

225C.6A Mental health, developmental disability, and brain injury service system redesign implementation.

1. *Purpose.* It is the intent of the general assembly to implement a redesign of the mental health, developmental disability, and brain injury service system over a period of years in order to transition to a coordinated system for Iowans with mental illness, mental retardation or other developmental disabilities, or brain injury. Because of the significance of the redesign to the persons who may be affected by it and the degree of uncertainty regarding the extent of funding changes necessary for implementation, the department and the commission shall not implement a redesign provision through rulemaking or other means unless specific statutory authority provides for the provision's implementation.

2. *Initial activities.* For the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2004, and July 1, 2005, the commission shall do the following:

a. Identify sources of revenue to support statewide delivery of core disability services to eligible disability populations.

b. Further develop adult disability services system redesign proposals and propose a redesign of the children's disability service system. The redesign of the children's system shall address issues associated with an individual's transition between the two systems.

c. Plan, collect, and analyze data as necessary to issue cost estimates for serving additional populations and providing core disability services statewide.

d. With consumer input, identify and propose standardized functional assessment tools and processes for use in the eligibility determination process when eligibility for a particular disability population group is implemented. The tools and processes shall be integrated with those utilized for the medical assistance program under chapter 249A. For the initial diagnostic criteria, the commission shall consider identifying a qualifying functional assessment score and any of the following diagnoses: mental illness, chronic mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disability, or brain injury.

e. The commission shall adopt a multiyear plan for developing and providing the data, cost projections, revenue requirements, and other information needed to support decisionmaking concerning redesign provisions. The information shall be provided as part of the commission's regular reports to the governor and general assembly or more often as determined to be appropriate by the commission.

f. Propose case rates for disability services.

g. Work with county representatives and other qualified persons to develop an implementation plan for replacing the county of legal settlement approach to determining service system funding responsibilities with an approach based upon residency. The plan shall address a statewide standard for proof of residency, outline a plan for establishing a data system for identifying residency of eligible individuals, address residency issues for individuals who began residing in a county due to a court order or criminal sentence or to obtain services in that county, recommend an approach for contesting a residency determination, and address other implementation issues.

2004 Acts, ch 1090, §34

Commission's annual report to the governor and general assembly for consideration in 2005, 2006, and 2007 to include a report on actions taken and proposals made to implement system redesign; progress reports to be submitted in July 2004, July 2005, and July 2006; state-level adult disability service system redesign to be addressed in FY 2005; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §35