

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, 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; 2022 c 98 art 6 s 22