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### Overview

This act makes changes to the qualifications required for mental health practitioners, case management service providers, and mental health rehabilitation workers, and makes corresponding changes. The act also adds certain mental health services provided by a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee to the list of MA-covered services.

#### Section

- 1** **Case management service provider.** Amends § 245.462, subd. 4. Modifies the criteria for a case manager associate. Allows for a case manager associate to have at least 6,000 hours of supervised experience serving persons with mental illness, instead of being a mental health practitioner.
- 2** **Mental health practitioner.** Amends § 245.462, subd, 17. Modifies qualifications for mental health practitioners. Modifies terminology; requires that a mental health practitioner for adult clients must have training working with adults, and that a mental health practitioner for child clients must have training working with children. Adds that a mental health practitioner may qualify by completing a specified number of relevant coursework hours in behavioral sciences or related fields, and in at least one other way listed in the subdivision.
- 3** **Case management service provider.** Amends § 245.4871, subd. 4. Modifies the requirements for a children's mental health case manager associate to include persons with 6,000 hours of supervised experience delivering mental health services to children with emotional disturbances; specifies that hours worked as a mental health behavioral aide I or II count towards the 6,000 hours.
- 4** **Mental health practitioner.** Amends § 245.4871, subd. 26. Replaces definition of mental health practitioner in the Children's Mental Health Act with cross-reference to section 245.462, subdivision 17 (amended in this act).

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- 5 Assertive community treatment team staff requirements and roles.** Amends § 256B.0622, subd. 7a. Adds cross-references to definitions of “mental health practitioner” and “mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee.”
- 6 Qualifications of provider staff.** Amends § 256B.0623, subd. 5. (a) Adds training topics to those required for an adult mental health rehabilitation worker.
- (b) Specifies additional education and supervised work experience requirements for a mental health rehabilitation worker; adds clause requiring additional qualifications for mental health rehabilitation workers who are providers of crisis residential services, intensive residential treatment services, partial hospitalization, and day treatment services.
- (c) Exempts overnight-only mental health rehabilitation workers from the requirements of paragraph (b).
- (d) Defines “behavioral sciences or related fields” for the purposes of subdivision 5.
- 7 Outpatient mental health services.** Amends § 256B.0625 by adding subd. 65. Adds diagnostic assessment, explanation of findings, and psychotherapy provided by a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee to the list of MA-covered services.
- 8 Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 1. Modifies the definition of “mental health practitioner” by adding a cross reference to section 245.462, subdivision 17 (amended in this act), for children’s therapeutic services and supports. Specifies that a mental health practitioner working in a day treatment setting may qualify under different educational and training criteria listed in paragraph (n).
- 9 Crisis stabilization services.** Amends § 256B.0944, subd. 7. Adds a cross reference to definition of “mental health practitioner,” section 245.462, subdivision 17 (amended in this act).
- 10 Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0946, subd. 1a. Modifies the definition of “mental health practitioner” by adding cross-references to section 245.462, subdivision 17 (amended in this act) and the definition of “mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee,” for services for children with severe emotional disturbance.
- 11 Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 10 effective the day following final enactment.