

HB 0391 2003

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to supportive housing services for mentally ill persons; providing legislative intent; requiring the provision of supportive housing programs or equivalent services to persons with mental illness under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to adopt rules; providing rule criteria and requirements; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. (1) The Legislature intends to promote and produce stable housing for persons with a mental illness. The Legislature intends to ensure that residents of this state with a mental illness shall have access to supportive housing programs or equivalent services which shall be made available equally to all individuals with a serious mental illness irrespective of their location, type of residence, or living situation.
- (2) Supportive housing programs or equivalent services shall be provided or made available to persons with a mental illness living in their own home, a rental apartment, a licensed limited mental health assisted living facility, or other living arrangement of the person's choice.
- (3) The Department of Children and Family Services shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this act no later than December 1, 2003. Such rules shall include, at a minimum:
- (a) A definition of state-funded supportive housing for persons with a serious mental illness.



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(b) Provider certification procedures and oversight
responsibilities.
(c) Provider training and educational requirements.
(d) Standards relating to individual rights and the health
and safety of consumers.
(e) Standards relating to the use of state funds for
rental subsidies and other support services.
(f) Standards for the provision of state-funded supportive
housing services.
(g) Standards relating to appropriateness of placement and
procedures for addressing a crisis and after-hours care needs.
(h) A requirement for district planning.
(i) Provision for a single statewide complaint grievance
system.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.