

CHAPTER 254B

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254B.01 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The definitions in this section apply to Laws 1986, chapter 394, sections 8 to 20.

Subd. 2. **American Indian.** For purposes of services provided under section 254B.09, subdivision 8, "American Indian" means a person who is a member of an Indian tribe, and the commissioner shall use the definitions of "Indian" and "Indian tribe" and "Indian organization" provided in Public Law 93-638. For purposes of services provided under section 254B.09, subdivision 6, "American Indian" means a resident of federally recognized tribal lands who is recognized as an Indian person by the federally recognized tribal governing body.

Subd. 3. **Chemical dependency services.** "Chemical dependency services" means a planned program of care for the treatment of chemical dependency or chemical abuse to minimize or prevent further chemical abuse by the person. Diagnostic, evaluation, prevention, referral, detoxification, and aftercare services that are not part of a program of care licensable as a residential or nonresidential chemical dependency treatment program are not chemical dependency services for purposes of this section. For pregnant and postpartum women, chemical dependency services include halfway house services, aftercare services, psychological services, and case management.

Subd. 4. **Commissioner.** Unless otherwise indicated, "commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

Subd. 5. **Local agency.** "Local agency" means the agency designated by a board of county commissioners, a local social services agency, or a human services board to make placements and submit state invoices according to Laws 1986, chapter 394, sections 8 to 20.

Subd. 6. **Local money.** "Local money" means county levies, federal social services money, or other money that may be spent at county discretion to provide chemical dependency services eligible for payment according to Laws 1986, chapter 394, sections 8 to 20.

Subd. 7. **Room and board rate.** "Room and board rate" means a rate set for shelter, fuel, food, utilities, household supplies, and other costs necessary to provide room and board for a

person in need of chemical dependency services.

History: 1986 c 394 s 8; 1987 c 299 s 3; 1994 c 631 s 31; 1997 c 203 art 4 s 5; 1999 c 245 art 5 s 16; 2005 c 98 art 3 s 24; 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 8

254B.02 CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY ALLOCATION PROCESS.

Subdivision 1. **Chemical dependency treatment allocation.** The chemical dependency treatment appropriation shall be placed in a special revenue account. The commissioner shall annually transfer funds from the chemical dependency fund to pay for operation of the drug and alcohol abuse normative evaluation system and to pay for all costs incurred by adding two positions for licensing of chemical dependency treatment and rehabilitation programs located in hospitals for which funds are not otherwise appropriated. The remainder of the money in the special revenue account must be used according to the requirements in this chapter.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 24]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 24]

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 24]

Subd. 5. **Administrative adjustment.** The commissioner may make payments to local agencies from money allocated under this section to support administrative activities under sections 254B.03 and 254B.04. The administrative payment must not exceed the lesser of: (1) five percent of the first \$50,000, four percent of the next \$50,000, and three percent of the remaining payments for services from the special revenue account according to subdivision 1; or (2) the local agency administrative payment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, adjusted in proportion to the statewide change in the appropriation for this chapter.

History: 1986 c 394 s 9; 1987 c 299 s 4-7; 1989 c 282 art 2 s 103; 1995 c 207 art 3 s 13; 1997 c 85 art 4 s 7; 1997 c 203 art 4 s 6; art 7 s 16; 1999 c 159 s 32; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 3 s 4; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 2007 c 147 art 11 s 12,13; 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 9,10

254B.03 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Local agency duties.** (a) Every local agency shall provide chemical dependency services to persons residing within its jurisdiction who meet criteria established by the commissioner for placement in a chemical dependency residential or nonresidential treatment service. Chemical dependency money must be administered by the local agencies according to law and rules adopted by the commissioner under sections 14.001 to 14.69.

(b) In order to contain costs, the commissioner of human services shall select eligible vendors of chemical dependency services who can provide economical and appropriate treatment. Unless the local agency is a social services department directly administered by a county or human services board, the local agency shall not be an eligible vendor under section 254B.05. The commissioner may approve proposals from county boards to provide services in an economical manner or to control utilization, with safeguards to ensure that necessary services are provided. If a county implements a demonstration or experimental medical services funding plan, the commissioner shall transfer the money as appropriate.

(c) A culturally specific vendor that provides assessments under a variance under Minnesota Rules, part 9530.6610, shall be allowed to provide assessment services to persons not covered by the variance.

[See Note.]

Subd. 2. **Chemical dependency fund payment.** (a) Payment from the chemical dependency fund is limited to payments for services other than detoxification that, if located outside of federally recognized tribal lands, would be required to be licensed by the commissioner as a chemical dependency treatment or rehabilitation program under sections 245A.01 to 245A.16, and services other than detoxification provided in another state that would be required to be licensed as a chemical dependency program if the program were in the state. Out of state vendors must also provide the commissioner with assurances that the program complies substantially with state licensing requirements and possesses all licenses and certifications required by the host state to provide chemical dependency treatment. Except for chemical dependency transitional rehabilitation programs, vendors receiving payments from the chemical dependency fund must not require co-payment from a recipient of benefits for services provided under this subdivision. Payment from the chemical dependency fund shall be made for necessary room and board costs provided by vendors certified according to section 254B.05, or in a community hospital licensed by the commissioner of health according to sections 144.50 to 144.56 to a client who is:

(1) determined to meet the criteria for placement in a residential chemical dependency treatment program according to rules adopted under section 254A.03, subdivision 3; and

(2) concurrently receiving a chemical dependency treatment service in a program licensed by the commissioner and reimbursed by the chemical dependency fund.

(b) A county may, from its own resources, provide chemical dependency services for which state payments are not made. A county may elect to use the same invoice procedures and obtain the same state payment services as are used for chemical dependency services for which state payments are made under this section if county payments are made to the state in advance of state payments to vendors. When a county uses the state system for payment, the commissioner shall make monthly billings to the county using the most recent available information to determine the anticipated services for which payments will be made in the coming month. Adjustment of any overestimate or underestimate based on actual expenditures shall be made by the state agency by adjusting the estimate for any succeeding month.

(c) The commissioner shall coordinate chemical dependency services and determine whether there is a need for any proposed expansion of chemical dependency treatment services. The commissioner shall deny vendor certification to any provider that has not received prior approval from the commissioner for the creation of new programs or the expansion of existing program capacity. The commissioner shall consider the provider's capacity to obtain clients from outside the state based on plans, agreements, and previous utilization history, when determining the need for new treatment services.

Subd. 3. **Local agencies to pay state for county share.** Local agencies shall pay the state for the county share of the services authorized by the local agency, except when the payment is made according to section 254B.09, subdivision 8.

Subd. 4. **Division of costs.** Except for services provided by a county under section 254B.09, subdivision 1, or services provided under section 256B.69 or 256D.03, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), the county shall, out of local money, pay the state for 16.14 percent of the cost of chemical dependency services, including those services provided to persons eligible for medical assistance under chapter 256B and general assistance medical care under chapter 256D. Counties may use the indigent hospitalization levy for treatment and hospital payments made under this section. 16.14 percent of any state collections from private or third-party pay, less 15 percent for the cost of payment and collections, must be distributed to the county that paid for a portion of the

treatment under this section.

Subd. 4a. **Division of costs for medical assistance services.** Notwithstanding subdivision 4, for chemical dependency services provided on or after October 1, 2008, and reimbursed by medical assistance, the county share is 30 percent of the nonfederal share.

Subd. 5. **Rules; appeal.** The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to implement Laws 1986, chapter 394, sections 8 to 20. The commissioner shall ensure that the rules are effective on July 1, 1987. The commissioner shall establish an appeals process for use by recipients when services certified by the county are disputed. The commissioner shall adopt rules and standards for the appeal process to assure adequate redress for persons referred to inappropriate services.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1989 c 155 s 5]

Subd. 7. **Commissioner review; complaints.** The commissioner shall:

(1) provide training and assistance to counties on procedures for processing placements and making payments;

(2) visit facilities and review records as necessary to determine compliance with procedures established by law and rule;

(3) take complaints from vendors and recipients and investigate county placement activities as needed to determine compliance with law and rule.

Counties and vendors shall make regular reports as required by the commissioner to facilitate commissioner review.

Subd. 8. [Repealed, 1997 c 7 art 2 s 67]

Subd. 9. **Commissioner to select vendors and set rates.** (a) Effective July 1, 2011, the commissioner shall:

(1) enter into agreements with eligible vendors that:

(i) meet the standards in section 254B.05, subdivision 1;

(ii) have good standing in all applicable licensure; and

(iii) have a current approved provider agreement as a Minnesota health care program provider; and

(2) set rates for services reimbursed under this chapter.

(b) When setting rates, the commissioner shall consider the complexity and the acuity of the problems presented by the client.

(c) When rates set under this section and rates set under section 254B.09, subdivision 8, apply to the same treatment placement, section 254B.09, subdivision 8, supersedes.

History: 1986 c 394 s 10; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 2 s 2; 1987 c 299 s 8-12; 1987 c 333 s 22; 1989 c 209 art 2 s 1; 1989 c 282 art 2 s 104,105; 1990 c 422 s 10; 1990 c 568 art 2 s 58; 1997 c 203 art 7 s 17; 1Sp1997 c 5 s 21; 1999 c 245 art 5 s 17; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 3 s 5; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 2007 c 147 art 11 s 14,15; 2009 c 79 art 7 s 7-9; 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 11,12

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 1 by Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 7, section 7, is effective July 1, 2011. Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 7, section 7, the effective date.

254B.04 ELIGIBILITY FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY FUND SERVICES.

Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) Persons eligible for benefits under Code of Federal Regulations, title 25, part 20, persons eligible for medical assistance benefits under sections 256B.055, 256B.056, and 256B.057, subdivisions 1, 2, 5, and 6, or who meet the income standards of section 256B.056, subdivision 4, and persons eligible for general assistance medical care under section 256D.03, subdivision 3, are entitled to chemical dependency fund services. State money appropriated for this paragraph must be placed in a separate account established for this purpose.

Persons with dependent children who are determined to be in need of chemical dependency treatment pursuant to an assessment under section 626.556, subdivision 10, or a case plan under section 260C.201, subdivision 6, or 260C.212, shall be assisted by the local agency to access needed treatment services. Treatment services must be appropriate for the individual or family, which may include long-term care treatment or treatment in a facility that allows the dependent children to stay in the treatment facility. The county shall pay for out-of-home placement costs, if applicable.

(b) A person not entitled to services under paragraph (a), but with family income that is less than 215 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the applicable family size, shall be eligible to receive chemical dependency fund services within the limit of funds appropriated for this group for the fiscal year. If notified by the state agency of limited funds, a county must give preferential treatment to persons with dependent children who are in need of chemical dependency treatment pursuant to an assessment under section 626.556, subdivision 10, or a case plan under section 260C.201, subdivision 6, or 260C.212. A county may spend money from its own sources to serve persons under this paragraph. State money appropriated for this paragraph must be placed in a separate account established for this purpose.

(c) Persons whose income is between 215 percent and 412 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the applicable family size shall be eligible for chemical dependency services on a sliding fee basis, within the limit of funds appropriated for this group for the fiscal year. Persons eligible under this paragraph must contribute to the cost of services according to the sliding fee scale established under subdivision 3. A county may spend money from its own sources to provide services to persons under this paragraph. State money appropriated for this paragraph must be placed in a separate account established for this purpose.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1989 c 155 s 5]

Subd. 3. **Amount of contribution.** The commissioner shall adopt a sliding fee scale to determine the amount of contribution to be required from persons under this section. The commissioner may adopt rules to amend existing fee scales. The commissioner may establish a separate fee scale for recipients of chemical dependency transitional and extended care rehabilitation services that provides for the collection of fees for board and lodging expenses. The fee schedule shall ensure that employed persons are allowed the income disregards and savings accounts that are allowed residents of community mental illness facilities under section 256D.06, subdivisions 1 and 1b. The fee scale must not provide assistance to persons whose income is more than 115 percent of the state median income. Payments of liabilities under this section are medical expenses for purposes of determining spenddown under sections 256B.055, 256B.056, 256B.06, and 256D.01 to 256D.21. The required amount of contribution established by the fee scale in this subdivision is also the cost of care responsibility subject to collection

under section 254B.06, subdivision 1.

History: 1986 c 394 s 11; 1987 c 299 s 13; 1988 c 689 art 2 s 268; 1989 c 282 art 2 s 106; 1990 c 568 art 2 s 59; 1991 c 292 art 4 s 14; 1992 c 513 art 9 s 24; 1994 c 529 s 5; 1997 c 203 art 4 s 7; 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2; 1999 c 245 art 8 s 4; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 3 s 6; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113

254B.041 CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RULES.

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1996 c 305 art 2 s 67]

Subd. 2. **Vendor collections; rule amendment.** The commissioner may amend Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.7000 to 9530.7025, to require a vendor of chemical dependency transitional and extended care rehabilitation services to collect the cost of care received under a program from an eligible person who has been determined to be partially responsible for treatment costs, and to remit the collections to the commissioner. The commissioner shall pay to a vendor, for the collections, an amount equal to five percent of the collections remitted to the commissioner by the vendor.

History: 1990 c 568 art 2 s 91; 1996 c 305 art 2 s 44

254B.05 VENDOR ELIGIBILITY.

Subdivision 1. **Licensure required.** Programs licensed by the commissioner are eligible vendors. Hospitals may apply for and receive licenses to be eligible vendors, notwithstanding the provisions of section 245A.03. American Indian programs that provide chemical dependency primary treatment, extended care, transitional residence, or outpatient treatment services, and are licensed by tribal government are eligible vendors. Detoxification programs are not eligible vendors. Programs that are not licensed as a chemical dependency residential or nonresidential treatment program by the commissioner or by tribal government are not eligible vendors. To be eligible for payment under the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund, a vendor of a chemical dependency service must participate in the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Normative Evaluation System and the treatment accountability plan.

Effective January 1, 2000, vendors of room and board are eligible for chemical dependency fund payment if the vendor:

- (1) has rules prohibiting residents bringing chemicals into the facility or using chemicals while residing in the facility and provide consequences for infractions of those rules;
- (2) has a current contract with a county or tribal governing body;
- (3) is determined to meet applicable health and safety requirements;
- (4) is not a jail or prison; and
- (5) is not concurrently receiving funds under chapter 256I for the recipient.

[See Note.]

Subd. 2. **Regulatory methods.** (a) Where appropriate and feasible, the commissioner shall identify and implement alternative methods of regulation and enforcement to the extent authorized in this subdivision. These methods shall include:

- (1) expansion of the types and categories of licenses that may be granted;
- (2) when the standards of an independent accreditation body have been shown to predict compliance with the rules, the commissioner shall consider compliance with the accreditation standards to be equivalent to partial compliance with the rules; and

(3) use of an abbreviated inspection that employs key standards that have been shown to predict full compliance with the rules.

If the commissioner determines that the methods in clause (2) or (3) can be used in licensing a program, the commissioner may reduce any fee set under section 254B.03, subdivision 3, by up to 50 percent.

(b) The commissioner shall work with the commissioners of health, public safety, administration, and education in consolidating duplicative licensing and certification rules and standards if the commissioner determines that consolidation is administratively feasible, would significantly reduce the cost of licensing, and would not reduce the protection given to persons receiving services in licensed programs. Where administratively feasible and appropriate, the commissioner shall work with the commissioners of health, public safety, administration, and education in conducting joint agency inspections of programs.

(c) The commissioner shall work with the commissioners of health, public safety, administration, and education in establishing a single point of application for applicants who are required to obtain concurrent licensure from more than one of the commissioners listed in this clause.

Subd. 3. Fee reductions. If the commissioner determines that the methods in subdivision 2, clause (2) or (3), can be used in licensing a program, the commissioner shall reduce licensure fees by up to 50 percent. The commissioner may adopt rules to provide for the reduction of fees when a license holder substantially exceeds the basic standards for licensure.

Subd. 4. Regional treatment centers. Regional treatment center chemical dependency treatment units are eligible vendors. The commissioner may expand the capacity of chemical dependency treatment units beyond the capacity funded by direct legislative appropriation to serve individuals who are referred for treatment by counties and whose treatment will be paid for by funding under this chapter or other funding sources. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 254B.03 to 254B.041, payment for any person committed at county request to a regional treatment center under chapter 253B for chemical dependency treatment and determined to be ineligible under the chemical dependency consolidated treatment fund, shall become the responsibility of the county.

History: 1986 c 394 s 12; 1987 c 299 s 14; 1987 c 333 s 22; 1988 c 532 s 11; 1991 c 292 art 4 s 15; 1994 c 529 s 6; 1995 c 207 art 3 s 14; art 8 s 32; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 16 s 13; 1999 c 245 art 5 s 18; 2003 c 130 s 12; 2009 c 79 art 7 s 10; 2010 c 303 s 3; 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 13

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 1 by Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 7, section 10, is effective July 1, 2011. Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 7, section 10, the effective date.

254B.051 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT EFFECTIVENESS.

In addition to the substance abuse treatment program performance outcome measures that the commissioner of human services collects annually from treatment providers, the commissioner shall request additional data from programs that receive appropriations from the consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund. This data shall include number of client readmissions six months after release from inpatient treatment, and the cost of treatment per person for each program receiving consolidated chemical dependency treatment funds. The commissioner may post this data on the department Web site.

History: 2008 c 234 s 6

254B.06 REIMBURSEMENT; PAYMENT; DENIAL.

Subdivision 1. **State collections.** The commissioner is responsible for all collections from persons determined to be partially responsible for the cost of care of an eligible person receiving services under Laws 1986, chapter 394, sections 8 to 20. The commissioner may initiate, or request the attorney general to initiate, necessary civil action to recover the unpaid cost of care. The commissioner may collect all third-party payments for chemical dependency services provided under Laws 1986, chapter 394, sections 8 to 20, including private insurance and federal Medicaid and Medicare financial participation. The commissioner shall deposit in a dedicated account a percentage of collections to pay for the cost of operating the chemical dependency consolidated treatment fund invoice processing and vendor payment system, billing, and collections. The remaining receipts must be deposited in the chemical dependency fund.

Subd. 2. **Allocation of collections.** The commissioner shall allocate all federal financial participation collections to a special revenue account. The commissioner shall allocate 83.86 percent of patient payments and third-party payments to the special revenue account and 16.14 percent to the county financially responsible for the patient.

Subd. 3. **Payment; denial.** The commissioner shall pay eligible vendors for placements made by local agencies under section 254B.03, subdivision 1, and placements by tribal designated agencies according to section 254B.09. The commissioner may reduce or deny payment of the state share when services are not provided according to the placement criteria established by the commissioner. The commissioner may pay for all or a portion of improper county chemical dependency placements and bill the county for the entire payment made when the placement did not comply with criteria established by the commissioner. The commissioner may make payments to vendors and charge the county 100 percent of the payments if documentation of a county approved placement is received more than 30 working days, exclusive of weekends and holidays, after the date services began. The commissioner shall not pay vendors until private insurance company claims have been settled.

History: 1986 c 394 s 13; 1987 c 299 s 15; 1989 c 282 art 2 s 107; 1992 c 513 art 7 s 13; 1Sp1993 c 1 art 3 s 21; 2007 c 147 art 11 s 16; 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 14

254B.07 THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY.

The state agency provision and payment of, or liability for, chemical dependency medical care is the same as in section 256B.042.

History: 1986 c 394 s 14

254B.08 FEDERAL WAIVERS.

The commissioner shall apply for any federal waivers necessary to secure, to the extent allowed by law, federal financial participation for the provision of services to persons who need chemical dependency services. The commissioner may seek amendments to the waivers or apply for additional waivers to contain costs. The commissioner shall ensure that payment for the cost of providing chemical dependency services under the federal waiver plan does not exceed the cost of chemical dependency services that would have been provided without the waived services.

History: 1986 c 394 s 15; 1987 c 299 s 16; 1988 c 689 art 2 s 268; 1990 c 568 art 2 s 60

254B.09 INDIAN RESERVATION ALLOCATION OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY FUND.

Subdivision 1. **Vendor payments.** The commissioner shall pay eligible vendors for chemical dependency services to American Indians on the same basis as other payments, except that no local match is required when an invoice is submitted by the governing authority of a federally recognized American Indian tribal body or a county if the tribal governing body has not entered into an agreement under subdivision 2 on behalf of a current resident of the reservation under this section.

Subd. 2. **American Indian agreements.** The commissioner may enter into agreements with federally recognized tribal units to pay for chemical dependency treatment services provided under Laws 1986, chapter 394, sections 8 to 20. The agreements must clarify how the governing body of the tribal unit fulfills local agency responsibilities regarding:

(1) the form and manner of invoicing; and

(2) provide that only invoices for eligible vendors according to section 254B.05 will be included in invoices sent to the commissioner for payment, to the extent that money allocated under subdivisions 4 and 5 is used.

[See Note.]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1989 c 282 art 2 s 219]

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 24]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 24]

Subd. 6. **American Indian tribal placements.** After entering into an agreement under subdivision 2, the governing authority of each reservation may submit invoices to the state for the cost of providing chemical dependency services to residents of the reservation according to the placement rules governing county placements, except that local match requirements are waived. The governing body may designate an agency to act on its behalf to provide placement services and manage invoices by written notice to the commissioner and evidence of agreement by the agency designated.

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 24]

Subd. 8. **Payments to improve services to American Indians.** The commissioner may set rates for chemical dependency services to American Indians according to the American Indian Health Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437, for eligible vendors. These rates shall supersede rates set in county purchase of service agreements when payments are made on behalf of clients eligible according to Public Law 94-437.

History: 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 394 s 16; 1987 c 299 s 17-19; 1988 c 532 s 12; 1989 c 282 art 2 s 108-110; 1997 c 203 art 4 s 8-10; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 3 s 7; 2002 c 275 s 1; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 2009 c 79 art 7 s 11; 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 15

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 2 by Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 7, section 11, is effective July 1, 2011. Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 7, section 11, the effective date.

254B.10 [Repealed, 1989 c 282 art 2 s 219]

254B.11 [Never effective, 2009 c 173 art 1 s 49]

254B.12 RATE METHODOLOGY.

The commissioner shall, with broad-based stakeholder input, develop a recommendation and present a report to the 2011 legislature, including proposed legislation for a new rate methodology for the consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund. The new methodology must replace county-negotiated rates with a uniform statewide methodology that must include a graduated reimbursement scale based on the patients' level of acuity and complexity.

History: 2009 c 79 art 7 s 13

254B.13 PILOT PROJECTS; CHEMICAL HEALTH CARE.

Subdivision 1. **Authorization for pilot projects.** The commissioner may approve and implement pilot projects developed under the planning process required under Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 7, section 26, to provide alternatives to and enhance coordination of the delivery of chemical health services required under section 254B.03.

Subd. 2. **Program design and implementation.** (a) The commissioner and counties participating in the pilot projects shall continue to work in partnership to refine and implement the pilot projects initiated under Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 7, section 26.

(b) The commissioner and counties participating in the pilot projects shall complete the planning phase by June 30, 2010, and, if approved by the commissioner for implementation, enter into agreements governing the operation of the pilot projects with implementation scheduled no earlier than July 1, 2010.

Subd. 3. **Program evaluation.** The commissioner shall evaluate pilot projects under this section and report the results of the evaluation to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over chemical health issues by January 15, 2013. Evaluation of the pilot projects must be based on outcome evaluation criteria negotiated with the pilot projects prior to implementation.

Subd. 4. **Notice of project discontinuation.** Each county's participation in the pilot project may be discontinued for any reason by the county or the commissioner of human services after 30 days' written notice to the other party. Any unspent funds held for the exiting county's pro rata share in the special revenue fund under the authority in subdivision 5, paragraph (d), shall be transferred to the consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund following discontinuation of the pilot project.

Subd. 5. **Duties of commissioner.** (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this chapter, the commissioner may authorize pilot projects to use chemical dependency treatment funds to pay for nontreatment pilot services:

- (1) in addition to those authorized under section 254B.03, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); and
- (2) by vendors in addition to those authorized under section 254B.05 when not providing chemical dependency treatment services.

(b) For purposes of this section, "nontreatment pilot services" include navigator services, peer support, family engagement and support, housing support, rent subsidies, supported employment, and independent living skills.

(c) State expenditures for chemical dependency services and nontreatment pilot services provided by or through the pilot projects must not be greater than the chemical dependency treatment fund expected share of forecasted expenditures in the absence of the pilot projects. The

commissioner may restructure the schedule of payments between the state and participating counties under the local agency share and division of cost provisions under section 254B.03, subdivisions 3 and 4, as necessary to facilitate the operation of the pilot projects.

(d) To the extent that state fiscal year expenditures within a pilot project are less than the expected share of forecasted expenditures in the absence of the pilot projects, the commissioner shall deposit the unexpended funds in a separate account within the consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund, and make these funds available for expenditure by the pilot projects the following year. To the extent that treatment and nontreatment pilot services expenditures within the pilot project exceed the amount expected in the absence of the pilot projects, the pilot project county or counties are responsible for the portion of nontreatment pilot services expenditures in excess of the otherwise expected share of forecasted expenditures.

(e) The commissioner may waive administrative rule requirements that are incompatible with the implementation of the pilot project, except that any chemical dependency treatment funded under this section must continue to be provided by a licensed treatment provider.

(f) The commissioner shall not approve or enter into any agreement related to pilot projects authorized under this section that puts current or future federal funding at risk.

Subd. 6. **Duties of county board.** The county board, or other county entity that is approved to administer a pilot project, shall:

(1) administer the pilot project in a manner consistent with the objectives described in subdivision 2 and the planning process in subdivision 5;

(2) ensure that no one is denied chemical dependency treatment services for which they would otherwise be eligible under section 254A.03, subdivision 3; and

(3) provide the commissioner with timely and pertinent information as negotiated in agreements governing operation of the pilot projects.

History: 2010 c 376 s 1; 1Sp2010 c 1 art 19 s 16