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Direct Reimbursement. Substance Use Disorder reform was passed during the 2017 legislative session. Substance Use Disorder reform seeks to transform the service continuum from an acute episodic model to a chronic and longitudinal model.

The (person-centered) changes will seek to provide the right level of service at the right time and treat addictions like other chronic health conditions. New services and a direct access process are part of that reform.

However, prior to implementing the services and direct care process the State must seek approval from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services which is the federal agency that must approve the addition of new services to the State’s benefit set.

The SUD reform legislation includes a legislative directive to the Department of Human Services to seek this federal approval as the State is not able to do this without legislative authority. The timeline for implementation of the new services can be found at the SUD reform implementation timeline link available on the website.

The SUD reform allows for credentialed providers to bill directly for acts for assessments and other treatment services by adding individually licensed professionals as eligible vendors for publicly funded SUD treatment services effective July 1 of 2018 or upon federal approval whichever is later.
Individuals must have licensure that provides a scope of practice to provide addiction treatment services. In addition a concentrated education in alcohol and drug counseling and supervised internship experience with individuals with substance use disorder are required to be an individual vendor.

SUD treatment program standards will also be changing effective January 1 of 2018 and the new standards allow programs to provide treatment services outside of the facility upon approval from DHS.

Minnesota statute 254B.05, subdivision 1, paragraph B states a licensed professional and private practice who meets the requirement of section 245G.11 subdivisions 1 and 4 is an eligible vendor of a comprehensive assessment and assessment summary provided according to section 245G.05.

And treatment services according to sections 245G.06 and 245G.07 subdivision 1, paragraphs A, clauses 1,2,5 and B and subdivision 2. The reform legislation adds individually licensed professionals as eligible vendors for publicly funded SUD treatment services effective July 1 of 2018 or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

The alcohol and drug abuse division will be providing implementation, technical assistance and resources for the new services in the 2017 SUD reform legislation through its website including frequently asked question, fact sheets, WebEx’s, et cetera and by presenting at various conferences and other events and associations.

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