

225C.7 Mental health and developmental disabilities community services fund.

1. A mental health and developmental disabilities community services fund is established in the office of the treasurer of state under the authority of the department, which shall consist of the amounts appropriated to the fund by the general assembly for each fiscal year. Before completion of the department's budget estimate as required by section 8.23, the department shall determine and include in the estimate the amount which should be appropriated to the fund for the forthcoming fiscal period in order to implement the purpose stated in section 225C.1.

2. Moneys appropriated to the fund shall be allocated to counties for funding of community-based mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury services in the manner provided in the appropriation to the fund.

3. If a county has not established or is not affiliated with a community mental health center under chapter 230A, the county shall expend a portion of the money received under this appropriation to contract with a community mental health center to provide mental health services to the county's residents. If such a contractual relationship is unworkable or undesirable, the commission may waive the expenditure requirement. However, if the commission waives the requirement, the commission shall address the specific concerns of the county and shall attempt to facilitate the provision of mental health services to the county's residents through an affiliation agreement or other means.

4. *a.* A county is entitled to receive money from the fund if that county raised by county levy and expended for mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services, in the preceding fiscal year, an amount of money at least equal to the amount so raised and expended for those purposes during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980.

b. With reference to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980, money "*raised by county levy and expended for mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services*" means the county's maintenance of effort determined by using the general allocation application for the state community mental health and mental retardation services fund under section 225C.10, subsection 1, Code 1993. The department, with the agreement of each county, shall establish the actual amount expended by each county for persons with mental illness, mental retardation, or a developmental disability in the fiscal year which began on July 1, 1980, and this amount shall be deemed each county's maintenance of effort.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 227.17; S81, § 225C.6; 81 Acts, ch 78, § 7, 20]

94 Acts, ch 1170, §16; 97 Acts, ch 169, § 7; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §6