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Overview

This bill authorizes the commissioner of human services to implement chemical dependency treatment pilot projects.

Section

1 Pilot projects; chemical health care. Creates § 254B.13.

Subd. 1. Authorization for pilot projects. Allows the commissioner to approve and implement pilot projects that were developed pursuant to the state-county chemical health care home pilot project.

Subd. 2. Program design and implementation. Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner and participating counties to work together to refine and implement the pilot projects.

Paragraph (b) requires planning to be completed by June 30, 2010, and agreements entered if plans are approved by the commissioner. Implementation is not to occur until after July 1, 2010.

Subd. 3. Program evaluation. Requires the commissioner to evaluate the pilot programs and make a report to the legislature by June 30, 2013.

Subd. 4. Notice of project discontinuation. Permits discontinuation for any reason by the county or the commissioner after 30 days' written notice to the other party. Unspent funds are to be transferred to the general fund.

Subd. 5. Duties of the commissioner. Paragraph (a) grants the commissioner authority to authorize pilot projects.

Paragraph (b) allows the commissioner to restructure payment schedules between the state and participating counties. Limits state expenditures to no more than what

would have been spent from the chemical dependency treatment fund.

Paragraph (c) permits the commissioner to deposit unexpended funds in the special revenue fund for those pilot project regions that spend less than state fiscal year expenditures for the use of those regions in the following year. For those regions that exceed the amount expected, those regions are responsible for the excess portion of nontreatment expenses.

Paragraph (d) permits the commissioner to waive the administrative rules.

Paragraph (e) prohibits entering into any agreement that would put current or future federal funding at risk.

Subd. 6. Duties of county board. Requires the county board, or other entity administering the pilot project, to ensure that the project complies with the program design and objectives, provides chemical dependency treatment services to eligible individuals, and provide the commissioner with information as negotiated in the pilot project agreement.

- 2 Repealer.** Repeals Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 7, section 26, subdivision 3. This repeals the evaluation required from the commissioner of human services on the feasibility of pilot projects.