

**331.440 Mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services central point of coordination process.**

1. *a.* For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "*central point of coordination process*" means a central point of coordination process established by a county or consortium of counties for the delivery of mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services which are paid for in whole or in part by county funds. The central point of coordination process may include but is not limited to reviewing a person's eligibility for services, determining the appropriateness of the type, level, and duration of services, and performing periodic review of the person's continuing eligibility and need for services. Any recommendations developed concerning a person's plan of services shall be consistent with the person's unique strengths, circumstances, priorities, concerns, abilities, and capabilities. For those services funded under the medical assistance program, the central point of coordination process shall be used to assure that the person is aware of the appropriate service options available to the person.

*b.* The central point of coordination process may include a clinical assessment process to identify a person's service needs and to make recommendations regarding the person's plan for services. The clinical assessment process shall utilize qualified mental health professionals and qualified mental retardation professionals.

*c.* The central point of coordination and clinical assessment process shall include provision for the county's participation in a management information system developed in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to subsection 3.

2. The department of human services shall seek federal approval as necessary for the central point of coordination and clinical assessment processes to be eligible for federal financial participation under the medical assistance program. A county may implement the central point of coordination process as part of a consortium of counties and may implement the process beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

3. An application for services may be made through the central point of coordination process of a person's county of residence. However, if a person who is subject to a central point of coordination process has legal settlement in another county or the costs of services or other support provided to the person are the financial responsibility of the state, an authorization through the central point of coordination process shall be coordinated with the person's county of legal settlement or with the state, as applicable. The county of residence and county of legal settlement of a person subject to a central point of coordination process may mutually agree that the central point of coordination process functions shall be performed by the central point of coordination process of the person's county of legal settlement.

4. The state commission shall consider the recommendations of county representatives in adopting rules outlining standards and requirements for implementation of the central point of coordination and clinical assessment processes on the date required by subsection 2. The rules shall permit counties options in implementing the process based upon a county's consumer population and available service delivery system.

94 Acts, ch 1163, §4; 95 Acts, ch 206, §16; 96 Acts, ch 1183, §38; 2002 Acts, ch 1146, §18; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §30