

(B) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(C) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST ~~FOUR~~ TWO TIMES A YEAR, AT THE TIMES AND PLACES THAT IT DETERMINES.

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~~THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL BE TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH RESPECT TO HEPATITIS C BY:~~

~~(1) DEVELOPING A PROPOSAL FOR A STATEWIDE PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HEPATITIS C AMONG PERSONS AT HIGH RISK FOR HEPATITIS C, AS WELL AS POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, PERSONS EMPLOYED BY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL, AND OTHER HIGH RISK GROUPS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND PERSONS EMPLOYED IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS OR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, INFORMATION ON RISK FACTORS, THE VALUE OF EARLY DETECTION, AND THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR TREATING HEPATITIS C;~~

~~(2) PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF HEPATITIS C SCREENING, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT SERVICES AMONG PERSONS AT HIGH RISK FOR HEPATITIS C AS DETERMINED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD BASED ON DATA PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE ADVISORY BOARD;~~

~~(3) DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN REGARD TO THE EPIDEMIOLOGY, NATURAL HISTORY, DETECTION, AND TREATMENT OF HEPATITIS C, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT COINFECTION WITH HCV AND HIV AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF COINFECTION FOR HIV OR AIDS TREATMENT;~~

~~(4) DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL MEASURES TARGETED AT SPECIFIC GROUPS, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO EDUCATE YOUTH ABOUT THE LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES OF INFECTION WITH HCV;~~

~~(5) COLLABORATING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO DEVELOP SCREENING SERVICES TO IDENTIFY HCV POSITIVE INMATES WHO ARE LIKELY TO BE RELEASED WITHIN A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR AND TO PROVIDE COUNSELING AND TREATMENT OPTIONS TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL HEALTH RISK TO THE COMMUNITY FROM THESE PERSONS;~~

~~(6) EVALUATING EXISTING HEPATITIS C SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY AND ASSESSING THE NEED FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THESE SERVICES;~~