

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 2001 and fiscal year 2002. 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.)