

Subject Children's residential crisis stabilization requirements

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Overview

This bill specifies referral and assessment requirements for children to receive residential mental health crisis stabilization services for up to 30 days, separate from existing residential treatment admission and assessment requirements. After 30 days, a child referred for crisis stabilization residential treatment services would be subject to such requirements in order to receive ongoing treatment. The bill also establishes licensing and service requirements for children's residential facility crisis stabilization services.

Summary

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1	Crisis admissions and stabilization.
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Amends § 245.4882 by adding subd. 6. Provides that a mental health professional, physician assessing a child in an emergency department, or a member of a mobile crisis team may refer a child for residential treatment services for crisis stabilization. Requires a provider making a referral to conduct an assessment of the child. Allows a child referred for residential treatment for crisis stabilization to receive services for up to 30 days, and then be subject to existing screening and admissions criteria for ongoing residential treatment. Requires the commissioner to reimburse counties for costs incurred providing residential crisis stabilization services, for a child enrolled in medical assistance.

2	Admission criteria.
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Amends § 245.4885, subd. 1. Specifies that for admission to residential treatment facilities, an emergency includes a situation in which a child is referred to residential treatment for crisis stabilization services. Exempts a child admitted in an emergency from undergoing a separate assessment under this section.

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| 3 | <p>Children’s residential facility crisis stabilization services.
Proposes coding for § 245A.26. Establishes licensing requirements for children’s residential facilities providing crisis stabilization services.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Provides definitions for “clinical trainee,” “license holder,” and “mental health professional.”</p> <p>Subd. 2. Scope and applicability. Establishes additional licensing requirements; specifies license holders that may be licensed to provide children’s residential crisis services; exempts license holders from completing certain assessments and plans for a child who receives services for 35 days or fewer.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Eligibility for services. Specifies eligibility requirements for individuals under 19 years of age to receive children’s residential crisis stabilization services.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Required services; providers. Lists the crisis stabilization services a license holder must offer and have the capacity to directly provide in order to be licensed under this section. Requires services to be provided by a qualified staff person.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Assessment and treatment planning. Requires an assessment and documentation of a child’s immediate needs within 24 hours of a child’s admission for residential crisis stabilization. Requires completion of a crisis treatment plan within 24 hours of a child’s admission; specifies plan completion and review requirements.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Staffing requirements. Requires that facility staff members have access to a mental health professional or clinical trainee within 30 minutes, either in person or by phone. Requires the license holder to maintain a current, readily available schedule of available mental health professionals or clinical trainees.</p> |
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