

(C) "SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES" MEANS THE HEALTH CARE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT RENDERED TO A RECIPIENT PRIMARILY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIAGNOSIS, EVALUATION, TREATMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT, REHABILITATION, OR SUPERVISED HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL DISORDERS.

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(A) A CORE SERVICE AGENCY SHALL:

(1) BE AN AGENT OF A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY GOVERNMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT;

(2) UNLESS AN EXCEPTION IS REQUESTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTY AND IS GRANTED BY THE SECRETARY, SERVE A COUNTY OR COUNTIES WITH AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF OVER 80,000 PEOPLE;

(3) EITHER PURCHASE SERVICES OR PROVIDE THE SERVICES DIRECTLY;

(4) ANNUALLY SUBMIT A PROGRAM PLAN TO THE SECRETARIES OF THE AFFECTED STATE DEPARTMENTS FOR REVIEW AND TO THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL; AND

(5) MEET THE STANDARDS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND, AS NEEDED, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SET BY THE SECRETARY.

(B) A CORE SERVICE AGENCY MAY NOT BE A FOR-PROFIT ENTITY.

(C) EACH CORE SERVICE AGENCY SHALL FUNCTION UNDER THE SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY.

(D) ONCE ESTABLISHED IN A JURISDICTION, THE CORE SERVICE AGENCY SHALL:

(1) SUBMIT, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, A PROGRAM PLAN TO THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL;

(2) INCORPORATE IN ITS METHOD OF GOVERNANCE A MECHANISM FOR THE LOCAL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR JOINT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE TO SERVE AS THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CORE SERVICE AGENCY AND, IF SERVING MORE THAN 1 UNIT OF GOVERNMENT, A METHOD OF REPRESENTATION SERVING THOSE JURISDICTIONS;

(3) IMPLEMENT GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE SECRETARY WHICH ESTABLISH OR DESIGNATE THE LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S AUTHORITY TO ADVISE AND ASSIST IN THE PLANNING AND EVALUATION OF THE PUBLICLY FUNDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;