

**230A.110 Standards.**

1. The department shall recommend and the commission shall adopt standards for designated community mental health centers and comprehensive community mental health programs, with the overall objective of ensuring that each center and each affiliate providing services under contract with a center furnishes high-quality mental health services within a framework of accountability to the community it serves. The standards adopted shall conform with federal standards applicable to community mental health centers and shall be in substantial conformity with the applicable behavioral health standards adopted by the joint commission, formerly known as the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations, or other recognized national standards for evaluation of psychiatric facilities unless in the judgment of the department, with approval of the commission, there are sound reasons for departing from the standards.

2. When recommending standards under [this section](#), the department shall designate an advisory committee representing boards of directors and professional staff of designated community mental health centers to assist in the formulation or revision of standards. The membership of the advisory committee shall include representatives of professional and nonprofessional staff and other appropriate individuals.

3. The standards recommended under [this section](#) shall include requirements that each community mental health center designated under [this chapter](#) do all of the following:

a. Maintain and make available to the public a written statement of the services the center offers to residents of the catchment area being served. The center shall employ or contract for services with affiliates to employ staff who are appropriately credentialed or meet other qualifications in order to provide services.

b. If organized as a nonprofit corporation, be governed by a board of directors which adequately represents interested professions, consumers of the center's services, socioeconomic, cultural, and age groups, and various geographical areas in the catchment area served by the center. If organized as a for-profit corporation, the corporation's policy structure shall incorporate such representation.

c. Arrange for the financial condition and transactions of the community mental health center to be audited once each year by the auditor of state. However, in lieu of an audit by the auditor of state, the local governing body of a community mental health center organized under [this chapter](#) may contract with or employ certified public accountants to conduct the audit, pursuant to the applicable terms and conditions prescribed by [sections 11.6 and 11.19](#) and audit format prescribed by the auditor of state. Copies of each audit shall be furnished by the auditor or accountant to the department.

d. Comply with the accreditation standards applicable to the center.

[2011 Acts, ch 121, §20, 23; 2012 Acts, ch 1120, §29; 2013 Acts, ch 90, §57; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §575, 576](#)

Referred to in [§225C.4, 225C.6, 331.321](#)  
Subsections 1 and 2 amended  
Subsection 3, paragraph c amended