costs.</b><br>Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 17. Increases reimbursement rate for protected nonemergency medical transportation by an additional \$75 for trips over 100 miles.  |
| 4 | <b>Appropriations; children’s first episode of psychosis.</b><br>Appropriates \$960,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$960,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to implement children's first episode of psychosis grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4905. Reserves \$119,000 each fiscal year for administrative costs. |

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5	<p><b>Appropriations; housing for adults with serious mental illness.</b></p> <p>Appropriates money in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for adult mental health grants to support increased availability of housing options with supports for persons with serious mental illness.</p>
6	<p><b>Appropriations; protected transport start-up grants.</b></p> <p>Appropriates money in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to provide start-up grants for nonemergency medical transportation providers to configure vehicles for protected transport.</p>
7	<p><b>Appropriation; engagement services pilot grants.</b></p> <p>Appropriates \$750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for grants to counties to establish pilot projects to provide engagement services under civil commitment statutes. Specifies pilot project requirements.</p>
8	<p><b>Appropriations; behavioral health navigation portal grant.</b></p> <p>Appropriates money in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a competitive grant to a single entity to establish an online behavioral health navigation portal. Lists requirements for the portal.</p>



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