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Clarifies that only a local management entity (LME) may perform the functions designated in GS 122C-115.4(b) unless the LME voluntarily contracts with another entity to perform one or more of those functions. Currently, an LME is prohibited from providing case management to its clients and must rely on contracted providers to perform this service. The act defines *case management* and makes it an LME function.

Appropriates $5 million for 2007-08 and $5 million for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to be allocated to LMEs for case management services. Requires the Division to recalculate the LME administrative cost model to account for case management services, to develop quality measures for the case management function, and report its findings to the General Assembly and Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services by October 1, 2007. Effective July 1, 2007.

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