

## **225C.6A Mental health, developmental disability, and brain injury service system redesign implementation.**

1. *Purpose.* It is the intent of the general assembly to implement a redesign of the mental health, developmental disability, and brain injury service system over a period of years in order to transition to a coordinated system for Iowans with mental illness, mental retardation or other developmental disabilities, or brain injury. Because of the significance of the redesign to the persons who may be affected by it and the degree of uncertainty regarding the extent of funding changes necessary for implementation, the department and the commission shall not implement a redesign provision through rulemaking or other means unless specific statutory authority provides for the provision's implementation.

2. *Initial activities.* For the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2004, and July 1, 2005, the commission shall do the following:

a. Identify sources of revenue to support statewide delivery of core disability services to eligible disability populations.

b. Further develop adult disability services system redesign proposals and propose a redesign of the children's disability service system. The redesign of the children's system shall address issues associated with an individual's transition between the two systems.

c. (1) Plan, collect, and analyze data as necessary to issue cost estimates for serving additional populations and providing core disability services statewide. The department shall maintain compliance with applicable federal and state privacy laws to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of individually identifiable disability services data. The department shall regularly assess the status of the compliance in order to assure that data security is protected.

(2) In implementing a system under this paragraph "c" for collecting and analyzing state, county, and private contractor data, the department shall establish a client identifier for the individuals receiving services. The client identifier shall be used in lieu of the individual's name or social security number. The client identifier shall consist of the last four digits of an individual's social security number, the first three letters of the individual's last name, the individual's date of birth, and the individual's gender in an order determined by the department.

(3) Each county shall report to the department annually on or before December 1, for the preceding fiscal year the following information for each individual served: demographic information, expenditure data, and data concerning the services and other support provided to each individual, as specified in administrative rule adopted by the commission.

d. With consumer input, identify and propose standardized functional assessment tools and processes for use in the eligibility determination process when eligibility for a particular disability population group is implemented. The tools and processes shall be integrated with those utilized for the medical assistance program under chapter 249A. For the initial diagnostic criteria, the commission shall consider identifying a qualifying functional assessment score and any of the following diagnoses: mental illness, chronic mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disability, or brain injury.

e. The commission shall adopt a multiyear plan for developing and providing the data, cost projections, revenue requirements, and other information needed to support decision making concerning redesign provisions. The information shall be provided as part of the commission's regular reports to the governor and general assembly or more often as determined to be appropriate by the commission.

f. Propose case rates for disability services.

g. Work with county representatives and other qualified persons to develop an implementation plan for replacing the county of legal settlement approach to determining service system funding responsibilities with an approach based upon residency. The plan shall address a statewide standard for proof of residency, outline a plan for establishing a data system for identifying residency of eligible individuals, address residency issues for individuals who began residing in a county due to a court order or criminal sentence or to obtain services in that county, recommend an approach for contesting a residency determination, and address other implementation issues.

2004 Acts, ch 1090, §34; 2006 Acts, ch 1159, §1; 2007 Acts, ch 218, §87, 92

Client identifier established under subsection 2, paragraph c, to be used beginning with data for disability services provided in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, that is submitted by counties in December 2006; 2006 Acts, ch 1159, §3

2007 amendment to subsection 2, paragraph c, takes effect May 29, 2007, and applies retroactively to and after December 1, 2006, for information collected as of that date; deadline for submission of data for preceding fiscal year; rules; penalties; 2007 Acts, ch 218, §92