

## **426B.5 Funding pools.**

### *1. Per capita expenditure target pool.*

*a.* A per capita expenditure target pool is created in the property tax relief fund. The pool shall consist of the moneys credited to the pool by law.

*b.* A statewide per capita expenditure target amount is established. The statewide per capita expenditure target amount shall be equal to the one-hundredth percentile of all county per capita expenditures in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998.

*c.* Moneys available in the per capita expenditure pool for a fiscal year shall be distributed to those counties that meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

(1) 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.

(2) The county's per capita expenditure in the latest fiscal year for which the actual expenditure information is available is equal to or less than the statewide per capita expenditure target amount.

(3) In the fiscal year that commenced two years prior to the fiscal year of distribution, 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 the fiscal year that commenced two years prior to the fiscal year of distribution.

(4) The county is in compliance with the filing date requirements under section 331.403.

*d.* The distribution amount a county receives from the moneys available in the pool 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. However, a county shall not receive moneys in excess of the amount which would cause the county's per capita expenditure to exceed the statewide per capita expenditure target. Moneys credited to the per capita expenditure target 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.

*e.* 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:

(1) "*Net expenditure amount*" means a county's gross expenditures from the services fund for a fiscal year as adjusted by subtracting all services fund revenues for that fiscal year that are received from a source other than property taxes, as calculated on a modified accrual basis.

(2) "*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.* (1) A county must apply to the board for assistance from the risk pool on or before January 25 to cover an unanticipated net expenditure amount in excess of the county's current fiscal year budgeted net expenditure amount for the county's services fund. 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. For purposes of applying for risk pool assistance and for repaying unused risk pool assistance, the current fiscal year budgeted net expenditure amount shall be deemed to be the higher of either the budgeted net expenditure amount in the management plan approved under section 331.439 for the fiscal year in which the application is made or the prior fiscal year's net expenditure amount.

(2) Basic eligibility for risk pool assistance shall require a projected net expenditure amount in excess of the sum of one hundred five percent of the county's current fiscal year budgeted net expenditure amount and any amount of the county's prior fiscal year ending fund balance in excess of twenty-five percent of the county's gross expenditures from the services fund in the prior fiscal year. However, if a county's services fund ending balance in the previous fiscal year was less than ten percent of the amount of the county's gross expenditures from the services fund for that fiscal year and the county has a projected net expenditure amount for the current fiscal year that is in excess of one hundred one percent of the budgeted net expenditure amount for the current fiscal year, the county shall be considered to have met the basic eligibility requirement and is qualified for risk pool assistance.

(3) 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.

(4) A county receiving risk pool assistance in a fiscal year in which the county did not levy the maximum amount allowed for the county's services fund under section 331.424A shall be required to repay the risk pool assistance during the two succeeding fiscal years. The repayment amount shall be limited to the amount by which the actual amount levied was less than the maximum amount allowed, with at least fifty percent due in the first succeeding fiscal year and the remainder due in the second succeeding fiscal year.

(5) 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.

(6) The total amount of risk pool assistance shall be limited to the amount available in the risk pool for a fiscal year. If the total amount of eligible assistance exceeds the amount available in the risk pool, the amount of assistance paid shall be prorated among the counties eligible for assistance. Moneys remaining unexpended or unobligated in the risk pool following the risk pool board's decisions made pursuant to

subparagraph (1) shall be distributed to the counties eligible to receive funding from the allowed growth factor adjustment appropriation for the fiscal year using the distribution methodology applicable to that appropriation.

*e.* A county may apply for preapproval for risk pool assistance based upon an individual who has an unanticipated disability condition with an exceptional cost and the individual is either new to the county's service system or the individual's unanticipated disability condition is new to the individual.

*f.* The department of human services shall annually calculate the amount of moneys due to eligible counties in accordance with the board's decisions. 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.

*g.* 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.

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

## **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