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Overview

This bill would modify requirements for mental health practitioners providing day treatment services, and would expand who may be permitted to use restrictive procedures when providing children's mental health services. The bill would also allow medical assistance payment for practitioners to develop a child's mental health service plan prior to completing a child's individual treatment plan, and would change which facilities are eligible for medical assistance payment for children's therapeutic services and supports.

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- 1 **Mental health practitioner.** Amends § 245.462, subd. 17. Changes the definition of "mental health practitioner" to include a person with a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences or related fields who is working in a day treatment program under section 245.4712, subdivision 2.
- 2 **Mental health practitioner.** Amends § 245.4871, subd. 26. Lists behavioral sciences or related fields bachelor's degree subjects.
- 3 **Allowable procedures.** Amends § 245.8261, subd. 4. Expands who may be permitted to use restrictive procedures when providing children's mental health services, to include program staff who have completed training, acting under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional.
- 4 **Certified peer specialist training and certification.** Amends § 256B.0615, subd. 5. Removes requirement for certified peer specialists to have a high school diploma or equivalent.

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- 5** **Certified family peer specialist training and certification.** Amends § 256B.0616, subd. 5. Removes requirement for certified family peer specialists to have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- 6** **Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 1. Removes requirement of 2,000 hours of supervised experience for a mental health practitioner at a day treatment program, for children's therapeutic services and supports under medical assistance.
- 7** **Service delivery criteria.** Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 9. Provides for medical assistance coverage for mental health service plan development before a child's individual treatment plan is completed. Specifies that service plan development will only be covered if a treatment plan is actually completed, and that the commissioner will recover payment if a treatment plan is not completed.
- 8** **Exception to excluded services.** Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 13. Removes group homes from settings in which children's therapeutic services and supports under medical assistance may be provided to children with severe emotional disturbance, and adds psychiatric residential treatment facilities.