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Overview

This bill expands medical assistance reimbursement for mental health services and appropriates funds for mental health programs.

Section

- 1** **Commissioner's duties related to peer specialist training and outreach.** Amends § 256B.0615, by adding subd. 6. Requires the commissioner to collaborate with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to develop a peer specialist training curriculum. Instructs the commissioner to educate community mental health providers on the benefits and use of peer specialists.
- 2** **Clubhouse program services for persons with mental illness.** Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 64. Provides medical assistance coverage for accredited clubhouse program services effective July 1, 2015, or upon federal approval, whichever is later. Describes a clubhouse program as one that provides structured, community-based services to persons with serious mental illness.
- 3** **Appropriation; intensive community rehabilitation services.** Appropriates \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 from the general fund to the commissioner for intensive community rehabilitative services.
- 4** **Appropriation; text message suicide prevention program.** Appropriates \$1,500,000 in each of the next two fiscal years from the general fund to the commissioner to expand the statewide text message suicide prevention program.

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5 **Appropriation; special projects for adolescent and young adult intensive treatment and supports.** Paragraph (a) appropriates \$500,000 in each of the next two fiscal years from the general fund to the commissioner to fund programs providing intensive treatment to adolescents and young adults age 26 and younger who experience their first psychotic or manic episode. Requires the programs to use all available funding streams.

Paragraph (b) appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2016 from the general fund to the commissioner to provide training to mental health and health care professionals on identifying and treating early psychosis.

6 **Appropriation; supportive housing services for adults with mental illness.** Appropriates \$2,500,000 in each of the next two fiscal years from the general fund to the commissioner for adult mental health grants to increase housing opportunities for persons with serious mental illness.