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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to alcohol, drug abuse, and 3 mental health programs; amending s. 394.74, 4 F.S.; providing for the Department of Children 5 and Family Services to use unit-cost 6 contracting; amending s. 394.78, F.S.; 7 providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective date. 8 9 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 394.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 13 394.74 Contracts for provision of local alcohol, drug 14 abuse, and mental health programs. --15 (2) Contracts for service shall be consistent with the 16 17 approved district plan and the service priorities established in s. 394.75(4). 18 19 (a) Notwithstanding s. 394.76(3)(a) and (c), the department may use unit-cost contracting, including case rates 20 21 methods of payment in its contracts, for purchasing mental 22 health and substance-abuse client services through June 30, 2002. The department's unit-cost contracting system must 23 account for patient fees that are paid for on behalf of a 24 25 specific client and that are earned and used by the provider for those services funded in whole or in part by the 26 27 department. 28 (b) The department may reimburse actual expenditures for start-up contracts and fixed capital outlay contracts in 29 30 accordance with contract specifications. 31

Section 2. Subsection (6) is added to section 394.78, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read: 394.78 Operation and administration; personnel standards; procedures for audit and monitoring of service providers; resolution of disputes .--(6) The department shall adopt by rule standards for contracting, budgeting, methods of payment, and the accounting of patient fees that are earned on behalf of a specific client. Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999. ********** SENATE SUMMARY Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services to use unit-cost contracting for alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health programs.