

HF3439 - 1A - County Not Responsible for Payment of Cost of Care

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact	X	

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
General Fund	-	-	3,725	3,725	3,725	
Total	-	-	3,725	3,725	3,725	
Biennial Total			3,725		7,450	

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

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*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
General Fund	-	-	-	3,725	3,725	3,725
Total		-	-	3,725	3,725	3,725
Biennial Total					3,725	7,450
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total					-	-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
General Fund	-	-	(3,725)	(3,725)	(3,725)	(3,725)
Total		-	-	(3,725)	(3,725)	(3,725)
Biennial Total					(3,725)	(7,450)

Bill Description

This bill would change the county cost of care liability under MS 246.54. Counties would be excluded from paying a portion of the cost of care provided at Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) and the Community Behavioral Health Hospitals (CBHHs) for clients committed as mentally ill and dangerous (MI&D) when the client no longer needs hospital level of care.

Assumptions

Currently, counties are 100% responsible for the cost of care provided at AMRTC and the CBHHs of all clients when they no longer need hospital level of care and are waiting to be discharged - referred to as Do Not Meet Criteria (DNMC) days.

The current charge for cost of care at AMRTC is \$1,615 per day and \$1,644 per day at the CBHHs.

The average annual number of patients served with a legal status of MI&D (based on data from July 1, 2017 through January 31, 2022)

The average number of days DNMC days for MI&D clients no longer needing hospital level of care (based on data July 1, 2017 through February 28, 2022)

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Lost revenue is equal to the total number of DNMC days times the daily rate:

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Fiscal Tracking Summary (\$000's)						
Fund	BACT	Description	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
GF	REV2	Lost Cost of Care Receipts		3,725	3,725	3,725
		Total Net Fiscal Impact		3,725	3,725	3,725
		Full Time Equivalents				

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

The placement of the language removes the liability for payment from the counties and puts it onto the patient. Most MI&D patients will have a determination order that states they cannot pay, but by law the state must carry the receivable until the patient dies and a claim is filled against their estate.

Local Fiscal Impact

This bill provides a savings to county social service agencies.

References/Sources

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