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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Albers

From: Debora A. Kennedy, Managing Attorney, (608) 266-0137

Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2007 AB 509** (LRB-1588/1) by **DHFS**

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file.

If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.



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DATE: November 8, 2007

TO: Debora Kennedy
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FROM: Elaine Vélez
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SUBJECT: 2007 AB 509 Reducing reimbursement by county departments of community programs for inpatient facility care and services for mentally ill county residents and making an appropriation

Two comments on the bill:

First, as currently drafted in this bill, the new language states that the county reimbursement would be "50 percent of the **cost of authorized care.**" The Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) would like this language changed to "50 percent of the **daily rate.**" This same verbiage occurs several times in the new language and DHFS requests that the new language be adjusted using "daily rate" in order to be consistent with the current statutory language. The daily rate is the amount billed to the counties and used for reimbursement purposes.

Second, existing appropriations for the two institutions that would be affected by this bill are under s. 20.435(2) so appropriation 20.435(2)(da) would need to be created to fund the county share of the institute costs.

If you have any questions, please call me at 608-266-9363. Thank you.