

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 17. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MEDICAL RESPONSE ACT

19-1701.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AND THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURIGICAL FACULTY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AND IMPLEMENT A PILOT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTOCOL PROGRAM ~~IN THREE~~ BY SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FROM HOSPITALS IN THE STATE.

~~(B) OF THE THREE HOSPITALS SELECTED FOR THE PILOT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTOCOL PROGRAM:~~

(B) OF THE HOSPITALS APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM, THE SECRETARY MAY SELECT THREE HOSPITALS AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE:

- (1) ONE SHALL BE IN AN URBAN AREA;
- (2) ONE SHALL BE IN A RURAL AREA; AND
- (3) ONE SHALL BE IN A SUBURBAN AREA.

19-1702.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTOCOL PROGRAM IS TO:

- (1) DEVELOP STANDARDIZED PROTOCOLS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY ROOM RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS; AND
- (2) INITIATE A MEDICAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

19-1703.

THE PILOT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTOCOL PROGRAM SHALL:

(1) PRODUCE INTERDISCIPLINARY PROTOCOLS THAT INCORPORATE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WHO INTERACT WITH AND TREAT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE;

(2) DEVELOP A COORDINATED SYSTEM TO PROVIDE ~~ONSITE~~ ON-SITE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE;

(3) ORGANIZE, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENT AN ~~INSERVICE~~ IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR HOSPITAL PERSONNEL THAT ~~PROVIDES~~:

~~(I) CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; AND~~

~~(II) PROCEDURES FOR INTERACTING WITH AND TREATING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE;~~