

**Subject** Children's therapeutic services and supports

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## Overview

Children's therapeutic services and supports (CTSS) are mental health services for children diagnosed with emotional disturbance or mental illness, covered by medical assistance (MA). This bill makes numerous changes to section 256B.0943, governing CTSS by adding definitions and service components, modifying provider recertification frequency, removing language relating to CTSS day treatment, individual behavior plans, treatment supervision standards, mental health behavioral aides, preservice training and continuing education, and individual, family, or group skills training. The bill also requires the commissioner of human services to consult with providers, families, educators, and advocates to develop a new MA benefit to provide mental health care for children.

## Summary

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1	<b>Definitions.</b>
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	Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 1. Adds definitions of "care consultation" and "care coordination" and removes definitions of "direction of mental health behavioral aide," "individual behavioral plan," and "mental health service plan development" for purposes of CTSS.
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	Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.
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2	<b>Covered service components of children's therapeutic services and supports.</b>
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	Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 2. Adds four CTSS service components to be covered by MA: care coordination, care consultation, travel to and from a client's location, and individual treatment plan development.
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3	<p><b>Determination of client eligibility.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 3. Strikes language that limited day treatment based on a hospital's medical history and presentation examination to up to five days.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>
4	<p><b>Provider entity certification.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 4. Strikes language requiring a CTSS provider entity to be certified for psychotherapy, skills training, and crisis planning; strikes language so that providers are recertified every three years.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>
5	<p><b>Provider entity clinical infrastructure requirements.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 6. Removes language regarding individual behavior plans, day treatment program conditions, treatment supervision standards, and direction to a mental health behavioral aide.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>
6	<p><b>Qualifications of individual and team providers.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 7. Removes mental health practitioner language; day treatment team must only include one mental health professional or clinical trainee.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>
7	<p><b>Required preservice and continuing education.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 8. Removes language requiring preservice training for mental health behavioral aides and continuing education for mental health practitioners and mental health behavioral aides providing CTSS services; removes language requiring provider entity documentation of continuing education requirements.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>
8	<p><b>Service delivery criteria.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 9. Removes CTSS day treatment program availability and time requirements; removes requirement that a CTSS provider document that there is no longer a medical need for psychotherapy; removes two requirements related to individual, family, or group skills training; removes requirements related to mental health behavioral aide services.</p>

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9	<b>Direction to commissioner; development of new Medicaid-eligible mental health benefit for children and families.</b> Requires the commissioner to consult with providers, families, educators, and advocates to develop a new MA benefit to provide mental health care for children. Lists requirements for services under the new benefit; requires a single assessment for care access. Specifies that services must not be denied based on service location or service entity. Requires a report to the legislature by February 1, 2023.
10	<b>Repealer.</b> Repeals section 256B.0943, subd. 8a (level II mental health behavioral aide).  Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.



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