

the victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families, and persons suffering from other diseases and conditions affecting the aged and elderly and their families, including the extent to which the following services are provided and the feasibility of expanding or establishing the following services or programs:

(1) Financial assistance to care givers as provided by Article 70B, § 4E of the Code, with particular attention to the Office on Aging family support programs;

(2) Assistance to the Health Resources Planning Commission with identifying, encouraging, and monitoring the development of diagnostic centers and other resources for the early detection of Alzheimer's disease in the private sector;

(3) Respite care as provided by Article 88A of the Code, with special focus on better utilizing in-home care programs and adult day care centers;

(4) Legal and social support group funding as provided by Article 10, §§ 45A through 45-O and § 14-201 of the Family Law Article beginning with the provision of funding through existing programs in local area agencies on aging; and

(5) Other necessary assistance for patients and care givers including a pilot demonstration center for training family care givers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Council study the impact on insurance coverage of the designation of Alzheimer's disease or multi-infarct dementia as a "psychiatric disorder"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Council be composed of:

(1) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(2) A representative of the Governor;

(3) A representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(4) A representative of the Department of Human Resources;

(5) A representative of the Office on Aging;

(6) A representative of the Insurance Commissioner;

(7) A representative of the Health Resources Planning Commission;