

(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 ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS TO RESIDE IN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO MORE COSTLY, BUT NOT REQUIRED, INSTITUTIONAL CARE;

(3) FIND SPONSORS FOR ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS;

(4) ASSIST DEVELOPERS IN FORMULATING DESIGN CONCEPTS AND MEETING PROGRAM NEEDS;

(5) WHEN NECESSARY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS, PROVIDE SUBSIDIES FOR CONGREGATE MEALS, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PERSONAL SERVICES FOR ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS AND DEVELOP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THESE SUBSIDIES;

(6) ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBSIDIES; AND

(7) REVIEW THE COMPLIANCE OF ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS WITH THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR LICENSING THESE PROGRAMS TO OPERATE IN THE STATE.

4-I.

(a) [When a sheltered housing facility provides for fewer than 16 unrelated individuals and is operated as a single-family dwelling, the] THE Office may impose a civil money penalty against a provider of [the sheltered housing] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES for:

(1) A violation in a [sheltered housing facility] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM that results in conditions presenting an imminent danger or a substantial probability of death or serious physical harm to a resident of the [facility] PROGRAM;

(2) A violation of a resident's rights as specified in regulations adopted under this article; or

(3) Noncompliance with State or local fire safety regulations.

(e) (1) A provider of [a sheltered housing facility] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES may request a reduction of a civil money penalty imposed by the Office.

(g) The Office may impose a penalty 3 times the amount set forth in subsection (d) of this section on a [sheltered housing] provider OF CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES if a sanction has been imposed on the provider for the same violation within 2 years prior to issuance of the notice of violation.

5.

(a) The Director on Aging shall receive, investigate, and seek to resolve complaints concerning the operations of related institutions, as defined in § 19-301 of the