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AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.152, 208.204, and 211.181, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to a children's mental health service system, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 208.152, 208.204, and 211.181, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 208.152, 208.204, 211.181, and 630.097, to read as follows:

208.152. 1. Benefit payments for medical assistance shall be made on behalf of those eligible needy persons who are unable to provide for it in whole or in part, with any payments to be made on the basis of the reasonable cost of the care or reasonable charge for the services as defined and determined by the division of medical services, unless otherwise hereinafter provided, for the following:

(1) Inpatient hospital services, except to persons in an institution for mental diseases who are under the age of sixty-five years and over the age of twenty-one years; provided that the division of medical services shall provide through rule and regulation an exception process for coverage of inpatient costs in those cases requiring treatment beyond the seventy-fifth percentile professional activities study (PAS) or the Medicaid children's diagnosis length-of-stay schedule; and provided further that the division of medical services shall take into account through its payment system for hospital services the situation of hospitals which serve a disproportionate number of low-income patients;

(2) All outpatient hospital services, payments therefor to be in amounts which represent no more than eighty percent of the lesser of reasonable costs or customary charges for such

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

services, determined in accordance with the principles set forth in Title XVIII A and B, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301, et seq.), but the division of medical services may evaluate outpatient hospital services rendered under this section and deny payment for services which are determined by the division of medical services not to be medically necessary, in accordance with federal law and regulations;

(3) Laboratory and X-ray services;

(4) Nursing home services for recipients, except to persons in an institution for mental diseases who are under the age of sixty-five years, when residing in a hospital licensed by the department of health and senior services or a nursing home licensed by the division of aging or appropriate licensing authority of other states or government-owned and -operated institutions which are determined to conform to standards equivalent to licensing requirements in Title XIX, of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301, et seq.), as amended, for nursing facilities. The division of medical services may recognize through its payment methodology for nursing facilities those nursing facilities which serve a high volume of Medicaid patients. The division of medical services when determining the amount of the benefit payments to be made on behalf of persons under the age of twenty-one in a nursing facility may consider nursing facilities furnishing care to persons under the age of twenty-one as a classification separate from other nursing facilities;

(5) Nursing home costs for recipients of benefit payments under subdivision (4) of this section for those days, which shall not exceed twelve per any period of six consecutive months, during which the recipient is on a temporary leave of absence from the hospital or nursing home, provided that no such recipient shall be allowed a temporary leave of absence unless it is specifically provided for in his plan of care. As used in this subdivision, the term "temporary leave of absence" shall include all periods of time during which a recipient is away from the hospital or nursing home overnight because he is visiting a friend or relative;

(6) Physicians' services, whether furnished in the office, home, hospital, nursing home, or elsewhere;

(7) Dental services;

(8) Services of podiatrists as defined in section 330.010, RSMo;

(9) Drugs and medicines when prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist, or podiatrist;

(10) Emergency ambulance services and, effective January 1, 1990, medically necessary transportation to scheduled, physician-prescribed nonelective treatments. The department of social services may conduct demonstration projects related to the provision of medically necessary transportation to recipients of medical assistance under this chapter. Such demonstration projects shall be funded only by appropriations made for the purpose of such demonstration projects. If funds are appropriated for such demonstration projects, the department shall submit to the general assembly a report on the significant aspects and results of such demonstration projects;

(11) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis of individuals who are under the age of

twenty-one to ascertain their physical or mental defects, and health care, treatment, and other measures to correct or ameliorate defects and chronic conditions discovered thereby. Such services shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of section 6403 of P.L.53 101-239 and federal regulations promulgated thereunder;

(12) Home health care services;

(13) Optometric services as defined in section 336.010, RSMo;

(14) Family planning as defined by federal rules and regulations; provided, however, that such family planning services shall not include abortions unless such abortions are certified in writing by a physician to the Medicaid agency that, in his professional judgment, the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term;

(15) Orthopedic devices or other prosthetics, including eye glasses, dentures, hearing aids, and wheelchairs;

(16) Inpatient psychiatric hospital services for individuals under age twenty-one as defined in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d, et seq.);

(17) Outpatient surgical procedures, including presurgical diagnostic services performed in ambulatory surgical facilities which are licensed by the department of health and senior services of the state of Missouri; except, that such outpatient surgical services shall not include persons who are eligible for coverage under Part B of Title XVIII, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act, as amended, if exclusion of such persons is permitted under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act, as amended;

(18) Personal care services which are medically oriented tasks having to do with a person's physical requirements, as opposed to housekeeping requirements, which enable a person to be treated by his physician on an outpatient, rather than on an inpatient or residential basis in a hospital, intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. Personal care services shall be rendered by an individual not a member of the recipient's family who is qualified to provide such services where the services are prescribed by a physician in accordance with a plan of treatment and are supervised by a licensed nurse. Persons eligible to receive personal care services shall be those persons who would otherwise require placement in a hospital, intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. Benefits payable for personal care services shall not exceed for any one recipient one hundred percent of the average statewide charge for care and treatment in an intermediate care facility for a comparable period of time;

(19) Mental health services. The state plan for providing medical assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended, shall include the following mental health services when such services are provided by community mental health facilities operated by the department of mental health or designated by the department of mental health as a community mental health facility or as an alcohol and drug abuse facility, **or as an eligible**

system of care provider.

(a) The department of mental health shall establish by administrative rule the definition and criteria for designation as a community mental health facility and for designation as an alcohol and drug abuse facility. Such mental health services shall include:

[(a)] **a.** Outpatient mental health services including preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an individual or group setting by a mental health professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client services management;

[(b)] **b.** Clinic mental health services including preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an individual or group setting by a mental health professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client services management;

[(c)] **c.** Rehabilitative mental health and alcohol and drug abuse services including preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an individual or group setting by a mental health or alcohol and drug abuse professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client services management. As used in this section, "mental health professional" and "alcohol and drug abuse professional" shall be defined by the department of mental health pursuant to duly promulgated rules. With respect to services established by this subdivision, the department of social services, division of medical services, shall enter into an agreement with the department of mental health. Matching funds for outpatient mental health services, clinic mental health services, and rehabilitation services for mental health and alcohol and drug abuse shall be certified by the department of mental health to the division of medical services. The agreement shall establish a mechanism for the joint implementation of the provisions of this subdivision. In addition, the agreement shall establish a mechanism by which rates for services may be jointly developed.

(b) The department of mental health, in collaboration with the division of medical services within the department of social services, shall establish by rule the definition and criteria for designation of a community-based service. Services to be made available and easily accessible include system of care services, early intervention services, team meetings, family support services, respite services, after-school programs and other youth case management services, mentoring, intensive home-based services, behavioral assistance services, mobile crisis intervention services, and independent living skills programs, and services for child up to five years of age;

(20) Comprehensive day rehabilitation services beginning early posttrauma as part of a coordinated system of care for individuals with disabling impairments. Rehabilitation services must be based on an individualized, goal-oriented, comprehensive and coordinated treatment plan developed, implemented, and monitored through an interdisciplinary assessment designed to restore an individual to optimal level of physical, cognitive and behavioral function. The division of medical services shall establish by administrative rule the definition and criteria for designation of a comprehensive day rehabilitation service facility, benefit limitations and payment mechanism;

(21) Hospice care. As used in this subsection, the term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active professional medical attention within a home, outpatient and inpatient care which treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic stresses which are experienced during the final stages of illness, and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a hospice as are provided in 42 CFR Part 418. Beginning July 1, 1990, the rate of reimbursement paid by the division of medical services to the hospice provider for room and board furnished by a nursing home to an eligible hospice patient shall not be less than ninety-five percent of the rate of reimbursement which would have been paid for facility services in that nursing home facility for that patient, in accordance with subsection (c) of section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989);

(22) Such additional services as defined by the division of medical services to be furnished under waivers of federal statutory requirements as provided for and authorized by the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301, et seq.) subject to appropriation by the general assembly;

(23) Beginning July 1, 1990, the services of a certified pediatric or family nursing practitioner to the extent that such services are provided in accordance with chapter 335, RSMo, and regulations promulgated thereunder, regardless of whether the nurse practitioner is supervised by or in association with a physician or other health care provider;

(24) Subject to appropriations, the department of social services shall conduct demonstration projects for nonemergency, physician-prescribed transportation for pregnant women who are recipients of medical assistance under this chapter in counties selected by the director of the division of medical services. The funds appropriated pursuant to this subdivision shall be used for the purposes of this subdivision and for no other purpose. The department shall not fund such demonstration projects with revenues received for any other purpose. This subdivision shall not authorize transportation of a pregnant woman in active labor. The division of medical services shall notify recipients of nonemergency transportation services under this

subdivision of such other transportation services which may be appropriate during active labor or other medical emergency;

(25) Nursing home costs for recipients of benefit payments under subdivision (4) of this subsection to reserve a bed for the recipient in the nursing home during the time that the recipient is absent due to admission to a hospital for services which cannot be performed on an outpatient basis, subject to the provisions of this subdivision:

(a) The provisions of this subdivision shall apply only if:

a. The occupancy rate of the nursing home is at or above ninety-seven percent of Medicaid certified licensed beds, according to the most recent quarterly census provided to the division of aging which was taken prior to when the recipient is admitted to the hospital; and

b. The patient is admitted to a hospital for a medical condition with an anticipated stay of three days or less;

(b) The payment to be made under this subdivision shall be provided for a maximum of three days per hospital stay;

(c) For each day that nursing home costs are paid on behalf of a recipient pursuant to this subdivision during any period of six consecutive months such recipient shall, during the same period of six consecutive months, be ineligible for payment of nursing home costs of two otherwise available temporary leave of absence days provided under subdivision (5) of this subsection; and

(d) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply unless the nursing home receives notice from the recipient or the recipient's responsible party that the recipient intends to return to the nursing home following the hospital stay. If the nursing home receives such notification and all other provisions of this subsection have been satisfied, the nursing home shall provide notice to the recipient or the recipient's responsible party prior to release of the reserved bed.

2. Benefit payments for medical assistance for surgery as defined by rule duly promulgated by the division of medical services, and any costs related directly thereto, shall be made only when a second medical opinion by a licensed physician as to the need for the surgery is obtained prior to the surgery being performed.

3. The division of medical services may require any recipient of medical assistance to pay part of the charge or cost, as defined by rule duly promulgated by the division of medical services, for dental services, drugs and medicines, optometric services, eye glasses, dentures, hearing aids, and other services, to the extent and in the manner authorized by Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq.) and regulations thereunder. When substitution of a generic drug is permitted by the prescriber according to section 338.056, RSMo, and a generic drug is substituted for a name brand drug, the division of medical services may not lower or delete the requirement to make a co-payment pursuant to regulations of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act. A provider of goods or services described under this section

must collect from all recipients the partial payment that may be required by the division of medical services under authority granted herein, if the division exercises that authority, to remain eligible as a provider. Any payments made by recipients under this section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any payments made by the state for goods or services described herein.

4. The division of medical services shall have the right to collect medication samples from recipients in order to maintain program integrity.

5. Reimbursement for obstetrical and pediatric services under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section shall be timely and sufficient to enlist enough health care providers so that care and services are available under the state plan for medical assistance at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area, as required under subparagraph (a)(30)(A) of 42 U.S.C. 1396a and federal regulations promulgated thereunder.

6. Beginning July 1, 1990, reimbursement for services rendered in federally funded health centers shall be in accordance with the provisions of subsection 6402(c) and section 6404 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989) and federal regulations promulgated thereunder.

7. Beginning July 1, 1990, the department of social services shall provide notification and referral of children below age five, and pregnant, breast-feeding, or postpartum women who are determined to be eligible for medical assistance under section 208.151 to the special supplemental food programs for women, infants and children administered by the department of health and senior services. Such notification and referral shall conform to the requirements of section 6406 of P.L. 101-239 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

8. Providers of long-term care services shall be reimbursed for their costs in accordance with the provisions of section 1902 (a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396a, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

9. Reimbursement rates to long-term care providers with respect to a total change in ownership, at arm's length, for any facility previously licensed and certified for participation in the Medicaid program shall not increase payments in excess of the increase that would result from the application of section 1902 (a)(13)(C) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396a (a)(13)(C).

10. The department of social services, division of medical services, may enroll qualified residential care facilities, as defined in chapter 198, RSMo, as Medicaid personal care providers.

208.204. 1. The division of medical services may administer the funds appropriated to the department of social services or any division of the department for payment of medical care provided to children in the legal custody of the department of social services or any division of the department.

2. The department of social services shall conduct research into all of the cases in their custody to determine which cases involve children in the system due exclusively to a need for mental health services, and where there is no instance of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

3. Children identified under subsection 2 of this section may be returned by the judge to the family's custody. The department of mental health shall have the responsibility of providing the necessary services for such children in the least restrictive appropriate environment, including home and community-based services, treatment and support, based on a coordinated individualized treatment plan.

4. In the case of children being returned to their family's custody and falling under the service responsibility of the department of mental health, the appropriate funds will be transferred from the department of social services to the department of mental health to provide for the care of each child in such situation.

211.181. 1. When a child or person seventeen years of age is found by the court to come within the applicable provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of section 211.031, the court shall so decree and make a finding of fact upon which it exercises its jurisdiction over the child or person seventeen years of age, and the court may, by order duly entered, proceed as follows:

(1) Place the child or person seventeen years of age under supervision in his own home or in the custody of a relative or other suitable person after the court or a public agency or institution designated by the court conducts an investigation of the home, relative or person and finds such home, relative or person to be suitable and upon such conditions as the court may require;

(2) Commit the child or person seventeen years of age to the custody of:

(a) A public agency or institution authorized by law to care for children or to place them in family homes; except that, such child or person seventeen years of age may not be committed to the department of social services, division of youth services;

(b) Any other institution or agency which is authorized or licensed by law to care for children or to place them in family homes;

(c) An association, school or institution willing to receive the child or person seventeen years of age in another state if the approval of the agency in that state which administers the laws relating to importation of children into the state has been secured; or

(d) The juvenile officer;

(3) Place the child or person seventeen years of age in a family home;

(4) Cause the child or person seventeen years of age to be examined and treated by a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist and when the health or condition of the child or person seventeen years of age requires it, cause the child or person seventeen years of age to be placed in a public or private hospital, clinic or institution for treatment and care; except that, nothing

contained herein authorizes any form of compulsory medical, surgical, or psychiatric treatment of a child or person seventeen years of age whose parents or guardian in good faith are providing other remedial treatment recognized or permitted under the laws of this state;

(5) The court may order, pursuant to subsection 2 of section 211.081, that the child receive the necessary services in the least restrictive appropriate environment including home and community-based services, treatment and support, based on a coordinated, individualized treatment plan. The individualized treatment plan shall be approved by the court and developed by the applicable state agencies responsible for providing or paying for any and all appropriate and necessary services, subject to appropriation, and shall include which agencies are going to pay for and provide such services. Such plan must be submitted to the court within thirty days and the child's family shall actively participate in designing the service plan for the child or person seventeen years of age;

(6) The division of family services shall apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for such federal waivers as required to provide services for such children, including the acquisition of community-based services waivers.

2. When a child is found by the court to come within the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 211.031, the court shall so decree and upon making a finding of fact upon which it exercises its jurisdiction over the child, the court may, by order duly entered, proceed as follows:

(1) Place the child under supervision in his own home or in custody of a relative or other suitable person after the court or a public agency or institution designated by the court conducts an investigation of the home, relative or person and finds such home, relative or person to be suitable and upon such conditions as the court may require;

(2) Commit the child to the custody of:

(a) A public agency or institution authorized by law to care for children or place them in family homes; except that, a child may be committed to the department of social services, division of youth services, only if he is presently under the court's supervision after an adjudication under the provisions of subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection 1 of section 211.031;

(b) Any other institution or agency which is authorized or licensed by law to care for children or to place them in family homes;

(c) An association, school or institution willing to receive it in another state if the approval of the agency in that state which administers the laws relating to importation of children into the state has been secured; or

(d) The juvenile officer;

(3) Place the child in a family home;

(4) Cause the child to be examined and treated by a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist and when the health or condition of the child requires it, cause the child to be placed

in a public or private hospital, clinic or institution for treatment and care; except that, nothing contained herein authorizes any form of compulsory medical, surgical, or psychiatric treatment of a child whose parents or guardian in good faith are providing other remedial treatment recognized or permitted under the laws of this state;

(5) Assess an amount of up to ten dollars to be paid by the child to the clerk of the court. Execution of any order entered by the court pursuant to this subsection, including a commitment to any state agency, may be suspended and the child placed on probation subject to such conditions as the court deems reasonable. After a hearing, probation may be revoked and the suspended order executed.

3. When a child is found by the court to come within the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of section 211.031, the court shall so decree and make a finding of fact upon which it exercises its jurisdiction over the child, and the court may, by order duly entered, proceed as follows:

(1) Place the child under supervision in his own home or in custody of a relative or other suitable person after the court or a public agency or institution designated by the court conducts an investigation of the home, relative or person and finds such home, relative or person to be suitable and upon such conditions as the court may require;

(2) Commit the child to the custody of:

(a) A public agency or institution authorized by law to care for children or to place them in family homes;

(b) Any other institution or agency which is authorized or licensed by law to care for children or to place them in family homes;

(c) An association, school or institution willing to receive it in another state if the approval of the agency in that state which administers the laws relating to importation of children into the state has been secured; or

(d) The juvenile officer;

(3) Beginning January 1, 1996, the court may make further directions as to placement with the division of youth services concerning the child's length of stay. The length of stay order may set forth a minimum review date;

(4) Place the child in a family home;

(5) Cause the child to be examined and treated by a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist and when the health or condition of the child requires it, cause the child to be placed in a public or private hospital, clinic or institution for treatment and care; except that, nothing contained herein authorizes any form of compulsory medical, surgical, or psychiatric treatment of a child whose parents or guardian in good faith are providing other remedial treatment recognized or permitted under the laws of this state;

(6) Suspend or revoke a state or local license or authority of a child to operate a motor

vehicle;

(7) Order the child to make restitution or reparation for the damage or loss caused by his offense. In determining the amount or extent of the damage, the court may order the juvenile officer to prepare a report and may receive other evidence necessary for such determination. The child and his attorney shall have access to any reports which may be prepared, and shall have the right to present evidence at any hearing held to ascertain the amount of damages. Any restitution or reparation ordered shall be reasonable in view of the child's ability to make payment or to perform the reparation. The court may require the clerk of the circuit court to act as receiving and disbursing agent for any payment ordered;

(8) Order the child to a term of community service under the supervision of the court or of an organization selected by the court. Every person, organization, and agency, and each employee thereof, charged with the supervision of a child under this subdivision, or who benefits from any services performed as a result of an order issued under this subdivision, shall be immune from any suit by the child ordered to perform services under this subdivision, or any person deriving a cause of action from such child, if such cause of action arises from the supervision of the child's performance of services under this subdivision and if such cause of action does not arise from an intentional tort. A child ordered to perform services under this subdivision shall not be deemed an employee within the meaning of the provisions of chapter 287, RSMo, nor shall the services of such child be deemed employment within the meaning of the provisions of chapter 288, RSMo. Execution of any order entered by the court, including a commitment to any state agency, may be suspended and the child placed on probation subject to such conditions as the court deems reasonable. After a hearing, probation may be revoked and the suspended order executed;

(9) When a child has been adjudicated to have violated a municipal ordinance or to have committed an act that would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult, assess an amount of up to twenty-five dollars to be paid by the child to the clerk of the court; when a child has been adjudicated to have committed an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, assess an amount of up to fifty dollars to be paid by the child to the clerk of the court.

4. Beginning January 1, 1996, the court may set forth in the order of commitment the minimum period during which the child shall remain in the custody of the division of youth services. No court order shall require a child to remain in the custody of the division of youth services for a period which exceeds the child's eighteenth birth date except upon petition filed by the division of youth services pursuant to subsection 1 of section 219.021, RSMo. In any order of commitment of a child to the custody of the division of youth services, the division shall determine the appropriate program or placement pursuant to subsection 3 of section 219.021, RSMo. Beginning January 1, 1996, the department shall not discharge a child from the custody of the division of youth services before the child completes the length of stay determined by the

court in the commitment order unless the committing court orders otherwise. The director of the division of youth services may at any time petition the court for a review of a child's length of stay commitment order, and the court may, upon a showing of good cause, order the early discharge of the child from the custody of the division of youth services. The division may discharge the child from the division of youth services without a further court order after the child completes the length of stay determined by the court or may retain the child for any period after the completion of the length of stay in accordance with the law.

5. When an assessment has been imposed under the provisions of subsection 2 or 3 of this section, the assessment shall be paid to the clerk of the court in the circuit where the assessment is imposed by court order, to be deposited in a fund established for the sole purpose of payment of judgments entered against children in accordance with section 211.185.

630.097. The department of mental health shall develop, implement, and administer a unified accountable comprehensive children's mental health service system. To ensure a full breadth of services, the system of care shall include all state agencies and organizations involved in the lives of the children served. The system of care shall:

- (1) Be child centered, family focused, and family driven, with the needs of the child and family dictating the types and mix of services provided, and shall include the families as full participants in all aspects of the planning and delivery of services;**
- (2) Provide community-based mental health services to children and their families in the context in which the children live and attend school;**
- (3) Respond in a culturally competent and responsive manner;**
- (4) Stress prevention and early identification and intervention;**
- (5) Assure access to a continuum of services that:**
 - (a) Educate the community about the mental health needs of children;**
 - (b) Address the unique physical, emotional, social, and educational needs of children;**
 - (c) Are coordinated with the range of social and human services provided to children and their families by the departments of elementary and secondary education, social services, health and senior services, and public safety, and the family courts;**
 - (d) Provide a comprehensive array of services through an individualized service plan;**
 - (e) Provide services in the least restrictive environment possible;**
 - (f) Are appropriate to the developmental needs of children;**
- (6) Include early screening and prompt intervention to:**
 - (a) Identify and treat the mental health needs of children in the least restrictive environment appropriate to their needs; and**

- (b) Prevent further deterioration;**
- (7) Address the unique problems of paying for mental health services for children, including:**
 - (a) Access to private insurance coverage;**
 - (b) Public funding; and**
 - (c) Private funding and services;**
- (8) Include the child and the child's family in all aspects of planning, service delivery, and evaluation; and**
- (9) Assure a smooth transition from mental health services appropriate for a child to mental health services needed by a person who is at least nineteen years of age.**

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