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Brief Description: Creating performance measures to evaluate the community mental health service delivery system.

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Directs the department, in collaboration with a work group appointed by the secretary and made up of consumers, advocates, service providers, and representatives of regional support networks, to develop performance measures for use in evaluating and managing the community mental health service delivery system authorized under chapter 71.24 RCW.

Provides that the department shall require that service providers and regional support networks collect uniform performance measure information and report it to the department regularly. The department shall develop benchmarks that compare performance measure information from all regional support networks and providers to provide a clear indication of the most effective regional support networks and providers. Benchmark information shall be published quarterly and provided to the legislature, the governor, regional support networks, and all providers of mental health services.

Requires the department to provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on the development, implementation, and achievement of the performance measures by regional support networks and service providers on an annual basis, no later than June 30th of each year, beginning in 2002. The report shall include how the department is using the outcome measure information obtained under this act to manage the community mental health service delivery system.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.