**Section 51.65 Service Priority**

The Department has the authority pursuant to Section 35 (c) of the Abuse of Adults with Disabilities Intervention Act to:

a) Provide, on a priority basis, mental health and developmental services through Department supported community agencies or in state-operated facilities to eligible adults in substantiated cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation; and

b) Waive, in an emergency, current eligibility requirements of such facilities and agencies.

This Section shall not be interpreted to be in conflict with the standards for admission to residential facilities as provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disability Code [405 ILCS 5].