

S.F. No. 1615 – Mental Health Services Eligibility and Rates Modification

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Section 1 (254B.04, subdivision 1) expands the eligibility for all room and board services funded through the behavioral health fund to American Indians enrolled in MinnesotaCare, and expands eligibility for room and board services funded through the behavioral health fund when provided through intensive residential treatment services and residential crisis services to any MinnesotaCare enrollee.

Section 2 (256B.0622, subdivision 8) modifies the criteria the commissioner of human services must use when setting the medical assistance reimbursement rate for assertive community treatment, intensive residential treatment services, and residential crisis services by including estimated additional staffing costs and for intensive residential treatment services and residential crisis services by including estimated new capital costs.

Section 3 (256B.0757, subdivision 5) requires the commissioner of human services to implement, in consultation with stakeholders, a single statewide reimbursement rate for behavioral health home services that accounts for staffing costs and is adjusted for inflation annually.

Section 4 (256B.0941, subdivision 3) requires the commissioner of human services to establish a medical assistance cost-settlement process for psychiatric residential treatment facility services provided to individuals 21 years of age or younger. Under current law, the commissioner sets a prospective rate based on cost reports reflecting past costs. The proposal would require the commissioner to allow facilities to be reimbursed for costs incurred that exceed the prospective reimbursement. This section also requires the prospective rates established by the commissioner to be adjusted to reflect inflation.

Section 5 (256B.0947, subdivision 7) requires the commissioner of human services to consider the estimated additional staffing costs when establishing the daily medical assistance reimbursement rate of nonresidential intensive rehabilitative mental health services.