

(II) A VOLUNTEER GROUP; OR

(III) A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

~~(12) THE SECRETARY SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ABILITY OF THE THIRD PARTY TO PURCHASE SERVICES, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT AT A DISCOUNTED RATE OR IN BULK QUANTITIES AND TO RECEIVE DONATED ITEMS FOR THE BENEFIT OF AN AFDC RECIPIENT, IN CONSIDERING A THIRD PARTY FOR APPROVAL UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~(13) NO PORTION OF THE FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE USED FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF SECTARIAN RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.~~

~~(G)~~ (H) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, AS APPROPRIATE, REFER THE RECIPIENT TO FAMILY PLANNING COUNSELING AND SERVICES REFERRALS COUNSELING AND SERVICES.

(2) FAMILY PLANNING COUNSELING AND SERVICES REFERRALS COUNSELING AND SERVICES MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR CONDUCTED IN A MANNER THAT:

(I) WILL HAVE A COERCIVE EFFECT ON THE RECIPIENT; OR

(II) WILL VIOLATE THE RECIPIENT'S BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OR CONFIDENTIALITY.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL PROVIDE FAMILY PLANNING COUNSELING AND SERVICES REFERRALS AT THE OFFICES OF LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES. ~~THESE SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED THROUGH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS.~~

~~(H)~~ (I) THE SECRETARY SHALL REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM ASSISTANCE TO ALLOW, ONCE ELIGIBILITY FOR A RECIPIENT IS OTHERWISE ESTABLISHED, THAT THE RECIPIENT WILL NOT LOSE ELIGIBILITY SOLELY BECAUSE ONE OR MORE WAGE EARNERS IN THE FAMILY UNIT WORKS MORE THAN 100 HOURS PER MONTH.

~~(H)~~ (J) THE SECRETARY SHALL REVISE THE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY TO PERMIT TWO-PARENT FAMILIES TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE PRINCIPAL WAGE EARNER MUST HAVE WORKED FOR A SPECIFIED TIME PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR AFDC.

(K) THE SECRETARY SHALL REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM ASSISTANCE SO THAT:

(1) COUNTABLE EARNED INCOME UNDER THE AFDC PROGRAM IS SUBTRACTED FROM THE SUM OF FULL STATE AFDC STANDARD OF NEED SPECIFIED IN THE REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE MARYLAND STANDARDS OF NEED FOR AFDC AND AFDC-UP AND ALLOWABLE AMOUNTS TO BE PAID BASED ON AVAILABLE FUNDS; AND