

(1) DETERMINE THE POLICIES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAMS FACILITY;

(2) ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE ADMISSION OF PATIENTS TO THE PROGRAMS FACILITY; AND

(3) ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAMS FACILITY.

73.

(A) PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE PROGRAMS FACILITY SHALL HAVE EXPERIENCE IN TECHNIQUES OF ASSESSMENT OF HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS AND IN INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS.

(B) AS IS APPROPRIATE TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINES, ALL PROFESSIONAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAMS FACILITY SHALL HAVE HAD SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN THE PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF DEAFNESS AND IN THERAPEUTIC WORK WITH HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS IN MENTAL HEALTH AND RELATED SETTINGS.

(C) ALL PROFESSIONAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE PROGRAMS FACILITY SHALL BE FLUENT IN RECEPTIVE AND EXPRESSIVE MANUAL COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, OR REACH A LEVEL OF FLUENCY ACCEPTABLE TO THE DIRECTOR WITHIN 1 YEAR OF BEING EMPLOYED.

74.

THERE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF OUTPATIENT MENTAL HYGIENE CARE AND TREATMENT FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

75.

(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT AN EVALUATION REPORT ON THE PROGRAM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1983.

(B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND ANY RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER JUNE 1, 1984, UNLESS REENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

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