

**256B.0759 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall develop and implement a medical assistance demonstration project to test reforms of Minnesota's substance use disorder treatment system to ensure individuals with substance use disorders have access to a full continuum of high-quality care.

Subd. 2. **Provider participation.** Substance use disorder treatment providers may elect to participate in the demonstration project and meet the requirements of subdivision 3. To participate, a provider must notify the commissioner of the provider's intent to participate in a format required by the commissioner and enroll as a demonstration project provider.

Subd. 3. **Provider standards.** (a) The commissioner shall establish requirements for participating providers that are consistent with the federal requirements of the demonstration project.

(b) A participating residential provider must obtain applicable licensure under chapters 245F and 245G or other applicable standards for the services provided and must:

(1) deliver services in accordance with standards published by the commissioner pursuant to paragraph (d);

(2) maintain formal patient referral arrangements with providers delivering step-up or step-down levels of care in accordance with ASAM standards; and

(3) provide or arrange for medication-assisted treatment services if requested by a client for whom an effective medication exists.

(c) A participating outpatient provider must obtain applicable licensure under chapter 245G or other applicable standards for the services provided and must:

(1) deliver services in accordance with standards published by the commissioner pursuant to paragraph (d); and

(2) maintain formal patient referral arrangements with providers delivering step-up or step-down levels of care in accordance with ASAM standards.

(d) If the provider standards under chapter 245G or other applicable standards conflict or are duplicative, the commissioner may grant variances to the standards if the variances do not conflict with federal requirements. The commissioner shall publish service components, service standards, and staffing requirements for participating providers that are consistent with ASAM standards and federal requirements by October 1, 2020.

Subd. 4. **Provider payment rates.** (a) Payment rates for participating providers must be increased for services provided to medical assistance enrollees. To receive a rate increase, participating providers must meet demonstration project requirements and provide evidence of formal referral arrangements with providers delivering step-up or step-down levels of care.

(b) For substance use disorder services under section 254B.05, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (8), provided on or after January 1, 2020, payment rates must be increased by 15 percent over the rates in effect on December 31, 2020.

(c) For substance use disorder services under section 254B.05, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clauses (1), (6), (7), and (10), provided on or after January 1, 2021, payment rates must be increased by ten percent over the rates in effect on December 31, 2020.

Subd. 5. **Federal approval.** The commissioner shall seek federal approval to implement the demonstration project under this section and to receive federal financial participation.

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