

ARTICLE 5

DIRECT CARE AND TREATMENT

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.71, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. ~~Secure treatment facility~~ State-operated treatment program. "~~Secure treatment facility~~ State-operated treatment program" means the ~~Minnesota Security Hospital and the Minnesota Sex Offender Program facility in Moose Lake and any portion of the Minnesota Sex Offender Program operated by the Minnesota Sex Offender Program at the Minnesota Security Hospital~~ any state-operated treatment program under the jurisdiction of the executive board, including the Minnesota Sex Offender Program, community behavioral health hospitals, crisis centers, residential facilities, outpatient services, and other community-based services under the executive board's control.

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**246.711 CONDITIONS FOR APPLICABILITY OF PROCEDURES.**

Subdivision 1. **Request for procedures.** An employee of a ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program may request that the procedures of sections 246.71 to 246.722 be followed when the employee may have experienced a significant exposure to a patient.

Subd. 2. **Conditions.** The ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program shall follow the procedures in sections 246.71 to 246.722 when all of the following conditions are met:

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78.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.712, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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78.13 procedures under sections 246.71 to 246.722, a ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated  
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78.18 in any criminal proceedings or civil proceedings, except for procedures under sections  
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78.20 (b) The ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program shall inform the patient  
78.21 of the insurance protections in section 72A.20, subdivision 29.

78.22 (c) The ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program shall inform the patient  
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79.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.713, is amended to read:

79.8 **246.713 DISCLOSURE OF POSITIVE BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGEN TEST**  
79.9 **RESULTS.**

79.10 If the conditions of sections 246.711 and 246.712 are met, the ~~secure treatment facility~~  
79.11 state-operated treatment program shall ask the patient if the patient has ever had a positive  
79.12 test for a blood-borne pathogen. The ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment  
79.13 program must attempt to get existing test results under this section before taking any steps  
79.14 to obtain a blood sample or to test for blood-borne pathogens. The ~~secure treatment facility~~  
79.15 state-operated treatment program shall disclose the patient's blood-borne pathogen test  
79.16 results to the employee without the patient's name or other uniquely identifying information.

79.17 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.714, is amended to read:

79.18 **246.714 CONSENT PROCEDURES GENERALLY.**

79.19 (a) For purposes of sections 246.71 to 246.722, whenever the ~~secure treatment facility~~  
79.20 state-operated treatment program is required to seek consent, the ~~secure treatment facility~~  
79.21 state-operated treatment program shall obtain consent from a patient or a patient's  
79.22 representative consistent with other law applicable to consent.

79.23 (b) Consent is not required if the ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment  
79.24 program has made reasonable efforts to obtain the representative's consent and consent  
79.25 cannot be obtained within 24 hours of a significant exposure.

79.26 (c) If testing of available blood occurs without consent because the patient is unconscious  
79.27 or unable to provide consent, and a representative cannot be located, the ~~secure treatment~~  
79.28 facility state-operated treatment program shall provide the information required in section  
79.29 246.712 to the patient or representative whenever it is possible to do so.

79.30 (d) If a patient dies before an opportunity to consent to blood collection or testing under  
79.31 sections 246.71 to 246.722, the ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program  
80.1 does not need consent of the patient's representative for purposes of sections 246.71 to  
80.2 246.722.

80.3 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.715, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

80.4 Subdivision 1. **Procedures with consent.** If a sample of the patient's blood is available,  
80.5 the ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program shall ensure that blood is  
80.6 tested for blood-borne pathogens with the consent of the patient, provided the conditions  
80.7 in sections 246.711 and 246.712 are met.

80.8 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.715, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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81.20 (d) If the patient refuses to provide a blood sample for testing, the ~~secure treatment~~  
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81.22 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.716, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws  
81.23 2024, chapter 79, article 2, section 58, is amended to read:

81.24 Subd. 2. **Procedures without consent.** (a) A ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated  
81.25 treatment program or an employee of a ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment  
81.26 program may bring a petition for a court order to require a patient to provide a blood sample  
81.27 for testing for blood-borne pathogens. The petition shall be filed in the district court in the  
81.28 county where the patient is receiving treatment from the ~~secure treatment facility~~  
81.29 state-operated treatment program. The ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment  
81.30 program shall serve the petition on the patient three days before a hearing on the petition.  
81.31 The petition shall include one or more affidavits attesting that:

82.1 (1) the ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program followed the procedures  
82.2 in sections 246.71 to 246.722 and attempted to obtain blood-borne pathogen test results  
82.3 according to those sections;

82.4 (2) a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant  
82.5 knowledgeable about the most current recommendations of the United States Public Health  
82.6 Service has determined that a significant exposure has occurred to the employee of a ~~secure~~  
82.7 ~~treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program under section 246.721; and

82.8 (3) a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant has documented  
82.9 that the employee has provided a blood sample and consented to testing for blood-borne  
82.10 pathogens and blood-borne pathogen test results are needed for beginning, continuing,  
82.11 modifying, or discontinuing medical treatment for the employee under section 246.721.

82.12 (b) ~~Secure treatment facilities~~ State-operated treatment programs shall cooperate with  
82.13 petitioners in providing any necessary affidavits to the extent that facility staff can attest  
82.14 under oath to the facts in the affidavits.

82.15 (c) The court may order the patient to provide a blood sample for blood-borne pathogen  
82.16 testing if:

82.17 (1) there is probable cause to believe the employee of a ~~secure treatment facility~~  
82.18 state-operated treatment program has experienced a significant exposure to the patient;

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82.20 specify the persons who have access to the test results and the purposes for which the test  
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82.27 the court shall weigh the need for the court-ordered blood collection and test results against  
82.28 the interests of the patient, including, but not limited to, privacy, health, safety, or economic  
82.29 interests. The court shall also consider whether involuntary blood collection and testing  
82.30 would serve the public interests.

82.31 (d) The court shall conduct the proceeding in camera unless the petitioner or the patient  
82.32 requests a hearing in open court and the court determines that a public hearing is necessary  
82.33 to the public interest and the proper administration of justice.

83.1 (e) The patient may arrange for counsel in any proceeding brought under this subdivision.

83.2 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.717, is amended to read:

83.3 **246.717 NO DISCRIMINATION.**

83.4 A ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program shall not withhold care or  
83.5 treatment on the requirement that the patient consent to blood-borne pathogen testing under  
83.6 sections 246.71 to 246.722.

83.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.721, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter  
83.8 79, article 2, section 60, is amended to read:

83.9 **246.721 PROTOCOL FOR EXPOSURE TO BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS.**

83.10 (a) A ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program shall follow applicable  
83.11 Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines under Code of Federal  
83.12 Regulations, title 29, part 1910.1030, for blood-borne pathogens.

83.13 (b) Every ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program shall adopt and  
83.14 follow a postexposure protocol for employees at a ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated  
83.15 treatment program who have experienced a significant exposure. The postexposure protocol  
83.16 must adhere to the most current recommendations of the United States Public Health Service  
83.17 and include, at a minimum, the following:

83.18 (1) a process for employees to report an exposure in a timely fashion;

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81.6 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.72, is amended to read:

81.7 **246.72 PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF INFORMATION.**

81.8 Unauthorized release of the patient's name or other uniquely identifying information  
81.9 under sections 246.71 to 246.722 is subject to the remedies and penalties under sections  
81.10 13.08 and 13.09. This section does not preclude private causes of action against an individual,  
81.11 state agency, statewide system, political subdivision, or person responsible for releasing  
81.12 private data, or confidential or private information on the inmate patient.

81.13 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.721, is amended to read:

81.14 **246.721 PROTOCOL FOR EXPOSURE TO BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS.**

81.15 (a) A ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program shall follow applicable  
81.16 Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines under Code of Federal  
81.17 Regulations, title 29, part 1910.1030, for blood-borne pathogens.

81.18 (b) Every ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program shall adopt and  
81.19 follow a postexposure protocol for employees at a ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated  
81.20 treatment program who have experienced a significant exposure. The postexposure protocol  
81.21 must adhere to the most current recommendations of the United States Public Health Service  
81.22 and include, at a minimum, the following:

81.23 (1) a process for employees to report an exposure in a timely fashion;

83.19 (2) a process for an infectious disease specialist, or a licensed physician, advanced  
83.20 practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who is knowledgeable about the most current  
83.21 recommendations of the United States Public Health Service in consultation with an infectious  
83.22 disease specialist, (i) to determine whether a significant exposure to one or more blood-borne  
83.23 pathogens has occurred, and (ii) to provide, under the direction of a licensed physician,  
83.24 advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant, a recommendation or  
83.25 recommendations for follow-up treatment appropriate to the particular blood-borne pathogen  
83.26 or pathogens for which a significant exposure has been determined;

83.27 (3) if there has been a significant exposure, a process to determine whether the patient  
83.28 has a blood-borne pathogen through disclosure of test results, or through blood collection  
83.29 and testing as required by sections 246.71 to 246.722;

83.30 (4) a process for providing appropriate counseling prior to and following testing for a  
83.31 blood-borne pathogen regarding the likelihood of blood-borne pathogen transmission and  
84.1 follow-up recommendations according to the most current recommendations of the United  
84.2 States Public Health Service for testing and treatment;

84.3 (5) a process for providing appropriate counseling under clause (4) to the employee of  
84.4 a ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program and to the patient; and

84.5 (6) compliance with applicable state and federal laws relating to data practices,  
84.6 confidentiality, informed consent, and the patient bill of rights.

84.7 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 246.722, is amended to read:

84.8 **246.722 IMMUNITY.**

84.9 A ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program, licensed physician, advanced  
84.10 practice registered nurse, physician assistant, and designated health care personnel are  
84.11 immune from liability in any civil, administrative, or criminal action relating to the disclosure  
84.12 of test results of a patient to an employee of a ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated  
84.13 treatment program and the testing of a blood sample from the patient for blood-borne  
84.14 pathogens if a good faith effort has been made to comply with sections 246.71 to 246.722.

84.15 Sec. 17. Laws 2023, chapter 61, article 8, section 13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

84.16 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force shall consist of the following members,  
84.17 appointed as follows:

84.18 (1) a member appointed by the governor;

84.19 (2) the commissioner of human services, or a designee;

84.20 (3) a member representing Department of Human Services direct care and treatment  
84.21 services who has experience with civil commitments, appointed by the commissioner of  
84.22 human services;

84.23 (4) the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities;

81.24 (2) a process for an infectious disease specialist, or a licensed physician, advanced  
81.25 practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who is knowledgeable about the most current  
81.26 recommendations of the United States Public Health Service in consultation with an infectious  
81.27 disease specialist, (i) to determine whether a significant exposure to one or more blood-borne  
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82.5 blood-borne pathogen regarding the likelihood of blood-borne pathogen transmission and  
82.6 follow-up recommendations according to the most current recommendations of the United  
82.7 States Public Health Service, recommendations for testing, and treatment;

82.8 (5) a process for providing appropriate counseling under clause (4) to the employee of  
82.9 a ~~secure treatment facility~~ state-operated treatment program and to the patient; and

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82.19 pathogens if a good faith effort has been made to comply with sections 246.71 to 246.722.

82.20 Sec. 18. Laws 2023, chapter 61, article 8, section 13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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82.26 services who has experience with civil commitments, appointed by the commissioner of  
82.27 human services;

82.28 (4) the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities;

- 84.24 (5) a hospital representative, appointed by the Minnesota Hospital Association;
- 84.25 (6) a county representative, appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties;
- 84.26 (7) a county social services representative, appointed by the Minnesota Association of  
84.27 County Social Service Administrators;
- 84.28 (8) a member appointed by the ~~Minnesota Civil Commitment Defense Panel~~ Hennepin  
84.29 County Commitment Defense Project;
- 84.30 (9) a county attorney, appointed by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;
- 85.1 (10) a county sheriff, appointed by the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
- 85.2 (11) a member appointed by the Minnesota Psychiatric Society;
- 85.3 (12) a member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health  
85.4 Programs;
- 85.5 (13) a member appointed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota;
- 85.6 (14) the Minnesota Attorney General;
- 85.7 (15) three individuals from organizations representing racial and ethnic groups that are  
85.8 overrepresented in the criminal justice system, appointed by the commissioner of corrections;  
85.9 and
- 85.10 (16) one member of the public with lived experience directly related to the task force's  
85.11 purposes, appointed by the governor.
- 85.12 (b) Appointments must be made no later than July 15, 2023.
- 85.13 (c) Member compensation and reimbursement for expenses are governed by Minnesota  
85.14 Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.
- 85.15 (d) A member of the legislature may not serve as a member of the task force.

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