

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 37.2-500 of the Code of Virginia, relating to community services boards;*  
3 *contracts with private providers.*

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Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 37.2-500 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 37.2-500. Purpose; community services board; services to be provided.**

9 A. The Department, for the purposes of establishing, maintaining, and promoting the development of  
10 mental health, developmental, and substance abuse services in the Commonwealth, may provide funds to  
11 assist any city or county or any combinations of cities or counties or cities and counties in the provision  
12 of these services. Every county or city shall establish a community services board by itself or in any  
13 combination with other cities and counties, unless it establishes a behavioral health authority pursuant to  
14 Chapter 6 (§ 37.2-600 et seq.). Every county or city or any combination of cities and counties that has  
15 established a community services board, in consultation with that board, shall designate it as an  
16 operating community services board, an administrative policy community services board or a local  
17 government department with a policy-advisory community services board. The governing body of each  
18 city or county that established the community services board may change this designation at any time by  
19 ordinance. In the case of a community services board established by more than one city or county, the  
20 decision to change this designation shall be the unanimous decision of all governing bodies.

21 B. The core of services provided by community services boards within the cities and counties that  
22 they serve shall include:

23 1. Emergency services;  
24 2. Same-day mental health screening services;  
25 3. Outpatient primary care screening and monitoring services for physical health indicators and health  
26 risks and follow-up services for individuals identified as being in need of assistance with overcoming  
27 barriers to accessing primary health services, including developing linkages to primary health care  
28 providers; and

29 4. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for them, case management services.

30 C. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for them, the core of services may include a  
31 comprehensive system of inpatient, outpatient, day support, residential, prevention, early intervention,  
32 and other appropriate mental health, developmental, and substance abuse services necessary to provide  
33 individualized services and supports to persons with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or  
34 substance abuse. Community services boards may establish crisis stabilization units that provide  
35 residential crisis stabilization services.

36 D. In order to provide comprehensive mental health, developmental, and substance abuse services  
37 within a continuum of care, the community services board shall function as the single point of entry into  
38 publicly funded mental health, developmental, and substance abuse services.

39 E. A community services board may enter into contracts with private providers to ensure the delivery  
40 of services pursuant to this article.

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