

Subject Emergency and Crisis Mental Health Services

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Overview

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 245.469, county boards must provide or contract for sufficient emergency services in the county for anyone experiencing emotional crisis or mental illness. This bill prohibits county boards from charging clients for these emergency services and specifies that co-payments, coinsurance, and deductibles do not apply to mobile crisis intervention services. The bill also specifies mental health emergency service provider requirements, and updates statutes related to emergency and crisis services.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Emergency services.
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Amends § 245.469.

Subd. 1. Availability of emergency services. Prohibits county boards from charging for emergency services provided to clients experiencing emotional crisis or mental illness. Specifies that emergency service providers must meet the qualifications for mobile crisis providers under medical assistance.

Subd. 2. Specific requirements. Adds “children” for purposes of emergency services, to align with subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. Mental health crisis services. Updates language to require the commissioner of human services to promote the centralized 988 Lifeline, instead of developing a central phone number for crisis services.

Subd. 4. Cost-sharing. Specifies that co-payments, coinsurance, and deductibles do not apply to mobile crisis intervention services.

Makes this section effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

Section	Description
2	<p data-bbox="316 262 787 294">Appropriation; mobile crisis grants.</p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1429 420">Appropriates money in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for mobile crisis grants, to purchase and renovate protected transport vehicles.</p>



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