

Change Item Title: Establish a Clinical Care Coordination Benefit in MA

| Fiscal Impact (\$000s) | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Fund | | | | |
| Expenditures | (347) | (347) | (347) | (347) |
| Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues) | (347) | (347) | (347) | (347) |

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends establishing a new Clinical Care Consultation benefit as a service that is covered by Medical Assistance (MA). This change will be funded and some savings realized by reallocating \$2.15 million in children’s mental health grants to counties that funds services through the local county administered system. The reallocated \$2.1 million a year in reallocated grant funds will leverage \$4.2million a year in Medical Assistance reimbursed Care Consultation and realize a net general fund savings of \$347,000 each year.

Rationale/Background:

Minnesota has been innovative in its development of health care navigation and care coordination models for individuals with mental illness and chemical dependency. However, coordination of clinical care and family supports for children with complex, chronic conditions and intensive, multi-system needs remains inadequate. Clinicians are not currently reimbursed for their time spent in consultation with other professional or informal supports, so comprehensive and well-coordinated approaches to care planning is difficult to achieve.

The responsibility for publicly accessed children’s mental health care has shifted in the last decade away from counties toward federal-and-state-financed Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare. This proposal parallels that evolution in that it tracks with the child to shift resources from the county case management and toward more evidence-based, integrated health and mental health delivery system, to improve the ability of the clinical professional to direct and coordinate resources respectively.

Proposal:

This proposal allows clinicians to be reimbursed for the time they spend in clinical consultation regarding a patient’s care. Clinical Consultation will reduce costs and improve outcomes for children and youth up to 21 with complex conditions and high-cost needs. The proposal provides incentive for the child’s current mental health professional to instruct other professionals who work with the child across service settings to focus efforts collaboratively toward consistently applying effective treatment strategies across various child-serving settings, reducing wasted effort.

Performance Measures:

The department will measure the success of this proposal by tracking an expected reduction in the number of children with high-cost mental health conditions. (“High cost” is defined as expenditures of \$50,000 or greater in a 12-month period). A Children’s Mental Health Care Coordination benefit in MA will create a financial incentive for treatment providers to ensure consistency of care across primary care, social services, schools, probation, and other specialty care providers and, based on treatment outcomes, adjust services as necessary to improve outcomes. Failure to coordinate care has been identified as major cause of high-cost cases.

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2014-15 Biennial Budget

Human Services

DHS Fiscal Detail For Budget Tracking

| Net Impact by Fund (000's) | | | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 14-15 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 16-17 |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| General Fund | | | (347) | (347) | (694) | (347) | (347) | (694) |
| Other Funds | | | | | | | | |
| Total All Funds | | | (347) | (347) | (694) | (347) | (347) | (694) |
| Budget Detail | BACT# | Description | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 14-15 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 16-17 |
| GF | 33 | MA grants | 2,146 | 2,146 | 4,292 | 2,146 | 2,146 | 4,292 |
| GF | 58 | Child MH Grants | (347) | (347) | (694) | (347) | (347) | (694) |
| GF | 58 | Child MH Grants | (2,146) | (2,146) | (4,292) | (2,146) | (2,146) | (4,292) |
| Requested FTE's | | | | | | | | |
| GF | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | | |