

246C.02 DIRECT CARE AND TREATMENT; ESTABLISHMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** Direct Care and Treatment is created as an agency headed by an executive board.

Subd. 2. MS 2023 Supp [Repealed by amendment, 2024 c 125 art 5 s 19; 2024 c 127 art 50 s 19]

Subd. 3. **Direct care and treatment services.** Direct Care and Treatment shall provide direct care and treatment services that include specialized inpatient programs at secure treatment facilities, community preparation services, regional treatment centers, enterprise services, consultative services, aftercare services, community-based services and programs, transition services, nursing home services, and other services consistent with state law, including this chapter and chapters 245, 246, 246B, 252, 253, 253B, 253C, 253D, 254A, 254B, and 256. Direct Care and Treatment shall provide direct care and treatment services in coordination with the commissioner of human services, counties, and other vendors.

Subd. 4. **Statewide services.** (a) The administrative structure of state-operated services must be statewide in character.

(b) The state-operated services staff may deliver services at any location throughout the state.

Subd. 5. **Department of Human Services as state agency.** The commissioner of human services continues to constitute the "state agency" as defined by the Social Security Act of the United States and the laws of this state for all purposes relating to mental health and mental hygiene.

History: 1949 c 512 s 7; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 6 s 21; 2023 c 61 art 8 s 8; 2024 c 79 art 1 s 19; 2024 c 125 art 5 s 19; 2024 c 127 art 50 s 19