

Subject Mental health services and grant programs

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## Overview

This bill makes changes to a variety of provisions relating to mental health services, establishes new grant programs, modifies nonemergency medical transportation reimbursement rates for protected transportation, and appropriates money for engagement services pilot grants, first episode of psychosis grants, early episode of bipolar disorder grants, housing with supports for adults with serious mental illness, and protected transport start-up grants.

## Summary

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1	<b>Community support services program.</b>
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Amends § 245.462, subd. 6. Specifies that a program that meets the standards for Clubhouse International model programs meets the requirements for community support services.

2	<b>First episode of psychosis grant program.</b>
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Amends § 245.4905.

**Subd. 1. Creation.** Removes language allowing for funding of a public awareness campaign on the signs and symptoms of psychosis. Expands eligibility for the grant program to include young adults and early episodes of psychosis. Requires the Department of Human Services to seek to fund eligible providers of first episode of psychosis services and assist with program establishment throughout the state.

**Subd. 2. Activities.** Makes conforming changes. Expands intensive treatment and support to include family peer support. Expands outreach and training activities provided to mental health and health care professionals to include the first episode of psychosis program.

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**Subd. 3. Eligibility.** Modifies eligibility for the grant program to include people who have experienced an early or first episode of psychosis.

**Subd. 4. Outcomes.** Expands outcome evaluation criteria to include whether individuals experience a decrease in interactions with the criminal justice system; adds criteria related to attaining employment.

**Subd. 5. Federal aid or grants.** Requires the commissioner to provide an annual report to the legislature detailing the use of state and federal funds for the first episode of psychosis grant program, the number of programs funded, the number of individuals served across all grant-funded programs, and outcome and evaluation data.

3	<b>Early episode of bipolar disorder grant program.</b>
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Creates § 245.4908.

**Subd. 1. Creation.** Establishes the early episode of bipolar disorder grant program to fund evidence-based interventions for youth and young adults at risk of developing or experiencing an early episode of bipolar disorder. Makes early episode of bipolar disorder services eligible for children's mental health grants. Requires the Department of Human Services to seek to fund eligible programs throughout the state.

**Subd. 2. Activities.** Lists activities that must be undertaken by early episode of bipolar grant program recipients. Allows grant money to be used to pay for housing or travel expenses for individuals receiving services or to address other barriers preventing individuals and their families from participating in early episode of bipolar disorder services.

**Subd. 3. Service eligibility.** Specifies services provided under the grant program may be provided to individuals between 15 and 40 years of age who have early signs of or are experiencing bipolar disorder.

**Subd. 4. Outcomes.** Lists outcome evaluation criteria that must be used and specifies that evaluation of program activities must utilize evidence-based practices.

**Subd. 5. Federal aid or grants.** Requires the commissioner of human services to comply with all conditions necessary to receive federal aid or grants. Requires the commissioner to provide an annual report to the legislature detailing the use of state and federal funds for the early episode of bipolar disorder grant program, the number of programs funded, the number of individuals served across all grant-funded programs, and outcome and evaluation data.

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4	<p data-bbox="318 264 760 296"><b>Engagement services pilot grants.</b></p> <p data-bbox="318 310 574 342">Creates § 253B.042.</p> <p data-bbox="367 380 1386 604"><b>Subd. 1. Creation.</b> Establishes the engagement services pilot grant program to provide grants to counties or certified community behavioral health centers to provide engagement services under the services for engagement in treatment program. Specifies that engagement services provide early interventions to prevent an individual from meeting the criteria for civil commitment and promote positive outcomes.</p> <p data-bbox="367 642 1386 831"><b>Subd. 2. Allowable grant activities.</b> Lists the activities for which grantees may use grant funding. Requires engagement services staff to have completed training on person-centered care. Allows engagement services staff to include mobile crisis providers, certified peer specialists, community-based treatment programs staff, and homeless outreach workers.</p> <p data-bbox="367 869 1386 1094"><b>Subd. 3. Outcome evaluation.</b> Requires the commissioner of management and budget to evaluate grant outcomes using an experimental or quasi-experimental design. Requires grantees to collect and provide the information needed to the commissioner of human services. Requires the commissioner to provide the information collected to the commissioner of management and budget to conduct the evaluation.</p>
5	<p data-bbox="318 1142 727 1173"><b>Qualifications of provider staff.</b></p> <p data-bbox="318 1188 1360 1293">Amends § 256B.0623, subd. 5. Expands the list of individuals qualified to provide adult rehabilitative mental health services to include licensed occupational therapists.</p>
6	<p data-bbox="318 1341 597 1373"><b>Transportation costs.</b></p> <p data-bbox="318 1388 1386 1457">Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 17. Modifies nonemergency medical transportation services reimbursement rates for protected transportation for trips over 100 miles.</p>
7	<p data-bbox="318 1505 760 1537"><b>Mental health case management.</b></p> <p data-bbox="318 1551 1409 1656">Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 20. Allows mental health case management providers to receive payment for providing contact via secure electronic message, if preferred by the adult client.</p>
8	<p data-bbox="318 1705 581 1736"><b>Mobile crisis grants.</b></p> <p data-bbox="318 1751 1409 1850">Amends Laws 2023, ch. 70, art. 20, § 2, subd. 29. Modifies the fiscal year 2025 appropriation for mobile crisis grants by increasing the appropriation and adding the appropriation to the base.</p>

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9	<p><b>Mental health services formula-based allocation.</b></p> <p>Requires the commissioner of human services to consult with the commissioner of management and budget, counties, Tribes, mental health providers, and advocacy organizations to develop recommendations for moving from the children’s and adult mental health grant funding structure to a formula-based allocation structure for mental health service. Requires the recommendations to consider formula-based allocations for grants for respite care, school-linked behavioral health, mobile crisis teams, and first episode of psychosis programs.</p>
10	<p><b>Appropriation; engagement services pilot grants.</b></p> <p>Appropriates \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for engagement services pilot grants. Adds this funding to the base.</p>
11	<p><b>Appropriation; early episode of bipolar grant program.</b></p> <p>Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the early episode of bipolar grant program. Adds this funding to the base.</p>
12	<p><b>Appropriation; first episode of psychosis grant program.</b></p> <p>Appropriates \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the first episode of psychosis grant program. Adds this funding to the base. Specifies how the commissioner may distribute this funding. Requires the commissioner to continue to fund current grantee programs to ensure stability and continuity of care.</p>
13	<p><b>Appropriation; housing with supports for adults with serious mental illness.</b></p> <p>Appropriates \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for adult mental health grants to support increased availability of housing options with supports for adults with serious mental illness. Adds this funding to the base.</p>
14	<p><b>Appropriation; protected transport start-up grants.</b></p> <p>Appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to provide start-up grants to nonemergency medical transportation providers to configure vehicles to meet protected transport requirements. Adds this funding to the base.</p>



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