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### Overview

This bill makes several reforms to the state's substance use disorder treatment services, expanding the providers included as eligible vendors for comprehensive assessment services, care coordination, and peer recovery support services.

#### Section

- 1 Exclusion from licensure.** Amends § 245A.03, subd. 2. Expands DHS licensing exemption for chemical dependency or substance abuse treatment activities of licensed professionals in private practice; exempts counties and recovery community organizations that are eligible vendors under § 254B.05 for care coordination, comprehensive assessment, or peer recovery support services.
- 2 Rules for chemical dependency care.** Amends § 254A.03, subd. 3. Paragraph (b) allows eligible vendors to provide substance use disorder comprehensive assessment services for public assistance recipients, upon federal approval. Instructs commissioner to develop and implement a utilization review process for publicly funded treatment placements.  
  
Paragraph (c) clarifies that an individual's choice to access a vendor for comprehensive assessment will not affect an individual's eligibility for the consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund or a subsidized health plan.
- 3 Program requirements.** Amends § 254A.08, subd. 2. Adds cross-reference to rules for detoxification program licensing.
- 4 Recovery community organization.** Amends § 254B.01, adding subd. 8. Defines "recovery community organization."

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- 5**        **Chemical dependency fund payment.** Amends § 254B.03, subd. 2. Adds cross-reference to rules for detoxification services licensing.
- 6**        **Licensure required.** Amends § 254B.05, subd. 1. Specifies that the following are eligible vendors, upon federal approval:
- (b) Licensed professionals in private practice, for comprehensive assessment and individual substance use disorder treatment services.
  - (c) Counties, for comprehensive assessment services provided by licensed professionals in private practice, and for care coordination services when provided by an individual who meets certification requirements.
  - (d) Recovery community organizations, for one-to-one peer support services provided by an individual in recovery.
  - (e) Specifies that a licensed detoxification program is not an eligible vendor, and that a program not licensed as a chemical dependency residential or nonresidential treatment or withdrawal management program is not an eligible vendor.
- 7**        **Rate requirements.** Amends § 254B.05, subd. 5. Instructs commissioner to establish rates for comprehensive assessment services, care coordination services, peer recovery support services, and withdrawal management services provided under chapter 245F.