

Developmental Disabilities – Community–Based Services – Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration to establish and adhere to certain practices related to its funding system for the distribution of State funds to private providers for the provision of community–based services to individuals with developmental disability; requiring the Administration to notify providers of the billing rate to be paid to providers within a certain time; specifying that a provider may request an administrative resolution of the billing rate for a certain purpose; requiring the Administration to pay providers in accordance with a certain payment schedule under certain circumstances; providing for a certain deviation in funding to certain providers under certain circumstances; providing for the amount of a reduction under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to place sufficient funds in a certain account to fulfill its financial obligations to providers; and generally relating to requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration to develop and implement a certain funding system for the provision of community–based services by private providers to individuals with developmental disability.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 7–306.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

7–306.1.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A FUNDING SYSTEM FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE FUNDS TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS THAT ARE UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE PLAN.

(B) (1) UNDER THE FUNDING SYSTEM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL NOTIFY EACH PRIVATE PROVIDER AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE BILLING RATE OR AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE PAID TO THE PROVIDER FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY OR A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR.

(2) (I) A PRIVATE PROVIDER MAY REQUEST AN ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION OF A BILLING RATE SET UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.