

1 AN ACT in relation to health.

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 3 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 30/3) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 903)

7 Sec. 3. Responsibilities for Community Services.
8 Pursuant to this Act, the Department of Human Services shall
9 facilitate the establishment of a comprehensive and
10 coordinated array of community services based upon a federal,
11 State and local partnership. In order to assist in
12 implementation of this Act, the Department shall prescribe
13 and publish rules and regulations. The Department may
14 request the assistance of other State agencies, local
15 government entities, direct services providers and others in
16 the development of these regulations or other policies
17 related to community services.

18 The Department shall assume the following roles and
19 responsibilities for community services:

20 (a) Service Priorities. Within the service categories
21 described in Section 2 of this Act, establish and publish
22 priorities for community services to be rendered, and
23 priority populations to receive these services.

24 (b) Planning. By January 1, 1994 and by January 1 of
25 each third year thereafter, prepare and publish a Plan which
26 describes goals and objectives for community services
27 state-wide and for regions and subregions needs assessment,
28 steps and time-tables for implementation of the goals also
29 shall be included; programmatic goals and objectives for
30 community services shall cover the service categories defined
31 in Section 2 of this Act; the Department shall insure local

1 participation in the planning process.

2 (c) Public Information and Education. Develop programs
3 aimed at improving the relationship between communities and
4 their disabled residents; prepare and disseminate public
5 information and educational materials on the prevention of
6 developmental disabilities, mental illness, and alcohol or
7 drug dependence, and on available treatment and habilitation
8 services for persons with these disabilities.

9 (d) Quality Assurance. Promulgate minimum program
10 standards, rules and regulations to insure that Department
11 funded services maintain acceptable quality and assure
12 enforcement of these standards through regular monitoring of
13 services and through program evaluation; this applies except
14 where this responsibility is explicitly given by law to
15 another State agency.

16 (d-5) Accreditation requirements for providers of mental
17 health and substance abuse treatment services.
18 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
19 accreditation shall be accepted by the Department in lieu of
20 the Department's facility or program certification or
21 licensure onsite review requirements and shall be accepted as
22 a substitute for the Department's administrative and program
23 monitoring requirements, except as required by subsection
24 (d-10), in the case of:

25 (1) Any organization from which the Department
26 purchases mental health or substance abuse services and
27 that is accredited under any of the following: Mental
28 Health Standards (JCAHO); Behavioral Health Care
29 Services, the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for
30 Behavioral Health Care (JCAHO); the Accreditation Manual
31 For Hospitals (JCAHO); the Standards Manual For The
32 Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services
33 (COA); or the Standards Manual for Organizations Serving
34 People with Disabilities (CARF).

1 (2) Any mental health facility or program licensed
2 or certified by the Department, or any substance abuse
3 service licensed by the Department, that is accredited
4 under any of the following: Mental Health Standards
5 (JCAHO); Behavioral Health Care Services, the
6 Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Behavioral Health
7 Care (JCAHO); the Accreditation Manual For Hospitals
8 (JCAHO); the Standards Manual For The Council on
9 Accreditation for Children and Family Services (COA); or
10 the Standards Manual for Organizations Serving People
11 with Disabilities (CARF).

12 (3) Any network of providers from which the
13 Department purchases mental health or substance abuse
14 services and that is accredited under any of the
15 following: Mental Health Standards (JCAHO); Behavioral
16 Health Care Services, the Comprehensive Accreditation
17 Manual for Behavioral Health Care (JCAHO); the
18 Accreditation Manual For Hospitals (JCAHO); the Standards
19 Manual For The Council on Accreditation for Children and
20 Family Services (COA); the Standards Manual for
21 Organizations Serving People with Disabilities (CARF); or
22 the National Committee for Quality Assurance. A provider
23 organization that is part of an accredited network shall
24 be afforded the same rights under this subsection.

25 (d-10) For mental health and substance abuse services,
26 the Department may adopt rules that establish additional
27 standards for monitoring and licensing accredited programs,
28 services, and facilities that the Department has determined
29 are not covered by the accreditation standards and processes.
30 These additional standards for monitoring and licensing
31 accredited programs, services, and facilities and the
32 associated monitoring must not duplicate the standards and
33 processes already covered by the accrediting bodies.

34 (d-15) The Department shall be given proof of compliance

1 with fire and health safety standards, which must be
2 submitted as required by rule.

3 (d-20) The Department, by accepting the survey or
4 inspection of an accrediting organization, does not forfeit
5 its rights to perform inspections at any time, including
6 contract monitoring to ensure that services are provided in
7 accordance with the contract.

8 (d-25) On and after the effective date of this
9 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the
10 accreditation requirements of this Section apply to
11 contracted organizations that are already accredited.

12 (e) Program Evaluation. Develop a system for conducting
13 evaluation of the effectiveness of community services,
14 according to preestablished performance standards; evaluate
15 the extent to which performance according to established
16 standards aids in achieving the goals of this Act; evaluation
17 data also shall be used for quality assurance purposes as
18 well as for planning activities.

19 (f) Research. Conduct research in order to increase
20 understanding of mental illness, developmental disabilities
21 and alcohol and drug dependence.

22 (g) Technical Assistance. Provide technical assistance
23 to provider agencies receiving funds or serving clients in
24 order to assist these agencies in providing appropriate,
25 quality services; also provide assistance and guidance to
26 other State agencies and local governmental bodies serving
27 the disabled in order to strengthen their efforts to provide
28 appropriate community services; and assist provider agencies
29 in accessing other available funding, including federal,
30 State, local, third-party and private resources.

31 (h) Placement Process. Promote the appropriate placement
32 of clients in community services through the development and
33 implementation of client assessment and diagnostic
34 instruments to assist in identifying the individual's service

1 needs; client assessment instruments also can be utilized for
2 purposes of program evaluation; whenever possible, assure
3 that placements in State-operated facilities are referrals
4 from community agencies.

5 (i) Interagency Coordination. Assume leadership in
6 promoting cooperation among State health and human service
7 agencies to insure that a comprehensive, coordinated
8 community services system is in place; to insure disabled
9 persons access to needed services; and to insure continuity
10 of care and allow clients to move among service settings as
11 their needs change; also work with other agencies to
12 establish effective prevention programs.

13 (j) Financial Assistance. Provide financial assistance
14 to local provider agencies through purchase-of-care contracts
15 and grants, pursuant to Section 4 of this Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.