245.99 ADULT MENTAL ILLNESS CRISIS HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The adult mental illness crisis housing assistance program is established in the Department of Human Services.

Subd. 2. **Rental assistance.** The program shall pay up to 90 days of housing assistance for persons with a serious mental illness who require inpatient or residential care for stabilization. The commissioner of human services may extend the length of assistance on a case-by-case basis.

Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** Housing assistance under this section is available only to persons of low or moderate income as determined by the commissioner.

Subd. 4. **Administration of crisis housing assistance.** The commissioner may contract with organizations or government units experienced in housing assistance to operate the program under this section. This program is not an entitlement. The commissioner may take any of the following steps whenever the commissioner projects that funds will be inadequate to meet demand in a given fiscal year:

(1) transfer funds from mental health grants in the same appropriation; and

(2) impose statewide restrictions as to the type and amount of assistance available to each recipient under this program, including reducing the income eligibility level, limiting reimbursement to a percentage of each recipient's costs, limiting housing assistance to 60 days per recipient, or closing the program for the remainder of the fiscal year.

History: *1999 c 245 art 4 s 8; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 9 s 19; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 2016 c 189 art 16 s 3*