

(b) In a manner prescribed by the Secretary each applicant for a marriage license in this State shall be informed at the time of the application of the existence of the disease known as sickle cell anemia. This information shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) That there exists a simple and inexpensive test to identify those persons who have the disease and those persons who carry the sickle cell trait;

(2) That the occurrence of the sickle cell trait in both parties to a marriage leads to a high probability of the occurrence of sickle cell anemia in children born of that marriage.

(c) Each applicant shall be informed of the nearest available facility where persons may be tested for sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait, and also be informed of the fee charged by the facility for the testing.

(d) Each applicant shall be informed of the local, State and national organizations which are approved by the Secretary and which can provide further information and personal counseling concerning sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait.

(e) To protect public health and safety the Secretary shall compile a list of all local, State and national sickle cell anemia organizations, and shall approve only those organizations which can provide a high quality of services to the citizens of this State.

(f) The Secretary shall establish in each health district of the State facilities for the testing of sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait, and shall maintain at each health district information concerning sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait which shall be available to the public at no cost.

(g) Facilities for this testing and providing of information may be established on a contractual basis by the Secretary with another organization or community agency located within the health district, and laboratory services located either within or beyond the boundaries of the health district may be utilized.

(h) If a blood test is administered to a pregnant female upon entering a hospital for delivery, the blood test shall include a test for sickle cell anemia.

(i) The Secretary shall formulate a statewide plan for education concerning the detection and treatment of sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait. This plan shall reflect a fair and equitable allocation of funds that the State may appropriate from year to year for sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait programs.

(j) The Secretary's plan shall include but not be restricted to the following:

(1) Testing and counseling of individuals on a voluntary basis for sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait;

(2) Compiling and evaluating available data to the end of gaining a better understanding of the nature of the disease;

(k) An advisory committee of eleven members, to be appointed by the Governor, shall be established to advise the Secretary as to the formulation of the statewide plan.

(l) Members of the advisory committee shall serve without pay, and the majority of the members shall be representative of consumers of health services.