

January 27, 2015

TO: All Interested Parties

**FROM: Alcohol & Drug Abuse Division (ADAD)
Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)**

**RE: Notification of legislative proposals contained in the Governor’s budget that will affect
ADAD stakeholders, partners and interested parties**

Purpose:

- Notification of withdrawal management proposal contained in the Governor’s budget.
- Notification of new CCDTF rate for new level of service that is contained in the Governor’s budget.
- Notification of dates and times for upcoming committee presentations on agency proposals.
- Request support for proposals.
- Process for communicating opposition to proposals.

The governor’s budget was released at 11am today. The governor’s budget includes two proposals for Withdrawal Management (page 82) and the Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise (page 92).

You can access the document at:

<http://www.mn.gov/mmb-stat/documents/budget/2015-gov-rec/h55.pdf>

The withdrawal management proposal will be familiar to many of you who participated in the multi-year engagement effort leading up to this proposal. The proposal adds additional levels of withdrawal management services to the current system. Please note that the language requires legislative action in a future session before the impact of this language would be realized. The proposal requires the Commissioner to seek federal approval of withdrawal management services as a Medical Assistance benefit set and return to the legislature in the future for approval of a funding methodology.

The second proposal recommends a new CCDTF rate for providers who are state-certified in Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment (IDDT) and meet certain staffing requirements, and that serve committed individuals with complex issues and who may present a risk to public safety. This rate will apply to private residential chemical dependency treatment providers as well as the state-operated C.A.R.E. program.

The Governor’s budget proposals related to DHS, including the withdrawal management and new CCDTF rate proposals, are scheduled to be discussed in the House and Senate on Wednesday.

Wednesday, January 28

Topics: Children and Families, Mental Health/Chemical Health, Continuing Care, Direct Care and Treatment, and Housing

Senate: 8:30 am | Capitol, Room 107

House: 12:45 pm | State Office Building, Room 200

Thursday, January 29

Topics: Operations, Health Care, and Aging

Senate: 8:30 am | Capitol, Room 112

House: 12:45 pm | State Office Building, Room 200

More information on the hearings can be found at this link:

<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/calendarday.aspx?jday=1/28/2015>

If you are in support of either or both of the proposals, public testimony is scheduled to begin this Friday, January 30 and is expected to continue into next week. If you are unable to attend a committee and would like your support known, please consider drafting a letter communicating your support and provide it to the committees directly or to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD), and we will ensure your support is known to legislators.

If you have concerns or any opposition, we invite you to contact us and allow us the opportunity to respond to your concerns. We are committed to working with our partners, providers and stakeholders to continue to improve the substance use disorder continuum of care in our state.

Please direct your communications related to the proposals to John Dinsmore, Interim Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, at 651-431-5761.

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