

14-203.

(A) THE DIRECTOR MAY CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

(B) THE DIRECTOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH ANY OTHER PERSON TO ACT AS GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF A DISABLED INDIVIDUAL.

14-204.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A FEE SCHEDULE BASED ON FINANCIAL ABILITY TO PAY UNDER WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES PROTECTIVE SERVICES, OR THE INDIVIDUAL'S LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE RELATIVE SHALL REIMBURSE THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED.

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE CHARGED A FEE FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES IF:

(1) FEDERAL LAW OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS PROHIBIT AN INCOME ELIGIBILITY TEST FOR THE PROTECTIVE SERVICE; OR

(2) THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR CONTINUING FINANCIAL AID UNDER:

(I) THE FEDERAL PROGRAM OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME;

(II) THE FEDERAL-STATE PROGRAM OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN; OR

(III) THE STATE PROGRAM OF GENERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

14-205.

THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

### SUBTITLE 3. INVESTIGATION PROVISIONS

14-301.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE DO NOT LIMIT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO ENFORCE THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR PRECLUDE A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FROM REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING ALLEGED CRIMINAL CONDUCT.

14-302.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW ON PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS, EACH HEALTH PRACTITIONER, POLICE OFFICER, OR HUMAN SERVICE WORKER WHO CONTACTS, EXAMINES, ATTENDS, OR TREATS AN ALLEGED VULNERABLE ADULT, AND WHO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE ALLEGED VULNERABLE