

(1) Develop [sheltered housing] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS for the elderly, in conjunction with any public or private profit or nonprofit corporation or any State or federal agency;

(2) Make maximum use of rent and other subsidies available from federal and State sources and provide for subsidies necessary from State general funds to assist low income aged to reside in [sheltered housing] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS as an alternative to more costly, but not required, institutional care;

(3) Find sponsors or managers for [sheltered housing projects] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS;

(4) Assist developers in formulating design concepts and meeting program needs;

(5) When necessary, provide subsidies for congregate meals, housekeeping, and personal services for [sheltered housing] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS, and develop eligibility requirements in connection with these subsidies;

(6) Adopt regulations governing the certification and operation of [sheltered housing projects] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS;

(7) Be authorized to conduct federal and State criminal background investigations of providers of [sheltered housing] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS and their employees [when the sheltered housing provides for fewer than 16 unrelated individuals and is operated as a single-family dwelling];

(8) Adopt regulations which provide for investigations of any criminal record of a [sheltered housing] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM provider or employee under paragraph (6) of this subsection;

(9) Certify and review the compliance of [sheltered housing projects] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS with the regulations established for governing the certification and operation of these [projects] PROGRAMS;

(10) As a prerequisite to certification and renewal of certification for providers of [sheltered housing for elderly] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS, require each provider of [sheltered housing] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES for elderly INDIVIDUALS who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders to have an in-service education program that includes instruction on dementia and the techniques necessary to manage dementia patients with regard to their physical, intellectual, and behavioral manifestations; and

(11) Be authorized to impose a civil money penalty against a provider of [sheltered housing] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES under § 4-I of this article.

(E) WITH RESPECT TO ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS, AS DEFINED UNDER § 19-1801 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE, THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROFIT OR NONPROFIT CORPORATION OR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY;