

**THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 280 of 1939**

**400.57y Suspicion-based substance abuse screening and testing; pilot program; use of empirically validated substance abuse screening tool; requirement that applicant or recipient take substance abuse test; refusal; cost of administering test.**

Sec. 57y. (1) The department shall establish and administer a program of suspicion-based substance abuse screening and testing for family independence program applicants and recipients as described in this section and section 57z.

(2) Subject to state appropriation, the department shall, in accordance with section 14g, administer a suspicion-based substance abuse screening and testing pilot program for family independence program applicants and recipients in 3 or more counties in this state. The department shall determine which 3 or more counties shall begin the initial administration of the suspicion-based substance abuse screening and testing required in this subsection.

(3) Upon initial application and at annual redetermination, the department shall screen family independence program applicants and recipients for suspicion of substance abuse using an empirically validated substance abuse screening tool.

(4) If the results of the substance abuse screening gives the department a reasonable suspicion to believe that the applicant or recipient has engaged in the use of a controlled substance, the applicant or recipient is required to take a substance abuse test.

(5) If the applicant or recipient refuses to take a substance abuse test, he or she is ineligible for family independence program assistance, but may reapply after 6 months. If the applicant or recipient reapplies for family independence program assistance, he or she must test negative for use of a controlled substance.

(6) If the applicant or recipient tests negative for use of a controlled substance, the cost of administering the substance abuse test to him or her shall be paid for by the department.

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