

NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST OR STIGMATIZED;

(7) MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISCOVERY, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND CURE OF HEREDITARY DISORDERS IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY AND OFTEN AT AN UNEVEN RATE, SO THAT HEREDITARY DISORDERS ARE DISCOVERED LONG BEFORE THEIR TREATMENT OR CURE CAN BE FOUND;

(8) LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIFIC HEREDITARY DISORDERS MAY TEND TO BE INFLEXIBLE IN THE FACE OF RAPIDLY EXPANDING MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE;

(9) THE POLICY OF THIS STATE ON HEREDITARY DISORDERS SHOULD BE:

(I) MADE WITH FULL PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, IN LIGHT OF EXPERT OPINION; AND

(II) REVIEWED CONSTANTLY TO CONSIDER CHANGING MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE AND ENSURE FULL PUBLIC PROTECTION;

(10) PARTICIPATION IN A HEREDITARY DISORDER PROGRAM SHOULD BE WHOLLY VOLUNTARY, AND ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED ABOUT ANY INDIVIDUAL IN A HEREDITARY DISORDER PROGRAM SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL; AND

(11) A COMMISSION IS NEEDED:

(I) TO ENSURE THAT THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THIS STATE FOR A HEREDITARY DISORDER COMPLY WITH THE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE FREEDOM, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE FROM IMPROPER TREATMENT OR ADVICE, DISCRIMINATION, VIOLATION OF PRIVACY, OR UNDUE ANXIETY THAT RESULTS FROM ANY HEREDITARY DISORDER PROGRAM.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43, § 814.

In item (1) of this section, the former reference to inadequate health services "not in the person's best interest" is deleted as unnecessary.

In item (5) of this section, the defined term "hereditary disorder" is substituted for "disorders which may be transmitted through the hereditary process", for clarity.

The only other changes are in style.