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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4963

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to behavioral health; creating a certified community behavioral health
1.3 pilot project; appropriating money; requiring a report.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PILOT PROJECT.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of human services must establish a
1.7 certified community behavioral health pilot project to transform community behavioral
1.8 health systems and provide comprehensive coordinated behavioral health care that is family
1.9 and culturally centered. The certified community behavioral health pilot project must assist
1.10 Minnesota organizations that are certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs)
1.11 that provide comprehensive services including outreach, screening, assessment, treatment,
1.12 care coordination, and recovery support that align with the most recently issued certified
1.13 community behavioral health clinic certification criteria published by the Substance Abuse
1.14 and Mental Health Services Administration. The pilot project will run from October 1, 2024,
1.15 until October 1, 2026.

1.16 Subd. 2. Eligibility. To be eligible to receive funding under this section, CCBHCs must
1.17 be certified under Minnesota Statutes, section 245.735, subdivision 3, and must have
1.18 completed the CCBHC behavioral health community certification and needs assessment.
1.19 A CCBHC that receives funds under this section must submit documentation as required
1.20 by the commissioner of human services.

1.21 Subd. 3. Requirements. (a) Funds received under this section must be used to provide
1.22 services that are directly related to CCBHC certification criteria and must be used for services
1.23 or practices that are evidence-based. An evidence-based service or practice refers to an

2.1 approach to prevention, treatment, or recovery that is validated by a form of documented
2.2 research evidence.

2.3 (b) No more than 20 percent of funds received under this section may be used for the
2.4 development of infrastructure.

2.5 (c) Funds received under this section must only be used for services provided to
2.6 individuals who are not covered by public or commercial health insurance or individuals
2.7 for whom coverage was formally determined to be unaffordable or for services that are not
2.8 sufficiently covered by an individual's health insurance plan.

2.9 (d) A CCBHC receiving funds under this section must assist eligible uninsured individuals
2.10 with their health insurance application or with the insurance enrollment process.

2.11 (e) A CCBHC receiving funds under this section must utilize all other outside sources
2.12 of funding for an individual receiving services prior to using the funds received under this
2.13 section.

2.14 Subd. 4. **Report.** (a) A CCBHC receiving funds under this section must report to the
2.15 commissioner of human services on the following:

2.16 (1) the number of individuals receiving services;

2.17 (2) the types of services provided;

2.18 (3) the diagnosis of each individual served;

2.19 (4) any results from lab testing or physical examinations for individuals served; and

2.20 (5) mental health functioning outcomes for individuals served.

2.21 (b) The commissioner must compile the reports from each CCBHC participating in the
2.22 pilot project and provide the compiled report to the chairs and ranking minority members
2.23 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over behavioral health. The compiled report
2.24 must also assess the impact of the pilot project, with focus on whether the pilot project
2.25 reduced disparities in behavioral health care access, whether there was an increase in service
2.26 use, and the outcomes statewide.

2.27 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
2.28 **PILOT PROJECT.**

2.29 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.30 of human services for the certified community behavioral health pilot project. The general
2.31 fund base for this appropriation is \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027.