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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill defines culturally specific programs and allows these programs to receive an enhanced reimbursement rate for providing chemical dependency treatment services.

#### Section

- 1** **Culturally specific program.** Amends § 254B.01, by adding subd. 8. Paragraph (a) defines “culturally specific program” as a substance use disorder treatment program that improves outcomes for a specific population by eliminating health disparities and provides services responsive to an individual within a specific population’s values, beliefs, and practices.  
  
Paragraph (b) provides that a tribally licensed program designated as serving a culturally specific population by the tribal government satisfies this subdivision.
- 2** **Rate requirements.** Amends § 254B.05, subd. 5. Strikes the words “serving special populations” and substitutes “culturally specific programs” in the subdivision allowing the commissioner to establish enhanced rates for programs meeting specified criteria.