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Overview

This bill provides MA coverage of post-arrest community-based service coordination, and requires providers of the service to report annually to the Commissioner of Human Services.

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- Post-arrest community-based service coordination. Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 56a. (a) Provides MA coverage for post-arrest community-based service coordination for an individual who:
 - (1) has been identified with mental illness or a substance abuse disorder based on a screening tool approved by the commissioner;
 - (2) does not require the security of a public detention facility and is not considered an inmate of a public institution;
 - (3) meet the MA eligibility requirements; and
 - (4) has agreed to participate in post-arrest community-based service coordination through a diversion contract in lieu of incarceration.
 - (b) Defines post-arrest community-based service coordination as navigating services to address a client's mental health, chemical health, social, economic, and housing needs, or any other activity targeted at reducing jail utilization and connecting individuals with covered services.

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(c) Allows the services to be provided by licensed mental health professionals, mental health practitioners, and certified peer specialists, who meet specified criteria.

- (d) Requires reimbursement to be made in 15-minute increments, and allows reimbursement for up to 60 days following the initial determination of eligibility.
- (e) Requires providers of this service to annually report to the commissioner the number of individuals served and the number of community-based services accessed by recipients. Requires the commissioner to ensure that services and payments do not duplicate those provided through health care homes, integrated health partnerships. health homes, and mental health case management.