

(ii) To reduce unnecessary use of hospital emergency room services;

(iii) To demonstrate the efficacy of involving parents, students, and community organizations in school health programs, particularly with regard to recruiting and retaining students in school health programs; and

(iv) To assess whether school health programs could be used as a basis for advising other family members of the student of other sources of primary care.

(2) The specific purposes and objectives of the Program operated in Caroline County are:

(i) To concentrate on the early identification, health counseling, and referral for mental health problems to prevent suicides;

(ii) To assess whether school health programs could be used as a basis for advising other family members of the student of other sources of primary care; and

(iii) To provide the following health and referral services for students:

1. First aid;

2. Physical exams and sports physicals;

3. Care for minor and chronic illnesses;

4. Immunizations;

5. Preventive health education services;

6. Referrals for counseling at the County Health Department; and

7. Social services referrals.

(c) (1) Funds for this Program shall be used to acquire:

(i) For the Baltimore City Program, the services of one full-time nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or other appropriate health care provider; and

(ii) For the Caroline County Program, the services of one full-time nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or other appropriate health care provider.

(2) The local subdivisions shall be reimbursed for the purchase of necessary supplies for the Program.

(3) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Baltimore City Health Department shall designate a part-time health research design analyst:

(i) To work with the local subdivisions to collect and analyze data during the Program period; and