

**441—176.16(235B) Medical and mental health examinations.** In any year in which the legislature appropriates funds, the department shall administer a payment program for mental health or medical health examinations for subjects of dependent adult abuse reports.

**176.16(1) *Conditions for payment.*** The following conditions must be met before payment can be made:

- a.* Local resources to pay these costs must be exhausted.
- b.* The examination must be scheduled during the evaluation or assessment process.
- c.* Department staff must be involved in the decision to request the examination.

**176.16(2) *Payment limits.*** Payment for mental health examinations shall not exceed \$250. Payment for a complete medical examination shall not exceed \$160.

**176.16(3) *Billing procedures.*** Claims for payment shall be submitted to the division of behavioral, developmental, and protective services on Form GAX, General Accounting Expenditure, accompanied by a letter from department staff certifying that the necessary conditions for payment have been met.