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An act relating to mental health and substance abuse;, amending s. 394.4597, F.S.; specifying certain persons who are prohibited from being selected as an individual's representative; providing rights of an individual's representative; amending s. 394.4612, F.S.; requiring each county to have a coordinated receiving system by a specified date; specifying the goal for and elements of a coordinated receiving system; requiring the development and documentation of a coordinated receiving system if one does not exist; requiring managing entities to plan for the phased enhancement of a county's coordinated receiving system; directing managing entities jointly with counties to develop transportation plans by a specified date to support the coordinated receiving system within current resources; requiring county certification and department approval of transportation plans; providing requirements for contents of transportation plans; providing that transportation plans shall supersede the transportation requirements of ss. 394.462, 394.4685, and 397.6795, F.S., upon approval; repealing s. 394.462, relating to transportation; repealing s. 394.4685, relating to transfer of patients among facilities; repealing 397.6795, F.S., relating to

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transportation-assisted delivery of persons for emergency assessment; amending 394.467, F.S.; prohibiting a court from ordering an individual with traumatic brain injury or dementia, who lacks a cooccurring mental illness, to be involuntarily placed in a state treatment facility; amending s. 394.492, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "adolescent," "child or adolescent at risk of emotional disturbance, " "child or adolescent who has an emotional disturbance," and "child or adolescent who has a serious emotional disturbance or mental illness" for purposes of the Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Act; amending s. 394.656, F.S.; renaming the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Review Committee as the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Policy Committee; providing additional members of the committee; providing duties of the committee; providing additional qualifications for committee members; directing the Department of Children and Families to create a grant review and selection committee; providing duties of the committee; authorizing a designated not-for-profit community provider, managing entity, or coordinated care organization to apply for certain grants; providing eligibility requirements;

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defining the term "sequential intercept mapping"; removing provisions relating to applications for certain planning grants; creating s. 394.761, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration and the department to develop a plan to obtain federal approval for increasing the availability of federal Medicaid funding for behavioral health care; requiring the agency and the department to submit a written plan that contains certain information to the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 394.875, F.S.; removing a limitation on the number of beds in crisis stabilization units; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; revising legislative findings and intent; redefining terms; requiring the managing entities, rather than the department, to contract with community-based organizations to serve as managing entities; deleting provisions providing for contracting for services; providing contractual responsibilities of a managing entity; requiring the department to revise contracts with all managing entities by a certain date; providing contractual terms and requirements; providing for termination of a contract with a managing entity under certain circumstances; providing protocols for the department to select a managing entity; requiring the department to develop and incorporate measurable outcome standards while

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addressing specified goals; providing that managing entities may earn designation as coordinated care organizations by developing and implementing a plan that achieves a certain goal; providing requirements for the plan; providing for earning and maintaining the designation of a managing entity as a coordinated care organization; requiring the department to seek input from certain entities and persons before designating a managing entity as a coordinated care organization; providing that a comprehensive range of services includes specified elements; revising the criteria for which the department may adopt rules and contractual standards related to the qualification and operation of managing entities; deleting certain departmental responsibilities; deleting a provision requiring an annual report to the Legislature; authorizing, rather than requiring, the department to adopt rules; amending s. 397.311, F.S.; defining the term "informed consent"; amending s. 397.321, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to develop, implement, and maintain standards and protocols for the collection of utilization data for substance abuse services provided through department funding; specifying data to be collected; requiring reconciliation of data; providing timeframes for the collection and submission of data; requiring the

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department to create a statewide database for the data; requiring the department to adopt rules; deleting a requirement for the department to appoint a substance abuse impairment coordinator; creating s. 397.402, F.S.; requiring that the department and the agency submit a plan to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date with options for modifying certain licensure rules and procedures to provide for a single, consolidated license for providers that offer multiple types of mental health and substance abuse services; amending s. 397.6772, F.S.; requiring officers to use standard forms developed by the department to detail the circumstances under which a person was taken into custody under the Marchman Act; amending s. 397.6793, F.S.; deleting a requirement for a physician's certificate to indicate whether a person requires transportation assistance for delivery for emergency admission and what type of assistance is necessary; amending s. 397.681, F.S.; prohibiting the court from charging a fee for the filing of petitions for involuntary assessment and stabilization and involuntary treatment; amending s. 397.6955, F.S.; allowing a continuance to be granted for a hearing on involuntary treatment of a substance abuse impaired person; amending s. 397.697, F.S.; allowing the court to order a respondent to undergo treatment through a

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privately funded licensed service provider under certain conditions; amending s. 409.967, F.S.; requiring that certain plans or contracts include specified requirements; amending s. 409.973, F.S.; requiring each plan operating in the managed medical assistance program to work with the managing entity to establish specific organizational supports and service protocols; amending s. 491.0045, F.S.; limiting an intern registration to 5 years; providing timelines for expiration of certain intern registrations; providing requirements for issuance of subsequent registrations; prohibiting an individual who held a provisional license from the board from applying for an intern registration in the same profession; repealing s. 394.4674, F.S., relating to a plan and report; repealing s. 394.4985, F.S., relating to districtwide information and referral network and implementation; repealing s. 394.745, F.S., relating to an annual report and compliance of providers under contract with the department; repealing s.397.311 and 397.331, F.S., relating to definitions; repealing s. 397.333, F.S., relating to the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council; repealing s.397.6772, 397.697, 397.801, F.S., relating to substance abuse impairment coordination; repealing s. 397.811, F.S., relating to juvenile substance abuse impairment coordination;

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repealing s. 397.821, F.S., relating to juvenile substance abuse impairment prevention and early intervention councils; repealing s. 397.901, F.S., relating to prototype juvenile addictions receiving facilities; repealing s. 397.93, F.S., relating to children's substance abuse services and target populations; repealing s. 397.94, F.S., relating to children's substance abuse services and the information and referral network; repealing s. 397.951, F.S., relating to treatment and sanctions; repealing s. 397.97, F.S., relating to children's substance abuse services and demonstration models; repealing s. 397.98, F.S., relating to children's substance abuse services and utilization management; amending ss. 212.055, 394.9085, 397.405, 397.407, 397.416, 409.966, and 440.102, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 39.407(6)(a), 394.67(21), 394.674(1)(b), 394.676(1), 409.1676(2)(c), and 409.1677(1)(b), F.S., relating to the term "suitable for residential treatment" or "suitability," the term "residential treatment center for children and adolescents," children's mental health services, the indigent psychiatric medication program, and the term "serious behavioral problems," respectively, to incorporate the amendment made by the act to s.

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394.492, F.S., in references thereto; amending ss. 943.031 and 943.042, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; providing effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 394.4597, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.4597 Persons to be notified; appointment of a patient's representative.—

- (1) VOLUNTARY PATIENTS.— At the time a patient is voluntarily admitted to a receiving or treatment facility, the patient shall be asked to identify a person to be notified in case of an emergency, and the identity and contact information of that a person to be notified in case of an emergency shall be entered in the patient's clinical record.
 - (2) INVOLUNTARY PATIENTS.-
- (a) At the time a patient is admitted to a facility for involuntary examination or placement, or when a petition for involuntary placement is filed, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the patient's guardian or guardian advocate, or representative if the patient has no guardian, and the patient's attorney shall be entered in the patient's clinical record.
- (b) If the patient has no guardian, the patient shall be asked to designate a representative. If the patient is unable or

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unwilling to designate a representative, the facility shall select a representative.

- (c) The patient shall be consulted with regard to the selection of a representative by the receiving or treatment facility and shall have authority to request that any such representative be replaced.
- (d) If When the receiving or treatment facility selects a representative, first preference shall be given to a health care surrogate, if one has been previously selected by the patient. If the patient has not previously selected a health care surrogate, the selection, except for good cause documented in the patient's clinical record, shall be made from the following list in the order of listing:
 - 1. The patient's spouse.
 - 2. An adult child of the patient.
 - 3. A parent of the patient.
 - 4. The adult next of kin of the patient.
 - 5. An adult friend of the patient.
- 227 6. The appropriate Florida local advocacy council as 228 provided in s. 402.166.
 - (e) The following persons are prohibited from selection as a patient's representative:
 - 1. A professional providing clinical services to the patient under this part;
- 2. The licensed professional who initiated the involuntary
 234 examination of the patient, if the examination was initiated by

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- 3. An employee, administrator, or board member of the facility providing the examination of the patient;
- 4. An employee, administrator, or board member of a treatment facility providing treatment of the patient;
- 5. A person providing any substantial professional services to the patient, including clinical and nonclinical services;
 - 6. A creditor of the patient;
- 7. A person subject to an injunction for protection against domestic violence under s. 741.30, whether the order of injunction is temporary or final, and for which the patient was the petitioner; and
- 8. A person subject to an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence under s. 784.046, whether the order of injunction is temporary or final, and for which the patient was the petitioner.
- (e) A licensed professional providing services to the patient under this part, an employee of a facility providing direct services to the patient under this part, a department employee, a person providing other substantial services to the patient in a professional or business capacity, or a creditor of the patient shall not be appointed as the patient's representative.
- (f) The representative selected by the patient or designated by the facility has the right to:

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1.	Receive	notice	of	the	patient'	s	admission;

- 2. Receive notice of proceedings affecting the patient;
- 3. Have immediate access to the patient unless such access is documented to be detrimental to the patient;
- 4. Receive notice of any restriction of the patient's right to communicate or receive visitors;
- 5. Receive a copy of the inventory of personal effects
 upon the patient's admission and to request an amendment to the
 inventory at any time;
- 6. Receive disposition of the patient's clothing and personal effects if not returned to the patient, or to approve an alternate plan;
- 7. Petition on behalf of the patient for a writ of habeas corpus to question the cause and legality of the patient's detention or to allege that the patient is being unjustly denied a right or privilege granted under this part, or that a procedure authorized under this part is being abused;
- 8. Apply for a change of venue for the patient's involuntary placement hearing for the convenience of the parties or witnesses or because of the patient's condition;
- 9. Receive written notice of any restriction of the patient's right to inspect his or her clinical record;
- 10. Receive notice of the release of the patient from a receiving facility where an involuntary examination was performed;
 - 11. Receive a copy of any petition for the patient's

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	involuntary	placement	filed wi	th the	court;	and
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- 12. Be informed by the court of the patient's right to an independent expert evaluation pursuant to involuntary placement procedures.
- Section 2. Section 394.4612, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 394.4612 <u>Coordinated receiving systems;</u> integrated adult mental health crisis stabilization and addictions receiving facilities.—
- receiving system for addressing acute behavioral health care needs, including both mental health and substance abuse. The coordinated receiving system shall have the goal of providing the most effective and timely care to the greatest number of individuals. It shall consist of providers and systems involved in addressing acute behavioral health care needs, including at a minimum any central receiving facility, if one exists, or other facility performing acute behavioral health care triaging functions for the community, crisis stabilization units, detoxification units, addiction receiving facilities, hospitals, and law enforcement serving the county, who have written agreements and system-wide operational policies documenting coordinated methods of triage, diversion, and acute behavioral health care provision.
- a. The managing entity, in cooperation with the county, shall lead the development and documentation of the coordinated

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receiving system for each county within its area if one does not currently exist. The managing entity shall involve other providers and systems involved in addressing the county's acute behavioral health care needs in developing the coordinated receiving system, and all such entities licensed or funded by the department, licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration, or funded or operated by the Department of Health shall cooperate with the development and implementation of the plan. The plan must be able to be implemented within current resources.

b. The managing entity shall also develop a plan by

December 31, 2017, for directing phased enhancement of the

coordinated receiving system based on the assessed acute

behavioral health care needs of the county and system gaps,

giving consideration to best practices and promising practices

for diverting individuals from the acute behavioral health care

system and addressing their needs once in the system in the most

effective and cost-effective manner. The managing entity shall

involve other providers and systems involved in addressing the

county's acute care needs in developing the plan.

(2) Each county shall have a transportation plan that supports the seamless functioning of the coordinated receiving system within available resources. The managing entity shall develop the transportation plan jointly with the county by June 30, 2017, and shall involve other providers and systems involved in addressing the county's acute care needs in developing the

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plan. Before a plan may take effect, the plan must first be approved by the governing boards of any affected counties, which must certify their approval of the plan in writing to the department, and then subsequently be approved by the department. Upon department approval, the plan shall supersede the transportation requirements of ss. 394.462, 394.4685, and 397.6795. At a minimum, the transportation plan must address:

- (a) The methodology for determining the public or private receiving facility to which an individual shall be transported.

 The plan shall provide for consumer choice of receiving facility or other designated facility, or other acute care service provider capable of meeting their needs, within reasonable parameters of funding, geography, and safety.
- (b) The method of transporting individuals after law enforcement has relinquished physical custody at a designated public or private receiving facility or residential detoxification facility for substance abuse.
- (c) The entities or persons responsible for transporting persons in need to and between facilities in support of involuntary assessments or examinations, emergency services, acute care placements, and involuntary court proceedings and resulting commitments, and the means by which they will be transported.
- (3) The Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, may license facilities that integrate services provided in an adult

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mental health crisis stabilization unit with services provided in an adult addictions receiving facility. Such a facility shall be licensed by the agency as an adult crisis stabilization unit under part IV and must meet all licensure requirements for crisis stabilization units providing integrated services.

- (2) An integrated mental health crisis stabilization unit and addictions receiving facility may provide services under this section to adults who are 18 years of age or older and who fall into one or more of the following categories:
- (a) An adult meeting the requirements for voluntary admission for mental health treatment under s. 394.4625.
- (b) An adult meeting the criteria for involuntary examination for mental illness under s. 394.463.
- (c) An adult qualifying for voluntary admission for substance abuse treatment under s. 397.601.
- (d) An adult meeting the criteria for involuntary admission for substance abuse impairment under s. 397.675.
- (4)(3) The department, in consultation with the agency, shall adopt by rule standards that address eligibility criteria; clinical procedures; staffing requirements; operational, administrative, and financing requirements; and the investigation of complaints.
- Section 3. Effective July 1, 2018, sections 394.462, 394.4685 and 397.6795, Florida Statutes, are repealed.
- Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 394.467, Florida

 Statutes, is amended to read:

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- 394.467 Involuntary inpatient placement.
- (6) HEARING ON INVOLUNTARY INPATIENT PLACEMENT.
- (a)1. The court shall hold the hearing on involuntary inpatient placement within 5 days, unless a continuance is granted. The hearing shall be held in the county where the patient is located and shall be as convenient to the patient as may be consistent with orderly procedure and shall be conducted in physical settings not likely to be injurious to the patient's condition. If the court finds that the patient's attendance at the hearing is not consistent with the best interests of the patient, and the patient's counsel does not object, the court may waive the presence of the patient from all or any portion of the hearing. The state attorney for the circuit in which the patient is located shall represent the state, rather than the petitioning facility administrator, as the real party in interest in the proceeding.
- 2. The court may appoint a general or special magistrate to preside at the hearing. One of the professionals who executed the involuntary inpatient placement certificate shall be a witness. The patient and the patient's guardian or representative shall be informed by the court of the right to an independent expert examination. If the patient cannot afford such an examination, the court shall provide for one. The independent expert's report shall be confidential and not discoverable, unless the expert is to be called as a witness for the patient at the hearing. The testimony in the hearing must be

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given under oath, and the proceedings must be recorded. The patient may refuse to testify at the hearing.

- (b) If the court concludes that the patient meets the criteria for involuntary inpatient placement, it shall order that the patient be transferred to a treatment facility or, if the patient is at a treatment facility, that the patient be retained there or be treated at any other appropriate receiving or treatment facility, or that the patient receive services from a receiving or treatment facility, on an involuntary basis, for a period of up to 6 months. The order shall specify the nature and extent of the patient's mental illness. The court may not order an individual with traumatic brain injury or dementia who lacks a co-occurring mental illness to be involuntarily placed in a state treatment facility. The facility shall discharge a patient any time the patient no longer meets the criteria for involuntary inpatient placement, unless the patient has transferred to voluntary status.
- on involuntary inpatient placement it appears to the court that the person does not meet the criteria for involuntary inpatient placement under this section, but instead meets the criteria for involuntary outpatient placement, the court may order the person evaluated for involuntary outpatient placement placement pursuant to s. 394.4655. The petition and hearing procedures set forth in s. 394.4655 shall apply. If the person instead meets the criteria for involuntary assessment, protective custody, or involuntary

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admission pursuant to s. 397.675, then the court may order the person to be admitted for involuntary assessment for a period of 5 days pursuant to s. 397.6811. Thereafter, all proceedings shall be governed by chapter 397.

- (d) At the hearing on involuntary inpatient placement, the court shall consider testimony and evidence regarding the patient's competence to consent to treatment. If the court finds that the patient is incompetent to consent to treatment, it shall appoint a guardian advocate as provided in s. 394.4598.
- (e) The administrator of the receiving facility shall provide a copy of the court order and adequate documentation of a patient's mental illness to the administrator of a treatment facility whenever a patient is ordered for involuntary inpatient placement, whether by civil or criminal court. The documentation shall include any advance directives made by the patient, a psychiatric evaluation of the patient, and any evaluations of the patient performed by a clinical psychologist, a marriage and family therapist, a mental health counselor, or a clinical social worker. The administrator of a treatment facility may refuse admission to any patient directed to its facilities on an involuntary basis, whether by civil or criminal court order, who is not accompanied at the same time by adequate orders and documentation.

Section 5. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (6) of section 394.492, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

394.492 Definitions.—As used in ss. 394.490-394.497, the

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- (1) "Adolescent" means a person who is at least 13 years of age but under 21 $\frac{18}{18}$ years of age.
- (4) "Child or adolescent at risk of emotional disturbance" means a person under 21 18 years of age who has an increased likelihood of becoming emotionally disturbed because of risk factors that include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Being homeless.
 - (b) Having a family history of mental illness.
 - (c) Being physically or sexually abused or neglected.
 - (d) Abusing alcohol or other substances.
- (e) Being infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
 - (f) Having a chronic and serious physical illness.
 - (g) Having been exposed to domestic violence.
 - (h) Having multiple out-of-home placements.
- (5) "Child or adolescent who has an emotional disturbance" means a person under 21 18 years of age who is diagnosed with a mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder of sufficient duration to meet one of the diagnostic categories specified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association, but who does not exhibit behaviors that substantially interfere with or limit his or her role or ability to function in the family, school, or community. The emotional disturbance must not be considered to be a temporary response to a stressful situation. The term does not

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include a child or adolescent who meets the criteria for involuntary placement under s. 394.467(1).

- (6) "Child or adolescent who has a serious emotional disturbance or mental illness" means a person under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age who:
- (a) Is diagnosed as having a mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder that meets one of the diagnostic categories specified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association; and
- (b) Exhibits behaviors that substantially interfere with or limit his or her role or ability to function in the family, school, or community, which behaviors are not considered to be a temporary response to a stressful situation.

The term includes a child or adolescent who meets the criteria for involuntary placement under s. 394.467(1).

Section 6. Section 394.656, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 394.656 Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program.—
- (1) There is created within the Department of Children and Families the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to provide funding to counties with which they can plan, implement, or expand initiatives that increase public safety,

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avert increased spending on criminal justice, and improve the
accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults
and juveniles who have a mental illness, substance abuse
disorder, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse
disorders and who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal
or juvenile justice systems.

- (2) The department shall establish a Criminal Justice,
 Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Policy Review
 Committee. The committee shall include:
- (a) One representative of the Department of Children and Families;
 - (b) One representative of the Department of Corrections;
- 533 (c) One representative of the Department of Juvenile Justice;
- (d) One representative of the Department of Elderly
 Affairs; and
 - (e) One representative of the Office of the State Courts Administrator;
 - (f) One representative of the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
 - (g) One representative of the Florida Sheriffs Association;
- 543 (h) One representative of the Florida Police Chiefs
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- (i) One representative of the Florida Association of Counties;

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- (k) One representative of the Florida Association of Managing Entities;
- (1) One representative of the Florida Council for Community Mental Health; and
- (m) One administrator of a state-licensed limited mental health assisted living facility.
- review policy and funding issues that help reduce the impact of persons with mental illnesses and substance use disorders on communities, criminal justice agencies, and the court system.

 The committee shall advise the department in selecting priorities for grants and investing awarded grant moneys.
- (4) The department shall create a grant review and selection committee that has experience in substance use and mental health disorders, community corrections, and law enforcement. To the extent possible, the members of the committee shall have expertise in grant writing, grant reviewing, and grant application scoring.
- (5)(3)(a) A county, or not-for-profit community provider or managing entity designated by the county planning council or committee, as described in s. 394.657, may apply for a 1-year planning grant or a 3-year implementation or expansion grant. The purpose of the grants is to demonstrate that investment in treatment efforts related to mental illness, substance abuse

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disorders, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders results in a reduced demand on the resources of the judicial, corrections, juvenile detention, and health and social services systems.

- (b) To be eligible to receive a 1-year planning grant or a 3-year implementation or expansion grant: τ
- $\underline{1.}$ A county applicant must have a $\frac{1.}{1.}$ County planning council or committee that is in compliance with the membership requirements set forth in this section.
- 2. A not-for-profit community provider or managing entity must be designated by the county planning council or committee and have written authorization to submit an application. A not-for-profit community provider or managing entity must have written authorization for each application it submits.
- (c) The department may award a 3-year implementation or expansion grant to an applicant who has not received a 1-year planning grant.
- (d) The department may require an applicant to conduct sequential intercept mapping for a project. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "sequential intercept mapping" means a process for reviewing a local community's mental health, substance abuse, criminal justice, and related systems and identifying points of interceptions where interventions may be made to prevent an individual with a substance use disorder or mental illness from deeper involvement in the criminal justice system.

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(6)(4) The grant review and selection committee shall select the grant recipients and notify the department of Children and Families in writing of the recipients' names of the applicants who have been selected by the committee to receive a grant. Contingent upon the availability of funds and upon notification by the grant review and selection committee of those applicants approved to receive planning, implementation, or expansion grants, the department of Children and Families may transfer funds appropriated for the grant program to a selected grant recipient any county awarded a grant.

Section 7. Section 394.761, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

department shall develop a plan to obtain federal approval for increasing the availability of federal Medicaid funding for behavioral health care. Increased funding will be used to advance the goal of improved integration of behavioral health and primary care services for individuals eligible for Medicaid through development and effective implementation of coordinated care organizations as described in s. 394.9082. The agency and the department shall submit the written plan to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1, 2016. The plan shall identify the amount of general revenue funding appropriated for mental health and substance abuse services which is eligible to be used as state Medicaid match. The plan must evaluate alternative uses of increased

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Medicaid funding, including seeking Medicaid eligibility for the severely and persistently mentally ill, increased reimbursement rates for behavioral health services, adjustments to the capitation rate for Medicaid enrollees with chronic mental illness and substance use disorders, supplemental payments to mental health and substance abuse providers through a designated state health program or other mechanisms, and innovative programs to provide incentives for improved outcomes for behavioral health conditions. The plan shall identify the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative and assess the potential of each for achieving improved integration of services. The plan shall identify the types of federal approvals necessary to implement each alternative and project a timeline for implementation.

Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 394.875, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.875 Crisis stabilization units, residential treatment facilities, and residential treatment centers for children and adolescents; authorized services; license required.—

(1) (a) The purpose of a crisis stabilization unit is to stabilize and redirect a client to the most appropriate and least restrictive community setting available, consistent with the client's needs. Crisis stabilization units may screen, assess, and admit for stabilization persons who present themselves to the unit and persons who are brought to the unit under s. 394.463. Clients may be provided 24-hour observation,

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medication prescribed by a physician or psychiatrist, and other appropriate services. Crisis stabilization units shall provide services regardless of the client's ability to pay and shall be limited in size to a maximum of 30 beds.

Section 9. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.-

LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds that untreated behavioral health disorders constitute major health problems for residents of this state, are a major economic burden to the citizens of this state, and substantially increase demands on the state's juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, the child welfare system, and health care systems. The Legislature finds that behavioral health disorders respond to appropriate treatment, rehabilitation, and supportive intervention. The Legislature finds that the state's return on its it has made a substantial long-term investment in the funding of the community-based behavioral health prevention and treatment service systems and facilities can be enhanced for individuals also served by Medicaid through integration of these services with primary care and for individuals not served by Medicaid through coordination of these services with primary care in order to provide critical emergency, acute care, residential, outpatient, and rehabilitative and recovery-based services. The Legislature finds that local communities have also made substantial investments in behavioral health services,

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contracting with safety net providers who by mandate and mission provide specialized services to vulnerable and hard-to-serve populations and have strong ties to local public health and public safety agencies. The Legislature finds that a regional management structure that facilitates a comprehensive and cohesive system of coordinated care for places the responsibility for publicly financed behavioral health treatment and prevention services within a single private, nonprofit entity at the local level will improved access to care, promote service continuity, and provide for more efficient and effective delivery of substance abuse and mental health services. The Legislature finds that streamlining administrative processes will create cost efficiencies and provide flexibility to better match available services to consumers' identified needs.

- (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Behavioral health services" means mental health services and substance abuse prevention and treatment services as defined in this chapter and chapter 397 which are provided using state and federal funds.
- (b) "Coordinated care organization" means a managing entity that has earned designation by the department as having achieved the standards required in subsection (5).

 "Decisionmaking model" means a comprehensive management information system needed to answer the following management questions at the federal, state, regional, circuit, and local

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provider levels: who receives what services from which providers with what outcomes and at what costs?

- (c) "Geographic area" means <u>one or more contiguous</u>

 <u>counties</u>, <u>circuits</u> a <u>county</u>, <u>circuit</u>, <u>regional</u>, or <u>regions as</u>

 described in s. 409.966 <u>multiregional area in this state</u>.
- (d) "Managed behavioral health organization" means a Medicaid managed care organization currently under contract with the Medicaid managed medical assistance program in this state pursuant to part IV of chapter 409, including a managed care organization operating as a behavioral health specialty plan.
- (e) (d) "Managing entity" means a corporation that is selected by organized in this state, is designated or filed as a nonprofit organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is under contract to the department to execute the administrative duties specified in subsection (5) to facilitate the manage the day-to-day operational delivery of behavioral health services through a coordinated an organized system of care.
- (f) (e) "Provider networks" mean the direct service agencies that are under contract with a managing entity to provide behavioral health services. The provider network may also include noncontracted providers as partners in the delivery of coordinated care and that together constitute a comprehensive array of emergency, acute care, residential, outpatient, recovery support, and consumer support services.
 - (3) SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGIES.—The department may work

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through managing entities to develop service delivery strategies that will improve the coordination, integration, and management of the delivery of behavioral health services to people who have mental or substance use disorders. It is the intent of the Legislature that a well-managed service delivery system will increase access for those in need of care, improve the coordination and continuity of care for vulnerable and high-risk populations, and redirect service dollars from restrictive care settings to community-based recovery services.

(3) $\overline{(4)}$ CONTRACT FOR SERVICES.

(a)1. The department shall may contract for the purchase and management of behavioral health services with not-for-profit community-based organizations with competence in managing networks of providers serving persons with mental health and substance use disorders to serve as managing entities. However, if fewer than two responsive bids are received to a solicitation for a managing entity contract, the department shall reissue the solicitation and managed behavioral health organizations shall also be eligible to bid. The department may require a managing entity to contract for specialized services that are not currently part of the managing entity's network if the department determines that to do so is in the best interests of consumers of services. The secretary shall determine the schedule for phasing in contracts with managing entities. The managing entities shall, at a minimum, be accountable for the operational oversight of the delivery of behavioral health

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services funded by the department and for the collection and submission of the required data pertaining to these contracted services.

- 2. The department shall require all contractors serving as managing entities to operate under the same data reporting, administrative, and administrative rate requirements, regardless of whether the managing entity is for profit or not for profit.
- (b) A managing entity shall serve a geographic area designated by the department. The geographic area must be of sufficient size in population, funding, and services and have enough public funds for behavioral health services to allow for flexibility and maximum efficiency.
- (b) The operating costs of the managing entity contract shall be funded through funds from the department and any savings and efficiencies achieved through the implementation of managing entities when realized by their participating provider network agencies. The department recognizes that managing entities will have infrastructure development costs during start-up so that any efficiencies to be realized by providers from consolidation of management functions, and the resulting savings, will not be achieved during the early years of operation. The department shall negotiate a reasonable and appropriate administrative cost rate with the managing entity. The Legislature intends that reduced local and state contract management and other administrative duties passed on to the managing entity allows funds previously allocated for these

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purposes to be proportionately reduced and the savings used to purchase the administrative functions of the managing entity. Policies and procedures of the department for monitoring contracts with managing entities shall include provisions for eliminating duplication of the department's and the managing entities' contract management and other administrative activities in order to achieve the goals of cost-effectiveness and regulatory relief. To the maximum extent possible, providermonitoring activities shall be assigned to the managing entity.

- (c) Contracting and payment mechanisms for services must promote clinical and financial flexibility and responsiveness and must allow different categorical funds to be integrated at the point of service. The contracted service array must be determined by using public input, needs assessment, and evidence-based and promising best practice models. The department may employ care management methodologies, prepaid capitation, and case rate or other methods of payment which promote flexibility, efficiency, and accountability.
 - (c) Duties of the managing entity include:
- 1. Assessing community needs for behavioral health services and determining the optimal array of services to meet those needs within available resources, including, but not limited to, those services provided in subsection (6);
- 2. Contracting with providers to provide services to address community needs;
 - 3. Monitoring provider performance through application of

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nationally recognized standards;

- 4. Collecting and reporting data, including use of a unique identifier developed by the department to facilitate consumer care coordination, and using such data to continually improve the system of care;
- 5. Facilitating effective provider relationships and arrangements that support coordinated service delivery and continuity of care, including relationships and arrangements with those other systems with which individuals with behavioral health needs interact;
- 6. Continually working independently and in collaboration with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, local government, to improve access to and effectiveness, quality, and outcomes of safety-net behavioral health services and the managing entity system of care, through means, including, but not limited to, facilitating the dissemination and use of evidence-informed practices;
 - 7. Securing local matching funds; and
- 8. Administrative and fiscal management duties necessary to comply with federal requirements for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services grant.
- (d) No later than July 1, 2017, the department shall revise contracts with all current managing entities. The revised contract shall be for a term of 5 years with an option to renew for an additional 5 years. The revised contract will be performance-based, which means the contract establishes a

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limited number of measurable outcomes, sets timelines for achievement of those outcomes that are characterized by specific milestones, and establishes a schedule of penalties scaled to the nature and significance of the performance failure. The contract shall provide specific milestones that managing entities must meet to ensure that they timely earn the coordinated care organization designation pursuant to subsection (5) and shall require managing entities to be evaluated at least annually to determine their compliance with these milestones.

Such penalties may include a corrective action plan, liquidated damages, or termination of the contract.

- (e) The revised contract must establish a clear and consistent framework for managing limited resources to serve priority populations identified in federal regulations and state law.
- (f) In developing the revised contract, the department must consult with current managing entities and behavioral health service providers.
- (g) The revised contract must incorporate a plan prepared by the managing entity that describes how the managing entity and the provider network in the region will earn, no later than July 1, 2020, the designation of coordinated care organization pursuant to subsection (5). The department may terminate a contract with a managing entity for causes specified in the contract and shall terminate a contract for the managing entity's failure to earn designation as a coordinated care

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organization in accordance with the plan approved by the department.

- (h) The contract terms shall require that when the contractor serving as the managing entity changes, the department shall develop and implement a transition plan that ensures continuity of care for patients receiving behavioral health services.
- (i) When necessary due to contract termination or the expiration of the allowable contract term, the department shall issue an invitation to negotiate in order to select an organization to serve as a managing entity pursuant to paragraph (a). The department shall consider the input and recommendations of the provider network and community stakeholders when selecting a new contractor. The invitation to negotiate shall specify the criteria and the relative weight of the criteria that will be used in selecting the new contractor. The department must consider all of the following factors:
- 1. Experience serving persons with mental health and substance use disorders.
- 2. Establishment of community partnerships with behavioral health providers.
- 3. Demonstrated organizational capabilities for network management functions.
- 4. Capability to coordinate behavioral health with primary care services.
 - (4) (5) GOALS.—The department must develop and incorporate

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into the revised contract with the managing entities,

measureable outcome standards that address the following goals

goal of the service delivery strategies is to provide a design

for an effective coordination, integration, and management

approach for delivering effective behavioral health services to

persons who are experiencing a mental health or substance abuse

crisis, who have a disabling mental illness or a substance use

or co-occurring disorder, and require extended services in order

to recover from their illness, or who need brief treatment or

longer-term supportive interventions to avoid a crisis or

disability. Other goals include:

- (a) The provider network in the region delivers effective, quality services that are evidence-informed, coordinated, and integrated with programs such as vocational rehabilitation, education, child welfare, juvenile justice, and criminal justice, and coordinated with primary care services.
- (b) (a) Behavioral health services supported with public funds are accountable to the public and responsive to local needs Improving accountability for a local system of behavioral health care services to meet performance outcomes and standards through the use of reliable and timely data.
- (c) (b) Interactions and relationships among members of the provider network are supported and facilitated by the managing entity through such means as the sharing of data and information in order to effectively coordinate services and provide continuity of care for priority populations Enhancing the

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continuity of care for all children, adolescents, and adults who enter the publicly funded behavioral health service system.

- (c) Preserving the "safety net" of publicly funded behavioral health services and providers, and recognizing and ensuring continued local contributions to these services, by establishing locally designed and community-monitored systems of care.
- (d) Providing early diagnosis and treatment interventions to enhance recovery and prevent hospitalization.
- (e) Improving the assessment of local needs for behavioral health services.
- (f) Improving the overall quality of behavioral health services through the use of evidence-based, best practice, and promising practice models.
- (g) Demonstrating improved service integration between behavioral health programs and other programs, such as vocational rehabilitation, education, child welfare, primary health care, emergency services, juvenile justice, and criminal justice.
- (h) Providing for additional testing of creative and flexible strategies for financing behavioral health services to enhance individualized treatment and support services.
 - (i) Promoting cost-effective quality care.
- (j) Working with the state to coordinate admissions and discharges from state civil and forensic hospitals and coordinating admissions and discharges from residential

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treatment centers.

- (k) Improving the integration, accessibility, and dissemination of behavioral health data for planning and monitoring purposes.
- (1) Promoting specialized behavioral health services to residents of assisted living facilities.
- (m) Working with the state and other stakeholders to reduce the admissions and the length of stay for dependent children in residential treatment centers.
- (n) Providing services to adults and children with cooccurring disorders of mental illnesses and substance abuse
 problems.
- (o) Providing services to elder adults in crisis or atrisk for placement in a more restrictive setting due to a serious mental illness or substance abuse.
 - (5) COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATION DESIGNATION.-
- (a) Managing entities earn the coordinated care organization designation by developing and implementing a plan that enables the members of the provider network, including those under contract to the managing entity as well as other noncontracted community service providers, to work together with each other and with systems such as the child welfare system, criminal justice system, and Medicaid system, to improve outcomes for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. The plan must:
 - 1. Assess working relationships among providers of a

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comprehensive range of services as described in subsection (6) and the nature and degree of coordination with other major systems with which individuals with behavioral health needs interact, and propose strategies for improving access to care for priority populations;

- 2. Identify gaps in the current system of care and propose methods for improving continuity and effectiveness of care;
- 3. Assess current methods and capabilities for consumer care coordination and propose enhancements to increase the number of individuals served and the effectiveness of care coordination services; and
- 4. Result from a collaborative effort of providers in the region which is facilitated and documented by the managing entity and includes stakeholder input.
- (b) In order to earn the coordinated care organization designation, the managing entity must document working relationships among providers established through written coordination agreements that define common protocols for intake and assessment, create methods of data sharing, institute joint operational procedures, provide for integrated care planning and case management, and initiate cooperative evaluation procedures.
- (c) Before designating a managing entity as a coordinated care organization, the department must seek input from the providers and other community stakeholders to assess the effectiveness of entity's coordination efforts.
 - (d) After earning the coordinated care organization

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designation, the managing entity must maintain coordinated care organization status by documenting the ongoing use and continuous improvement of the coordination methods specified in the written agreements.

- (6) ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS.—It is the intent of the Legislature that the department may plan for and enter into contracts with managing entities to manage care in geographical areas throughout the state.
- (a) A comprehensive range of services includes the following essential elements:
- A coordinated receiving system as provided in s. 39* 4.4612.
- 2. Crisis services, including, at a minimum, crisis stabilization units.
- 3. Case management and consumer care coordination. To the extent allowed by available resources, the managing entity shall provide for consumer care coordination to facilitate the appropriate delivery of behavioral health care services in the least restrictive setting based on standardized level of care determinations, recommendations by a treating practitioner, and the needs of the consumer and his or her family, as appropriate. In addition to treatment services, consumer care coordination shall address the recovery support needs of the consumer and shall involve coordination with other local systems and entities, public and private, which are involved with the consumer, such as primary health care, child welfare, behavioral

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health care, and criminal and juvenile justice organizations.
Consumer care coordination shall be provided to populations in
the following order of priority:

- a.(I) Individuals with serious mental illness or substance use disorders who have experienced multiple arrests, involuntary commitments, admittances to a state mental health treatment facility, or episodes of incarceration or have been placed on conditional release for a felony or violated a condition of probation multiple times as a result of their behavioral health condition.
- (II) Individuals in state treatment facilities who are on the wait list for community-based care.
- b.(I) Individuals in receiving facilities or crisis stabilization units who are on the wait list for a state treatment facility.
- (II) Children who are involved in the child welfare system but are not in out-of-home care, except that the community-based care lead agency shall remain responsible for services required pursuant to s. 409.988.
- (III) Parents or caretakers of children who are involved in the child welfare system and individuals who account for a disproportionate amount of behavioral health expenditures.
 - c. Other individuals eligible for services.
 - 4. Outpatient services.
 - 5. Residential services.
 - 6. Hospital inpatient care.

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- 7. Aftercare and other postdischarge services.
- Recovery support, including, but not limited to, support for competitive employment, educational attainment, independent living skills development, family support and education, wellness management and self-care, and assistance in obtaining housing that meets the individual's needs. Such housing includes mental health residential treatment facilities, limited mental health assisted living facilities, adult family care homes, and supportive housing. Housing provided using state funds must provide a safe and decent environment free from abuse and neglect. The care plan shall assign specific responsibility for initial and ongoing evaluation of the supervision and support needs of the individual and the identification of housing that meets such needs. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "supervision" means oversight of and assistance with compliance with the clinical aspects of an individual's care plan.
- 9. Medical services necessary for coordination of behavioral health services with primary care.
 - 10. Prevention and outreach services.
 - 11. Medication-assisted treatment.
- 12. Detoxification services. The managing entity must demonstrate the ability of its network of providers to comply with the pertinent provisions of this chapter and chapter 397 and to ensure the provision of comprehensive behavioral health services. The network of providers must include, but need not be

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1067 limited to, community mental health agencies, substance abuse treatment providers, and best practice consumer services 1068 1069 providers. 1070 (b) The department shall terminate its mental health or 1071 substance abuse provider contracts for services to be provided 1072 by the managing entity at the same time it contracts with the 1073 managing entity. 1074 (c) The managing entity shall ensure that its provider network is broadly conceived. All mental health or substance 1075 1076 abuse treatment providers currently under contract with the 1077 department shall be offered a contract by the managing entity. 1078 (d) The department may contract with managing entities 1079 provide the following core functions: 1080 1. Financial accountability. 1081 2. Allocation of funds to network providers in a manner 1082 that reflects the department's strategic direction and plans. 1083 Provider monitoring to ensure compliance with federal 1084 and state laws, rules, and regulations. 1085 4. Data collection, reporting, and analysis. 5. Operational plans to implement objectives of the 1086 1087 department's strategic plan. 1088 6. Contract compliance. 1089 7. Performance management. 1090 8. Collaboration with community stakeholders, including 1091 local government. 1092 9. System of care through network development.

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1093	10. Consumer care coordination.
1094	11. Continuous quality improvement.
1095	12. Timely access to appropriate services.
1096	13. Cost-effectiveness and system improvements.
1097	14. Assistance in the development of the department's
1098	strategic plan.
1099	15. Participation in community, circuit, regional, and
1100	state planning.
1101	16. Resource management and maximization, including
1102	pursuit of third-party payments and grant applications.
1103	17. Incentives for providers to improve quality and
1104	access.
1105	18. Liaison with consumers.
1106	19. Community needs assessment.
1107	20. Securing local matching funds.
1108	(b) (e) The managing entity shall ensure that written
1109	cooperative agreements are developed and implemented among the
1110	criminal and juvenile justice systems, the local community-based
1111	care network, and the local behavioral health providers in the
1112	geographic area which define strategies and alternatives for
1113	diverting people who have mental illness and substance abuse
1114	problems from the criminal justice system to the community.
1115	These agreements must also address the provision of appropriate
1116	services to persons who have behavioral health problems and
1117	leave the criminal justice system. The managing entity shall
1118	work with the civil court system to develop procedures for the

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evaluation and use of involuntary outpatient placement for individuals as a strategy for diverting future admissions to acute levels of care, jails, prisons, and forensic facilities, subject to the availability of funding for services.

- (c) (f) Managing entities must collect and submit data to the department regarding persons served, outcomes of persons served, and the costs of services provided through the department's contract, and other data as required by the department. The department shall evaluate managing entity services based on consumer-centered outcome measures that reflect national standards that can dependably be measured. The department shall work with managing entities to establish performance standards related to:
- 1. The extent to which individuals in the community receive services.
- 2. The improvement in the overall behavioral health of a community.
- 3. The improvement in functioning or progress in the recovery of individuals served through care coordination, as determined using person-centered measures tailored to the population of quality of care for individuals served.
- 4.3. The success of strategies to divert admissions to acute levels of care, jails, prisons, and forensic facilities as measured by, at a minimum, the total number and percentage of clients who, during a specified period, experience multiple admissions to acute levels of care, jails, prisons, or forensic

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1145 facilities jail, prison, and forensic facility admissions.

- 5.4. Consumer and family satisfaction.
- $\underline{6.5.}$ The satisfaction of key community constituents such as law enforcement agencies, juvenile justice agencies, the courts, the schools, local government entities, hospitals, and others as appropriate for the geographical area of the managing entity.
- establish a certified match program, which must be voluntary.

 Under a certified match program, reimbursement is limited to the federal Medicaid share to Medicaid-enrolled strategy participants. The agency may take no action to implement a certified match program unless the consultation provisions of chapter 216 have been met. The agency may seek federal waivers that are necessary to implement the behavioral health service delivery strategies.
- (7) MANAGING ENTITY REQUIREMENTS.—The department may adopt rules and <u>contractual</u> standards <u>related to</u> and a process for the qualification and operation of managing entities which are based, in part, on the following criteria:
- (a) By the date of execution of the revised contract, the department must verify:
- 1. If the managing entity is not a managed behavioral health organization, that the governing board meets the following requirements: A managing entity's governance structure shall be representative and shall, at a minimum, include

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consumers and family members, appropriate community stakeholders and organizations, and providers of substance abuse and mental health services as defined in this chapter and chapter 397. If there are one or more private-receiving facilities in the geographic coverage area of a managing entity, the managing entity shall have one representative for the private-receiving facilities as an ex officio member of its board of directors.

- a. The composition of the governing board must be broadly representative of the community and include consumers and family members, community organizations that do not contract with the managing entity, local governments, area law enforcement agencies, business leaders, community-based care lead agency representatives, health care professionals, and representatives of health care facilities. Representatives of local governments, including counties, school boards, sheriffs, and independent hospital taxing districts may, however, serve as voting members even if they contract with the managing entity. The managing entity must create a transparent process for nomination and selection of board members and must adopt a procedure for establishing staggered term limits which ensures that no individual serves more than 8 consecutive years on the board.
- b. The managing entity must establish a technical advisory panel consisting of providers of mental health and substance abuse services under contract with the managing entity that selects at least one member to serve ex officio as a member of the governing board.

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- 2. If the managing entity is a managed behavioral health organization, it must establish an advisory board and a technical advisory panel that meet the same requirements as the governing board and technical advisory panel in subparagraph 1. The duties of the advisory board and technical advisory panel shall include, but are not limited to, making recommendations to the department about the renewal of the managing entity contract or the award of a new contract to the managing entity.
- (b) A managing entity that was originally formed primarily by substance abuse or mental health providers must present and demonstrate a detailed, consensus approach to expanding its provider network and governance to include both substance abuse and mental health providers.
- (b) (c) A managing entity must submit a network management plan and budget in a form and manner determined by the department. The plan must detail the means for implementing the duties to be contracted to the managing entity and the efficiencies to be anticipated by the department as a result of executing the contract. The department may require modifications to the plan and must approve the plan before contracting with a managing entity.
- 1. Provider participation in the network is subject to credentials and performance standards set by the managing entity. The department may not require the managing entity to conduct provider network procurements in order to select providers. However, the managing entity or coordinated care

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organization shall have a process for publicizing opportunities to participate in its network, evaluating new participants for inclusion in its network, and evaluating current providers to determine whether they should remain network participants. This process shall be posted on the managing entity's website.

- 2. The network management plan and provider contracts, at a minimum, shall provide for managing entity and provider involvement to ensure continuity of care for clients if a provider ceases to provide a service or leaves the network. The department may contract with a managing entity that demonstrates readiness to assume core functions, and may continue to add functions and responsibilities to the managing entity's contract over time as additional competencies are developed as identified in paragraph (g). Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the department may continue and expand managing entity contracts if the department determines that the managing entity meets the requirements specified in this section.
- (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c), a managing entity that is currently a fully integrated system providing mental health and substance abuse services, Medicaid, and child welfare services is permitted to continue operating under its current governance structure as long as the managing entity can demonstrate to the department that consumers, other stakeholders, and network providers are included in the planning process.
 - (c) (e) Managing entities shall operate in a transparent

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manner, providing public access to information, notice of meetings, and opportunities for broad public participation in decisionmaking. The managing entity's network management plan must detail policies and procedures that ensure transparency.

- (d) (f) Before contracting with a managing entity, the department must perform an onsite readiness review of a managing entity to determine its operational capacity to satisfactorily perform the duties to be contracted.
- (e)(g) The department shall engage community stakeholders, including providers and managing entities under contract with the department, in the development of objective standards to measure the competencies of managing entities and their readiness to assume the responsibilities described in this section, and the outcomes to hold them accountable.
- (8) DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—With the introduction of managing entities to monitor department—contracted providers' day—to—day operations, the department and its regional and circuit offices will have increased ability to focus on broad systemic substance abuse and mental health issues. After the department enters into a managing entity contract in a geographic area, the regional and circuit offices of the department in that area shall direct their efforts primarily to monitoring the managing entity contract, including negotiation of system quality improvement goals each contract year, and review of the managing entity's plans to execute department strategic plans; carrying out statutorily mandated licensure

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functions; conducting community and regional substance abuse and mental health planning; communicating to the department the local needs assessed by the managing entity; preparing department strategic plans; coordinating with other state and local agencies; assisting the department in assessing local trends and issues and advising departmental headquarters on local priorities; and providing leadership in disaster planning and preparation.

- (8) (9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES. -
- A contract established between the department and a managing entity under this section shall be funded by general revenue, other applicable state funds, or applicable federal funding sources. A managing entity may carry forward documented unexpended state funds from one fiscal year to the next; however, the cumulative amount carried forward may not exceed 8 percent of the total contract. Any unexpended state funds in excess of that percentage must be returned to the department. The funds carried forward may not be used in a way that would create increased recurring future obligations or for any program or service that is not currently authorized under the existing contract with the department. Expenditures of funds carried forward must be separately reported to the department. Any unexpended funds that remain at the end of the contract period shall be returned to the department. Funds carried forward may be retained through contract renewals and new procurements as long as the same managing entity is retained by the department.

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- (b) The method of payment for a fixed-price contract with a managing entity must provide for a 2-month advance payment at the beginning of each fiscal year and equal monthly payments thereafter.
- (9) (10) CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICES UTILIZATION

 DATABASE.—The department shall develop, implement, and maintain standards under which a managing entity shall collect utilization data from all public receiving facilities situated within its geographic service area. As used in this subsection, the term "public receiving facility" means an entity that meets the licensure requirements of and is designated by the department to operate as a public receiving facility under s. 394.875 and that is operating as a licensed crisis stabilization unit.
- (a) The department shall develop standards and protocols for managing entities and public receiving facilities to be used for data collection, storage, transmittal, and analysis. The standards and protocols must allow for compatibility of data and data transmittal between public receiving facilities, managing entities, and the department for the implementation and requirements of this subsection. The department shall require managing entities contracted under this section to comply with this subsection by August 1, 2015.
- (b) A managing entity shall require a public receiving facility within its provider network to submit data, in real time or at least daily, to the managing entity for:

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- 1. All admissions and discharges of clients receiving public receiving facility services who qualify as indigent, as defined in s. 394.4787; and
- 2. Current active census of total licensed beds, the number of beds purchased by the department, the number of clients qualifying as indigent occupying those beds, and the total number of unoccupied licensed beds regardless of funding.
- (c) A managing entity shall require a public receiving facility within its provider network to submit data, on a monthly basis, to the managing entity which aggregates the daily data submitted under paragraph (b). The managing entity shall reconcile the data in the monthly submission to the data received by the managing entity under paragraph (b) to check for consistency. If the monthly aggregate data submitted by a public receiving facility under this paragraph is inconsistent with the daily data submitted under paragraph (b), the managing entity shall consult with the public receiving facility to make corrections as necessary to ensure accurate data.
- (d) A managing entity shall require a public receiving facility within its provider network to submit data, on an annual basis, to the managing entity which aggregates the data submitted and reconciled under paragraph (c). The managing entity shall reconcile the data in the annual submission to the data received and reconciled by the managing entity under paragraph (c) to check for consistency. If the annual aggregate data submitted by a public receiving facility under this

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paragraph is inconsistent with the data received and reconciled under paragraph (c), the managing entity shall consult with the public receiving facility to make corrections as necessary to ensure accurate data.

- (e) After ensuring accurate data under paragraphs (c) and (d), the managing entity shall submit the data to the department on a monthly and an annual basis. The department shall create a statewide database for the data described under paragraph (b) and submitted under this paragraph for the purpose of analyzing the payments for and the use of crisis stabilization services funded by the Baker Act on a statewide basis and on an individual public receiving facility basis.
- (f) The department shall adopt rules to administer this subsection.
- (g) The department shall submit a report by January 31, 2016, and annually thereafter, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which provides details on the implementation of this subsection, including the status of the data collection process and a detailed analysis of the data collected under this subsection.
- (11) REPORTING.—Reports of the department's activities, progress, and needs in achieving the goal of contracting with managing entities in each circuit and region statewide must be submitted to the appropriate substantive and appropriations committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives on January 1 and July 1 of each year until the full transition to

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managing entities has been accomplished statewide.

 $\underline{\text{(10)}}$ RULES.—The department $\underline{\text{may}}$ shall adopt rules to administer this section and, as necessary, to further specify requirements of managing entities.

Section 10. Subsections (12) through (45) of section 397.311, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (13) through (46), and new subsection (12) is created, to read:

397.311 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, except part VIII, the term:

writing, by a competent person, after sufficient explanation and disclosure of the subject matter involved to enable the person to make a knowing and willful decision without any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, or other form of constraint or coercion.

Section 11. Present subsections (4) through (14) of section 397.321, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) through (15), present subsection (15) is amended, and new sections (4) and (21) are created to read:

397.321 Duties of the department.—The department shall:

(4) Develop, implement, and maintain standards under which a managing entity shall collect utilization data from all licensed service providers related to substance abuse services provided pursuant to parts IV and V of ch. 397. The standards must allow for data compatibility and data transmittal between licensed service providers, managing entities and the

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- (a) A managing entity shall require the submission of client-specific data, in real time or at least daily, to the managing entity for:
- 1. All admissions and discharges of clients receiving substance abuse services in an addiction receiving facility.
- 2. All admissions and discharges of clients receiving substance abuse services on an inpatient basis.
- 3. All substance abuse services provided on an outpatient basis.
- (b) A managing entity shall require each licensed service provider to submit data, on a monthly basis, to the managing entity which aggregates the daily data submitted under subparagraph (a). The managing entity shall reconcile the data in the monthly submission to the data submitted under subparagraph (a) to check for consistency. If the monthly aggregate data submitted by a licensed service provider under this paragraph is inconsistent with the daily data submitted under paragraph (a), the managing entity shall consult with the licensed service provider to make corrections as necessary to ensure accurate data.
- (c) A managing entity shall require a licensed service provider to submit data, on an annual basis, to the department which aggregates the daily data submitted under subparagraph

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- (b). The licensed service provider shall reconcile the data in the annual submission to the data submitted under paragraph (b) to check for consistency.
- (d) After ensuring accurate data under paragraphs (b) and (c), the managing entity shall submit the data to the department monthly and annually. The department shall create a statewide database for the data described under paragraph (b) and submitted under this paragraph for the purpose of analyzing the payments for and the use of substance abuse services provided pursuant to parts IV and V of ch. 397.
- (f) The department shall adopt rules to administer this subsection. The department shall submit a report by January 31, 2017, and annually thereafter, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which provides details on the implementation of this subsection, including the status of the data collection process and a detailed analysis of the data collected under this subsection.
- (15) Appoint a substance abuse impairment coordinator to represent the department in efforts initiated by the statewide substance abuse impairment prevention and treatment coordinator established in s. 397.801 and to assist the statewide coordinator in fulfilling the responsibilities of that position.
- (21) The department shall develop and prominently display on its website all forms necessary for the implementation and administration of parts IV and V of this chapter. These forms shall include, but are not limited to, a petition for

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involuntary admission form and all related pleading forms, as well as a form to be utilized by law enforcement pursuant to s. 397.6772. The department shall notify law enforcement, the courts and other state agencies of the existence and availability of these forms.

Section 12. Section 397.402, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

and the Agency for Health Care Administration shall develop a plan for modifying licensure statutes and rules to provide options for a single, consolidated license for a provider that offers multiple types of mental health and substance abuse services regulated under chapters 394 and 397. The plan shall identify options for license consolidation within the department and within the agency, and shall identify interagency license consolidation options. The department and the agency shall submit the plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1, 2016.

Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 397.6772, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397.6772 Protective custody without consent.-

(1) If a person in circumstances which justify protective custody as described in s. 397.677 fails or refuses to consent to assistance and a law enforcement officer has determined that a hospital or a licensed detoxification or addictions receiving

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facility is the most appropriate place for the person, the officer may, after giving due consideration to the expressed wishes of the person:

- (a) Take the person to a hospital or to a licensed detoxification or addictions receiving facility against the person's will but without using unreasonable force. The officer shall utilize the standard form, developed by the department pursuant to s. 397.321 to execute a written report detailing the circumstances under which the person was taken into custody, and the report shall be made a part of the patient's clinical record; or
- (b) In the case of an adult, detain the person for his or her own protection in any municipal or county jail or other appropriate detention facility.

Such detention is not to be considered an arrest for any purpose, and no entry or other record may be made to indicate that the person has been detained or charged with any crime. The officer in charge of the detention facility must notify the nearest appropriate licensed service provider within the first 8 hours after detention that the person has been detained. It is the duty of the detention facility to arrange, as necessary, for transportation of the person to an appropriate licensed service provider with an available bed. Persons taken into protective custody must be assessed by the attending physician within the 72-hour period and without unnecessary delay, to determine the

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need for further services.

Section 14. Effective July 1, 2018, subsection (4) of section 397.6793, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397.6793 Physician's certificate for emergency admission.-

(4) The physician's certificate must indicate whether the person requires transportation assistance for delivery for emergency admission and specify, pursuant to s. 397.6795, the type of transportation assistance necessary.

Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 397.681, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397.681 Involuntary petitions; general provisions; court jurisdiction and right to counsel.—

(1) JURISDICTION.—The courts have jurisdiction of involuntary assessment and stabilization petitions and involuntary treatment petitions for substance abuse impaired persons, and such petitions must be filed with the clerk of the court in the county where the person is located. The court may not charge a fee for the filing of a petition under this section. The chief judge may appoint a general or special magistrate to preside over all or part of the proceedings. The alleged impaired person is named as the respondent.

Section 16. Section 397.6955, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397.6955 Duties of court upon filing of petition for involuntary treatment.—Upon the filing of a petition for the involuntary treatment of a substance abuse impaired person with

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the clerk of the court, the court shall immediately determine whether the respondent is represented by an attorney or whether the appointment of counsel for the respondent is appropriate. The court shall schedule a hearing to be held on the petition within 10 days, unless a continuance is granted. A copy of the petition and notice of the hearing must be provided to the respondent; the respondent's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, in the case of a minor; the respondent's attorney, if known; the petitioner; the respondent's spouse or guardian, if applicable; and such other persons as the court may direct, and have such petition and order personally delivered to the respondent if he or she is a minor. The court shall also issue a summons to the person whose admission is sought.

Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 397.697, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397.697 Court determination; effect of court order for involuntary substance abuse treatment.—

(1) When the court finds that the conditions for involuntary substance abuse treatment have been proved by clear and convincing evidence, it may order the respondent to undergo involuntary treatment by a licensed service provider for a period not to exceed 60 days. The court may order a respondent to undergo treatment through a privately funded licensed service provider if the respondent has the ability to pay for the treatment, or if any person on the respondent's behalf, voluntarily demonstrates willingness and ability to pay for the

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treatment. If the court finds it necessary, it may direct the sheriff to take the respondent into custody and deliver him or her to the licensed service provider specified in the court order, or to the nearest appropriate licensed service provider, for involuntary treatment. When the conditions justifying involuntary treatment no longer exist, the individual must be released as provided in s. 397.6971. When the conditions justifying involuntary treatment are expected to exist after 60 days of treatment, a renewal of the involuntary treatment order may be requested pursuant to s. 397.6975 prior to the end of the 60-day period.

Section 18. Paragraphs (d) through (m) of subsection (2) of section 409.967, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (e) through (n), respectively, and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

409.967 Managed care plan accountability.-

- (2) The agency shall establish such contract requirements as are necessary for the operation of the statewide managed care program. In addition to any other provisions the agency may deem necessary, the contract must require:
- (d) Quality care.—Managed care plans shall provide, or contract for the provision of, care coordination to facilitate the appropriate delivery of behavioral health care services in the least restrictive setting with treatment and recovery capabilities that address the needs of the patient. Services shall be provided in a manner that integrates behavioral health

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services and primary care. Plans shall be required to achieve specific behavioral health outcome standards, established by the agency in consultation with the Department of Children and Families.

Section 19. Subsection (5) is added to section 409.973, Florida Statutes, to read:

409.973 Benefits.-

operating in the managed medical assistance program shall work with the managing entity in its service area to establish specific organizational supports and service protocols that enhance the integration and coordination of primary care and behavioral health services for Medicaid recipients. Progress in this initiative will be measured using the integration framework and core measures developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Section 20. Section 491.0045, Florida Statutes is amended to read:

491.0045 Intern registration; requirements.-

(1) Effective January 1, 1998, An individual who has not satisfied intends to practice in Florida to satisfy the postgraduate or post-master's level experience requirements, as specified in s. 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), or (4)(c), must register as an intern in the profession for which he or she is seeking licensure prior to commencing the post-master's experience requirement or an individual who intends to satisfy part of the

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required graduate-level practicum, internship, or field experience, outside the academic arena for any profession, must register as an intern in the profession for which he or she is seeking licensure prior to commencing the practicum, internship, or field experience.

- (2) The department shall register as a clinical social worker intern, marriage and family therapist intern, or mental health counselor intern each applicant who the board certifies has:
- (a) Completed the application form and remitted a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$200, as set by board rule;
- (b)1. Completed the education requirements as specified in s. 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), or (4)(c) for the profession for which he or she is applying for licensure, if needed; and
- 2. Submitted an acceptable supervision plan, as determined by the board, for meeting the practicum, internship, or field work required for licensure that was not satisfied in his or her graduate program.
 - (c) Identified a qualified supervisor.
- (3) An individual registered under this section must remain under supervision while practicing under registered intern status until he or she is in receipt of a license or a letter from the department stating that he or she is licensed to practice the profession for which he or she applied.
 - (4) An individual who has applied for intern registration

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on or before December 31, 2001, and has satisfied the education requirements of s. 491.005 that are in effect through December 31, 2000, will have met the educational requirements for licensure for the profession for which he or she has applied.

- (4)(5) An individual who fails Individuals who have commenced the experience requirement as specified in s.

 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), or (4)(c) but failed to register as required by subsection (1) shall register with the department before January 1, 2000. Individuals who fail to comply with this section may subsection shall not be granted a license under this chapter, and any time spent by the individual completing the experience requirement as specified in s. 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), or (4)(c) before prior to registering as an intern does shall not count toward completion of the such requirement.
 - (5) An intern registration is valid for 5 years.
- (6) Any registration issued on or before March 31, 2017, expires March 31, 2022, and may not be renewed or reissued. Any registration issued after March 31, 2017, expires 60 months after the date it is issued. A subsequent intern registration may not be issued unless the candidate has passed the theory and practice examination described in s. 491.005(1)(d), (3)(d), and (4)(d).
- (7) An individual who has held a provisional license issued by the board may not apply for an intern registration in the same profession.
 - Section 21. Section 394.4674, Florida Statutes, is

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1666	Section 22. <u>Se</u>	ction 394.4985, Florida Statutes, is
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1680	Section 29. <u>Se</u>	ction 397.901, Florida Statutes, is
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1682	Section 30. <u>Se</u>	ction 397.93, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
1683	Section 31. <u>Se</u>	ction 397.94, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
1684	Section 32. <u>Se</u>	ction 397.951, Florida Statutes, is
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1686	Section 33. <u>Se</u>	ction 397.97, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
1687	Section 34. <u>Se</u>	ction 397.98, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
1688	Section 35. Pa	ragraph (e) of subsection (5) of section
1689	212.055, Florida Sta	tutes, is amended to read:
1690	212.055 Discre	tionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent;

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authorization and use of proceeds.—It is the legislative intent that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended; and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide. Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as provided in s. 212.054.

- (5) COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL SURTAX.—Any county as defined in s. 125.011(1) may levy the surtax authorized in this subsection pursuant to an ordinance either approved by extraordinary vote of the county commission or conditioned to take effect only upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of the county voting in a referendum. In a county as defined in s. 125.011(1), for the purposes of this subsection, "county public general hospital" means a general hospital as defined in s. 395.002 which is owned, operated, maintained, or governed by the county or its agency, authority, or public health trust.
- (e) A governing board, agency, or authority shall be chartered by the county commission upon this act becoming law. The governing board, agency, or authority shall adopt and

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implement a health care plan for indigent health care services. The governing board, agency, or authority shall consist of no more than seven and no fewer than five members appointed by the county commission. The members of the governing board, agency, or authority shall be at least 18 years of age and residents of the county. No member may be employed by or affiliated with a health care provider or the public health trust, agency, or authority responsible for the county public general hospital. The following community organizations shall each appoint a representative to a nominating committee: the South Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Miami-Dade County Public Health Trust, the Dade County Medical Association, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, and the Mayor of Miami-Dade County. This committee shall nominate between 10 and 14 county citizens for the governing board, agency, or authority. The slate shall be presented to the county commission and the county commission shall confirm the top five to seven nominees, depending on the size of the governing board. Until such time as the governing board, agency, or authority is created, the funds provided for in subparagraph (d)2. shall be placed in a restricted account set aside from other county funds and not disbursed by the county for any other purpose.

1. The plan shall divide the county into a minimum of four and maximum of six service areas, with no more than one participant hospital per service area. The county public general hospital shall be designated as the provider for one of the

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service areas. Services shall be provided through participants' primary acute care facilities.

The plan and subsequent amendments to it shall fund a defined range of health care services for both indigent persons and the medically poor, including primary care, preventive care, hospital emergency room care, and hospital care necessary to stabilize the patient. For the purposes of this section, "stabilization" means stabilization as defined in s. $397.311(42)\frac{(41)}{(41)}$. Where consistent with these objectives, the plan may include services rendered by physicians, clinics, community hospitals, and alternative delivery sites, as well as at least one regional referral hospital per service area. The plan shall provide that agreements negotiated between the governing board, agency, or authority and providers shall recognize hospitals that render a disproportionate share of indigent care, provide other incentives to promote the delivery of charity care to draw down federal funds where appropriate, and require cost containment, including, but not limited to, case management. From the funds specified in subparagraphs (d)1. and 2. for indigent health care services, service providers shall receive reimbursement at a Medicaid rate to be determined by the governing board, agency, or authority created pursuant to this paragraph for the initial emergency room visit, and a permember per-month fee or capitation for those members enrolled in their service area, as compensation for the services rendered following the initial emergency visit. Except for provisions of

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emergency services, upon determination of eligibility, enrollment shall be deemed to have occurred at the time services were rendered. The provisions for specific reimbursement of emergency services shall be repealed on July 1, 2001, unless otherwise reenacted by the Legislature. The capitation amount or rate shall be determined prior to program implementation by an independent actuarial consultant. In no event shall such reimbursement rates exceed the Medicaid rate. The plan must also provide that any hospitals owned and operated by government entities on or after the effective date of this act must, as a condition of receiving funds under this subsection, afford public access equal to that provided under s. 286.011 as to any meeting of the governing board, agency, or authority the subject of which is budgeting resources for the retention of charity care, as that term is defined in the rules of the Agency for Health Care Administration. The plan shall also include innovative health care programs that provide cost-effective alternatives to traditional methods of service and delivery funding.

- 3. The plan's benefits shall be made available to all county residents currently eligible to receive health care services as indigents or medically poor as defined in paragraph (4)(d).
- 4. Eligible residents who participate in the health care plan shall receive coverage for a period of 12 months or the period extending from the time of enrollment to the end of the

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current fiscal year, per enrollment period, whichever is less.

5. At the end of each fiscal year, the governing board, agency, or authority shall prepare an audit that reviews the budget of the plan, delivery of services, and quality of services, and makes recommendations to increase the plan's efficiency. The audit shall take into account participant hospital satisfaction with the plan and assess the amount of poststabilization patient transfers requested, and accepted or denied, by the county public general hospital.

Section 36. Subsection (6) of section 394.9085, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.9085 Behavioral provider liability.-

(6) For purposes of this section, the terms "detoxification services," "addictions receiving facility," and "receiving facility" have the same meanings as those provided in ss. $397.311\underline{(23)}\underline{(22)}(a)4.$, $397.311\underline{(23)}\underline{(22)}(a)1.$, and 394.455(26), respectively.

Section 37. Subsection (8) of section 397.405, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397.405 Exemptions from licensure.—The following are exempt from the licensing provisions of this chapter:

(8) A legally cognizable church or nonprofit religious organization or denomination providing substance abuse services, including prevention services, which are solely religious, spiritual, or ecclesiastical in nature. A church or nonprofit religious organization or denomination providing any of the

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licensed service components itemized under s. 397.311(23)(22) is not exempt from substance abuse licensure but retains its exemption with respect to all services which are solely religious, spiritual, or ecclesiastical in nature.

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The exemptions from licensure in this section do not apply to any service provider that receives an appropriation, grant, or contract from the state to operate as a service provider as defined in this chapter or to any substance abuse program regulated pursuant to s. 397.406. Furthermore, this chapter may not be construed to limit the practice of a physician or physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, a psychologist licensed under chapter 490, a psychotherapist licensed under chapter 491, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under part I of chapter 464, who provides substance abuse treatment, so long as the physician, physician assistant, psychologist, psychotherapist, or advanced registered nurse practitioner does not represent to the public that he or she is a licensed service provider and does not provide services to individuals pursuant to part V of this chapter. Failure to comply with any requirement necessary to maintain an exempt status under this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 38. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 397.407, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

397.407 Licensure process; fees.—

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- (1) The department shall establish the licensure process to include fees and categories of licenses and must prescribe a fee range that is based, at least in part, on the number and complexity of programs listed in s. 397.311(23)(22) which are operated by a licensee. The fees from the licensure of service components are sufficient to cover at least 50 percent of the costs of regulating the service components. The department shall specify a fee range for public and privately funded licensed service providers. Fees for privately funded licensed service providers must exceed the fees for publicly funded licensed service providers.
- (5) The department may issue probationary, regular, and interim licenses. The department shall issue one license for each service component that is operated by a service provider and defined pursuant to s. 397.311(23)(22). The license is valid only for the specific service components listed for each specific location identified on the license. The licensed service provider shall apply for a new license at least 60 days before the addition of any service components or 30 days before the relocation of any of its service sites. Provision of service components or delivery of services at a location not identified on the license may be considered an unlicensed operation that authorizes the department to seek an injunction against operation as provided in s. 397.401, in addition to other sanctions authorized by s. 397.415. Probationary and regular licenses may be issued only after all required information has

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been submitted. A license may not be transferred. As used in this subsection, the term "transfer" includes, but is not limited to, the transfer of a majority of the ownership interest in the licensed entity or transfer of responsibilities under the license to another entity by contractual arrangement.

Section 39. Section 397.416, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397.416 Substance abuse treatment services; qualified professional.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who was certified through a certification process recognized by the former Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services before January 1, 1995, may perform the duties of a qualified professional with respect to substance abuse treatment services as defined in this chapter, and need not meet the certification requirements contained in s. 397.311 (31) (30).

Section 40. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 409.966, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.966 Eligible plans; selection.-

- (3) OUALITY SELECTION CRITERIA.-
- (e) To ensure managed care plan participation in Regions 1 and 2, the agency shall award an additional contract to each plan with a contract award in Region 1 or Region 2. Such contract shall be in any other region in which the plan submitted a responsive bid and negotiates a rate acceptable to the agency. If a plan that is awarded an additional contract pursuant to this paragraph is subject to penalties pursuant to

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s. $\underline{409.967(2)(i)}$ $\underline{409.967(2)(h)}$ for activities in Region 1 or Region 2, the additional contract is automatically terminated 180 days after the imposition of the penalties. The plan must reimburse the agency for the cost of enrollment changes and other transition activities.

Section 41. Paragraphs (d) and (g) of subsection (1) of section 440.102, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

440.102 Drug-free workplace program requirements.—The following provisions apply to a drug-free workplace program implemented pursuant to law or to rules adopted by the Agency for Health Care Administration:

- (1) DEFINITIONS.—Except where the context otherwise requires, as used in this act:
- (d) "Drug rehabilitation program" means a service provider, established pursuant to s. 397.311(40)(39), that provides confidential, timely, and expert identification, assessment, and resolution of employee drug abuse.
- (g) "Employee assistance program" means an established program capable of providing expert assessment of employee personal concerns; confidential and timely identification services with regard to employee drug abuse; referrals of employees for appropriate diagnosis, treatment, and assistance; and followup services for employees who participate in the program or require monitoring after returning to work. If, in addition to the above activities, an employee assistance program provides diagnostic and treatment services, these services shall

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in all cases be provided by service providers pursuant to s. $397.311(40)\frac{(39)}{}$.

Section 42. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 394.492, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 39.407, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

- 39.407 Medical, psychiatric, and psychological examination and treatment of child; physical, mental, or substance abuse examination of person with or requesting child custody.—
- department may be placed by the department, without prior approval of the court, in a residential treatment center licensed under s. 394.875 or a hospital licensed under chapter 395 for residential mental health treatment only pursuant to this section or may be placed by the court in accordance with an order of involuntary examination or involuntary placement entered pursuant to s. 394.463 or s. 394.467. All children placed in a residential treatment program under this subsection must have a guardian ad litem appointed.
 - (a) As used in this subsection, the term:
- 1. "Residential treatment" means placement for observation, diagnosis, or treatment of an emotional disturbance in a residential treatment center licensed under s. 394.875 or a hospital licensed under chapter 395.
- 2. "Least restrictive alternative" means the treatment and conditions of treatment that, separately and in combination, are

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no more intrusive or restrictive of freedom than reasonably necessary to achieve a substantial therapeutic benefit or to protect the child or adolescent or others from physical injury.

- 3. "Suitable for residential treatment" or "suitability" means a determination concerning a child or adolescent with an emotional disturbance as defined in s. 394.492(5) or a serious emotional disturbance as defined in s. 394.492(6) that each of the following criteria is met:
 - a. The child requires residential treatment.
- b. The child is in need of a residential treatment program and is expected to benefit from mental health treatment.
- c. An appropriate, less restrictive alternative to residential treatment is unavailable.

Section 43. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 394.492, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (21) of section 394.67, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

- 394.67 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
- (21) "Residential treatment center for children and adolescents" means a 24-hour residential program, including a therapeutic group home, which provides mental health services to emotionally disturbed children or adolescents as defined in s. 394.492(5) or (6) and which is a private for-profit or not-for-profit corporation licensed by the agency which offers a variety of treatment modalities in a more restrictive setting.
 - Section 44. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment

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made by this act to section 394.492, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 394.674, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

394.674 Eligibility for publicly funded substance abuse and mental health services; fee collection requirements.—

- (1) To be eligible to receive substance abuse and mental health services funded by the department, an individual must be a member of at least one of the department's priority populations approved by the Legislature. The priority populations include:
 - (b) For children's mental health services:
- 1. Children who are at risk of emotional disturbance as defined in s. 394.492(4).
- 2. Children who have an emotional disturbance as defined in s. 394.492(5).
 - 3. Children who have a serious emotional disturbance as defined in s. 394.492(6).
 - 4. Children diagnosed as having a co-occurring substance abuse and emotional disturbance or serious emotional disturbance.

Section 45. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 394.492, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 394.676, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

- 394.676 Indigent psychiatric medication program.-
- (1) Within legislative appropriations, the department may

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establish the indigent psychiatric medication program to purchase psychiatric medications for persons as defined in s. 394.492(5) or (6) or pursuant to s. 394.674(1), who do not reside in a state mental health treatment facility or an inpatient unit.

Section 46. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 394.492, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 409.1676, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

409.1676 Comprehensive residential group care services to children who have extraordinary needs.—

- (2) As used in this section, the term:
- (c) "Serious behavioral problems" means behaviors of children who have been assessed by a licensed master's-level human-services professional to need at a minimum intensive services but who do not meet the criteria of s. 394.492(7). A child with an emotional disturbance as defined in s. 394.492(5) or (6) may be served in residential group care unless a determination is made by a mental health professional that such a setting is inappropriate. A child having a serious behavioral problem must have been determined in the assessment to have at least one of the following risk factors:
- 1. An adjudication of delinquency and be on conditional release status with the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- 2. A history of physical aggression or violent behavior toward self or others, animals, or property within the past

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- 3. A history of setting fires within the past year.
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 - 5. A history of sexual aggression toward other youth.

Section 47. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 394.492, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 409.1677, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

409.1677 Model comprehensive residential services programs.—

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (b) "Serious behavioral problems" means behaviors of children who have been assessed by a licensed master's-level human-services professional to need at a minimum intensive services but who do not meet the criteria of s. 394.492(6) or (7). A child with an emotional disturbance as defined in s. 394.492(5) may be served in residential group care unless a determination is made by a mental health professional that such a setting is inappropriate.

Section 48. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 943.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 943.031 Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council.-
- (5) DUTIES OF COUNCIL.—Subject to funding provided to the department by the Legislature, the council shall provide advice and make recommendations, as necessary, to the executive

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- (a) The council may advise the executive director on the feasibility of undertaking initiatives which include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Establishing a program that provides grants to criminal justice agencies that develop and implement effective violent crime prevention and investigative programs and which provides grants to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of drug control, criminal gang, and illicit money laundering investigative efforts or task force efforts that are determined by the council to significantly contribute to achieving the state's goal of reducing drug-related crime, that represent significant criminal gang investigative efforts, or that represent a significant illicit money laundering investigative effort, or that otherwise significantly support statewide strategies developed by the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council established under s. 397.333, subject to the limitations provided in this section. The grant program may include an innovations grant program to provide startup funding for new initiatives by local and state law enforcement agencies to combat violent crime or to implement drug control, criminal gang, or illicit money laundering investigative efforts or task force efforts by law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, initiatives such as:
 - a. Providing enhanced community-oriented policing.
 - b. Providing additional undercover officers and other

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investigative officers to assist with violent crime investigations in emergency situations.

- c. Providing funding for multiagency or statewide drug control, criminal gang, or illicit money laundering investigative efforts or task force efforts that cannot be reasonably funded completely by alternative sources and that significantly contribute to achieving the state's goal of reducing drug-related crime, that represent significant criminal gang investigative efforts, or that represent a significant illicit money laundering investigative effort, or that otherwise significantly support statewide strategies developed by the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council established under s. 397.333.
- 2. Expanding the use of automated biometric identification systems at the state and local levels.
 - 3. Identifying methods to prevent violent crime.
- 4. Identifying methods to enhance multiagency or statewide drug control, criminal gang, or illicit money laundering investigative efforts or task force efforts that significantly contribute to achieving the state's goal of reducing drug-related crime, that represent significant criminal gang investigative efforts, or that represent a significant illicit money laundering investigative effort, or that otherwise significantly support statewide strategies developed by the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council established under s. 397.333.

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- 5. Enhancing criminal justice training programs that address violent crime, drug control, illicit money laundering investigative techniques, or efforts to control and eliminate criminal gangs.
- 6. Developing and promoting crime prevention services and educational programs that serve the public, including, but not limited to:
- a. Enhanced victim and witness counseling services that also provide crisis intervention, information referral, transportation, and emergency financial assistance.
- b. A well-publicized rewards program for the apprehension and conviction of criminals who perpetrate violent crimes.
- 7. Enhancing information sharing and assistance in the criminal justice community by expanding the use of community partnerships and community policing programs. Such expansion may include the use of civilian employees or volunteers to relieve law enforcement officers of clerical work in order to enable the officers to concentrate on street visibility within the community.

Section 49. Subsection (1) of section 943.042, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.042 Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account.—

(1) There is created a Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account within the Department of Law Enforcement Operating Trust Fund.

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The account shall be used to provide emergency supplemental funds to:

- (a) State and local law enforcement agencies that are involved in complex and lengthy violent crime investigations, or matching funding to multiagency or statewide drug control or illicit money laundering investigative efforts or task force efforts that significantly contribute to achieving the state's goal of reducing drug-related crime, or that represent a significant illicit money laundering investigative effort, or that otherwise significantly support statewide strategies developed by the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council established under s. 397.333;
- (b) State and local law enforcement agencies that are involved in violent crime investigations which constitute a significant emergency within the state; or
- (c) Counties that demonstrate a significant hardship or an inability to cover extraordinary expenses associated with a violent crime trial.

Section 50. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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