

Subject Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

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Overview

A certified community behavioral health clinic (CCBHC) is a service delivery model that began as a federal demonstration project, to integrate substance use disorder and mental health treatment services and coordinate care for health and social services. This bill modifies and updates provisions relating to CCBHCs, incorporating changes from a recent state plan amendment submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to make CCBHC services an ongoing medical assistance benefit.

Summary

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| 1 | Certified community behavioral health clinics. |
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Amends § 245.735, subd. 3. Updates CCBHC certification process language; requires the commissioner to consult with CCBHC stakeholders before making changes to the certification process. Specifies that CCBHCs must directly provide most of the listed services, but allows coordination with another entity to provide some services; establishes criteria for a CCBHC to contract with another entity to provide services.

Adds paragraph (f) allowing the commissioner to grant a variance for CCBHC certification in certain circumstances.

Adds paragraph (g) requiring the commissioner to provide a CCBHC with adequate notice of the decision on a variance request.

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| 2 | Information systems support. |
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Amends § 245.735, subd. 5. Makes clarifying change.

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| 3 | Demonstration entities. |
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Amends § 245.735 by adding subd. 6. Allows the commissioner to continue to operate the CCBHC demonstration program if federal funding remains available. Requires the commissioner to align the demonstration program requirements with

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| | the requirements for CCBHCs receiving MA reimbursement. Prohibits a CCBHC from participating in both the demonstration and the CCBHC MA benefit. |
| 4 | Certified community behavioral health clinic services. Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 5m. Updates language to require CCBHC reimbursement on a per-visit basis, and to include incentive payments; establishes requirements for the prospective payment system for CCBHC reimbursement, requires a phase-out of CCBHC wrap payments by July 1, 2021, and requires updates to rates. Establishes requirements for the CCBHC quality incentive payment program. Specifies process for claims to managed care plans for CCBHC services. |
| 5 | Revisor instruction. Instructs the revisor to change the section headnote for § 245.735 to “CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES.” |
| 6 | Repealer. Repeals § 245.735, subdivisions 1, 2, and 4, which contain language specific to the federal demonstration project and the development of the CCBHC model. |



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