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5. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall apply for available demonstration grants and shall work with the Department of Human Resources to develop incentives, perhaps using a sliding scale fee, for Program recipients to become employed and continue to receive Program benefits. The results of these efforts shall be submitted on or before November 17, 1990.

6. For elective surgery procedures under the Program, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study the feasibility and desirability of requiring second surgical opinions where appropriate and directing admissions to hospitals with lower rates. The results of this study shall be submitted on or before July 17, 1989.

7. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report on the results of its efforts to divert unnecessary hospital emergency room and outpatient department utilization. The results of these efforts shall be submitted on or before August 17, 1989.

8. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Health Resources Planning Commission, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Office on Aging, and the Department of Human Resources shall:

A. Review the adequacy of existing alternatives to providing care in comprehensive care facilities.

B. Determine whether changes are needed to support the ability of existing services to keep persons in the community and out of institutional settings.

C. Study the need for the establishment of an alternative level or levels of care to that provided in a comprehensive care facility.

D. Study the feasibility and desirability of obtaining a federal waiver or establishing demonstration projects to expand community-based alternatives to providing care in comprehensive care facilities.

The results of these efforts shall be submitted on or before December 17, 1989.

9. The Department of Fiscal Services shall conduct an in-depth evaluation of the Program's reimbursement methodology for comprehensive care facilities, recommend appropriate modifications to those reimbursement methodologies, and develop methodologies for the reimbursement of less costly alternative services. The results of these efforts shall be submitted on or before December 17, 1989.