

NEEDLES AND SYRINGES AND SECURITY MEASURES THAT ALLOW FOR A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THE NUMBER OF HYPODERMIC NEEDLES AND SYRINGES IN CIRCULATION AND THE NUMBER OF HYPODERMIC NEEDLES AND SYRINGES IN STORAGE;

(2) BE OPERATED TO ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE USED HYPODERMIC NEEDLES AND SYRINGES AT ANY EXCHANGE LOCATION, IF MORE THAN ONE LOCATION IS AVAILABLE;

(3) INCLUDE APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF STAFF EXPERTISE IN WORKING WITH INJECTING DRUG USERS AND ADEQUATE STAFF TRAINING IN PROVIDING COMMUNITY REFERRALS, COUNSELING, AND PREVENTIVE EDUCATION;

(4) PROVIDE FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF OTHER PREVENTIVE MEANS FOR CURTAILING THE SPREAD OF THE HIV INFECTION;

(5) PROVIDE A LINKAGE FOR REFERRALS TO DRUG COUNSELING AND TREATMENT SERVICES, AND FOLLOW-UP TO THOSE REFERRALS TO ASSURE THAT PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE THE TREATMENT THEY DESIRE;

(6) EDUCATE INJECTING DRUG USERS ON THE DANGERS OF CONTRACTING THE HIV INFECTION OR THE HEPATITIS B VIRUS THROUGH NEEDLE-SHARING PRACTICES AND UNSAFE SEXUAL BEHAVIORS;

(7) INCLUDE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE SCREENING OF APPLICANTS TO THE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE NON-INJECTING DRUG USERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM;

(8) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(9) ESTABLISH A METHOD OF IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PROGRAM STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO HYPODERMIC NEEDLES, SYRINGES, OR PROGRAM RECORDS.

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(A) THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL APPOINT AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE PROGRAM.

(B) THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF:

(1) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACADEMIA WHO SPECIALIZE IN PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES;

(2) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT, NOMINATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES;

(3) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT;