

**Subject** Substance use disorder treatment rate increase

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## Summary

This bill provides a 5 percent rate increase for substance use disorder treatment services provided on or after July 1, 2021, by culturally specific programs or programs or subprograms serving special populations.

A culturally specific program is defined in statute as a program that is recovery-focused and:

- 1) improves service quality and outcomes for a specific population by advancing health equity to help eliminate health disparities; and
- 2) ensures effective, equitable, comprehensive, and respectful quality care services that are responsive to an individual within a specific population's values, beliefs and practices, health literacy, preferred language, and other communication needs.

To be eligible for the rate increase, programs or subprograms serving special populations must:

- 1) be designed to address the unique needs of individuals who share a common language, racial, ethnic, or social background;
- 2) be governed with significant input from individuals of that specific background; and
- 3) employ individuals to provide individual or group therapy, at least 50 percent of whom are of that specific background, except when the common social background of the individuals served is a traumatic brain injury or cognitive disability and the program employs treatment staff who have the necessary professional training, as approved by the commissioner, to serve clients with the specific disabilities that the program is designed to serve.