

Subject Recuperative Care Services

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Overview

This bill provides medical assistance (MA) coverage for recuperative care, and requires the commissioner to submit an initial and final report to the legislature on this coverage.

Summary

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| 1 | Recuperative care services. |
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Amends § 256B.6025, by adding subd. 68. (a) Requires MA to cover recuperative care services. Defines “recuperative care” as a model of care that prevents hospitalization or provides postacute medical care and support services for recipients experiencing homelessness who meet specified criteria.

(b) States that recuperative care may be provided in any setting, including but not limited to homeless shelters, congregate care settings, single room occupancy settings, or support housing, so long as the entity is able to provide the recipient with specified services.

(c) To be eligible for a covered service, requires a recipient to be: (1) 21 years of age or older; (2) experiencing homelessness, (3) be in need of acute care for a period of not more than 60 days; (4) meet certain clinical criteria; and (5) not have behavioral health needs that are greater than can be managed by the provider.

(d) Specifies that payment for recuperative care consists of two components: (1) bundled payment for services provided to the member of at least \$300 per day; and (2) payment using state funds for facility costs, equivalent to the MA room and board rate and annual adjustments. Allows providers to be reimbursed only for the first component and specifies other requirements. Lists examples of services that may be provided within the bundled payment.

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(e) Before discharging a recipient, requires the provider to ensure that a recipient's acute medical condition is stabilized or that the recipient is being discharged to a setting able to meet the recipient's needs.

(f) Specifies procedures for temporary absences due to admission to a health care facility.

(g) Requires the commissioner to submit an initial report to the legislature by February 1, 2025, and a final report by February 1, 2027, on coverage of recuperative care services. Specifies report criteria.

States that this section is effective January 1, 2024.



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