

**Subject** Direct care and treatment services; eliminating county share

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## Overview

This bill retroactively eliminates the county share for certain direct care and treatment services provided at Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center and state-operated community-based behavioral health hospitals, requires the commissioner to reimburse counties for payments previously made to the state, and appropriates money to reimburse counties for certain county share payments.

## Summary

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1	<b>Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center.</b>
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Amends § 246.54, subd. 1a. Retroactively extends the dates for which a county is not responsible for the payment of the cost of care at Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center for the days when the facility determines that it is clinically appropriate for the client to be discharged but the client is awaiting transfer to another state-operated facility or program.

Provides a July 1, 2021, retroactive effective date.

2	<b>Community behavioral health hospitals.</b>
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Amends § 246.54, subd. 1b. Retroactively extends the dates for which a county is not responsible for the payment of the cost of care at state-operated community-based behavioral health hospitals for the days when the facility determines that it is clinically appropriate for the client to be discharged but the client is awaiting transfer to another state-operated facility or program.

Provides a July 1, 2021, retroactive effective date.

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**3 Direction to commissioner of human services; reimbursement for certain county share payments.**

Prohibits the commissioner of human services from sanctioning or otherwise seeking payment from counties with outstanding debts for the cost of care provided at Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center or a community-based behavioral health hospital for the cost of care provided between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2025, for clients awaiting transfer to another state-operated facility or program when determined to be clinically appropriate. Requires the state to reimburse counties with state money any amount previously paid to the state or otherwise recovered by the commissioner for the cost of care. States nothing in this section prohibits the commissioner from seeking reimbursement from counties for the cost of care provided in Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center or a state-operated community-based behavioral health hospital for care not described in this section.

Provides an immediate effective date.

**4 Appropriation; reimbursement for certain county share payments.**

Appropriates \$13,188,000 in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for both reimbursement of prior payments by counties and the forgiveness of existing county debt attributable to the cost of care provided between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2025, at Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center or state-operated community-based behavioral health hospitals for clients awaiting transfer to another state-operated facility or program when determined to be clinically appropriate. Makes this appropriation available until June 30, 2025.

Provides an immediate effective date.



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