

Subject Children's therapeutic services and supports

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Overview

Children's therapeutic services and supports (CTSS) are mental health services for children diagnosed with emotional disturbance or mental illness, covered by medical assistance (MA). This bill makes numerous changes to section 256B.0943, governing CTSS by adding definitions and service components, modifying provider recertification frequency, and removing language relating to CTSS day treatment, individual behavior plans, treatment supervision standards, mental health behavioral aides, and individual, family, or group skills training. The bill also requires the commissioner of human services to consult with providers, families, educators, and advocates to develop a new MA benefit to provide mental health care for children.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Definitions.
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Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 1. Adds definitions of "care consultation" and "care coordination," removes the definition of "individual behavioral plan," and modifies the definition of "mental health service plan development" for purposes of CTSS.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.

2	Covered service components of children's therapeutic services and supports.
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Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 2. Adds four CTSS service components to be covered by MA: care coordination, care consultation, travel to and from a client's location, and individual treatment plan development.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.

3	Provider entity certification.
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Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 4. Strikes language so that providers are recertified every three years, on the individual's certification anniversary or calendar year end. Allows

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	<p>the commissioner to approve a recertification extension; outlines requirements for certification, recertification, and decertification processes.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>
4	<p>Provider entity clinical infrastructure requirements.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 6. Removes language regarding individual behavior plans, day treatment program conditions, and direction to a mental health behavioral aide.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>
5	<p>Qualifications of individual and team providers.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 7. Removes mental health practitioner language; day treatment team must only include one mental health professional or clinical trainee.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>
6	<p>Service delivery criteria.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 9. Removes CTSS day treatment program availability and time requirements; removes two requirements related to individual, family, or group skills training; removes requirements related to mental health behavioral aide services; modifies documentation requirements for when a provider determines that psychotherapy is no longer medically necessary.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>
7	<p>Direction to commissioner; development of new Medicaid-eligible mental health benefit for children and families.</p> <p>Requires the commissioner to consult with providers, families, educators, and advocates to develop a new MA benefit to provide mental health care for children. Lists requirements for services under the new benefit; requires a single assessment for care access. Specifies that services must not be denied based on service location or service entity. Requires a report to the legislature by February 1, 2023.</p>
8	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals section 256B.0943, subd. 8a (level II mental health behavioral aide).</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval.</p>



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