

presented to and approved by the General Assembly. Should the department 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 department shall also include an assessment of the impact on clients and providers.

Further provided that the Mental Hygiene Administration shall, prior to the beginning of fiscal 2003, develop a system for the delivery of mental health services that allows the administration to offer community services within the constraints of the Community Services appropriation (ML01.02). In order to achieve this, the administration:

- (1) ~~shall~~ **may shall** provide services to the Medicaid-ineligible population through a system of grants and contracts;
- (2) may limit access to services by reducing eligibility to services among the Medicaid-ineligible population;
- (3) may provide services to the Medicaid-eligible population through the current fee-for-service system, grants and contracts, or a combination of both;
- (4) may utilize all of the Community Services appropriation without regard for the preservation of any existing programming;
- (5) may consider rate increases for specific services;
- (6) shall not enter into interagency memoranda of agreement or any other agreement accepting responsibility to expand services to any clients or group