



Direct Care & Treatment

FY 2026-29 – Governor's Budget



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Fiscal Impact:
\$70M in FY26/27
\$90.7M in FY28/29

Operating Adjustment

Direct Care & Treatment (DCT) is a large, highly specialized behavioral health care system that cares for more than 12,000 patients and clients each year. DCT fills a unique and vital role in Minnesota's behavioral health continuum of care by serving people that other behavioral health care systems cannot or will not serve.

- **The cost of operations rises each year due to increases in employer-paid health care contributions, FICA and Medicare, salary and compensation-related costs, rent and lease, fuel and utilities, and IT and legal services. This cost growth puts pressure on agency operating budgets that remain flat year to year.**

DCT's budget proposal ensures the State's ability to maintain the current level of services.

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(\$16.8M) in FY26/27
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(\$39.6M) in FY26/27
(\$39.6M) in FY28/29

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Inpatient Competency Attainment Examination Liability and Data Sharing

Restores cost of care collections for clients admitted to DCT facilities under Chapter 611 orders and enables DCT to share data with county prosecutors, defense attorneys, and the court in its role as a competency attainment program.

Increase County Cost of Care for Minnesota Sex Offender Program

Under current law, counties are responsible to pay the cost of care as following: 10% for people admitted prior to August 1, 2011 and 25% for people admitted on or after August 1, 2011 as well as for people while on provisional discharge.

The proposal changes the county liability to 40% of the cost of care for all MSOP clients admitted to the MSOP facility and on provisional discharge.

Summary of Direct Care & Treatment Package

Proposal	FY26/27	FY28/29
Operating Adjustment	69,977	90,482
Inpatient Competency Examination Liability and Data Sharing	(16,760)	(16,760)
Increase County Cost of Care for Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP)	(39,600)	(39,600)
Grand Total	13,617	34,122