

Sponsor: Social Services

Meeting Date: 8/8/2023

Title: Establishment of Withdrawal Management Services Per Diem Rate

File Number: 2023-236

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County has 50 dually licensed withdrawal management and detox beds at the Ramsey County Detoxification Center located at 402 University Avenue East in Saint Paul. However, to comply with Minnesota Department of Human Services required staffing ratios, 22 beds can be operational with current authorized budget positions.

Withdrawal management is a licensed program that provides short-term medical services on a 24-hour basis for the purpose of stabilizing intoxicated patients, managing their withdrawal, and facilitating access to substance use disorder treatment as indicated by a comprehensive assessment.

Ramsey County's program is a medically monitored withdrawal management program and meets the requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes 245F.12, subdivision 3 which includes a Registered Nurse (RN) on site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and a Medical Director available.

This program provides intensive inpatient withdrawal management services which includes:

- An initial health assessment conducted by an RN upon admission;
- Availability of a medical evaluation and consultation with an RN 24 hours a day;
- Availability of a qualified medical professional by phone or in person for consultation 24 hours a day;
- Availability to be seen within 24 hours or sooner by a qualified medical professional if the initial health assessment indicates the need to be seen;
- Availability of on-site monitoring of patient care 7 days a week by a qualified medical professional; and
- Availability of appropriately trained licensed staff to administer medications according to prescriber-approved orders.

Withdrawal management services are paid by Prepaid Medical Assistance Programs (PMAP) at a rate set by the state currently \$590 per day. Below is breakdown of services per diem rate for withdrawal management services from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. More information about the per diem rate can be found at:

<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfsrserver/Public/DHS-7612-ENG>

Treatment Settings Descriptions	Base Rate	
Withdrawal Management Medically Monitored (daily rate - code 0919)		\$515
Room and Board Associated with Withdrawal Management (daily rate - code 1002)		\$75
Total Per diem rate for Withdrawal Management	\$590	

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Approve establishment of withdrawal management services per diem rate of \$590, effective upon board approval, or shortly after.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Frethem.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 5: Frethem, Martinson, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: - 2: McGuire, and Moran

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board