

It is imperative, therefore, that both a program for identification, screening, diagnosis, care, and treatment of DES exposed persons and a professional education program for physicians be established so that exposed persons may benefit from the best possible diagnostic procedure and treatment; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

33A.

(A) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL ESTABLISH, PROMOTE, AND MAINTAIN A PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ON DIETHYLSTILBESTROL, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS DES. THE CAMPAIGN SHALL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO A CONCERTED EFFORT AT REACHING THOSE PERSONS OR THE OFFSPRING OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO DIETHYLSTILBESTROL TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE FOR THE PREVENTION OR TREATMENT OF ANY MALIGNANT CONDITION.

(B) THE SECRETARY, WITHIN THE FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE STATE BUDGET, SHALL:

(1) EXPAND EXISTING CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMS TO DETECT BREAST CANCER, VAGINAL CANCER, CERVICAL CANCER, VAGINAL ADENOSIS, TESTICULAR CANCER, AND ANY OTHER MALIGNANCY AND ABNORMAL CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM DIETHYLSTILBESTROL EXPOSURE; AND

(2) ESTABLISH A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTRUCTING PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND NURSES IN THE DETECTION, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION OF DIETHYLSTILBESTROL EXPOSED PERSONS.

(C) THE SECRETARY MAY REQUEST AND SHALL RECEIVE FROM ANY DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, BOARD, BUREAU, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY OF THE STATE OR OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, ASSISTANCE AND DATA AS WILL ENABLE HIM TO PROPERLY CARRY OUT HIS ACTIVITIES AND EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. THE SECRETARY WITHIN THE FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE STATE BUDGET MAY ALSO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY.

(D) PERSONS RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE CHARGED A FEE ~~ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY AND BASED ON THE PERSON'S ABILITY TO PAY~~ BASED ON A SLIDING FEE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY.

(E) EXPENSES INCURRED, WHICH ARE GREATER THAN THE FEE CHARGED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE STATE AFTER APPLYING AGAINST THE TOTAL