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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; authorizing the commissioner of health to distribute subsidies  
1.3 for community mental health programs; appropriating money; proposing coding  
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

1.6 Section 1. [145.9273] COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.8 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

1.9 (c) "Community mental health program" means a mental health provider, center, clinic,  
1.10 or entity that:

1.11 (1) is listed in section 256B.763 as eligible for a rate increase under that section;

1.12 (2) is operating in Minnesota;

1.13 (3) demonstrates to the commissioner that at least 60 percent of the community mental  
1.14 health program's clients meet one of the following requirements:

1.15 (i) are uninsured; or

1.16 (ii) are enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare; and

1.17 (4) are not receiving a grant under United States Code, title 42, section 254b.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Application.** A community mental health program seeking a subsidy under  
1.19 this section must apply to the commissioner according to timelines and in a manner  
1.20 established by the commissioner. As part of the application, a community mental health  
1.21 program must report the: (1) total amount of uncompensated care provided by the program

2.1 in the most recent calendar year, as reported in the program's most recently audited financial  
2.2 statement; and (2) percentage of the community mental health program's clients who are  
2.3 either uninsured or enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Allocation of subsidies.** The commissioner shall distribute subsidies to  
2.5 community mental health programs to support access to mental health services for  
2.6 low-income, uninsured, and underinsured populations. The commissioner shall distribute  
2.7 money appropriated for purposes of this section to community mental health programs  
2.8 operating in Minnesota as of January 1, 2020. The amount of each subsidy shall be in  
2.9 proportion to the amount of uncompensated care reported to the commissioner by each  
2.10 eligible community mental health program, except that each eligible program shall receive  
2.11 at least two percent but no more than ten percent of the total amount of money available  
2.12 for purposes of this section.

2.13 Subd. 4. **Report to commissioner.** A community mental health program that receives  
2.14 a subsidy under this section must report to the commissioner on the program's use of the  
2.15 subsidy. The commissioner must establish a format, timelines, and required data elements  
2.16 for reports from programs, and must use the reports to analyze the impact of the subsidies  
2.17 on access to mental health services for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured populations.

2.18 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**  
2.19 **SUBSIDIES.**

2.20 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.21 of health for subsidies to community mental health programs under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.22 section 145.9273.