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H. F. No. 3215

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; providing for community mental health programs
1.3 workforce relief emergency grants; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
1.6 WORKFORCE RELIEF EMERGENCY GRANTS.

1.7 (a) \$62,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan state
1.8 fiscal recovery federal fund to the commissioner of human services to administer emergency
1.9 grants to community mental health programs that agree to use at least 90 percent of the
1.10 grant funds for hiring and retention bonuses to hire new employees or retain existing
1.11 employees, increase employee benefits, and provide additional training and supervision.

1.12 (b) For purposes of this section, "community mental health program" means a mental
1.13 health provider, center, clinic, program, or entity that:

1.14 (1) is operating in Minnesota and is:

1.15 (i) eligible for a rate increase under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.763;

1.16 (ii) providing day treatment programs for children or adults; or

1.17 (iii) serving children with an emotional disorder or adults with mental illness under
1.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 245I.011 or 256B.0671, including through assertive community
1.19 treatment, intensive residential treatment services, adult rehabilitative mental health services,
1.20 crisis services, children's therapeutic services and supports, children's residential services,
1.21 psychiatric residential treatment facilities, outpatient mental health treatment provided by
1.22 mental health professionals, community mental health center services, certified community

2.1 behavioral health clinics, intensive mental health outpatient treatment, day treatment and
2.2 treatment foster care, or targeted case management;

2.3 (2) demonstrates to the commissioner that at least 30 percent of the community mental
2.4 health program's clients are:

2.5 (i) uninsured; or

2.6 (ii) enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;

2.7 (3) is not providing hospital inpatient services;

2.8 (4) is not providing hospital outpatient services; and

2.9 (5) is not receiving a grant under United States Code, title 42, section 254b.

2.10 (c) Grant funds must be:

2.11 (1) distributed through advanced payments as a lump sum via a gross adjustment through
2.12 the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS); and

2.13 (2) allocated across community mental health programs in proportion to their mental
2.14 health Medicaid and MinnesotaCare utilization as of June 30, 2021.

2.15 (d) Up to \$100,000 may be used by the commissioner for administrative costs.

2.16 (e) Grantees must provide documentation of the use of grant funds through an attestation
2.17 form developed by the commissioner and may be subject to postgrant activity audit review
2.18 by the commissioner.