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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires health plans to include a mental health crisis in covered benefits and extends the definition of emergency services as an essential health benefit for purposes of the Affordable Care Act to include a mental health crisis. The bill also appropriates money to the commissioner of human services for crisis services purposes.

Section

- 1 **Emergency services.** Amends § 62Q.55, subd. 3. Adds mental health crisis to the definition of emergency services.
- 2 **Essential health benefits; definition.** Amends § 62Q.81, subd. 4. Includes mental health crisis services with emergency services under mandated essential health benefits.
- 3 **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 to the commissioner of human services. Requires the funding be used for (1) creating a central phone number where calls can be routed to appropriate crisis services, (2) expansion of crisis services in the state, (3) establishment and implementation of state standards for crisis services, and (4) fund new crisis residential beds.