

Subject Substance use disorder treatment eligibility, provider qualifications, and rate modifications

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Overview

This bill makes various changes to provisions related to substance use disorder treatment eligibility, enhanced rates, and provider qualifications.

Summary

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| 1 | Education requirements for licensure.
Amends § 148F.025, subd. 2. Clarifies that an applicant for alcohol and drug counselor licensure may have received a master's degree from an accredited school or educational program. |
| 2 | Qualifying accreditation; determination of same and similar standards.
Amends § 245G.031, subd. 2. Modifies the definition of "accrediting body" in the chapter of statutes governing substance use disorder licensed treatment facilities by adding two accrediting bodies. |
| 3 | Student interns and former students.
Amends § 245G.11, subd. 10. Modifies a limitation on percentage of substance use disorder treatment staff that may be students or former students by removing licensing candidates from the limitation. |
| 4 | Local agency to determine client financial eligibility.
Amends § 254B.04, subd. 6. Reduces the amount of time local agencies have to enter the financial eligibility span for behavioral health fund services from within ten business days of the request to within five calendar days of the request. Specifies that the eligibility span begins from the date of the client's comprehensive assessment or the date services were initiated, and allows an affidavit alone to be proof of behavioral health fund eligibility. |

Section	Description
5	<p data-bbox="318 264 574 289">Rate requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="318 310 1417 537">Amends § 254B.05, subd. 5. Modifies requirements for eligible substance use disorder treatment services to receive a higher rate than the base rate. Allows a co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder program to receive an enhanced rate if the program employs one mental health professional; removes requirement for 25 percent of the staff to be mental health professionals or students or licensing candidates under supervision.</p> <p data-bbox="318 575 1417 800">Adds paragraph (j) to allow a license holder that is unable to provide all residential treatment services because a client missed a service to remain eligible to bill for the client’s intensity level of services if the license holder can document the reason the client missed services and the interventions done to address the client’s absence. Adds paragraph (k) to allow hours in a treatment week to be reduced in observance of federally recognized holidays.</p>
6	<p data-bbox="318 846 1333 911">Direction to the commissioner; substance use disorder treatment paperwork reduction.</p> <p data-bbox="318 932 1417 1075">Amends Laws 2021, First Special Session ch. 7, art. 11, § 38, as amended by Laws 2022, ch. 98, art. 4, § 50. Modifies the timeline by which the commissioner of human services must take steps to implement paperwork reductions and system improvements and submit a report to the legislature.</p>



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