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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to alcohol, drug abuse, and  
mental health programs; amending s. 394.74,  
F.S.; providing for the Department of Children  
and Family Services to use unit-cost  
contracting; amending s. 394.78, F.S.;  
providing rulemaking authority; providing an  
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 394.74, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

394.74 Contracts for provision of local alcohol, drug  
abuse, and mental health programs.--

(2) Contracts for service shall be consistent with the  
approved district plan and the service priorities established  
in s. 394.75(4).

(a) Notwithstanding s. 394.76(3)(a) and (c), the  
department may use unit-cost contracting, including case rates  
methods of payment in its contracts, for purchasing mental  
health and substance-abuse client services through June 30,  
2002. The department's unit-cost contracting system must  
account for patient fees that are paid for on behalf of a  
specific client and that are earned and used by the provider  
for those services funded in whole or in part by the  
department.

(b) The department may reimburse actual expenditures  
for start-up contracts and fixed capital outlay contracts in  
accordance with contract specifications.

