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§§ 1705/1 & 1705/2: Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act

§ 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Act is to consolidate in one statute certain powers and duties of the Department of Human Services relating to mental health and developmental disabilities.

§ 2. Definitions; administrative subdivisions.

(a) For the purposes of this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Department" means the Department of Human Services, successor to the former Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

"Secretary" means the Secretary of Human Services.

(b) Unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) References in this Act to the programs or facilities of the Department shall be construed to refer only to those programs or facilities of the Department that pertain to mental health or developmental disabilities.

(2) References in this Act to the Department's service providers or service recipients shall be construed to refer only to providers or recipients of services that pertain to the Department's mental health and developmental disabilities functions.

(3) References in this Act to employees of the Department shall be construed to refer only to employees whose duties pertain to the Department's mental health and developmental disabilities functions.

(c) The Secretary shall establish such subdivisions of the Department as shall be desirable and shall assign to the various subdivisions the responsibilities and duties placed upon the Department by the Laws of the State of Illinois.

(d) There is established a coordinator of services to deaf and hearing impaired persons with mental disabilities. In hiring this coordinator, every consideration shall be given to qualified deaf or hearing impaired individuals.

(e) Whenever the administrative director of the subdivision for mental health services is not a board-certified psychiatrist, the Secretary shall appoint a Chief for Clinical Services who shall be a board-certified psychiatrist with both clinical and administrative experience. The Chief for Clinical Services shall be responsible for all clinical and medical decisions for mental health services.