



## **Establish a Clinical Care Coordination Benefit in MA**

### **Issue:**

- Minnesota has been innovative in development of health care navigation and care coordination models for people with mental illness and chemical dependency. However, coordination of clinical care and family supports remains inadequate for children with complex and chronic conditions receiving publicly and privately financed behavioral health care services.
- Comprehensive care planning is difficult to achieve because the treating clinical psychologists are not usually reimbursed for time spent in consultation with other professionals or informal support providers.
- Failure to coordinate care has been identified as a major cause of high-cost cases.

### **Proposal:**

- This proposal would allow clinicians to be reimbursed for the time they spend in clinical consultation regarding a patient's care.
- To pay for the state's cost of this new Medical Assistance service, this proposal also ends an existing Children's Mental Health Targeted Care Management local share grant program; \$2.146 million per year of that funding is reallocated to cover the state cost of the new service.

### **Impact:**

- A financial incentive will be created 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.

### **Fiscal impact:**

- This proposal recommends that an existing grant program end, and transfers a portion of that funding to instead pay for the new benefit being established. Ending the existing program provides General Fund savings.
- FY 2014: \$347,000 savings
- FY 2015: \$347,000 savings
- FY 2016: \$347,000 savings
- FY 2017: \$347,000 savings

### **Related information:**

- Minnesota Management & Budget website: <http://www.mmb.state.mn.us>
- Minnesota Health Care Programs Web pages: <http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/136855>
- DHS Alcohol and Drug Abuse Web pages: [www.dhs.state.mn.us/adad](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/adad)
- DHS Adult Mental Health Web pages: [www.dhs.state.mn.us/MHDivision](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/MHDivision)

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