

**252.294 CRITERIA FOR DOWNSIZING OF FACILITIES.**

The commissioner of human services shall develop a process to evaluate and rank proposals for the voluntary downsizing or closure of intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental disabilities using the following guidelines:

- (1) the extent to which the option matches overall policy direction of the department;
- (2) the extent to which the option demonstrates respect for individual needs and allows implementation of individual choice;
- (3) the extent to which the option addresses safety, privacy, and other programmatic issues;
- (4) the extent to which the option appropriately redesigns the overall community capacity;  
and
- (5) the cost of each option.

The process shall, to the extent feasible, be modeled on the nursing home moratorium exception process, including procedures for administrative evaluation and approval of projects within the limit of appropriations made available by the legislature.

**History:** 1997 c 203 art 9 s 4; 2005 c 56 s 1