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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; changing qualifications for mental health
1.3 rehabilitation workers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section
1.4 256B.0623, subdivision 5.

1.5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 256B.0623, subdivision 5,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **Qualifications of provider staff.** Adult rehabilitative mental health
1.9 services must be provided by qualified individual provider staff of a certified provider
1.10 entity. Individual provider staff must be qualified under one of the following criteria:

1.11 (1) a mental health professional as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18,
1.12 clauses (1) to (5). If the recipient has a current diagnostic assessment by a licensed
1.13 mental health professional as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to
1.14 (5), recommending receipt of adult mental health rehabilitative services, the definition of
1.15 mental health professional for purposes of this section includes a person who is qualified
1.16 under section 245.462, subdivision 18, clause (6), and who holds a current and valid
1.17 national certification as a certified rehabilitation counselor or certified psychosocial
1.18 rehabilitation practitioner;

1.19 (2) a mental health practitioner as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 17. The
1.20 mental health practitioner must work under the clinical supervision of a mental health
1.21 professional;

1.22 (3) a certified peer specialist under section 256B.0615. The certified peer specialist
1.23 must work under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional; or

2.1 (4) a mental health rehabilitation worker. A mental health rehabilitation worker
2.2 means a staff person working under the direction of a mental health practitioner or mental
2.3 health professional and under the clinical supervision of a mental health professional in
2.4 the implementation of rehabilitative mental health services as identified in the recipient's
2.5 individual treatment plan who:

2.6 (i) is at least 21 years of age;

2.7 (ii) has a high school diploma or equivalent;

2.8 (iii) has successfully completed ~~30~~ 15 hours of training during the past two years
2.9 in all of the following areas: recipient rights, recipient-centered individual treatment
2.10 planning, behavioral terminology, mental illness, co-occurring mental illness and
2.11 substance abuse, psychotropic medications and side effects, functional assessment, local
2.12 community resources, adult vulnerability, recipient confidentiality; and

2.13 (iv) meets the qualifications in subitem (A) or (B):

2.14 (A) has an associate of arts degree in one of the behavioral sciences or human
2.15 services, ~~or has completed at least two years of college with an emphasis in one of the~~
2.16 behavioral sciences or human services, is a registered nurse without a bachelor's degree,
2.17 or who within the previous ten years has:

2.18 (1) three years of personal life experience with serious and persistent mental illness;

2.19 (2) three years of life experience as a primary caregiver to an adult with a serious
2.20 mental illness or traumatic brain injury; or

2.21 (3) ~~4,000~~ 2,000 hours of supervised paid work experience in the delivery of mental
2.22 health services to adults with a serious mental illness or traumatic brain injury; or

2.23 (B)(1) is fluent in the non-English language or competent in the culture of the
2.24 ethnic group to which at least 20 percent of the mental health rehabilitation worker's
2.25 clients belong;

2.26 (2) receives during the first 2,000 hours of work, monthly documented individual
2.27 clinical supervision by a mental health professional;

2.28 (3) has ~~18~~ 12 hours of documented field supervision by a mental health professional
2.29 or practitioner during the first 160 hours of contact work with recipients, and at least six
2.30 hours of field supervision quarterly during the following year;

2.31 (4) has review and cosignature of charting of recipient contacts during field
2.32 supervision by a mental health professional or practitioner; and

2.33 (5) has ~~40~~ 20 hours of additional continuing education on mental health topics
2.34 during the first year of employment.