

(A) GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE HAS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE OFFICE ON AGING, TO PROVIDE THE GUIDANCE AND MEANS FOR ESTABLISHING DAY CARE CENTERS FOR THE ELDERLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL RECRUIT AND ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DAY CARE CENTERS FOR THE ELDERLY AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR LICENSING.

(B) PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL BUY FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCY THE DAY CARE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE NECESSARY AND ESSENTIAL TO ENHANCE THEIR WELL-BEING.

(2) THESE SERVICES SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THERAPEUTIC ARTS AND CRAFTS;

(II) COMMUNITY EXCURSIONS, IF APPROPRIATE;

(III) HOBBY CULTIVATION;

(IV) HEALTH SERVICES;

(V) COUNSELING SERVICES FOR ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

(VI) GROUP DYNAMICS; AND

(VII) OTHER SERVICES THAT ENHANCE SOCIAL FUNCTIONING AND DEVELOP ACTIVITIES IN DAILY LIVING AND PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43, § 717C(c), the first sentence of (a), and the first clause of the first sentence of (b).

Throughout this section, references to the "Department of Human Resources" are substituted for the obsolete references to the "Department of Employment and Social Services".

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, a requirement to "provide for their licensing" is substituted for the phrase "shall ... license", since this subtitle does not provide for licensing. The Commission to Revise the