

**39-1610. Participating mental health centers; services provided; disbursement of funds for services; mental health reform phased program; admission and discharge criteria for patients; contracts for nonclinical services.** (a) Prior to January 1, 1991, for the Osawatomie state hospital catchment area, prior to July 1, 1992, for the Topeka state hospital catchment area and prior to July 1, 1993, for the Larned state hospital catchment area, the secretary shall enter into contracts with mental health centers so that there is a participating mental health center for each area of the state. Each participating mental health center entering into a contract with the secretary under this section shall provide screening, treatment and evaluation, court ordered evaluation and other treatment services pursuant to the care and treatment act for mentally ill persons.

(b) Subject to the provisions of this act and appropriations acts, the secretary shall administer and disburse funds to each mental health center for the coordination and provision of mental health services for all persons who are residents of the service delivery area of such mental health center.

(c) Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this act and appropriations acts, the secretary shall undertake, in cooperation with participating mental health centers, the establishment and implementation of the mental health reform phased program.

(1) Beginning with the Osawatomie state hospital catchment area, the secretary shall enter into contracts with participating mental health centers to reduce the rated bed capacity of the Osawatomie state hospital as follows:

(A) One unit of 20 to 30 beds for adults shall be closed by June 30, 1991;

(B) by June 30, 1992, an additional unit or units comprising 20 to 30 beds shall be closed for adolescents; and

(C) by June 30, 1993, an additional unit or units comprising 20 to 30 adult beds shall be closed.

(2) For the Topeka state hospital catchment area, the secretary shall enter into contracts with participating mental health centers to reduce the rated bed capacity of Topeka state hospital as follows:

(A) One or more units comprising 20 to 30 adolescent beds shall be closed by June 30, 1993;

(B) an additional unit or units comprising 20 to 30 adult beds shall be closed by June 30, 1994; and

(C) an additional unit or units comprising 20 to 30 adult beds shall be closed by June 30, 1995.

(3) For the Larned state hospital catchment area, the secretary shall enter into contracts with participating mental health centers to reduce the rated bed capacity of Larned state hospital by closing one or more units comprising 20 to 30 adult beds in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1994, June 30, 1995, and June 30, 1996.

(d) The staff of each state psychiatric hospital and the staff of the participating mental health centers in the catchment area of the state psychiatric hospital shall develop and implement admission and discharge criteria for all patients. The provisions of this section shall be incorporated into all contracts entered into between the secretary and the participating mental health centers.

(e) A participating mental health center may expend funds received from the secretary to contract with a contracting agency for the purchase of administrative, financial and other nonclinical services from such contracting agency as may be needed to assist the participating mental health center to carry out the provisions of the contract entered into by the center with the secretary.

**History:** L. 1990, ch. 92, § 10; L. 1996, ch. 167, § 52; Apr. 18.