



**HB 1222 CHANCERY CLERK
REPORTING OF PSYCHIATRIC
COMMITMENT DATA**

FY24 2ND QUARTER REPORT

OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

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HB 1222 CHANCERY CLERK REPORTING OF PSYCHIATRIC COMMITMENT DATA OVERVIEW

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House Bill 1222, The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act, was signed by Governor Reeves in the 2023 legislative session. In Section 9 of this legislation, there were specific reporting requirements for Chancery Clerks, including number of acute psychiatric commitments, hearings, affidavits filed, and Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) bed denials.

The Act requires actions from mental health partners throughout the state to provide a collaborative response to mental health. The purpose is for Mississippians to have access to the least restrictive environment possible with the goal of diverting commitments to the state hospitals and avoiding jail placements for people who have not committed a crime. This is why the Act also includes requirements for law enforcement training and court liaisons.

HB 1222 requires the following of Chancery Clerks:

- When admission to a treatment facility is ordered by the court, the chancery clerk shall make record of the admission. Each chancery clerk shall maintain a record of the number of persons ordered by the court to be admitted to a treatment facility, the number of hearings held by the court to determine whether a person should be admitted to a treatment facility and the number of affidavits filed to admit a person to a treatment facility under Section 41-21-61 etc.
- The chancery clerk shall maintain a record each time such clerk receives a denial for admission to a community mental health center crisis stabilization bed, the reason provided to the clerk for such denial, and the subsequent action taken by the clerk upon receiving the denial.
- Each chancery clerk shall provide the records required by the above paragraphs to the Department of Mental Health within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar quarter.

Within sixty (60) days of receipt of the chancery clerk records, the Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) shall provide a summary to the Chairpersons of the Appropriations, Public Health and Judiciary A and B Committees for the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate, the Coordinator of Mental Health and the President of the Mississippi Association of Community Mental Health Centers.

DMH's goal is to make the reporting process as smooth as possible. Therefore, DMH created a reporting tool through the agency's psychiatric bed registry and provided access to the bed registry to Chancery Clerks. The bed registry also provides Chancery Clerks updated bed availability at the four state hospitals and 13 Crisis Stabilization Units and a method to report the required data outlined in House Bill 1222. The bed availability is updated daily.

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The reason behind giving the Chancery Clerks access to the bed registry is for transparency, so they can see where open beds are located across the state. We have encouraged the Chancery Clerks to coordinate with their local Community Mental Health Center, law enforcement, court liaisons, and other partners by utilizing the bed registry to provide the most appropriate level of care.

Chancery Clerks received access to a brief training video and written instructions on how to report the data. DMH established a Helpdesk system for Chancery Clerks to utilize if they had any questions or problems reporting the data. DMH staff presented to the newly elected Chancery Clerks in December 2023 to discuss the civil commitment process, diversion options, and HB 1222's reporting requirements. DMH staff presented again in February at the Chancery Court Clerks Continuing Education Course to the full Mississippi Judicial College on the same topics. DMH staff is scheduled to present to several upcoming judicial conferences as well.

While there were some technical issues in the beginning, and many questions regarding reporting the data, DMH received reports from 63 of the 82 counties for the second quarter. In the first quarter, DMH received reports from 58 of the 82 counties.

DMH appreciates the Chancery Clerks for the work they do and their dedication to our state. We appreciate our partnership and look forward to continuing our work together in 2024.

A few notes:

- Chancery Clerk data is only for psychiatric commitments and does not include data on alcohol and drug commitments.
- According to statute, if the appointed examiners certify that the person is not in need of treatment, the affidavit shall be dismissed without the need for a further hearing.
- Some Chancery Clerks reported they do not track CSU denials because when they receive a commitment, they immediately connect with their Community Mental Health Center who works on obtaining alternative placement.
- DMH has funded 33 court liaisons at Community Mental Health Centers to work with Chancery Clerks, law enforcement and hospitals to divert individuals from the commitment process when possible.
- Some Chancery Clerks have reported that CSUs will accept an individual but return the individual within 24 hours. Although this is not a true denial, there is not currently a way to report this type of instance. Therefore, a few Chancery Clerks have requested this information to be included in this report for awareness.
- DMH is including in this report the following: Civil Commitment Flowchart, Diversion Strategies for State Hospitals and Jail Placement, Two Formal Letters to Chancery Clerks, FY24 2nd Quarter State Hospital Admissions by County, and FY24 2nd Quarter Crisis Stabilization Unit Number Served.

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| Location | Affidavits Filed | Court Hearings | Court Ordered Admissions | Total CSU Denials | Too Aggressive/ Violent | Unstable Medical Condition | Alcohol/ Drug Tx is Primary | Limited CSU Staffing | No Bed (CSU at Capacity) | Requires higher level of care | Sexually Inappropriate | Other | Location of wait if not CSU | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|------|------|----------------|-------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Transport to ER | Jail | Home | Adm to Alt CSU | Other |
| Adams | 13 | 15 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Alcorn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amite | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Attala | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Benton | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bolivar | 13 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Calhoun | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carroll | 4 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chickasaw | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choctaw | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claiborne | 9 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarke | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clay | 14 | 13 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Coahoma | 13 | 12 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Copiah | 20 | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Covington | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Desoto | 42 | 22 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forrest | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Franklin | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| George | 10 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greene | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grenada | 6 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hancock | 15 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Harrison | 59 | 59 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hinds | 59 | 80 | 66 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Holmes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Humphreys | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Issaquena | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Itawamba | 8 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson | 29 | 29 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jasper | 15 | 18 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jefferson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jefferson Davis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones | 10 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Kemper | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lafayette | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lamar | 9 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lauderdale | 24 | 23 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrence | 12 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leake | 13 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Lee | 50 | 0 | 35 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Transport to ER | Jail | Home | Adm to Alt CSU | Other |
| Leflore | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lincoln | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lowndes | 34 | 30 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Madison | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marion | 8 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marshall | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Monroe | 11 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montgomery | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neshoba | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Newton | 7 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Noxubee | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Oktibbeha | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Panola | 13 | 13 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pearl River | 11 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Perry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pike | 20 | 17 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pontotoc | 9 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Prentiss | 19 | 0 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Quitman | 7 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rankin | 23 | 2 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scott | 11 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sharkey | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Simpson | 11 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith | 17 | 16 | 16 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Stone | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sunflower | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Tallahatchie | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tate | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tippah | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tishomingo | 10 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tunica | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walthall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Warren | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wayne | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Webster | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilkinson | 9 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Winston | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Yalobusha | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Yazoo | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals: | 767 | 548 | 660 | 140 | 34 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 21 | 52 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 41 | 10 | 22 | 65 |



MISSISSIPPI UNIFORM CIVIL COMMITMENT GUIDE

Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Behavioral Health Program Admission Process

STEPS FOR CIVIL COMMITMENT

- 1** File an affidavit for civil commitment in the chancery clerk's office where the person resides or is currently located.

Pay a filing fee up to \$150, including all fees and assessments, to commence the proceeding.*

Under Mississippi state law, no attorney is required for this process.
- 2** A writ is issued for the sheriff to take into custody the person alleged to be in need of mental health treatment and take the person for a Pre-Evaluation Screening and treatment by staff at a local Community Mental Health Center.
- 3** If further examination is recommended, two doctors, or one doctor and one other healthcare professional, appointed by the court will examine the person within 48 hours.

If the appointed examiners find no need for treatment, the case will be dismissed without a need for a hearing.
- 4** A hearing must be within 7-10 days.

The judge will decide based on the examiners certificates' and other evidence presented whether treatment in a state behavioral health program or outpatient program is necessary.
- 5** DMH Behavioral Health Program: If the judge orders civil commitment, the chancery clerk will send a copy of the order to the state hospital's admission office. Admissions are scheduled when a bed is available.

A person can also be referred to a Crisis Stabilization Unit bed in his or her area.
- 6** Transportation to the DMH Behavioral Health Program or Crisis Stabilization Unit will be provided by local law enforcement. Admission involves medical record review, general information questions, and an inventory of the person's possessions.

- 7 When the person is admitted, he or she will be oriented to the environment by staff who review program schedules, activities, rights, and responsibilities.
- 8 A plan for discharge is created upon admission to help the person return to his or her community, and the facilitation to services in his or her community is started.
- 9 A treatment plan is developed that includes goals, activities, and other prescribed treatments.
- 10 The person will be discharged when he or she no longer meets commitment criteria and can return to live in the community with adequate support services.
- 11 Upon discharge, most people continue treatment at a local Community Mental Health Center or local programs with the goal of living independently in their communities.
- 12 The court will maintain jurisdiction over persons committed to both inpatient and outpatient programs for one year after their completion of the treatment program.

**The chancery clerk may charge a total filing fee for all services equal to the amount set out in Section 25-7-9(o), and the appropriate state and county assessments as required by law which include, but are not limited to, assessments for the Judicial Operation Fund (Section 25-7-9 (3)(b)); the Electronic Court System Fund (Section 25-7-9 (3)(a)); the Civil Legal Assistance Fund (Section 25-7-9 (1)(k)); the Court Education and Training Fund (Section 37-26-3); State Court Constituent's Fund (Section 37-26-9 (4)); and a reasonable court reporter's fee. Costs incidental to court proceedings as set forth in Section 41-21-79 may not be included as assessments.*

The chancery clerk's office can provide specific eligibility requirements and instructions to file a Pauper's Oath if you are unable to pay the filing fee.

A person with a serious mental health condition, through an outpatient commitment order, can be court-mandated to follow a specific treatment plan, usually requiring medication and sometimes directing where the person can live and what his or her daily activities must include.

HOW TO GET HELP

Before filing an affidavit for commitment to a DMH Behavioral Health Program with the chancery clerk's office, we strongly encourage you to contact your local Community Mental Health Center to learn about services, supports, and alternatives to the commitment process such as Mobile Crisis Response Teams, Crisis Stabilization Beds, and more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO LOCATE YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER:

Mississippi Department of Mental Health

601.359.1288 | dmh.ms.gov | 24-Hour Helpline 1-877-210-8513



CIVIL COMMITMENT FLOWCHART

"Interested Person" files an affidavit for commitment. 41-21-61(e), 41-21-65

No attorney shall be required. 41-21-65(5)

A form affidavit shall be provided by the Chancery Clerk if needed by affiant. 41-21-65(2)

Affiant may only be charged no more than \$150 total fee if able to pay. 41-21-65(6), 25-7-9(o)

Chancellor may transfer case to county of residence or hear it in county where found. 41-21-65(5)



Writ is issued for Sheriff to take the patient for a pre-evaluation screening by community mental health center. 41-21-67(1)

Doctors/professionals immediately appointed for exams 41-21-67(2) and an Attorney is appointed for patient 41-21-67(3)



Evaluation by two doctors, or one doctor and professional designated by law within 48 hours (not including weekends), with a possible 8 hour extension. 41-21-67(2)
Each appointed examiner must make a full inquiry into the physical and mental health 41-21-69



Chancellor or Chancery Clerk shall **dismiss** without need for hearing if appointed examiners find no treatment needed. 41-21-71



Patient may be released or confined pending the commitment hearing.
Hearing must be held within 7 days, or 10 days if patient agrees.

Patient may be committed to inpatient care, voluntary or court-ordered outpatient commitment for Tx, day or night Tx in hospital, placement in custody of a friend or relative, home health services or dismissed. 41-21-71, 41-21-73



All costs are borne by the county of residence, though the patient may be charged up to \$400.00 if financially able to pay. 41-21-79, 41-21-73(4)&(9)
Affiant/interested person may not be charged any fee other than original filing fee, other than criminal fines or contempt fees. 41-21-65(4)



Patient may be held in a local facility pending transfer to a state facility. 41-21-73(4), 41-21-77
Chancellor may order peace officer or other person to transport person to facility or suitable location. 41-21-67(4)

Director of local public or private facility may discharge patient with same authority as director of a state facility. 41-21-87

Patient discharged when no longer meets commitment criteria, or can be served in less restrictive environment, or services/facilities unavailable. 41-21-87

Commitment and Jail Diversion Strategies in Mississippi



Increase Awareness of 988 and Mobile Crisis Response Teams

- ▶ **20%** increase in calls to 988 to reach a trained counselor 24/7
- ▶ Enhanced funding to Mobile Crisis Response Teams
- ▶ **9,877** calls to Mobile Crisis Response Teams
- ▶ **21%** of calls required a face-to-face response

Maximize Utilization of Crisis Stabilization Beds

- ▶ **180** CSU beds statewide
- ▶ CSU in every Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) region
- ▶ CSU enhancement funding provided to treat patients with a higher level of need
- ▶ Additional **60** beds coming in 2024
- ▶ Bed Registry open to Chancery Clerks to see bed availability statewide
- ▶ **92%** diversion rate to state hospitals
- ▶ Served **3,402** in FY23

Maximize Utilization of Court Liaisons

- ▶ Funded **33** Court Liaisons statewide
- ▶ Employed by CMHC and works closely with Chancery Clerk, law enforcement and local hospitals
- ▶ **Goals of the Court Liaison program are:**
 - Reduce number of involuntary commitments to state hospitals
 - Reduce time and exposure people have with law enforcement and the criminal justice system
 - Increase knowledge and usage of community-based services
 - Increase collaboration with families, courts, law enforcement, and hospitals on behalf of CMHCs and the people they serve

Maximize Utilization of Intensive Community Support Services

- ▶ Designed for people with multiple hospitalizations and are monitored to fidelity
- ▶ Served **796** in Programs of Assertive Community Treatment Teams with **7%** readmitted to a state hospital
- ▶ Served **638** in Intensive Community Outreach and Recovery Teams with **8%** readmitted to a state hospital
- ▶ Served **781** in Intensive Community Support Services with **15%** readmitted to a state hospital

Decrease Same Level of Care Transfers

- ▶ Enhance communication with hospitals that provide acute psychiatric services to encourage treatment and discharge and decrease transfers to the state hospitals
- ▶ **39%** of all state hospital admissions in FY23 were from a same level of care

Decreased Average Length of Wait for a State Hospital Bed by **55%** in FY23
Increased State Hospital Bed Capacity by **18%** in FY23

FY24 2nd Quarter Number Served

CRISIS STABILIZATION UNITS

| Region | Unduplicated Served | # of Beds |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Region 2 (Batesville) | 116 | 16 |
| Region 3 (Tupelo) | 50 | 8 |
| Region 4 (Corinth) | 72 | 16 |
| Region 6 (Grenada) | 85 | 16 |
| Region 6 (Cleveland) | 85 | 16 |
| Region 7 (West Point) | 24 | 8 |
| Region 8 (Brookhaven) | 89 | 16 |
| Region 9 (Jackson) | 120 | 16 |
| Region 10 (Newton) | 91 | 16 |
| Region 12 (Laurel) | 48 | 16 |
| Region 12 (Gulfport) | 83 | 16 |
| Region 14 (Gautier) | 41 | 8 |
| Region 15 (Natchez) | 55 | 12 |
| Total | 959 | 180 |

STATE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

BY CMHC REGION AND COUNTY

FY24 - 2ND QUARTER

| CMHC Region | County | MSH | EMSH | SMSh | NMSH | Total (BY COUNTY REGION) |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 2 | Calhoun | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| | Lafayette | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| | Marshall | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | Panola | 2 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 14 |
| | Tate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Yalobusha | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 2 | 4 | 0 | 21 | 27 |
| 3 | Benton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Chickasaw | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| | Itawamba | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| | Lee | 1 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 22 |
| | Monroe | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 7 |
| | Pontotoc | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| | Union | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | TOTAL | 2 | 3 | 0 | 38 | 43 |
| 4 | Alcorn | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 9 |
| | Desoto | 3 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 24 |
| | Prentiss | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| | Tippah | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Tishomingo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| | TOTAL | 4 | 5 | 0 | 36 | 45 |
| 6 | Attala | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Bolivar | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Coahoma | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | Carroll | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Grenada | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Holmes | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Humphreys | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Issaquena | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Leflore | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| | Montgomery | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | Quitman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Sharkey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Sunflower | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Tallahatchie | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tunica | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Washington | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| | TOTAL | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 7 | Choctaw | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | Clay | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| | Lowndes | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| | Noxubee | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | Oktibbeha | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | Webster | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Winston | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | TOTAL | 1 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 51 |

STATE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

BY CMHC REGION AND COUNTY

FY24 - 2ND QUARTER

| CMHC Region | County | MSH | EMSH | SMSH | NMSH | Total (BY COUNTY REGION) |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 8 | Copiah | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| | Madison | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Rankin | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| | Lincoln | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | Simpson | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | Total | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 9 | Hinds | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| | Total | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| 10 | Clarke | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Jasper | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | Kemper | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Lauderdale | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| | Leake | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Neshoba | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Newton | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | Scott | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| | Smith | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | Total | 1 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| 12 | Amite | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | Covington | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | Forrest | 0 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 17 |
| | Franklin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Greene | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Hancock | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | Harrison | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 30 |
| | Jeff Davis | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | Jones | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| | Lamar | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| | Lawrence | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| | Marion | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | Pearl River | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| | Perry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Pike | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| | Stone | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walthall | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Wayne | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | |
| | Total | 19 | 1 | 77 | 0 | 97 |
| 14 | George | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| | Jackson | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| | Total | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 8 |
| 15 | Adams | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| | Claiborne | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | Jefferson | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Warren | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | Wilkinson | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| | Yazoo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Total | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| TOTAL Monthly State Hospital Admissions | | 163 | 111 | 84 | 95 | 453 |

CHANCERY CLERK LETTER

APRIL 2023

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State of Mississippi

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Wendy D. Bailey - Executive Director

April 5, 2023

Dear Chancery Clerk:

On behalf of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH), I would like to thank you for your service to our state and express appreciation for the role you play in assisting people in your county who reach out in need of mental health and substance use treatment. As you may know, a priority for the State is to decrease the number of Mississippians who are court committed for acute psychiatric care by providing intensive services in the community and utilizing strategies to help people remain in their communities. Over the last two years, services and supports have been increasing, and you will see additional expansion in 2023.

A partnership with your county-operated Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) is vital. Your CMHC provides Intensive Community Supports that are community-based services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness that focus on the preventing the need for a higher level of services. Each county in Mississippi now has access to at least one of three types of intensive community support through Programs of Assertive Community Treatment, Intensive Community Outreach and Recovery Teams, or Intensive Community Support Services. These services are designed to be a key part of the continuum of mental health services and supports for people with mental illness. There are now Intensive Community Support Specialists in every CMHC.

We have also worked with several CMHCs to pilot court liaison programs to connect people with community-based services to decrease the number of commitments to inpatient acute psychiatric services. These specialist services aim to intervene early in the commitment process by working with the person and/or loved ones who are seeking a commitment or at risk for institutionalization and linking with treatment. The liaisons will work directly with the individuals to ensure people receive appropriate evaluations and needed mental health services. The liaison is responsible for facilitating communication and collaboration between judicial, law enforcement and behavioral health systems. There are plans in 2023 to add approximately 25 – 30 additional court liaisons around the State through the CMHCs. You will receive more information soon if a court liaison will be working with your county.

As you may know, in the 2023 legislation session House Bill 1222 was signed by the Governor. In Section 9 of this legislation, there are new specific reporting requirements for Chancery Clerks, including number of commitments, hearings, affidavits filed, and Crisis Stabilization Unit bed denials. Next month, you will receive notification from Cyndi Eubank, DMH General Counsel, with more details on how to report this information quarterly to DMH as required by the legislation.

While we have all experienced great challenges over the last several years, DMH is dedicated to partnering to improve our State. If you have not developed a partnership with your CMHC, I encourage you to reach out. If you have any questions or need help connecting with your local CMHC, please feel free to contact me at 601-359-1288 or wendy.bailey@dmh.ms.gov or Katie Storr, DMH Chief of Staff, at 601-359-6395 or katie.storr@dmh.ms.gov.

I have enclosed additional information including availability of Intensive Community Supports by county, a map of the Community Mental Health Centers with contact information, a map of the Crisis Stabilization Units with contact information, and details about 988, the behavioral health crisis line. Again, I appreciate your dedication and service to our state. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide assistance.

Sincerely,

Wendy D. Bailey
Executive Director

CHANCERY CLERK LETTER

HB 1222

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May 30, 2023

Dear Chancery Clerk:

House Bill 1222, The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act, was signed by the Governor in the 2023 legislative session. In Section 9 of this legislation, there are new specific reporting requirements for Chancery Clerks, including number of acute psychiatric commitments, hearings, affidavits filed, and Crisis Stabilization Unit bed denials.

The Act requires actions from mental health partners throughout the state to provide a collaborative response to mental health. The purpose is for Mississippians to have access to the least restrictive environment possible with the goal of diverting commitments to the state hospitals and avoiding jail placements for people who have not committed a crime. This is why the Act also includes requirements for law enforcement training and court liaisons. The legislation requires the following of Chancery Clerks:

- When admission to a treatment facility is ordered by the court, the chancery clerk shall make record of the admission. Each chancery clerk shall maintain a record of the number of persons ordered by the court to be admitted to a treatment facility, the number of hearings held by the court to determine whether a person should be admitted to a treatment facility and the number of affidavits filed to admit a person to a treatment facility under Section 41-21-61 etc.
- The chancery clerk shall maintain a record each time such clerk receives a denial for admission to a community mental health center crisis stabilization bed, the reason provided to the clerk for such denial, and the subsequent action taken by the clerk upon receiving the denial.
- Each chancery clerk shall provide the records required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (2) to the Department of Mental Health within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar quarter. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of the chancery clerk records, the Department of Mental Health shall provide a summary to the Chairpersons of the Appropriations, Public Health and Judiciary A and B Committees for the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate, the Coordinator of Mental Health and the President of the Mississippi Association of Community Mental Health Centers.

Our goal is to make the reporting process as smooth as possible. The Department of Mental Health is creating a reporting tool through our psychiatric bed registry that can be accessed by Chancery Clerks. The bed registry will also provide you updated bed availability at the four state hospitals and 13 Crisis Stabilization Units and a method to report the required data outlined in House Bill 1222.

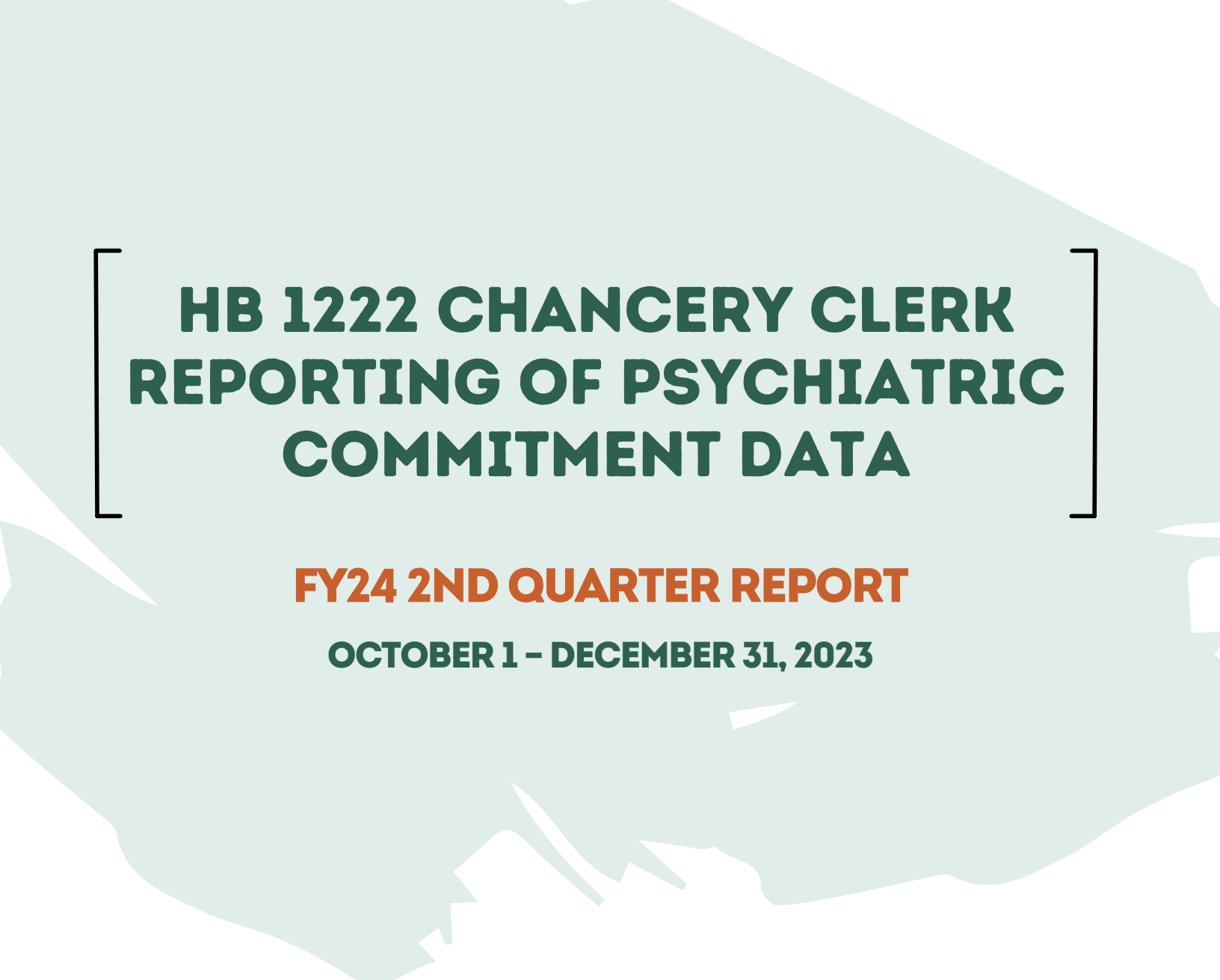
To be provided access to the psychiatric bed registry, we will need some information. Please use this link <https://forms.office.com/g/ccF5zqL3t2> or the enclosed QR code to complete a form with the required information no later than Thursday, June 15. After completing the form, you will receive an e-mail providing you access to the psychiatric bed registry, a brief training video and written instructions on how to report the data. DMH will also have a Helpdesk system to send an e-mail if you have any questions or problems reporting the data.

Thank you for the work that you do and dedication to our state. I appreciate our partnership and look forward to continuing our work together. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can provide assistance. I can be reached at wendy.bailey@dmh.ms.gov or 601-359-1288.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wendy Bailey".

Wendy Bailey
Executive Director



HB 1222 CHANCERY CLERK REPORTING OF PSYCHIATRIC COMMITMENT DATA

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