

Subject Mental health services provider requirements

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Overview

This bill, as amended, modifies mental health case manager, case management associate, mental health behavioral aide, and mental health rehabilitation worker supervision requirements, exempts intensive residential treatment services (IRTS) and residential crisis stabilization services providers from aspects of the health care bill of rights, and specifies client grievance rights in mental health settings. The bill also modifies the IRTS level of care assessment timeline and assertive community treatment (ACT) team requirements and team leader qualifications.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Definitions.
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Amends § 144.651, subd. 2. Exempts IRTS and residential crisis stabilization services from specified rights listed in the health care bill of rights in section 144.651 related to:

- Grievances
- Married residents
- Transfers and discharges
- Treatment plans
- Restraints

2	Case management service provider.
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Amends § 245.462, subd. 4. For adult mental health services, adds case managers with bachelor's degrees in fields not related to behavioral sciences to individuals who must meet additional requirements listed in statute. Adds training hours and demonstrated competencies to those requirements.

Modifies case management associate requirements by adding a sliding scale of required annual continuing education hours and reducing supervision hours from five

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	hours of mentoring per week to four hours of supervision per month. Changes “mentor” to “supervisor” and removes definition of “case management mentor.”
3	Case management service provider. Amends § 245.4871, subd. 4. Makes the same changes to case manager requirements as under section 2, but for children’s mental health services.
4	Treatment supervision and direct observation of mental health rehabilitation workers and mental health behavioral aides. Amends § 245I.06, subd. 3. Removes requirement for a staff member performing direct observation of a mental health behavioral aide or mental health rehabilitation worker to approve of progress notes for observed treatment services.
5	Client grievances. Amends § 245I.12, subd. 5. Adds paragraph (d) specifying that clients may voice grievances and recommend policy and service changes, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal, including threat of discharge.
6	Intensive residential treatment services assessment and treatment planning. Amends § 245I.23, subd. 7. Extends time for completion of a level of care assessment for an IRTS client from five to ten days after the client’s admission.
7	Provider certification and contract requirements for assertive community treatment. Amends § 256B.0622, subd. 3a. Adds requirement for certified ACT team to ensure that overall treatment supervision is provided by a qualified team member, and available during and after regular business hours, including on weekends and holidays.
8	Assertive community treatment team staff requirements and roles. Amends § 256B.0622, subd. 7a. Allows for an ACT team leader to be a clinical trainee or mental health practitioner rather than only a mental health professional. Makes this section effective upon federal approval.



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