

(a) The Agency shall provide for care, diagnosis, training, education, and rehabilitation of children by placing them in group homes and institutions that are operated by any nonprofit or for-profit entity.

(b) (1) The Agency shall reimburse these entities for the cost of these services at appropriate monthly rates that the Agency determines, as provided in the State budget.

(2) The reimbursement rate may differ between homes and institutions that provide intermediate services, as defined by the Agency, and homes and institutions that provide full services.

(C) THE AGENCY MAY NOT PLACE A CHILD IN A GROUP HOME OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL FACILITY THAT IS NOT OPERATING IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND-LOCAL LICENSING LAWS.

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-815.

(e) (1) A child alleged to be in need of supervision or in need of assistance may not be placed in detention and may not be placed in a State mental health facility. If the child is alleged to be in need of assistance by reason of a mental handicap, the child may be placed in shelter care facilities maintained or licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or if these facilities are not available, then in a private home or shelter care facility approved by the court. If the child is alleged to be in need of assistance for any other reason, or in need of supervision, he may be placed in shelter care facilities maintained or approved by the Social Services Administration, or the Juvenile Services Agency, or in a private home or shelter care facility approved by the court.

(2) A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE IN NEED OF SUPERVISION OR IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE MAY NOT BE PLACED IN A SHELTER CARE FACILITY THAT IS NOT OPERATING IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE-AND-LOCAL APPLICABLE STATE LICENSING LAWS.

Article - Family Law

5-526.

(a) The Department shall provide for the care, diagnosis, training, education, and rehabilitation of children by placing them in group homes and institutions that are operated by nonprofit charitable corporations.

(b) (1) The Department shall reimburse these corporations for the cost of these services at appropriate monthly rates that the Department determines, as provided in the State budget.