

(4) COOPERATION WITH THE COURTS, INCLUDING PROVISION OF ANY NECESSARY RECOMMENDATIONS, REPORTS, OR PETITIONS;

(5) LEGAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING COUNSEL TO REPRESENT ANY INDIGENT RECIPIENT OF SERVICES IN ANY PROTECTIVE PROCEEDING OR ANY REVIEW BOARD HEARING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 104(E) OR 105(F) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(6) NOTIFICATION OF AND PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE DIRECTOR ON AGING AS A PARTY IN ANY PROTECTIVE PROCEEDING OR REVIEW BOARD HEARING RELATING TO A PERSON WHO IS 60 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

(C) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A FEE SCHEDULE BASED ON FINANCIAL ABILITY TO PAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH THE PERSON RECEIVING PROTECTIVE SERVICES OR HIS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE RELATIVE SHALL REIMBURSE THE STATE, FEDERAL, AND, IF APPLICABLE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED. HOWEVER, A PERSON MAY NOT BE CHARGED A FEE IF FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS PROHIBIT AN INCOME ELIGIBILITY TEST FOR THE PROTECTIVE SERVICE PROVIDED OR IF THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CONTINUING FINANCIAL AID UNDER THE FEDERAL PROGRAM OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, THE FEDERAL-STATE PROGRAM OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN, OR THE STATE PROGRAM OF GENERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

(2) THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. HOWEVER, THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT PREVENT ANY APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS BY ANY COUNTY, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

(D) THE DIRECTOR MAY CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIVE SERVICES, EXCEPT THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH ANY OTHER PERSON TO ACT AS GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF A DISABLED PERSON.

(E) FOR ADULTS 65 YEARS OLD AND OVER, THE SERVICES OF THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE OFFICE ON AGING AND ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TO SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT.

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(A) THE DIRECTOR, MAY, OR UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY PERSON ENTITLED TO BE A GUARDIAN, SHALL INVESTIGATE FULLY EACH REPORT THAT AN ADULT INDIVIDUAL IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FOR HIS DAILY NEEDS SUFFICIENTLY TO PROTECT HIS HEALTH OR SAFETY.

(B) IF, AFTER THE INVESTIGATION, THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL REQUIRES PROTECTIVE SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES IN