

**245.4883 ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL INPATIENT SERVICES.**

Subdivision 1. **Availability of acute care hospital inpatient services.** County boards must make available through contract or direct provision enough acute care hospital inpatient treatment services as close to the county as possible for children with severe emotional disturbances residing in the county needing this level of care. Acute care hospital inpatient treatment services must be designed to:

- (1) stabilize the medical and mental health condition for which admission is required;
- (2) improve functioning to the point where discharge to residential treatment or community-based mental health services is possible;
- (3) facilitate appropriate referrals for follow-up mental health care in the community;
- (4) work with families to improve the ability of the families to care for those children with severe emotional disturbances at home; and
- (5) assist families and children in the transition from inpatient services to community-based services or home setting, and provide notification to the child's case manager, if any, so that the case manager can monitor the transition and make timely arrangements for the child's appropriate follow-up care in the community.

Subd. 2. **Specific requirements.** Providers of acute care hospital inpatient services for children must meet applicable standards established by the commissioners of health and human services.

Subd. 3. **Admission, continued stay, and discharge criteria.** No later than January 1, 1992, the county board shall ensure that placement decisions for acute care hospital inpatient treatment services are based on the clinical needs of the child and, if appropriate, the child's family. The county board shall ensure that each entity under contract with the county to provide acute care hospital treatment services has admission, continued stay, discharge criteria and discharge planning criteria as part of the contract. Contracts should specify the specific responsibilities between the county and service providers to ensure comprehensive planning and continuity of care between needed services according to data privacy requirements. All contracts for the provision of acute care hospital inpatient treatment services must include provisions guaranteeing clients the right to appeal under section 245.4887 and to be advised of their appeal rights.

**History:** 1989 c 282 art 4 s 50; 1990 c 568 art 5 s 24; 1991 c 292 art 6 s 21,58 subd 1