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Overview

This bill establishes a grant program administered by the commissioner of health to provide screening and treatment for maternal depression. It also directs the commissioner of human services to establish pilot projects to provide treatment for pregnant and postpartum women with a substance use disorder.

Section

- 1 Grant program; screening and treatment for maternal depression.** Adds section 145.908. Directs the commissioner of health to establish a grant program, within the limits of available federal funds, to provide culturally competent screening and treatment for maternal depression in pregnant women and women who have given birth in the last 12 months.
 - Subd. 1. Grant program established.** Directs the commissioner of health to establish the grant program. Allows organizations to use grant funds to establish new programs, or to expand or maintain existing programs. Requires the commissioner to prioritize funding maternal depression screenings in primary care settings.
 - Subd. 2. Allowable uses of funds.** Lists required and permitted uses of funds.
 - Subd. 3. Federal funds.** Requires the commissioner to apply for any available federal grant funds for the program.
- 2 Pilot projects; treatment for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorder.** Adds section 254B.15. Directs the commissioner of human services to establish pilot projects, within the limits of available federal funds, to provide substance use disorder treatment and services to pregnant and postpartum women.

Section

Subd. 1. Pilot projects established. Directs the commissioner of human services to establish the pilot projects. Lists criteria the pilot projects must meet, and requires pilot projects to provide a portion of the treatment and services to women on an outpatient basis.

Subd. 2. Federal funds. Requires the commissioner to apply for any available federal grant funds for the pilot projects.