

Subject Adult mental health initiatives

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Summary

The Department of Human Services recently published the legislatively mandated [Adult Mental Health Initiatives Reform Funding Formula Development](#) report, which recommends a reformed funding formula for adult mental health initiatives (AMHIs). The AMHIs are regional groupings, some individual counties, and one Tribe, with the goal of collaborating to oversee and build community-based mental health service capacity in each region. There are currently 19 AMHIs statewide. The new funding formula allocations would be announced in February 2023, and the new allocations would be fully implemented on January 1, 2025.

This bill modifies the structure and terminology in section 245.4661 for services for adults with serious and persistent mental illness, moving from pilot projects to adult mental health initiatives, and makes conforming statutory changes. AMHIs would be responsible for designing, planning, improving, and maintaining a mental health service delivery system in each county or region.

The bill also requires the commissioner of human services to ensure that no AMHI region receives less than the amount the region received in fiscal year 2022 under the reformed funding formula, and appropriates money from the general fund for that purpose.