

2. STATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT LICENSE, CERTIFY, OR IN ANY OTHER WAY APPROVE OSTEOPOROSIS PROGRAMS OR CENTERS IN THE STATE; AND

~~(5) (6) GATHERING APPROPRIATE DATA TO TRACK THE INCIDENCE OF OSTEOPOROSIS IN THE STATE.~~

(H) THE TASK FORCE MAY HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM ANY PERSON, ORGANIZATION, OR GROUP AS THE TASK FORCE DEEMS NECESSARY.

~~13-1605. 13-1604.~~

~~THE DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE SHALL CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY:~~

~~(1) AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS CONCERNING OSTEOPOROSIS NATIONWIDE;~~

~~(2) THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL AWARENESS ABOUT OSTEOPOROSIS;~~

~~(3) THE NEEDS OF OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS, AND THE FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS;~~

~~(4) THE NEEDS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, INCLUDING PHYSICIANS, NURSES, MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CONCERNING OSTEOPOROSIS;~~

~~(5) THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS;~~

~~(6) THE EXISTENCE OF OSTEOPOROSIS TREATMENT GROUPS, SUPPORT GROUPS, AND REHABILITATION SERVICES; AND~~

~~(7) THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF BONE DENSITY TESTING EQUIPMENT.~~

~~13-1606.~~

~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GATHER APPROPRIATE DATA TO TRACK INCIDENTS OF OSTEOPOROSIS IN THE STATE.~~

~~13-1607. 13-1605. 13-1603.~~

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

~~(1) EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

~~(2) SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TOGETHER WITH THE DATA COLLECTED UNDER § 13-1606 OF THIS SUBTITLE, OF THE TASK FORCE TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.~~