

(b) The Commission shall:

(1) Develop OR REFINE methodologies for calculating rate update factors for rates paid by the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Mental Hygiene Administration and recommend annual rate update factors that use the methodologies that are developed;

(2) With respect to the Developmental Disabilities Administration:

(i) ~~Review, REVIEW~~ the data reported in the Developmental Disabilities Administration annual cost reports and use the data to develop relative performance measures of providers; and

(ii) ~~[Study] CONTINUE TO STUDY~~ the ~~[variation in] transportation costs [among] INCURRED BY~~ providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities, and ~~recommend whether the rates should include an adjustment for such costs;~~

(3) ~~With respect to the Mental Hygiene Administration:~~

(i) ~~Work with the Mental Hygiene Administration to expand the use of [any] SERVICE AUTHORIZATION AND billing data collected by a third party administrator for the public mental health system in order to evaluate performance; and~~

(ii) ~~1. Review [the changes in the payments for and utilization of psychiatric rehabilitation services associated with the shift to paying for these services by means of case rates] INFORMATION ON EVIDENCE BASED AND BEST PRACTICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;~~

~~2. RECOMMEND HOW INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE THESE PRACTICES COULD BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE RATE SYSTEM; AND~~

~~3. REVIEW WHETHER THE RATES PROVIDED UNDER THE RATE SYSTEM ARE ADEQUATE TO PROVIDE THESE INCENTIVES; and~~

(4) Evaluate proposed regulatory changes by the Department, the Developmental Disabilities Administration, and the Mental Hygiene Administration that affect the rates paid or the rate structure.