

to receive medical day care during the transition and that medical day care providers are reimbursed for serving the individual during the appeal process and transition period. Further provided that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the budget committees by December 1, 2005 on the number of individuals denied continuing eligibility, the number of denials that affected persons with a psychiatric diagnosis or a developmental disability, and the number of individuals denied care who later receive services through a nursing facility, medical day care provider, inpatient hospital stay, agency licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration, or psychiatric rehabilitation program.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that a deficiency appropriation be provided to address any budget shortfall in the Mental Hygiene Administration or the Developmental Disabilities Administration resulting from the shift of patients from medical day care to psychiatric rehabilitation programs or developmental disabilities programs.

Further provided that \$880,000 of this appropriation may not be expended for any program or purpose except that the funds may be expended to provide the annual per diem rate adjustment set forth in COMAR 10.09.07.09(D).

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) continue to work with managed care entities and other health providers to establish a plan to: (1) identify individuals at risk for chronic kidney disease (CKD) through routine clinical laboratory assessments of kidney function; (2) evaluate those individuals; and (3) determine if early identification