

1 AN ACT concerning community services.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Community Services Act is amended by
5 changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 30/4) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 904)

7 Sec. 4. Financing for Community Services. The Department
8 of Human Services is authorized to provide financial
9 assistance to eligible private service providers,
10 corporations, local government entities or voluntary
11 associations for the provision of services to persons with
12 mental illness, persons with a developmental disability and
13 alcohol and drug dependent persons living in the community
14 for the purpose of achieving the goals of this Act.

15 The Department shall utilize the following funding
16 mechanisms for community services:

17 (1) Purchase of Care Contracts: services purchased
18 on a predetermined fee per unit of service basis from
19 private providers or governmental entities. Fee per
20 service rates are set by an established formula which
21 covers some portion of personnel, supplies, and other
22 allowable costs, and which makes some allowance for
23 geographic variations in costs as well as for additional
24 program components.

25 (2) Grants: sums of money which the Department
26 grants to private providers or governmental entities
27 pursuant to the grant recipient's agreement to provide
28 certain services, as defined by departmental grant
29 guidelines, to an approximate number of service
30 recipients. Grant levels are set through consideration of
31 personnel, supply and other allowable costs, as well as

1 other funds available to the program.

2 (3) Other Funding Arrangements: funding mechanisms
3 may be established on a pilot basis in order to examine
4 the feasibility of alternative financing arrangements for
5 the provision of community services.

6 Providers of community services for the mentally ill and
7 developmentally disabled shall increase the wages of direct
8 care workers by at least the same percentage as the increase
9 in funds they receive from the State for the cost of doing
10 business in fiscal year 2003 and fiscal year 2004. Each
11 community services provider shall certify to the Department,
12 as provided by rule by the Department, that it has provided
13 the wage increases in accordance with these requirements.

14 The Department shall strive to establish and maintain an
15 equitable system of payment which encourages providers to
16 improve their clients' capabilities for independence and
17 reduces their reliance on community or State-operated
18 services. In accepting Department funds, providers shall
19 recognize their responsibility to be accountable to the
20 Department and the State for the delivery of services which
21 are consistent with the philosophies and goals of this Act
22 and the rules and regulations promulgated under it.

23 (Source: P.A. 88-380; 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)