

**251.013 AH-GWAH-CHING, WILLMAR, AND FERGUS FALLS REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTERS.**

Subdivision 1. **Ah-Gwah-Ching.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Ah-Gwah-Ching Center continue operation in Walker, Minnesota, as a provider of nursing care to geriatric and other residents whose aggressive or difficult to manage behavioral needs cannot be met in their home community.

Subd. 2. **Admissions criteria.** An individual who has a documented history of behavioral patterns that pose a substantial risk of harm to the individual, other vulnerable adults, staff, or visitors is eligible for placement at the Ah-Gwah-Ching Center if the individual meets all other admissions criteria.

Subd. 3. **Geriatric rapid assessment stabilization program.** The Ah-Gwah-Ching Center shall provide information on the geriatric rapid assessment stabilization program (GRASP) or emergency admittance programs to nursing facilities throughout the state and shall promote and encourage the use of these programs by these facilities.

Subd. 4. **Willmar.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Willmar Regional Treatment Center continue operation in Willmar as a provider of mental health and chemical dependency treatment, and also as an operator of community-based programs for persons with developmental disabilities.

Subd. 5. **Fergus Falls.** It is the intent of the legislature to continue operation as a downsized regional treatment center in Fergus Falls and use state employees to operate and maintain the downsized facility.

**History:** 2000 c 310 s 1; 2002 c 220 art 16 s 2