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## 2007-09 Budget Bill Statutory Language Drafting Request

- Topic: Family Support Program Criteria Flexibility
- Tracking Code: BBO206
- SBO team: Health and Insurance
- SBO analyst: Dennis Rhodes
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- Agency acronym: DHFS
- Agency number: 435
- Priority: Medium

## Family Support Waiting Lists

### Current Language

46.985 (2) describes the Departmental duties for the Family Support program.

### Proposed Change

Strike the following:

~~46.985 (2)(a) 2. Criteria by which county departments may determine priorities for available funding.~~

Create the following section:

**46.985 (2) (f) The Department shall establish criteria for priority of services, taking into account urgency of need, statewide consistency, developmental impact on the child and other factors, to ensure that available funds are utilized in a consistent and effective manner.**

### Background and Rationale for the Change

Family Support offers flexible funds for long term support services as it provides emotional, physical and financial support to children and their families. Due to limited availability of state and county funds, counties can not serve all children and families who are interested in and eligible for the program. As a result, wait lists for services exist. Currently, counties with waiting lists for the Family Support program serve children on a "first come, first served" basis. The current policy precludes serving children with very urgent needs or young children with the potential for substantial developmental impact more quickly than others.

The proposed statutory change will enable the State to establish criteria for the management of the Family Support Program wait list. This change will help reduce the waiting time for children who urgently need services or who are young and have the potential for substantial developmental impact as a result of Family Support services. Specifically, the proposed change will allow counties to prioritize their wait list based on the new State-defined criteria, instead of date of application. The proposed change will help ensure that limited fiscal resources are used in a consistent and effective manner.

**Desired Effective Date:** Upon Passage  
**Agency:** DHFS  
**Agency Contact:** Seng Vang  
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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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