

enhancing or matching federal funds for community mental health services, with the exception of those funds transferred to Core Service Agencies in conjunction with a pilot project proposed to permit consumer selection of services in the catchment areas of the three largest State hospital centers.

Provided that funds may be transferred to the subcabinet fund for the purpose of assisting local management boards in providing continuing services to children returned from out-of-state in Fiscal Year 1998 who were originally placed in the out-of-state setting by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Funds transferred to the subcabinet fund should be equivalent to the number of months of in-state care provided through the local management boards during Fiscal Year 1998 to each new returnee multiplied by the average monthly cost of maintaining the child in the out-of-state placement.

Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that if the department fails to pay undisputed Medical Assistance claims within 30 45 days of receipt, the State shall pay the provider a reasonable rate of interest on the claims outstanding.

No revisions to the current grant system shall be implemented until the Mental Hygiene Administration has consulted with community providers and any proposed changes have been reviewed by the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.

ML01.01 Program Direction		
General Fund Appropriation	4,146,136	
Federal Fund Appropriation	132,303	4,278,439
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ML01.02 Community Services		
General Fund Appropriation	221,267,811	
Special Fund Appropriation	350,000	
Federal Fund Appropriation	156,297,649	377,915,460
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