

(i) Such funds may be made available to counties in which the Secretary determines that additional funds for transportation service to the elderly and handicapped are most needed; and

(ii) Local match requirements described in subsection (f) of this section shall apply to all disbursements.

(g) The Secretary, in consultation with the Department of Aging and the Department of Disabilities, shall develop procedures for the proper enforcement of this section. The procedures shall provide that:

(1) A county shall use all amounts distributed to it under this section only for the acquisition or replacement of equipment or for the operating costs of the county's transportation service;

(2) A county, in consultation with the local area agency on aging, shall determine the most effective means of serving the transportation needs of its elderly and handicapped residents;

(3) Each county shall cooperate with the others to best serve the transportation needs of the State's elderly and handicapped residents; and

(4) A county administering a transportation service that receives funds under this section:

(i) Shall provide trips for any purpose;

(ii) Shall serve the elderly and handicapped citizens within the service areas identified in its application;

(iii) May not restrict its transportation service to clients of social service agencies;

(iv) May establish reasonable fares; and

(v) May permit persons other than the elderly and handicapped to use or benefit from its transportation service to the extent capacity is available.

(h) The Secretary in consultation with the Department of Aging and the Department of Disabilities shall monitor the use of funds provided under this section.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Obsolete language in § 2-103.3(c)(4), (e)(1), (g), and (h) of the Transportation Article.

Occurred: As a result of Ch. 425, Acts of 2004. Pursuant to Ch. 425, Section 8, the former references to "Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities" were corrected by the publisher of the Annotated Code in the 2004 Supplement of the Transportation Article and are validated by this Act.