

Building a Better Continuum of Care (HF2274/SF2161)

A bonding bill to provide \$30 million for behavioral health crisis program facilities. These facilities will focus on crisis stabilization services and will be a step forward in building a more comprehensive continuum of care as part of the priority to provide permanent supportive housing for those suffering from behavioral health crises.

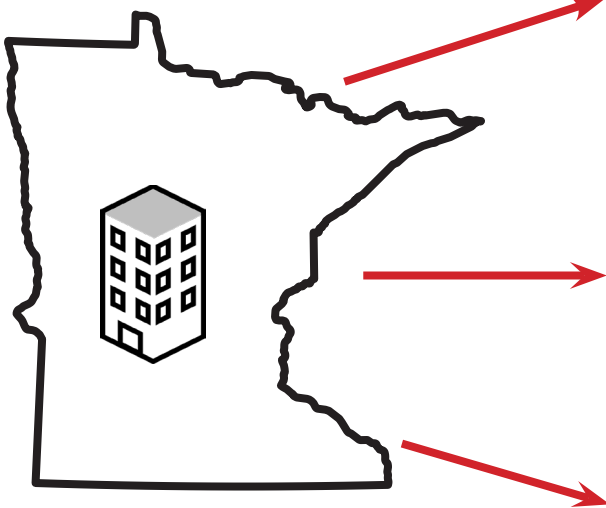


Problems within our current mental health system abound:

- Lack of inpatient psychiatric beds when a patient is in crisis and in need of hospitalization
- Lack of appropriate placement facilities once a patient does not need hospital-level care
- Lack of community infrastructure to provide adequate support to prevent the need for hospitalization

The goal of the bill is to build facilities throughout Minnesota that:

- Reduce the number of individuals with serious mental illness being discharged into homelessness, emergency rooms, and detention centers
- Increase individual and family access to acute mental health services
- Increase individual and family access to the most appropriate level of care



Who is served?

- Adolescents and adults
- Individuals in need of urgent assessment and triage

What services are provided (24/7)?

- Emergency access option for first responders, family, and friends
- Emergency holds – security – seclusion and triage
- Mental health professional assessment and referrals
- Crisis stabilization and intervention
- Peer and family support

Staffing

- Mental health professionals
- Nurses
- Psychiatrists
- Family and peer support specialists

These facilities will be collaborative community initiatives that engage a variety of stakeholders. As the local mental health authority, the county will work with community providers and partners, including hospitals, law enforcement, and mental health centers, to develop robust ongoing services. Financial sustainability (operational costs and leveraging of existing community resources) is critical to the success of this model.

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Counties are currently responsible for a share of costs association with state-operated hospitals like the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC), where individual communities hold clients who are waiting for a higher level of care. This has led to individuals getting stuck in hospitals or jails that lack appropriate services – or worse yet, getting stuck with no available services. Lack of a balanced community-based system has led to incredible pressures on the few state facilities of care and increased costs for counties.

The Cost of Care

Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center

AMRTC	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Daily Rate	\$982	\$1038	\$1020	\$1011	\$1100	\$1309	\$1375	\$1390
County Cost Share	50%	50%	50%	75%	75%	100%	100%	100%
Daily County Cost	\$491	\$519	\$510	\$758	\$825	\$1309	\$1375	\$1390

Statewide, county payments to the state's general fund for AMRTC in FY2017 were \$17 million for 12,328 "did not meet criteria" days.

Community Behavioral Health Hospitals

CBHHS	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Daily Rate	\$1121	\$1162	\$1153	\$1061	\$1127	\$1209	\$1866	\$1465
County Cost Share	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%
Daily County Cost	\$1121	\$1162	\$1153	\$1061	\$1127	\$1209	\$1866	\$1465

Counties pay 100% of the cost of care for CBHHS. For FY2017, counties paid a daily rate of \$1,866 per "did not meet criteria" day for 2,480 days, totally \$4.6 million.

Statewide Support

Statewide community partners and all 87 counties have signed on in support of this legislation.

Aitkin	Cook	Itasca	McLeod	Pope	Swift
Anoka	Cottonwood	Jackson	Meeker	Ramsey	Todd
Becker	Crow Wing	Kanabec	Mille Lacs	Red Lake	Traverse
Beltrami	Dakota	Kandiyohi	Morrison	Redwood	Wabasha
Benton	Dodge	Kittson	Mower	Renville	Wadena
Big Stone	Douglas	Koochiching	Murray	Rice	Waseca
Blue Earth	Faribault	Lac qui Parle	Nicollet	Rock	Washington
Brown	Fillmore	Lake	Nobles	Roseau	Watonwan
Carlton	Freeborn	Lake of the Woods	Norman	Scott	Wilkin
Carver	Goodhue	Le Sueur	Olmsted	Sherburne	Winona
Cass	Grant	Lincoln	Otter Tail	Sibley	Wright
Chippewa	Hennepin	Lyon	Pennington	St. Louis	Yellow Medicine
Chisago	Houston	Mahnomen	Pine	Stearns	
Clay	Hubbard	Marshall	Pipestone	Steele	
Clearwater	Isanti	Martin	Polk	Stevens	

Community Partners:

American Academy of Pediatrics – Minnesota Chapter
 Association of Minnesota Counties
 Mayo Clinic
 Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators
 Minnesota County Attorneys Association

Minnesota Hospital Association
 Minnesota Inter-County Association
 Minnesota Medical Association
 Minnesota Sheriffs' Association
 National Alliance on Mental Illness - Minnesota