

**256.478 TRANSITION TO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.**

Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** (a) The commissioner shall establish the transition to community initiative to award grants to serve individuals for whom supports and services not covered by medical assistance would allow them to:

- (1) live in the least restrictive setting and as independently as possible;
- (2) build or maintain relationships with family and friends; and
- (3) participate in community life.

(b) Grantees must ensure that individuals are engaged in a process that involves person-centered planning and informed choice decision-making. The informed choice decision-making process must provide accessible written information and be experiential whenever possible.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** An individual is eligible for the transition to community initiative if the individual does not meet eligibility criteria for the medical assistance program under section 256B.056 or 256B.057, but who meets at least one of the following criteria:

(1) the person otherwise meets the criteria under section 256B.092, subdivision 13, or 256B.49, subdivision 24;

(2) the person has met treatment objectives and no longer requires a hospital-level care or a secure treatment setting, but the person's discharge from the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center, the Minnesota Security Hospital, or a community behavioral health hospital would be substantially delayed without additional resources available through the transitions to community initiative;

(3) the person is in a community hospital and on the waiting list for the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center, but alternative community living options would be appropriate for the person, and the person has received approval from the commissioner; or

(4)(i) the person is receiving customized living services reimbursed under section 256B.4914, 24-hour customized living services reimbursed under section 256B.4914, or community residential services reimbursed under section 256B.4914; (ii) the person expresses a desire to move; and (iii) the person has received approval from the commissioner.

**History:** 2013 c 108 art 4 s 14; 2015 c 71 art 7 s 25; 1Sp2021 c 7 art 17 s 1

**NOTE:** The amendment to this section by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 17, section 1, is effective upon federal approval of Minnesota's initial state spending plan as described in guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for implementation of section 9817 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 17, section 22.