

(I) EDUCATES STAFF ABOUT THE PREVALENCE OF FAMILY VIOLENCE IN MARYLAND AND IN THE NATION;

(II) HELPS STAFF RECOGNIZE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL SIGNS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE SO THAT THEY MAY BETTER IDENTIFY THEIR PATIENTS WHO MAY BE VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE;

(III) PROVIDES STAFF WITH THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO APPROACH POSSIBLE VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE IN A MANNER THAT INSPIRES CONFIDENCE AND TRUST;

(IV) PROVIDES STAFF WITH A REFERRAL LIST SO THAT THEY MAY REFER VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE TO AGENCIES AND GROUPS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY THAT CAN PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE;

(V) ENCOURAGES ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONALS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS TO BECOME INVOLVED ON A LOCAL LEVEL TO HELP INCREASE AWARENESS AND SUPPORT OF THIS ISSUE; AND

(VI) ENCOURAGES VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE TO CONFIDE IN THEIR PHYSICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM;

(4) DEVELOP FORMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR THE TREATMENT OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; AND

(5) DESIGN PAMPHLETS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

19-1704.

~~THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE NONPROFIT ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE PILOT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTOCOL PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~19-1705.~~

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 2-1321 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY OCTOBER 1, 1997 ON THE SUCCESS OF THE PILOT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTOCOL PROGRAM IN PROVIDING EARLY IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND PROVISION OF CARE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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THIS SUBTITLE AND ALL REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1998.