
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

- Requires the Directors of Veterans Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish a three-year pilot program to make transcranial magnetic stimulation available for veterans with substance use disorders or mental illness, and to operate the program for three years.
- Requires the Directors to contract for services related to the program.
- Establishes the Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Fund in the state treasury to consist of moneys appropriated to it by the General Assembly.

Transcranial magnetic stimulation pilot

(R.C. 5902.09)

The act requires the Directors of Veterans Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish a three-year pilot program to make transcranial magnetic stimulation available for veterans with substance use disorders or mental illness. The program must operate in conjunction with a supplier for services selected by the Directors under state law that regulates the purchase of supplies and services. This continuing law requires competitive selection for services that cost \$50,000 or more.¹²³

The Directors, by mutual agreement, must enter into a contract for the purchase of services related to the pilot program. The contract must include provisions requiring the suppliers to create, implement, operate, and evaluate outcomes of the pilot program, to choose a location for the pilot program, to spend payments received from the state, and to report quarterly to the Senate President and the Senate standing committee that generally considers legislation regarding veterans affairs.

One or both Directors must adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act as necessary to administer the program, including a rule requiring that clinical protocols and outcomes are collected and reported quarterly by the supplier. The report also must include a thorough accounting of the use of all state funds received by the supplier.

The act establishes the Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Fund in the state treasury. Any money appropriated by the General Assembly for the pilot program must be deposited into the fund. The Directors, with the approval of the Controlling Board, may authorize a disbursement from the fund to the supplier for services rendered under the contract. The act appropriates \$3 million in each of FY 2020 and FY 2021 for the program.

¹²³ R.C. 125.05, not in the act.