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02/12/2015	262	Introduction and first reading Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing
03/11/2015	648	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Commerce See SF1458, A. 2, Sec. 3

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A bill for an act

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relating to human services; modifying health plan requirements to add mental

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health crisis services to emergency services; appropriating money; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 62Q.55, subdivision 3; 62Q.81, subdivision 4.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62Q.55, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3. **Emergency services.** As used in this section, "emergency services" means,

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with respect to an emergency medical condition:

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(1) a medical screening examination, as required under section 1867 of the Social

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Security Act, that is within the capability of the emergency department of a hospital,

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including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate

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such emergency medical condition; ~~and~~

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(2) within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the hospital, such

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further medical examination and treatment as are required under section 1867 of the Social

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Security Act to stabilize the patient; and

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(3) mental health crisis services.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62Q.81, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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Subd. 4. **Essential health benefits; definition.** For purposes of this section,

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"essential health benefits" has the meaning given under section 1302(b) of the Affordable

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Care Act and includes:

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(1) ambulatory patient services;

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(2) emergency services, including mental health crisis services;

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(3) hospitalization;

(4) laboratory services;

(5) maternity and newborn care;

(6) mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment;

(7) pediatric services, including oral and vision care;

(8) prescription drugs;

(9) preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management;

(10) rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; and

(11) additional essential health benefits included in the EHB-benchmark plan, as defined under the Affordable Care Act.

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to increase access to mental health crisis services for children and adults. Funding must be used to:

(1) develop a central phone number where calls can be routed to the appropriate crisis services;

(2) create a statewide pool of experts available for consultation when addressing a mental health crisis of a person with co-occurring disabilities;

(3) expand crisis services across the state, including rural areas of the state and examining access per population;

(4) establish and implement state standards for crisis services; and

(5) fund new crisis residential beds for access in each of the state's regions.