

**225C.19A Crisis stabilization programs.**

The department shall accredit, certify, or apply standards of review to authorize the operation of crisis stabilization programs, including crisis stabilization programs operating in a psychiatric medical institution for children pursuant to [chapter 135H](#) that provide children with mental health, substance use disorder, and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder services. In authorizing the operation of a crisis stabilization program, the department shall apply the relevant requirements for an emergency mental health crisis services provider and system under [section 225C.19](#). A program authorized to operate under [this section](#) is not required to be licensed under [chapter 135B](#), [135C](#), [135G](#), or [135H](#), or certified under [chapter 231C](#). The commission shall adopt rules to implement [this section](#). The department shall accept accreditation of a crisis stabilization program by a national accrediting organization in lieu of applying the rules adopted in accordance with [this section](#) to the program.

2014 Acts, ch 1044, §1; 2015 Acts, ch 75, §1; 2016 Acts, ch 1073, §74; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §458