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S.F. No. 4276 – Behavioral health provisions modifications

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Section 1 adds section **144.2256**, titled “Certified birth records for persons eligible for medical assistance” to Minnesota Statutes. The proposed provision is modeled on an existing provision that allows homeless youth to receive a certified birth certificate free of charge.

Subdivision 1 describes how an individual who is eligible for medical assistance and has been treated for a substance use disorder in the last 12 months may request a certified birth certificate.

Subdivision 2 describes the requirements of a statement of eligibility for requesting a birth certificate under this section, which must be submitted by an employee of a social service agency or a substance use disorder treatment provider.

Subdivision 3 classifies only some of the data submitted for a birth certificate under this proposed new statutory section as private data on individuals.

Section 2 adds Minnesota Statutes, section **144.226, subdivision 9**, which waives any fee for a person requesting a birth certificate under the proposed section 144.2256.

Section 3 adds Minnesota Statutes, section **171.06, subdivision 12**, which permits an individual who is eligible for medical assistance and who has been treated for a substance use disorder in the last 12 months to apply for an identification card or driver’s license free of all charges. This section describes how such an individual must apply. This section also describes the requirements of a statement of eligibility for an identification card or license under this section, which must be submitted by an employee of a social service agency.

Section 4 amends Minnesota Statutes, section **245G.07, subdivision 2**, by allowing licensed substance use disorder treatment facilities to provide or arrange for group peer support services, with a maximum of six clients per group.

Section 5 amends Minnesota Statutes, section **254B.05, subdivision 5**, by requiring the commissioner of human services to modify substance use disorder service rates for peer recovery support services to include rates for both individual and group services.

Section 6 adds Minnesota Statutes, section **254B.051, subdivision 2**, which requires the commissioner of human services to design a data collection program related to improving substance use disorder treatment services, and make the data collected available to substance use disorder treatment providers.

Section 7 amends Minnesota Statutes, section **256B.761** by removing substance use disorder services funded through the behavioral health fund from a list of services that were excluded from a three percent rate increase beginning January 1, 2024, and also by removing substance use disorder services funded through the behavioral health fund from a list of services that will be excluded from future inflation adjustments to rates.

Section 8 amends **Minnesota Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 17, section 18**, by requiring the commissioner of human services to modify an existing the medical assistance outpatient and behavioral health services rate study by adding a review of the costs of providing room and board for certain substance use disorder treatment services and by extending the due date of both the preliminary and final reports by approximately one year.

Section 9 amends **Minnesota Laws 2023, chapter 61, article 4, section 23**, by requiring the commissioner of human services to submit an application to the federal government to implement with federal financial participation a demonstration project to cover traditional healing behavioral health services in correctional facilities.

Section 10 **directs the commissioner of human services** to develop recommendations for the implementation of transition support services and submit those recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2024.

Section 11 **directs the commission of human services** to adopt beginning January 1, 2025, the proposed rates in Appendices in the Minnesota Health Care Programs Fee-For-Service Outpatient Services Rate Study, Second Report, except for the rate reductions for withdrawal management services, and also directs the commissioner to maintain until a cost-based rate is established rate enhancements for licensed substance use disorder treatment facilities that serve parents with their children.