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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring implementation of a single entry point process
2 for delivery of mental health, mental retardation, and
3 developmental disabilities services, and providing an
4 applicability provision.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 331.440, subsection 2, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The department of human services shall seek federal
4 approval as necessary for the single entry point and clinical
5 assessment processes to be eligible for federal financial
6 participation under medical assistance. A county may
7 implement the single entry point process as part of a
8 consortium of counties and ~~may~~ shall implement the process
9 beginning with the fiscal year ~~ending-June-30~~ beginning July
10 1, 1995.

11 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. A county shall begin applying the
12 single entry point process required by this Act on or before
13 January 1, 1996. The general assembly finds that a county's
14 implementation of the single entry point process will be a net
15 cost savings to the county and the provisions of section
16 25B.2, subsection 3, shall not apply to this Act.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill requires implementation of a single entry point
19 process for delivery of mental health, mental retardation, and
20 developmental disabilities services paid for in whole or in
21 part by county funds.

22 The single entry point process includes activities such as
23 reviewing a person's service eligibility and appropriateness
24 of services. Current law authorizes a county to implement
25 this process voluntarily beginning in fiscal year 1994-1995
26 and requires implementation as a prerequisite for receiving
27 state payment for such services beginning with fiscal year
28 1996-1997. The bill requires implementation no later than
29 January 1, 1996.

30 The bill includes a finding by the general assembly that
31 implementing the process will be a net cost savings and that
32 the state mandate relief provisions of chapter 25B do not
33 apply.

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