§ 36.05 Certified community behavioral health clinics indigent care program.

(a) (1) For periods on and after July first, two thousand twenty-three, the commissioners are authorized to make payment to eligible certified community behavioral health clinics, to the extent of funds appropriated therefor to assist in meeting losses resulting from uncompensated care. In the event federal financial participation is not available for such payments to eligible certified community behavioral health clinics, payments shall be made solely on the basis of available state general fund appropriations for this purpose in amounts to be determined by the director of the division of the budget.

(2) For purposes of this section, "eligible certified community behavioral health clinics" shall mean voluntary non-profit certified community behavioral health clinics participating in the federal certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration awarded to the state by the United States department of health and human services substance abuse and mental health services administration and other certified community behavioral health clinics certified pursuant to section 36.04 of this article, which demonstrate that a minimum of three percent of total visits reported during the applicable base year period, as determined by the commissioners, were to uninsured individuals.

(3) For purposes of this section, "losses resulting from uncompensated care" shall mean losses from reported self-pay and free visits multiplied by the clinic's medical assistance payment rate for the applicable distribution year, offset by payments received from such patients during the reporting period.

(b) A certified community behavioral health clinic qualifying for a distribution pursuant to this section shall provide assurances satisfactory to the commissioners that it shall undertake reasonable efforts to maintain financial support from community and public funding sources and reasonable efforts to collect payments for services from third-party insurance payors, governmental payors and self-paying patients.

(c) (1) Funding pursuant to this section shall be allocated to eligible certified community behavioral health clinics based on actual, reported losses resulting from uncompensated care in a given base year period and shall not exceed one hundred percent of an eligible clinic's

losses in the same period.

(2) If the sum of actual, reported losses resulting from uncompensated care for all certified community behavioral health clinics exceeds the amount appropriated therefor in a given base year period, allocations of funds for each eligible certified community behavioral health clinic shall be assessed proportionately based upon the percentage of the total number of uncompensated care visits for all clinics that each clinic provided during the base year and shall not exceed amounts appropriated in the aggregate.

(d) Except as provided in subdivision (e) of this section, for periods on and after July first, two thousand twenty-three through June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-six, funds shall be made available for payments pursuant to this section for eligible certified community behavioral health clinics for the following periods in the following aggregate amounts:

(1) For the period of July first, two thousand twenty-three through June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-four, up to twenty-two million five hundred thousand dollars;

(2) For the period of July first, two thousand twenty-four through June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five, up to forty-one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and

(3) For the period of July first, two thousand twenty-five through June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-six, up to forty-five million dollars.

(e) In the event that federal financial participation is not available for rate adjustments pursuant to this section, funds available for payments pursuant to this section for each eligible certified community behavioral health clinic shall be limited to the non-federal share equivalent of the amounts specified in subdivision (d) of this section.

(f) Eligible certified community behavioral health clinics receiving funding under this section shall not be eligible for comprehensive diagnostic and treatment centers indigent care program funding pursuant to section two thousand eight hundred seven-p of the public health law.

(g) The commissioners may require facilities receiving distributions pursuant to this section as a condition of participating in such distributions, to provide reports and data to the office of mental health and the office of addiction services and supports as the

commissioners deem necessary to adequately implement the provisions of this section.