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Overview

This bill creates a state-wide chemical health navigation program. The bill also imposes a limit on the number of times an individual's chemical dependency residential treatment will be paid for by the consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund.

- 1 **Civil commitment.** Amends § 254A.19, by adding subd. 4. Provides that a Rule 25 assessment does not need to be completed for an individual who is civilly committed.
- 2 Chemical health navigation program. Creates § 254B.14.

Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose. Establishes the navigation program and instructs the commissioner to work with interested counties to augment the chemical health service delivery system and promote better outcomes for clients. Allows flexibility in services offered. Requires the programs to maintain eligibility requirements for the CCDTF, maintain program licensure requirements, and make certain that federal funding for chemical dependency services is not put at risk.

Subd. 2. Program implementation. Provides that county participation is voluntary. Requires participating counties and the commissioner to negotiate an agreement governing operations of the county's program. Requires the county to implement the program within 60 days of the final agreement.

Subd. 3. Notice of program discontinuation. Allows the county or the commissioner to discontinue the program with 30 days notice to the other party. Provides that unspent funds shall revert to the CCDTF.

Subd. 4. Eligibility for navigator program. Requires participants to be a resident of the county with an approved program, be eligible for CCDTF services, have a score of at least three in two or more dimensions on the Rule 25 assessment, have had at least two treatment episodes in the past two years, and be a voluntary participant.

Subd. 5. Duties of the commissioner. Paragraph (a) allows the commissioner to authorize the use of CCDTF funds for nontreatment services.

Paragraph (b) allows counties to provide nontreatment services.

Paragraph (c) defines nontreatment services for purposes of this section.

Paragraph (d) caps state expenditures at the county's expected share of forecasted expenditures.

Paragraph (e) provides that if the county does not spend its share of forecasted expenditures, then those funds are available for use during the following year, but if the expenses exceed the forecasted expenditures, then the county must absorb those costs.

Paragraph (f) allows the commissioner to waive administrative rules, except chemical dependency treatment must be provided by a licensed provider.

Paragraph (g) requires that current and future federal funding cannot be put at risk.

Paragraph (h) requires the commissioner to provide data and reports to the counties in order to assess programs' effectiveness.

Subd. 6. Duties of the county board. Requires the board to administer the navigator program, ensure that no eligible individual is denied services, and provide the commissioner with information as negotiated in their agreement.

Subd. 7. Report. Requires the commissioner to issue an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over chemical health.

- **3** Service delivery. Amends § 256B.69, subd. 6. Allows demonstration providers to contract with counties participating in the navigation program to provide chemical dependency services using capitation payments.
- 4 **Instructions to the commissioner; chemical health.** Requires the commissioner of human services to develop a plan to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of chemical health service delivery. Instructs the commissioner to seek input from stakeholders. Requires a report to the legislature no later than March 15, 2013.