

AN ACT

1 Providing for an annual allocation of funds to county mental
2 health and mental retardation programs.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Mental Health
7 and Mental Retardation Maintenance of Community Services Act.

8 Section 2. Information.

9 The Secretary of the Budget shall include in the budget
10 submission to the General Assembly, under section 610 of the act
11 of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative
12 Code of 1929, for the community-based mental health and mental
13 retardation services and early intervention services programs in
14 the Department of Public Welfare the amounts necessary to fund
15 the following:

16 (1) The aggregate amount allocated to the programs in
17 the prior fiscal year.

1 (2) The amount necessary to provide full-year funding of
2 all initiatives included as part of the programs in the prior
3 fiscal year.

4 (3) The amount necessary to fund an index adjustment,
5 calculated under section 3, to include a cost-of-living
6 adjustment for administrative costs of the programs.

7 Section 3. Calculation of index adjustment.

8 The index adjustment under section 2(3) shall be equal to the
9 product of the following:

10 (1) The Home Health Market Basket Index or its successor
11 index if the index is renamed or otherwise modified,
12 published in the Federal Register for the prior Federal
13 fiscal year.

14 (2) The sum of the aggregate amount allocated to
15 counties in the prior fiscal year plus the amount necessary
16 to provide full-year funding of all initiatives included in
17 the prior fiscal year's allocation to counties.

18 (3) The index adjustment shall at no time exceed the
19 overall percentage increase in General Fund expenditures for
20 the same fiscal year unless authorized by the General
21 Assembly.

22 Section 4. Allocation.

23 Funds included in the Governor's budget submission for the
24 Community Mental Health Services, Community Mental Retardation
25 Services and Early Intervention Services Programs under section
26 3 shall be identified as increases in the rates or amounts of
27 funding for existing community-based mental health and mental
28 retardation services. Funding allocations to each county's
29 community-based mental health and mental retardation programs
30 shall be equal to the index adjustment calculated under section

1 3.

2 Section 5. Effective date.

3 This act shall take effect immediately.