

(2) THE ADULT DEPENDENT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN IN THE STATE AS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS FOR AT LEAST 180 CONSECUTIVE DAYS DURING THE YEAR; AND

(3) THE FAMILY CAREGIVER'S HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS 200% OR LESS OF THE STATE MEDIAN INCOME, AS ADJUSTED FOR FAMILY SIZE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(F) (1) THE PROGRAM MAY PROVIDE ELIGIBLE FAMILY CAREGIVERS WITH A GRANT OF UP TO \$500 PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR.

(2) GRANTS MAY BE USED TO FUND GOODS AND SERVICES REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CARE FOR THE DEPENDENT ADULT INCLUDING DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL BILLS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, PRESCRIPTION OR OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS, REPAIRS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOME, AND RESPITE CARE FOR THE FAMILY CAREGIVER.

(G) THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM;

(2) WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, AND THE MARYLAND CAREGIVERS SUPPORT COORDINATING COUNCIL TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAM TO FAMILY CAREGIVERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND

(3) REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

(I) THE NUMBER OF GRANT REQUESTS RECEIVED;

(II) THE VALUE OF GRANTS PROVIDED TO FAMILY CAREGIVERS;

(III) THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE GRANTS WERE PROVIDED;

AND

(IV) THE NUMBER OF GRANT REQUESTS THAT THE PROGRAM WAS UNABLE TO FUND AND THE REASON WHY THESE REQUESTS WERE NOT FUNDED.

(H) THE REGULATIONS REQUIRED TO BE ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) ENSURE THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM BE ALLOCATED AMONG ALL COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY BASED ON EACH COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY'S PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL STATE POPULATION AGED 18 AND OLDER; AND

(2) PROVIDE THAT IF A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY IS UNABLE TO USE ITS ALLOCATION, ANY UNSPENT FUNDS SHALL REVERT TO THE PROGRAM AND BE REDISTRIBUTED AMONG ALL COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2007, the Department of Aging shall submit a report to the Governor and, subject to §