



S.F. No. 477 – Modifying mental health provider requirements and mental health provisions (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment)

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S.F. No. 477, as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment, modifies certain mental health provider requirements, including requirements for mental health case managers and case management associates. It also exempts intensive residential treatment services and residential crisis stabilization services from certain provisions of the health care bill of rights and modifies ACT team requirements.

Section 1 (amends Minn. Stat. § 144.651, subdivision 2) exempts intensive residential treatment services and residential crisis stabilization services from specific rights in the health care bill of rights, including grievances, married residents, transfers and discharges, treatment plans, and restraints.

Section 2 (amends Minn. Stat. § 245.462, subdivision 4) adds case managers with a bachelor's degree that is not in one of the behavioral sciences or a related field to those who must meet additional requirements to provide adult mental health case management services. Adds additional requirements, including 80 hours of training and demonstrated competencies. Modifies the continuing education and supervision hours requirements for case management associates.

Section 3 (amends Minn. Stat. § 245.4871, subdivision 4) makes the same changes as section 2 to case manager requirements, but for children's mental health case management services.

Section 4 (amends Minn. Stat. § 245I.06, subdivision 3) removes the requirement that a staff person performing the direct observation of a mental health behavioral aide or a mental health rehabilitation worker to approve of the progress note for observed treatment services.

Section 5 (amends Minn. Stat. § 245I.12, subdivision 5) allows clients to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services, and to voice those grievances free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal.

Section 6 (amends Minn. Stat. § 245I.23, subdivision 7) modifies the time in which a level of care assessment needs to be completed from within five days of a client's admission to ten days.

Section 7 (amends Minn. Stat. § 256B.0622, subdivision 3a) requires a certified ACT team to ensure that overall treatment supervision is provided by a qualified team member, and available during and after regular business hours and on weekends and holidays.

Section 8 (amends Minn. Stat. § 256B.0622, subdivision 7a) allows the team leader of an ACT team to also be a clinical trainee or mental health practitioner, rather than just a mental health professional.



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