

Further provided that, with the exception of payments made under the regulatory authority of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, payments to providers may not be raised above levels set in regulations in effect April 1, 2003, except as specifically authorized in legislation. Further provided that the Mental Hygiene Administration may not waive payment regulations in effect April 1, 2003, except as specifically authorized in legislation.

Further provided that before the Mental Hygiene Administration may enter into any privatization agreement or issue a Request for Proposals for the privatization of any of its current facilities or portions thereof, that agreement or Request for Proposals shall be submitted to the budget committees for review and comment. The budget committees shall have 30 days to review and comment on any agreement or request for proposals.

Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Community Services and Community Services for Medicaid Recipients budgets be reimbursed in accordance with the budget detail presented to, and approved by, the General Assembly. Should the administration wish to make a regulatory, policy, or procedural change which increases or decreases the budget by a sum greater than \$500,000, it shall inform the budget committees of the change and the committees shall have 30 days to review and consider it before it becomes effective. In reporting any change, the administration shall also include an assessment of the impact on clients and providers.

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General Fund Appropriation, provided that ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$2,000,000 of this appropriation may not be expended until