



Transition to community: County share of costs for Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center and Minnesota Security Hospital

Issue:

- Counties play a crucial role in placing patients who have progressed in state treatment facilities into less restrictive community settings. The delay in moving these patients into appropriate placements creates a backup in the state's mental health system, making it more difficult for state facilities to serve new patients with behavioral health needs. Some of the patients waiting for admission are being held in inappropriate settings such as jails and emergency rooms.

Proposal:

- The governor proposes increasing the county share of costs from 50 percent to 75 percent for patients who have spent at least 60 days in Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) and no longer require acute-level care.
- The governor proposes increasing the county share of costs from 10 percent to 50 percent for Minnesota Security Hospital (MSH) patients who have advanced to the final stage of MSH treatment and are approved for a reduction in custody.

Impact:

- Counties will have a financial incentive to support appropriate community-based placements for patients who have advanced through state treatment.
- Greater movement of patients through the system will allow the state treatment facilities to serve more incoming patients.

Fiscal impact:

- Increased county payments under the AMRTC proposal will generate \$1.89 million for the 2014-2015 biennium.
- Increased county payments under the Minnesota Security Hospital proposal will generate \$6.29 million for the 2014-2015 biennium.

Related information:

- Minnesota Management & Budget website: <http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/>
- Minnesota Statutes 246.54
- Minnesota Security Hospital FAQs: <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-6173-ENG>

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