

256M.70 FISCAL LIMITATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Demonstration of reasonable effort.** The county shall make reasonable efforts to comply with all children and community services requirements. For the purposes of this section, a county is making reasonable efforts if the county has made efforts to comply with requirements within the limits of available funding, including efforts to identify and apply for commonly available state and federal funding for services.

Subd. 2. **Identification of services to be provided.** If a county has made reasonable efforts to provide services according to the service plan under section 256M.30, but funds appropriated for purposes of sections 256M.01 to 256M.80 are insufficient, then the county may limit services that do not meet the following criteria while giving the highest funding priority to clauses (1), (2), and (3):

- (1) services needed to protect individuals from maltreatment, abuse, and neglect;
- (2) emergency and crisis services needed to protect clients from physical, emotional, or psychological harm;
- (3) services that maintain a person in the person's home or least restrictive setting;
- (4) assessment of persons applying for services and referral to appropriate services when necessary;
- (5) public guardianship services;
- (6) case management for persons with developmental disabilities, children with serious emotional disturbances, and adults with serious and persistent mental illness; and
- (7) fulfilling licensing responsibilities delegated to the county by the commissioner under section 245A.16.

Subd. 3. **Denial, reduction, or termination of services due to fiscal limitations.** Before a county denies, reduces, or terminates services to an individual due to fiscal limitations, the county must meet the requirements in this section. The county must notify the individual and the individual's guardian in writing of the reason for the denial, reduction, or termination of services and must inform the individual and the individual's guardian in writing that the county will, upon request, meet to discuss alternatives before services are terminated or reduced.

History: *1Sp2003 c 14 art 11 s 8*