

MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972

As Amended

SEC. 43-14-1. Interagency Coordinating Council for Children and Youth established; purpose; System of Care program; composition and function of council; Interagency System of Care Council; Multidisciplinary Assessment and Planning Resource (MAP) teams; funds contributed by participating state agencies. [Repealed effective July 1, 2005].

(1) The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the development and implementation of a coordinated interagency system of necessary services and care * * * for children and youth up to age twenty-one (21) with serious emotional/behavioral disorders, including, but not limited to, conduct disorders, or mental illness who require services from a multiple services and multiple programs system, and who can be successfully diverted from inappropriate institutional placement. This program is to be done in the most fiscally responsible (cost efficient) manner possible, based on an individualized plan of care which takes into account other available interagency programs, including, but not limited to, Early Intervention Act of Infants and Toddlers, Section [41-87-1](#) et seq., Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment, Section [43-13-117](#)(5), waived program for home- and community-based services for developmentally disabled people, Section [43-13-117](#)(29), and waived program for targeted case management services for children with special needs, Section [43-13-117](#)(31), those children identified through the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997 as having a serious emotional disorder (EMD), the Mississippi Children's Health Insurance Program Phase I and Phase II and waived programs for children with serious emotional disturbances, Section [43-13-117](#)(46), and is tied to clinically appropriate outcomes. Some of the outcomes are to reduce the number of inappropriate out-of-home placements inclusive of those out-of-state and to reduce the number of inappropriate school suspensions and expulsions for this population of children. From and after July 1, 2001, this coordinated interagency system of necessary services and care shall be named the System of Care program. Children to be served by this chapter who are eligible for Medicaid shall be screened through the Medicaid Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) and their needs for medically necessary services shall be certified through the EPSDT process. For purposes of this chapter, a "System of Care" is defined as a coordinated network of agencies and providers working as a team to make a full range of mental health and other necessary services available as needed by children with mental health problems and their families. The System of Care shall be:

- (a) Child centered, family focused and family driven;
- (b) Community based;
- (c) Culturally competent and responsive; and shall provide for:
 - (i) Service coordination or case management;
 - (ii) Prevention and early identification and intervention;

- (iii) Smooth transitions among agencies, providers, and to the adult service system;
- (iv) Human rights protection and advocacy;
- (v) Nondiscrimination in access to services;
- (vi) A comprehensive array of services;
- (vii) Individualized service planning;
- (viii) Services in the least restrictive environment;
- (ix) Family participation in all aspects of planning, service delivery and evaluation; and
- (x) Integrated services with coordinated planning across child-serving agencies.

(2) There is established the Interagency Coordinating Council for Children and Youth (hereinafter referred to as the "ICCCY"). The ICCCY shall consist of the following membership: (a) the State Superintendent of Public Education; (b) the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health; (c) the Executive Director of the State Department of Health; (d) the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services; (e) the Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor; (f) the Executive Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services; and (g) the Executive Director of Mississippi Families as Allies for Children's Mental Health, Inc. The council shall meet before August 1, 2001, and shall organize for business by selecting a chairman, who shall serve for a one-year term and may not serve consecutive terms. The council shall adopt internal organizational procedures necessary for efficient operation of the council. Each member of the council shall designate necessary staff of their departments to assist the ICCCY in performing its duties and responsibilities. The ICCCY shall meet and conduct business at least twice annually. The chairman of the ICCCY shall notify all persons who request such notice as to the date, time and place of each meeting.

(3) The Interagency System of Care Council is created to serve as the state management team for the ICCCY, with the responsibility of collecting and analyzing data and funding strategies necessary to improve the operation of the System of Care programs, and to make recommendations to the ICCCY and to the Legislature concerning such strategies on or before December 31, 2002. The System of Care Council also has the responsibility of coordinating the local Multidisciplinary Assessment and Planning (MAP) teams and may apply for grants from public and private sources necessary to carry out its responsibilities. The Interagency System of Care Council shall be comprised of one (1) member from each of the appropriate child-serving divisions or sections of the State Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Education, the Division of Medicaid of the Governor's Office, the Department of Rehabilitation Services, a family member representing a family education and support 501(c)3 organization, a representative from the Council of Administrators for Special Education/Mississippi Organization of Special Education Supervisors (CASE/MOSES) and a family member designated by Mississippi Families as Allies for Children's Mental Health, Inc. * * * Appointments to the Interagency System of Care Council

shall be made within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act. The council shall organize by selecting a chairman from its membership to serve on an annual basis, and the chairman may not serve consecutive terms.

(4) There is established a statewide system of local Multidisciplinary Assessment and Planning Resource (MAP) teams. The MAP teams shall be comprised of one (1) representative each at the county level from the major child-serving public agencies for education, human services, health, mental health and rehabilitative services approved by respective state agencies of the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Rehabilitation Services. Three (3) additional members may be added to each team, one (1) of which may be a representative of a family education/support 501(c)3 organization with statewide recognition and specifically established for the population of children defined in Section 43-14-1. The remaining two (2) members will be representatives of significant community-level stakeholders with resources that can benefit the population of children defined in Section 43-14-1.

(5) The Interagency Coordinating Council for Children and Youth may provide input relative to how each agency utilizes its federal and state statutes, policy requirements and funding streams to identify and/or serve children and youth in the population defined in Section 43-14-1. The ICCCY shall support the implementation of the plans of the respective state agencies for comprehensive multidisciplinary care, treatment and placement of these children.

(6) The ICCCY shall oversee a pool of state funds that may be contributed by each participating state agency and additional funds from the Mississippi Tobacco Health Care Expenditure Fund, subject to specific appropriation therefor by the Legislature. Part of this pool of funds shall be available for increasing the present funding levels by matching Medicaid funds in order to increase the existing resources available for necessary community-based services for Medicaid beneficiaries. * * *

(7) The local coordinating care MAP team will facilitate the development of the individualized System of Care programs for the population targeted in Section 43-14-1. * * *

(8) Each local MAP team shall serve as the single point of entry to ensure that comprehensive diagnosis and assessment occur and shall coordinate needed services through the local coordinating care entity for the children named in subsection (1). Local children in crisis shall have first priority for access to the MAP team processes and local System of Care programs.

(9) The Interagency Coordinating Council for Children and Youth shall facilitate monitoring of the performance of local MAP teams.

(10) Each state agency named in subsection (2) of this section shall enter into a binding interagency agreement to participate in the oversight of the statewide System of Care programs for the children and youth described in this section. The agreement shall be signed and in effect by July 1 of each year * * *.

(11) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2005.

SOURCES: Laws, 1993, ch. 388, § 1; Laws, 1994, ch. 649, § 11; reenacted and amended, 1996, ch. 476, § 1; reenacted and amended, 1998, ch. 383, § 1; reenacted and amended Laws, 2000, ch. 547, § 1; Laws, 2001, ch. 591, § 1, HB 1275, eff from and after June 30, 2001.

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