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### Overview

This bill makes changes to the qualifications required for a mental health practitioner, case management service provider, mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee, and mental health rehabilitation worker, and makes corresponding changes. The bill also adds certain mental health services provided by a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee to the list of MA-covered service.

#### Section

- 1** **Mental health practitioner.** Amends § 245.462, subd. 17. (a) Modifies required qualifications for mental health practitioners.
- (b) Adds that a mental health practitioner may qualify by completing a specified number of relevant coursework hours in behavioral sciences or related fields, and in at least one other way listed in the subdivision.
- (1)(i) Adds persons with substance use disorder or emotional disturbance to those persons to whom a practitioner may have provided at least 2,000 hours of supervised service.
- (ii) Adds persons with traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities to those persons to whom a practitioner may have provided at least 2,000 hours of supervised service, if the practitioner also completes training related to mental illness, mental health de-escalation, co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse, and psychotropic medications.
- (4) Adds completing a behavioral sciences or related practicum that meets certain requirements to the ways to qualify under paragraph (b).

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(c) Specifies that a practitioner is qualified through work experience if the person has completed the requirements listed in the paragraph.

(1) Reduces the number of hours of supervised experience from 6,000 to 4,000 for certain categories of service;

(i) Adds persons with substance use disorder or emotional disturbance to those persons to whom a practitioner may have provided at least 4,000 hours of supervised service.

(ii) Adds persons with traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities to those persons to whom a practitioner may have provided at least 4,000 hours of supervised service, if the practitioner also completes training listed in paragraph (b), clause (1).

(2) Specifies that a person may qualify with 2,000 hours of supervised experience serving persons with:

(i) mental illness or substance use disorder, and is supervised by a mental health professional until the 4,000 hour requirement is reached;

(ii) traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities, if the practitioner also completes training listed in paragraph (b), clause (1), and is supervised by a mental health professional until the 4,000 hour requirement is reached.

(d) Clarifies that a practitioner is qualified through a graduate internship under specified circumstances.

(e) Specifies that a practitioner is qualified by obtaining a degree if:

(1) the practitioner holds a master's or other graduate degree in behavioral sciences or a related field;

(2) the practitioner holds a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences or a related field and completes a practicum that meets certain requirements.

(f) Adds qualifications for a practitioner serving a federally-recognized tribe to be a vendor of medical care under section 256B.02, subdivision 7.

(g) Defines a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee, for purposes of medical assistance coverage for diagnostic assessments, explanations of findings, and psychotherapy.

(h) Defines "behavioral health sciences or related fields" with cross-reference to section 256B.0623, subdivision 5, paragraph (d).

(i) Specifies that this subdivision supersedes any other statute or rule.

**2 Care management service provider.** Amends § 245.4871, subd. 4. Modifies the requirements for a children's mental health case manager associate to include persons with 6,000 hours of supervised experience delivering mental health services to children with emotional disturbances; specifies that hours worked as a mental health behavioral aide I or II count towards the 6,000 hours.

**3 Mental health practitioner.** Amends § 245.4871, subd. 26. Replaces definition of mental health practitioner in the Children's Mental Health Act with cross reference to section 245.462, subdivision 17 (amended in this bill).

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- 4 Assertive community treatment team staff requirements and roles.** Amends § 256B.0622, subd. 7a. Adds cross references to amended definitions of “mental health practitioner” and “mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee.”
- 5 Qualifications of provider staff.** Amends § 256B.0623, subd. 5. (a) Adds training topics to those required for an adult mental health rehabilitation worker.
- (b) Specifies additional education and experience requirements for a mental health rehabilitation worker; adds clause addressing further qualifications for mental health rehabilitation workers who are providers of crisis residential services, IRTS, partial hospitalization, and day treatment services.
- (c) Exempts overnight-only mental health rehabilitation workers from the requirements of paragraph (b).
- (d) Defines “behavioral sciences or related fields” for the purposes of subdivision 5.
- 6 Outpatient mental health services.** Amends § 256B.0625 by adding subd. 65. Adds diagnostic assessment, explanation of findings, and psychotherapy provided by a mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee to the list of MA-covered services.
- 7 Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 1. Modifies the definition of “mental health practitioner” by adding a cross reference to section 245.462, subdivision 17 (amended in this bill), for children’s therapeutic services and supports.
- 8 Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0946, subd. 1a. Modifies the definition of “mental health practitioner” and “mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee” by adding cross references, for services for children with severe emotional disturbance.
- 9 Instruction to commissioner.** Requires the commissioner of human services to amend rules to conform with the changes in this bill. Allows the commissioner to use the good cause exemption process or expedited rulemaking process under chapter 14, if applicable.