

## CHAPTER 2011-62

### Senate Bill No. 2146

An act relating to the Department of Children and Family Services; creating s. 409.16713, F.S.; defining terms; providing for the allocation of funding for community-based care lead agencies; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 409.16713, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

409.16713 Allocation of funds for community-based care lead agencies.

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Core services funding” means all funds allocated to community-based care lead agencies operating under contract with the department pursuant to s. 409.1671, with the following exceptions:

1. Funds appropriated for independent living;
2. Funds appropriated for maintenance adoption subsidies;
3. Funds allocated by the department for protective investigations training;
4. Nonrecurring funds;
5. Designated mental health wrap-around services funds; and
6. Funds for special projects for a designated community-based care lead agency.

(b) “Equity allocation model” means an allocation model that uses the following factors:

1. Proportion of children in poverty;
2. Proportion of child abuse hotline workload;
3. Proportion of children in care; and
4. Proportion of contribution in the reduction of out-of-home care.

(c) “Proportion of children in poverty” means the average of the proportion of children in the geographic area served by the community-based care lead agency based on the following subcomponents:

1. Children up to 18 years of age who are below the poverty level as determined by the latest available Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) from the United States Census Bureau;

2. Children eligible for free or reduced-price meals as determined by the latest available survey published by the Department of Education; and

3. The number of children in families receiving benefits from the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the most recent month as determined by the department.

(d) “Proportion of child abuse hotline workload” means the weighted average of the following subcomponents:

1. The average number of initial and additional child abuse reports received during the month for the most recent 12 months based on child protective investigations trend reports as determined by the department. This subcomponent shall be weighted as 20 percent of the factor.

2. The average count of children in investigations in the most recent 12 months based on child protective investigations trend reports as determined by the department. This subcomponent shall be weighted as 40 percent of the factor.

3. The average count of children in investigations with a most serious finding of verified abuse in the most recent 12 months based on child protective investigations trend reports as determined by the department. This subcomponent shall be weighted as 40 percent of the factor.

(e) “Proportion of children in care” means the proportion of the sum of the number of children in care receiving in-home services and the number of children in out-of-home care at the end of the most recent month as reported in the child welfare services trend reports as determined by the department.

(f) “Proportion of contribution in the reduction of out-of-home care” means the proportion of the number of children in out-of-home care on December 31, 2006, minus the number of children in out-of-home care as of the end of the most recent month as reported in the child welfare services trend reports as determined by the department.

(2) The equity allocation of core services funds shall be calculated based on the following weights:

(a) Proportion of children in poverty shall be weighted as 30 percent of the total;

(b) Proportion of child abuse hotline workload shall be weighted as 30 percent of the total;

(c) Proportion of children in care shall be weighted as 30 percent of the total; and

(d) Proportion of contribution to the reduction in out-of-home care shall be weighted as 10 percent of the total.

(3) Beginning in the 2011-2012 state fiscal year, 75 percent of the recurring core services funding for each community-based care lead agency shall be based on the prior year recurring base of core services funds and 25 percent shall be based on the equity allocation model.

(4) For the 2011-2012 state fiscal year, any new core services funds shall be allocated based on the equity allocation model. Such allocations shall be proportional to the proportion of funding based on the equity model and allocated only to the community-based care lead agency contracts where the current funding proportion is less than the proportion of funding based on the equity model.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2011.

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