

receipt. To the extent that failure to do so on the part of the department results in a documented financial burden to a provider in the form of reasonable costs associated with interest payments on line-of-credit or loan borrowings, those costs are to be assumed by the department. Further, to the extent that the department must assume these interest costs, they may not be paid from funds appropriated for the community services programs, but rather from general funds appropriated for administrative programs.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that any excess funds in the institutions which may arise during the course of the fiscal year, such as through additional staff turnover, be transferred to Community Services (32.12.01.02). The department is to provide a report by January 1, 1997 on whether any excess funds may be available for transfer from the institutions during fiscal 1997.

Further, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Mental Hygiene Administration ensure that the 1% Cost of Living Adjustment contained in the fiscal 1997 budget is fully funded and implemented for community services providers. The resources budgeted for this COLA are not to be applied to any other purpose.

SUMMARY

Total General Fund Appropriation	117,572,756
Total Special Fund Appropriation.....	350,000
Total Federal Fund Appropriation	47,421,973
Total Appropriation	165,344,729