

Priority Admissions Review Panel- High Level Summary

The DHS Commissioner appoints panel consisting of task force members and a new member appointed by labor organizations

Panel tasks are:

- Evaluate the 48-hour timeline for priority admissions and submit a report to the Legislature by February 1, 2025
- Advise the DHS Commissioner on the effectiveness of the new framework and about priority admissions generally
- For one year following the implementation of the new framework, the panel must review deidentified data quarterly to ensure the framework is implemented and applied equitably

Priority Admissions Review Panel- Membership

The panel consists of priority admissions task force members and one new member appointed jointly by labor organizations. This new member must have an active role representing staff at DCT.

(a) A panel appointed by the commissioner of human services, consisting of all members who served on the Task Force on Priority Admissions to State-Operated Treatment Programs under Laws 2023, chapter 61, article 8, section 13, subdivision 2, and one member who has an active role as a union representative representing staff at Direct Care and Treatment appointed by joint representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE); Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA); Middle Management Association (MMA); and State Residential Schools Education Association (SRSEA) must:

Priority Admissions Review Panel - Tasks

The panel has several tasks:

- Evaluate the 48-hour timeline for priority admissions.
- Develop policy and legislative proposals related to the priority admissions timeline.
- The proposals must be aimed towards:
 - Minimizing litigation costs
 - Maximizing capacity in DCT programs
 - Maximizing access to DCT programs
 - Address issues related to individuals in jails and correctional institutions awaiting admission to DCT programs.
- Submit a report by February 1, 2025, that includes legislative proposals to change the 48-hour priority admissions timeline
- Advise the commissioner on the effectiveness of the priority admissions framework and priority admissions in general
- Review de-identified data on a quarterly basis for one year after the framework is implemented.

(1) evaluate the 48-hour timeline for priority admissions required under Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and develop policy and legislative proposals related to the priority admissions timeline in order to minimize litigation costs, maximize capacity in and access to state-operated treatment programs, and address issues related to individuals awaiting admission to state-operated treatment programs in jails and correctional institutions; and

(2) by February 1, 2025, submit a written report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety and human services that includes legislative proposals to amend Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), to modify the 48-hour priority admissions timeline.

(b) The panel appointed under paragraph (a) must also advise the commissioner on the effectiveness of the framework and priority admissions generally and review de-identified data quarterly for one year following the implementation of the priority admissions framework to ensure that the framework is implemented and applied equitably. If the panel requests to review data that are classified as private or confidential and the commissioner determines that the data requested are necessary for the scope of the panel's review, the commissioner is authorized to disclose private or confidential data to the panel under this paragraph and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13.05, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), for private or confidential data collected prior to the effective date of this section.

Priority Admissions Review Panel – Post 1-Year Review

After the one-year period of the panel reviewing data and providing advisement to the commission, the quality committee will continue to review the data.

- The quality committee is established by the DCT executive board.
- This committee is required to seek input from counties, hospitals, community providers, and advocates AND
 - Provide a regular report to the executive board on the effectiveness of the priority admissions framework and priority admissions in general.

(c) After the panel completes one year of review, a quality committee established by the Direct Care and Treatment executive board must continue to review data; seek input from counties, hospitals, community providers, and advocates; and provide a routine report to the executive board on the effectiveness of the framework and priority admissions.