

Sec. 7. **PRIORITY ADMISSIONS REVIEW PANEL.** (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:

(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.

(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.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2024.