

85.

(A) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBHEADING, COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS ARE: HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL SERVICES, PROVIDED UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF AN APPROPRIATE SOCIAL SERVICES OR HEALTH AGENCY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SUCH SERVICES AS ASSISTANCE WITH MEAL PREPARATION AND PLANNING; HOME-DELIVERED MEAL SERVICES; [GROUP NUTRITIONAL DINING SERVICES]; DRESSING; SHOPPING; VISITS TO HEALTH, RECREATIONAL, AND SHOPPING FACILITIES; TRANSPORTATION AND PERSONAL ESCORT SERVICES; LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING; AND PERSONAL MEDICAL AND NURSING CARE ATTENDANT TO THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY HOME CARE SERVICES.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBHEADING, "ELDERLY PERSONS" MEANS THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE ATTAINED AGE 65, AND THEIR SPOUSES REGARDLESS OF AGE.

86.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE ADVICE OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON AGING, SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBHEADING, INCLUDING THE TRAINING OF PERSONS TO PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS. IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES, OR ITS DESIGNEE, SHALL:

(1) ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING STANDARDS AND MEANS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM ELDERLY PERSONS FINANCIALLY ABLE TO PAY FOR ALL OR PART OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM;

(2) CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROGRAM AND PERFORM EVALUATIVE RESEARCH OF THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE STATE COMMISSION ON AGING;

(3) CONTRACT, WHERE FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE, WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES, NONPROFIT PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND VOLUNTEER GROUPS FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY HOME CARE SERVICES AND GROUP NUTRITIONAL DINING SERVICES;

(4) PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE TRAINING OF INDIVIDUALS TO PERFORM COMMUNITY HOME CARE SERVICES AND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES PROGRAM;

(5) UTILIZE TO THE EXTENT AVAILABLE GRANTS FROM FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES TO FUND A COMMUNITY HOME CARE SERVICES PROGRAM [AND GROUP NUTRITIONAL DINING SERVICES].