

OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, OR THAT RECEIVE PARTIAL OR FULL FUNDING FROM THE STATE, TO OPERATE AN ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM TO ACCEPT PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM WOMEN FOR TREATMENT ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

(2) AS PART OF THE REFERRAL PROCEDURE DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION:

(I) SHALL REQUIRE ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES TO HAVE PROTOCOLS FOR REFERRING PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM WOMEN FOR PRENATAL CARE AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES; AND

(II) SHALL ESTABLISH REFERRAL AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AS A METHOD OF IDENTIFYING PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN IN NEED OF AND REQUESTING ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES.

(B) A POSTPARTUM WOMAN ~~MAY~~ SHALL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE OR TO BEGIN RECEIVING ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR UP TO 1 YEAR FOLLOWING THE END OF THE PREGNANCY.

(C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REQUIRE ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES TO SUBMIT ALONG WITH THEIR FUNDING APPLICATIONS EVIDENCE OF AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMITTING ON A PRIORITY BASIS INTO THEIR ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM OR FACILITY REFERRED PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN.

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(D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 8-403(A) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) FOR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE SECRETARY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(I) 1. DEVELOP A PROCEDURE THAT WOULD ENABLE A SUBSTANCE ABUSING PREGNANT WOMAN ENROLLED IN A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO DISENROLL FROM THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AND ENTER AN ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM DURING THE SAME 24-HOUR PERIOD; OR

2. PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM SERVICES FOR A SUBSTANCE ABUSING PREGNANT WOMAN THROUGH THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND

(II) DEVELOP A PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE, PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT IN A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, NOTICE TO ELIGIBLE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.