

Article - Health - General

Section 7-306.2, ~~8-207~~, and 15-130

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, To advance the public interest, Maryland law mandates that it is the policy of this State to require the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Mental Hygiene Administration to designate sufficient resources to foster and strengthen a permanent comprehensive system of community programming for individuals with developmental and psychiatric disabilities; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is transitioning its provision of care to individuals with developmental and psychiatric disabilities from the State sector to the private sector; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The State of Maryland supports the collaboration of efforts to move toward long term solutions that will stabilize community programs that offer supports and services to individuals with developmental and psychiatric disabilities; now, therefore,~~

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

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7-306.2.

(A) CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADJUST ANNUALLY, FOR CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING, THE INDIVIDUAL AGENCY REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT SERVE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

(B) THE ADJUSTMENT SHALL:

(1) BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ANNUAL INCREASE PROVIDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE BUDGET;

(2) BE APPLICABLE FOR THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR;

(3) BE MADE BEGINNING WITH THE ~~1996~~ 1997 FISCAL YEAR BASED ON THE TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

(4) BE APPLIED TO ALL PROVIDERS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(C) FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO THOSE PROGRAMS.

8-207.