

~~(5)~~ (4) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF THE HEARING AID; AND

~~(6)~~ (5) SIGN A WRITTEN AGREEMENT PROVIDED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT THAT STATES THE TERM AND CONDITIONS OF THE LOAN.

(D) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE ELIGIBLE CHILD'S LICENSED AUDIOLOGIST INSTRUCTS THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ABOUT THE PROPER CARE AND USE OF A HEARING AID PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM.

8-506.

~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2002 IN AN AMOUNT, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROGRAM.~~

8-507.

THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING REGULATIONS THAT:

(1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING § 8-505(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, IDENTIFY THE TYPES OF DOCUMENTS THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY REQUIRE A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO SUBMIT TO PROVE THAT A CHILD IS AN ELIGIBLE CHILD; AND

(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING § 8-505(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE, ESTABLISH FACTORS THAT THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSIDER WHEN EVALUATING WHETHER A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

(I) HAS THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO ANOTHER HEARING AID; OR

(II) IS MAKING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO ANOTHER HEARING AID.

8-508.

(A) BEGINNING IN 2002, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) THE NUMBER AND AGES OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED HEARING AIDS THROUGH THE LOAN PROGRAM THAT YEAR;

(2) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED HEARING AIDS THROUGH THE LOAN PROGRAM THAT YEAR AND SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED HEARING AIDS THROUGH MEDICAID, THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM, OR PRIVATE INSURANCE;