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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2397

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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; establishing the substance use disorder treatment

1.3 Pathfinder Companion pilot project; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT PATHFINDER

1.6 COMPANION PILOT PROJECT.

1.7 (a) The commissioner of human services, in consultation with the North Metro Mental

1.8 Health Roundtable, shall conduct a one-year pilot project beginning September 1, 2021,

1.9 that monitors the use of the Pathfinder Companion application, which includes a phone-based

1.10 application that allows individuals in recovery to connect with peers, resources, providers,

1.11 and others helping with recovery after an individual is discharged from treatment, and a

1.12 computer-based application that allows providers to prioritize care, connect directly with

1.13 patients, and monitor long-term outcomes and recovery effectiveness, by individuals in

1.14 substance use disorder recovery and their providers, in order to evaluate the effects of the

1.15 application on treatment outcomes described in paragraph (b).

1.16 (b) The pilot project shall monitor and evaluate the effects of using the Pathfinder

1.17 Companion application on treatment outcomes, including but not limited to tracking and

1.18 analyzing information regarding participants' engagement with the application, social activity

1.19 levels, and other social determinants, in order to consider whether the addition of digital

1.20 recovery support services alongside traditional methods of recovery treatment improves

1.21 treatment outcomes.

1.22 (c) The commissioner of human services, in consultation with the North Metro Mental

1.23 Health Roundtable, shall report on the results of the pilot project to the chairs and ranking

2.1 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over substance use disorder  
2.2 treatment by October 1, 2022.

2.3 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT**  
2.4 **PATHFINDER COMPANION PILOT PROJECT.**

2.5 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.6 of human services for a grant to the North Metro Mental Health Roundtable to conduct the  
2.7 substance use disorder Pathfinder Companion pilot project in section 1. Of this appropriation,  
2.8 up to \$200,000 is for licensed use of the Pathfinder Companion application for individuals  
2.9 participating in the pilot project, and up to \$50,000 is for licensed use of the Pathfinder  
2.10 Bridge application for providers participating in the pilot project. This is a onetime  
2.11 appropriation and is available until August 31, 2022.