

426B.5 Funding pools.

1. Allowed growth funding pool.

- a. An allowed growth funding pool is created in the property tax relief fund. The pool shall consist of the moneys credited to the pool by law.
- b. Moneys available in the allowed growth funding pool for a fiscal year are appropriated to the department of human services for distribution as provided in this subsection.
- c. The first twelve million dollars credited to the funding pool shall be allocated to counties based upon the county's relative proportion of the state's general population.
- d. (1) The amount in the funding pool remaining after the allocation made in paragraph "c" shall be allocated to those counties that meet all of the following eligibility requirements:
 - (a) The county is levying the maximum amount allowed for the county's mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services fund under section 331.424A for the fiscal year in which the funding is distributed.
 - (b) In the latest fiscal year reported in accordance with section 331.403, the county's mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services fund ending balance under generally accepted accounting principles was equal to or less than twenty-five percent of the county's actual gross expenditures for that fiscal year.(2) The amount allocated to a county from the moneys available in the pool under this paragraph "d" shall be determined based upon the county's proportion of the general population of the counties eligible to receive moneys from the pool for that fiscal year.
- e. In order to receive an allocation under this section, a county must comply with the filing date requirements under section 331.403. Moneys credited to the allowed growth funding pool which remain unobligated or unexpended at the close of a fiscal year shall remain in the pool for distribution in the succeeding fiscal year.
- f. The most recent population estimates issued by the United States bureau of the census shall be applied in determining population for the purposes of this subsection.
- g. The department of human services shall annually calculate the amount of moneys due to eligible counties in accordance with this subsection. The department shall authorize the issuance of warrants payable to the county treasurer for the amounts due and the warrants shall be issued in January.

2. Risk pool.

- a. For the purposes of this subsection, unless the context otherwise requires, "*services fund*" means a county's mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services fund created in section 331.424A.
- b. A risk pool is created in the property tax relief fund. The pool shall consist of the moneys credited to the pool by law.
- c. A risk pool board is created. The board shall consist of two county supervisors, two county auditors, a member of the mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury commission who is not a member of a county board of supervisors, a member of the county finance committee created in chapter 333A who is not an elected official, a representative of a provider of mental health or developmental disabilities services selected from nominees submitted by the Iowa association of community providers, and

two central point of coordination process administrators, all appointed by the governor, and one member appointed by the director of human services. All members appointed by the governor shall be subject to confirmation by the senate. Members shall serve for three-year terms. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Expenses and other costs of the risk pool board members representing counties shall be paid by the county of origin. Expenses and other costs of risk pool board members who do not represent counties shall be paid from a source determined by the governor. Staff assistance to the board shall be provided by the department of human services and counties. Actuarial expenses and other direct administrative costs shall be charged to the pool.

d. A county must apply to the risk pool board for assistance from the risk pool on or before January 25. The risk pool board shall make its final decisions on or before February 25 regarding acceptance or rejection of the applications for assistance and the total amount accepted shall be considered obligated.

e. Basic eligibility for risk pool assistance requires that a county meet all of the following conditions:

(1) The county is in compliance with the requirements of section 331.439.

(2) The county levied the maximum amount allowed for the county's services fund under section 331.424A for the fiscal year of application for risk pool assistance.

(3) At the close of the fiscal year that immediately preceded the fiscal year of application, the county's services fund ending balance under generally accepted accounting principles was equal to or less than twenty percent of the county's actual gross expenditures for that fiscal year.

f. The board shall review the fiscal year-end financial records for all counties that are granted risk pool assistance. If the board determines a county's actual need for risk pool assistance was less than the amount of risk pool assistance granted to the county, the county shall refund the difference between the amount of assistance granted and the actual need. The county shall submit the refund within thirty days of receiving notice from the board. Refunds shall be credited to the risk pool. The mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A providing criteria for the purposes of this lettered paragraph and as necessary to implement the other provisions of this subsection.

g. The board shall determine application requirements to ensure prudent use of risk pool assistance. The board may accept or reject an application for assistance in whole or in part. The decision of the board is final.

h. The total amount of risk pool assistance shall be limited to the amount available in the risk pool for a fiscal year. Any unobligated balance in the risk pool at the close of a fiscal year shall remain in the risk pool for distribution in the succeeding fiscal year.

i. A county may apply for preapproval for risk pool assistance. A county may submit a preapproval application beginning on July 1 for the fiscal year of submission and the risk pool board shall notify the county of the risk pool board's decision concerning the application within forty-five days of receiving the application. Whether for a preapproval or regular application, risk pool assistance shall only be made available to address one or more of the following circumstances:

(1) Continuing support for mandated services.

(2) Avoiding the need for reduction or elimination of critical services when the reduction or elimination places consumers' health or safety at risk.

(3) Avoiding the need for reduction or elimination of critical emergency services when the reduction or elimination places the public's health or safety at risk.

(4) Avoiding the need for reduction or elimination of the services or other support provided to entire disability populations.

(5) Avoiding the need for reduction or elimination of services or other support that maintain consumers in a community setting, creating a risk that the consumers would be placed in more restrictive, higher cost settings.

j. Subject to the amount available and obligated from the risk pool for a fiscal year, the department of human services shall annually calculate the amount of moneys due to eligible counties in accordance with the board's decisions and that amount is appropriated from the risk pool to the department for payment of the moneys due. The department shall authorize the issuance of warrants payable to the county treasurer for the amounts due and the warrants shall be issued before the close of the fiscal year.

k. On or before March 1 and September 1 of each fiscal year, the department of human services shall provide the risk pool board with a report of the financial condition of each funding source administered by the board. The report shall include but is not limited to an itemization of the funding source's balances, types and amount of revenues credited, and payees and payment amounts for the expenditures made from the funding source during the reporting period.

l. If the board has made its decisions but has determined that there are otherwise qualifying requests for risk pool assistance that are beyond the amount available in the risk pool fund for a fiscal year, the board shall compile a list of such requests and the supporting information for the requests. The list and information shall be submitted to the mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury commission, the department of human services, and the general assembly.

3. Incentive pool.

a. An incentive pool is created in the property tax relief fund. The incentive pool shall consist of the moneys credited to the incentive pool by law.

b. Moneys available in the incentive pool for a fiscal year shall be distributed to those counties that either meet or show progress toward meeting the purposes described in section 331.439, subsection 1, paragraph "c". The moneys received by a county from the incentive pool shall be used to build community capacity to support individuals covered by the county's management plan approved under section 331.439, in meeting such purposes.

98 Acts, ch 1213, §8, 9; 2000 Acts, ch 1090, §4, 6; 2000 Acts, ch 1232, §2, 3, 9, 10; 2001 Acts, ch 155, §48, 11; 2002 Acts, ch 1050, §36; 2002 Acts, ch 1146, §20; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §1; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §32; 2006 Acts, ch 1115, §11, 12; 2007 Acts, ch 218, §82, 89, 92

Footnotes

Confirmation, see § 2.32

Purchase of service provider reimbursement; 2000 Acts, ch 1221, §3; 2001 Acts, ch 184, §2; 2002 Acts, ch 1174, §2; 2003 Acts, ch 183, §2; 2004 Acts, ch 1176, §2; 2005 Acts, ch 176, §2; 2006 Acts, ch 1181, §2; 2007 Acts, ch 208, §2

Subsection 3 is first applicable for allowed growth funding distributed in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008; 2006 Acts, ch 1115, §12

2007 amendment to subsection 2 takes effect May 29, 2007, and applies retroactively to and after December 1, 2006, for information collected by a county as of that date; submission of data by counties that have not submitted data specified in §225C.6A for preceding fiscal year; rules; penalties for failure to submit data; 2007 Acts, ch 218, §92