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Subject Mental health grants and services

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Overview

This bill modifies and expands eligibility for children's mental health grants, assertive community treatment, and elderly waiver programs, and appropriates money for grants and services.

Summary

Section Description

1 Establishment and authority.

Amends § 245.4889, subd. 1. Adds to the list of services eligible for children's mental health grants evidence-based interventions for youth at risk of developing or experiencing a first episode of mood disorder, and a mood disorder public awareness campaign.

2 Eligibility for assertive community treatment.

Amends § 256B.0622, subd. 2a. Allows for an individual to be eligible for assertive community treatment if the individual has a primary diagnosis of major depressive disorder, with or without psychotic features.

3 Cost limits for elderly waiver applicants who reside in a nursing facility.

Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 3b. Removes obsolete language and makes conforming changes in paragraph (a).

Paragraph (b) makes persons who meet the eligibility criteria for elderly waiver and a home and community-based transition grant eligible for a special monthly budget limit under the elderly waiver program. Requires the special monthly budget limit to be adjusted annually and specifies the manner in which the special monthly budget limit must be reduced for persons using consumer-directed community supports.

Paragraph (c) allows the commissioner to provide an additional payment for documented costs between a threshold determined by the commissioner and the special monthly budget limit to a managed care plan for elderly waiver services for persons who are: (1) eligible for the special monthly budget limit; and (2) enrolled in a managed care plan that provides elderly waiver services.

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Paragraph (d) allows service rate limits for adult foster care and customized living services to exceed the service rate limits under certain circumstances, providing that the total cost for all services does not exceed the monthly conversion or the special monthly budget limit. Requires service rates to be established using tools provided by the commissioner.

Makes this section effective upon federal approval. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor when federal approval is obtained.

4 Appropriation; assertive community treatment team.

Appropriates money, added to the base, to expand assertive community treatment and forensic assertive community treatment services.

5 Appropriation; first psychotic episode.

Appropriates money, added to the base, for children's mental health grants to be used for the following:

- 1) intensive treatment and supports to individuals experiencing or at risk of a first psychotic episode;
- 2) outreach, training, and guidance on early psychosis symptoms, screening tools, and best practices; and
- 3) ensuring access to first psychotic episode services, including for individuals in rural areas.

6 Appropriation; first episode mood disorder program.

Appropriates money, added to the base, for children's mental health grants to be used for the following:

- 1) intensive treatment and supports to individuals experiencing or at risk of a first episode of a mood disorder;
- 2) outreach, training, and guidance on early mood disorder symptoms, screening tools, and best practices; and
- 3) ensuring access to first psychotic episode mood disorder services, including for individuals in rural areas.



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