

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 96-153, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CRITERIA OF CARE FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY NON-MANDATED SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM THE NON-MANDATED SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS AS ADMINISTERED BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. St. Johns County, Florida, Resolution 96-153 is hereby amended by deleting the current Section 2 of such Resolution, and inserting the following new Section 2 in its place:

Section 2. Applicants for, and persons receiving benefits from, the non-mandated social service programs administered by St. Johns County consisting of (i) out-patient testing, (ii) physician services, (iii) medication, and (iv) hospitalization (collectively referred to herein sometimes as “non-mandated County social services”), may receive, or continue to receive, benefits from such social service programs if the following criteria are met:

1. Individuals and families seeking non-mandated County Social Services are required to complete the County’s Social Services application, which includes providing information/documentation on proof of residency.
2. Individuals and families seeking non-mandated County Social Services shall not have an income level that exceeds 150% of the most current Federal Poverty Guidelines.
3. The assets of the applicant or family seeking or using non-mandated County Social Service Programs, as determined in the manner set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto, and incorporated herein, shall not exceed \$2,500.
4. The applicant or other family member seeking or using non-mandated County Social Service Programs must demonstrate that they are employed, or unemployable due to mental or physical disabilities.
5. When individuals and family members who receive benefits of non-mandated County Service Programs are treated as in-patients at Flagler Hospital, such individuals are eligible for benefits in the following manner: (i) days 1 through 6 that an individual or family member is treated as an in-patient at Flagler Hospital are eligible for payment by the County to Flagler Hospital; (ii) days 7 through 9 that an individual or family member is treated as an in-patient at Flagler Hospital are not eligible for payment by the County to Flagler Hospital; and (iii) days 10 through 15 that an individual or family

member is treated as in-patient at Flagler Hospital are eligible for payment by the County to Flagler Hospital. The purpose of this provision is to accommodate individuals or family members who have more severe illnesses, and necessitate treatment as in-patients at Flagler Hospital.

6. For out-patient services and elective admissions, each applicant for, and user of, a non-mandated County Social Services Program will be subject to taking and passing one or more tests for illegal drugs as a condition to being, or remaining eligible for such services, except for hospital emergency in-patient admissions.
7. In the case of a hospital emergency in-patient admission, prior to discharge, by Flagler Hospital, of the in-patient who is receiving use of a non-mandated County Social Services Program, the in-patient shall submit to a drug screening, and/or testing, to the extent that such drug screening, and/or testing is warranted and/or required under the County's existing drug testing policy. In such circumstances, continuing eligibility for non-mandated County Social Services Programs (except for subsequent hospital emergency in-patient admissions) will be dependent on such in-patient passing one or more tests for illegal drugs. Flagler Hospital will either conduct, or will contract with an authorized service or services to conduct the drug screening, and/or testing of such in-patients. Flagler Hospital will conduct such drug screening, and/or testing in a method and a manner that is consistent with, or comparable to, the County's existing drug testing policy. Flagler Hospital will transmit to the County's Social Services Department the results of such drug screens, and/or tests in a method and a manner that is consistent with the County's existing drug testing policy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 16th day of July, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant
James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia A. Grande
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 7-18-02