

~~(6) The establishment of an effective funding system. With State, local, and federal funding sources, this report will address the need for an effective payment system for service providers and the need for coordination among agencies.~~

~~**SECTION 37. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly to expand the availability and improve the effectiveness of substance abuse treatment, particularly for priority for various populations, including pregnant women, Temporary Cash Assistance clients, and mothers of drug-addicted babies mothers of drug-addicted babies, families with children at-risk for child abuse or neglect, women with children, adult criminal justice clients, juvenile criminal justice clients, welfare recipients, medical assistance clients, and adolescents.**~~

~~The substance abuse treatment system is complex because of the involvement of many State agencies and private organizations. Therefore, the Task Force to Study the Availability of Substance Abuse Programs shall submit a report, in consultation with the Subcabinet and the Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, to the General Assembly by September 1, 2000 that addresses the following issues:~~

~~(1) Plans to expand the availability of substance abuse treatment. The report shall address how the substance abuse treatment system should be expanded, particularly for priority for various populations, including pregnant women, Temporary Cash Assistance clients, and mothers of drug-addicted babies mothers of drug-addicted babies, women with children, adult criminal justice clients, juvenile criminal justice clients, welfare recipients, medical assistance clients, and adolescents. Expansion of treatment services would require building infrastructure in the provider community.~~

~~(2) The need for substance abuse treatment. To develop statewide policies, it is necessary to understand the level of substance abuse, type of substance abuse, availability of treatment, and need for financial assistance in each jurisdiction.~~

~~(3) The allocation of treatment among populations. There are a number of populations that are in need of substance abuse treatment. These populations include, but are not limited to Temporary Cash Assistance clients, mothers of drug-addicted babies, families with children at-risk for child abuse or neglect, women with children, pregnant women, adult criminal justice clients, juvenile criminal justice clients, welfare recipients, medical assistance clients, and adolescents. The report shall include the number of treatment slots allocated to different populations in all agencies' programs as well as the number of treatment slots funded by each agency.~~

~~(4) The effectiveness of treatment modalities. Evaluations of long-term effectiveness should be a factor in determining the allocation of resources. The report shall identify existing research on long-term outcomes in the State of Maryland, plans for future research on long-term outcomes, and how research from other states, such as California, may be used to evaluate Maryland programs.~~