

Subject Intensive residential treatment services and intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services

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Overview

Intensive residential treatment services (IRTS) are community-based, residential medically monitored services for adults with mental illness, provided in non-hospital facilities of five to 16 beds. Intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services (IRMHS) are nonresidential services provided by a multidisciplinary team, for children and youth from ages eight to 21 who have been diagnosed with serious mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder. IRMHS is sometimes referred to as Youth Assertive Community Treatment (ACT).

This bill modifies the timeline for standard diagnostic assessment completion or review after a client is admitted to IRTS and modifies IRMHS core team member requirements. It also allows for payment from the behavioral health fund for room and board services when an individual is enrolled in medical assistance and receiving IRTS or residential crisis services.

Summary

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| 1 | Intensive residential treatment services assessment and treatment planning.
Amends § 245I.23, subd. 7. Excludes weekends and holidays from the requirement to complete, or review and update an IRTS client's standard diagnostic assessment within ten days of admission. |
| 2 | Client eligibility.
Amends § 254B.04, subd. 1a. Specifies that individuals enrolled in medical assistance are eligible for room and board services from the behavioral health fund, when room and board is provided through IRTS and residential crisis services. |

Section	Description
3	<p data-bbox="316 262 1429 294">Standards for intensive nonresidential rehabilitative providers.</p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1429 459">Amends § 256B.0947, subd. 5. Modifies intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services core team member requirements to allow a board-certified psychiatrist, rather than only a board-certified child and adolescent psychologist. Also adds a registered nurse to optional core team members.</p>



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