

**39-1608. Mental health centers to develop community assessment of needs and plan to provide community based mental health services; approval by secretary; annual reviews and reports; amendments to plan; rules and regulations; guidelines for conduct of assessments of need, for development and operation of system of services and for periodic reporting to the secretary.** (a) On or before October 1, 1991, and in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary each mental health center shall prepare and adopt a community assessment of needs and a plan to provide community based mental health services for persons who are residents of the service delivery area of the mental health center and shall submit such assessment of needs and plan to the secretary for approval. Among other provisions, such plan shall include the provision of services to all targeted population members who apply therefor.

(b) Each mental health center shall conduct annual reviews of the community assessment of needs for the service delivery area and shall report annually to the secretary the results of such reviews and any amendments to the community assessment of needs or the plan to provide community based mental health services which are adopted. The amendments to such plan shall be subject to approval by the secretary in accordance with criteria prescribed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary.

(c) Prior to October 1, 1991, the secretary shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing guidelines for the conduct of community assessments of need, for the development and operation of systems to provide community based mental health services within the service delivery area of the mental health center, and for periodic reporting to the secretary on the operations under such systems in accordance with this act.

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