

Subject Recovery Peers; Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

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Overview

This bill prohibits recovery peers from being classified as independent contractors, expands the duties of the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities to include reviewing complaints and other issues related to peer recovery support services and recovery peers, and updates terminology.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Facility or program. Amends § 245.91, subd. 4. Expands the definition of “facility” or “program” under the statutes governing the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities to include peer recovery support services provided by a recovery community organization.
2	Advocacy. Amends § 245.93, subd. 2. Updates terminology.
3	Matters appropriate for review. Amends § 245.94, subd. 2. Updates terminology. Requires the ombudsperson to review complaints regarding the quality of peer recovery support services provided by a recovery community organization; misclassification of recovery peers as independent contractors; and the adequacy of peer recovery support services billing codes and procedures.
4	Reimbursement to ombudsperson for behavioral health and developmental disabilities. Amends § 245.945. Updates terminology.

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5	<p>General reports.</p> <p>Amends § 245.95, subd. 2. Updates terminology. Requires the ombudsperson to include in the biennial report summary information on complaints received regarding peer recovery support services provided by recovery community organizations, and any recommendations to the legislature to improve the quality of peer recovery support services, recovery peer worker misclassification, and peer recovery support services billing codes and procedures.</p>
6	<p>Recovery peer qualifications.</p> <p>Amends § 245I.04, subd. 18. Prohibits recovery peers from being classified as independent contractors.</p>
7	<p>Licensure required.</p> <p>Amends § 254B.05, subd. 1. Expands the list of qualifications to be an eligible peer support services vendor to include a prohibition on classifying any recovery peer as an independent contractor. Allows complaints about a recovery community organization or peer recovery support services to be made to and reviewed or investigated by the ombudsperson for behavioral health and developmental disabilities.</p>
8	<p>Revisor instruction.</p> <p>Instructs the revisor to change the term “ombudsman” to “ombudsperson” wherever it appears in the statutes governing the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities. Instructs the revisor to change the term “ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities” to “ombudsperson for behavioral health and developmental disabilities” wherever it appears in the next edition of Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules and in the online publication.</p>



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