

245I.31 CHILDREN'S DAY TREATMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) For the purposes of this section, "children's day treatment program" means a site-based structured mental health program consisting of psychotherapy and individual or group skills training provided by a team under the treatment supervision of a mental health professional.

(b) A children's day treatment program must be licensed for a specific location of operation and must not be part of inpatient or residential treatment services.

(c) A children's day treatment program must stabilize a client's mental health status while developing and improving the client's independent living and socialization skills. The goal of the day treatment program must be to reduce or relieve the effects of mental illness and provide training to enable the client to live in the community.

(d) Beginning January 1, 2028, a provider of children's day services must be licensed under this section and chapter 245A.

Subd. 2. **Service components.** A children's day treatment program must be capable of providing the services in section 245I.30, subdivision 2.

Subd. 3. **Provider requirements.** A children's day treatment license holder must:

- (1) be enrolled as a provider with medical assistance;
- (2) maintain a policy regarding the use of restrictive procedures and meet the requirements of section 245.8261;
- (3) maintain a policy on medications in accordance with section 245I.11, subdivision 6; and
- (4) meet group modality requirements in section 245I.30, subdivision 5.

Subd. 4. **Qualifications of provider staff.** Children's day treatment services must be provided by:

- (1) a mental health professional qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 2;
- (2) a clinical trainee qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 6; or
- (3) a behavioral health practitioner qualified under section 245I.04, subdivision 4.

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