

(2) [The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall] SHALL recruit and encourage the establishment of day care centers for the elderly and provide for their licensing.

[(b) (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.]

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(A) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene [and the Department of Human Resources] may use funds appropriated for [hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutions within their jurisdiction:

(1) To buy day care services from any public or private agency; or

(2) To pay any person who establishes a day care center for the elderly.] THE DAY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY TO:

(1) ASSIST IN START-UP COSTS OF ESTABLISHING A DAY CARE CENTER FOR THE ELDERLY; AND

(2) SUBSIDIZE DAY CARE SERVICES FOR FINANCIALLY ELIGIBLE ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS.

(B) THE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY THE DAY CARE CENTER FOR THE ELDERLY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) THERAPEUTIC ARTS AND CRAFTS;

(2) COMMUNITY EXCURSIONS, IF APPROPRIATE;