

## CHAPTER 256E

## COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES ACT

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**256E.03 DEFINITIONS.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1984]*

Subd. 2. "Community social services" means services provided or arranged for by county boards to fulfill the responsibilities prescribed in section 256E.08, subdivision 1 to the following groups of persons:

(a) families with children under age 18, who are experiencing child dependency, neglect or abuse, and also pregnant adolescents, adolescent parents under the age of 18, and their children;

(b) persons who are under the guardianship of the commissioner of human services as dependent and neglected wards;

(c) adults who are in need of protection and vulnerable as defined in section 626.557;

(d) persons age 60 and over who are experiencing difficulty living independently and are unable to provide for their own needs;

(e) emotionally disturbed children and adolescents, chronically and acutely mentally ill persons who are unable to provide for their own needs or to independently engage in ordinary community activities;

(f) persons with mental retardation as defined in section 252A.02, subdivision 2, or with related conditions as defined in section 252.27, subdivision 1, who are unable to provide for their own needs or to independently engage in ordinary community activities;

(g) drug dependent and intoxicated persons as defined in section 254A.02, subdivisions 5 and 7, and persons at risk of harm to self or others due to the ingestion of alcohol or other drugs;

(h) parents whose income is at or below 70 percent of the state median income and who are in need of child care services in order to secure or retain employment or to obtain the training or education necessary to secure employment; and

(i) other groups of persons who, in the judgment of the county board, are in need of social services.

Community social services do not include public assistance programs known as aid to families with dependent children, Minnesota supplemental aid, medical assistance, general assistance, general assistance medical care, or community health services authorized by sections 145.911 to 145.922.

*[For text of subds 3 to 7, see M.S.1984]*

**History:** 1985 c 21 s 58

**256E.06 DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AIDS.**

*[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1984]*

Subd. 2a. **State transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding subdivisions 1 and 2, for the purpose of funding training and habilitation services provided to residents of

intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation or related conditions as defined in section 252.27, subdivision 1, as required under federal regulation, the commissioner is authorized to transfer on a quarterly basis to the medical assistance state account from each county's Community Social Services Act allocation an amount equal to the state share of medical assistance reimbursement for such services provided to clients for whom the county is financially responsible. Upon federal approval and state implementation of the state medical assistance plan, county boards will not be responsible for the funding of training and habilitation services as a social service to residents of intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation or related conditions. County board responsibility for training and habilitation services shall be assumed under section 256B.20. County boards continue to be responsible for funding developmental achievement center services not covered under the medical assistance program established by United States Code, title 42, sections 1396 to 1396p, as amended through December 31, 1982, and shall develop contractual agreements for these services under the authority of this chapter.

*[For text of subds 3 to 10, see M.S.1984]*

**History:** 1985 c 21 s 59

## **256E.08 DUTIES OF COUNTY BOARDS.**

Subdivision 1. **Responsibilities.** The county board of each county shall be responsible for administration, planning and funding of community social services. Each county board shall singly or in combination with other county boards as provided in section 256E.09 prepare a social services plan and shall update the plan biennially. Upon final approval of the plan by the county board or boards, the plan shall be submitted to the commissioner. The county board shall distribute money available pursuant to sections 256E.06 and 256E.07 for community social services.

The authority and responsibilities of county boards for social services for groups of persons identified in section 256E.03, subdivision 2, shall include contracting for or directly providing: (1) an assessment of the needs of each person applying for services which estimates the nature and extent of the problem to be addressed and identifies the means available to meet the person's needs for services; (2) protection for safety, health or well-being by providing services directed at the goal of attaining the highest level of independent functioning appropriate to the individual preferably without removing those persons from their homes; (3) a means of facilitating access of physically handicapped or impaired persons to services appropriate to their needs.

A county board may delegate to a county welfare board established under chapter 393 authority to provide or approve contracts for the purchase of the kinds of community social services that were provided or contracted for by the county welfare boards before the enactment of Laws 1979, chapter 324. The county board must determine how citizens will participate in the planning process, give final approval to the community social services plan, and distribute community social services money.

*[For text of subds 2 to 10, see M.S.1984]*

**History:** 1Sp1985 c 9 art 2 s 67

## **256E.12 GRANTS FOR CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL PERSONS.**

*[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1984]*

Subd. 3. The commissioner shall allocate grants under this section to finance up to 90 percent of each county's costs for services for chronically mentally ill

persons. The commissioner shall promulgate emergency and permanent rules to govern grant applications, approval of applications, allocation of grants, and maintenance of financial statements by grant recipients. The commissioner shall require collection of data and periodic reports as the commissioner deems necessary to demonstrate the effectiveness of the services in helping chronically mentally ill persons remain and function in their own communities. The commissioner shall report to the legislature no later than January 15, 1983 on the effectiveness of the experimental program and his recommendations regarding making this program an integral part of the social development programs administered by counties. The experimental program shall expire no later than June 30, 1987.

**History:** *1Sp1985 c 9 art 2 s 68*