

249A.12 Assistance to persons with an intellectual disability.

1. Assistance may be furnished under [this chapter](#) to an otherwise eligible recipient who is a resident of a health care facility licensed under [chapter 135C](#) and certified as an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability.

2. If a county reimbursed the department for medical assistance provided under [this section](#), Code 2011, and the amount of medical assistance is subsequently repaid through a medical assistance income trust or a medical assistance special needs trust as defined in [section 633C.1](#), the department shall reimburse the county on a proportionate basis. The department shall adopt rules to implement [this subsection](#).

3. *a.* Effective July 1, 1995, the state shall be responsible for all of the nonfederal share of the costs of intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability services provided under medical assistance to minors. Notwithstanding contrary provisions of [section 222.73](#), Code 2011, effective July 1, 1995, a county is not required to reimburse the department and shall not be billed for the nonfederal share of the costs of such services provided to minors.

b. The state shall be responsible for all of the nonfederal share of medical assistance home and community-based services waivers for persons with an intellectual disability services provided to minors, and a county is not required to reimburse the department and shall not be billed for the nonfederal share of the costs of the services.

c. The state shall be responsible for all of the nonfederal share of the costs of intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability services provided under medical assistance attributable to the assessment for intermediate care facilities for individuals with an intellectual disability imposed pursuant to [section 249A.21](#). A county is not required to reimburse the department and shall not be billed for the nonfederal share of the costs of such services attributable to the assessment.

4. *a.* The mental health and disability services commission shall recommend to the department the actions necessary to assist in the transition of individuals being served in an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability, who are appropriate for the transition, to services funded under a medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for persons with an intellectual disability in a manner which maximizes the use of existing public and private facilities. The actions may include but are not limited to submitting any of the following or a combination of any of the following as a request for a revision of the medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for persons with an intellectual disability:

(1) Allow for the transition of intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability licensed under [chapter 135C](#), to services funded under the medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for persons with an intellectual disability. The request shall be for inclusion of additional persons under the waiver associated with the transition.

(2) Allow for reimbursement under the waiver for day program or other service costs.

(3) Allow for exception provisions in which an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability which does not meet size and other facility-related requirements under the waiver in effect on June 30, 1996, may convert to a waiver service for a set period of time such as five years. Following the set period of time, the facility would be subject to the waiver requirements applicable to services which were not operating under the exception provisions.

b. In implementing the provisions of [this subsection](#), the mental health and disability services commission shall consult with other states. The waiver revision request or other action necessary to assist in the transition of service provision from intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability to alternative programs shall be implemented by the department in a manner that can appropriately meet the needs of individuals at an overall lower cost to counties, the federal government, and the state. In addition, the department shall take into consideration significant federal changes to the medical assistance program in formulating the department's actions under [this subsection](#). The department shall consult with the mental health and disability services commission in adopting rules for oversight of facilities converted pursuant to [this subsection](#). A transition

approach described in paragraph “a” may be modified as necessary to obtain federal waiver approval.

5. a. The provisions of the home and community-based services waiver for persons with an intellectual disability shall include adult day care, prevocational, and transportation services. Transportation shall be included as a separately payable service.

b. The department shall seek federal approval to amend the home and community-based services waiver for persons with an intellectual disability to include day habilitation services. Inclusion of day habilitation services in the waiver shall take effect upon receipt of federal approval.

6. When paying the necessary and legal expenses for intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability services, the cost requirements of [section 222.60](#) shall be considered fulfilled when payment is made in accordance with the medical assistance payment rates established by the department for intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability, and the state shall not be obligated for any amount in excess of the rates.

7. If services associated with the intellectual disability can be covered under a medical assistance home and community-based services waiver or other medical assistance program provision, the nonfederal share of the medical assistance program costs for such coverage shall be paid from the appropriation made for the medical assistance program.

[C77, 79, 81, §249A.12]

[83 Acts, ch 123, §96, 209](#); [84 Acts, ch 1297, §6](#); [94 Acts, ch 1120, §2](#); [94 Acts, ch 1163, §1](#); [95 Acts, ch 68, §3](#); [96 Acts, ch 1129, §113](#); [96 Acts, ch 1183, §30, 31](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1146, §5, 6](#); [2003 Acts, ch 62, §4, 8](#); [2003 Acts, ch 118, §1](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1086, §45 – 47](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1090, §15, 16](#); [2005 Acts, ch 38, §55](#); [2005 Acts, ch 175, §109 – 111](#); [2006 Acts, ch 1066, §1](#); [2006 Acts, ch 1115, §15](#); [2007 Acts, ch 22, §56](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §384 – 387, 389](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1019, §99 – 103](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1133, §58](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1138, §57](#); [2013 Acts, ch 30, §49, 50](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1139, §51](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §801](#)

Referred to in [§28M.1, 331.402](#)

For future strike of subsection 4, effective July 1, 2025, see [2024 Acts, ch 1161, §102, 137](#)