

Act No. 140 (H.728). Human services; developmental disabilities

An act relating to developmental services' system of care

This act amends Vermont's Developmental Disabilities Act by requiring that certain components of the system of care plan be adopted by rule versus by the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. Those components include priorities for continuation of existing programs or development of new programs; criteria for receiving services or funding; types of services provided; and the process for evaluating and assessing the success of programs. The Commissioner is required to determine priorities within the system of care plan based upon criteria established in statute.

Once the priorities are determined, the Commissioner must consider funds available to the Department in allocating resources.

The act also expands an existing reporting requirement by directing the Department to include in its annual report the extent to which principles of service are achieved within the system of care plan and whether people with developmental disabilities have any unmet service needs.

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