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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) – Targeted Outreach, Engagement,**
3 **and Services**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Targeted Outreach, Engagement, and ACT
5 Services Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring
6 the Program to provide certain services and supports to certain individuals;
7 requiring the Department to identify certain individuals and to develop a
8 certain petition and process; establishing eligibility criteria for the Program;
9 authorizing certain individuals to file a petition; requiring a petition to be filed
10 with the Department and to contain certain information; requiring the
11 Department to make a certain determination; requiring the Department to
12 arrange for a certain Program provider to initiate contact with an eligible
13 individual within a certain time period; requiring the Department to develop
14 certain guidelines; requiring a Program provider to contact or attempt to
15 contact an eligible individual until the individual enrolls in the Program or no
16 longer meets eligibility criteria; requiring the Program to meet certain
17 behavioral health needs of an eligible individual in a certain manner; requiring
18 the development of a certain service plan for certain individuals within a certain
19 time period; authorizing the Department to provide certain services and
20 supports before the adoption of a service plan; requiring a service plan to be
21 reviewed and modified periodically to make a certain determination; requiring
22 the Program to use certain funds for certain services and in a certain manner;
23 establishing requirements for certain meetings; requiring a client to be
24 informed of certain services and to be a full partner in the creation and
25 implementation of a certain plan; requiring a client to be informed about a
26 certain directive and to be offered assistance in completing the directive under
27 certain circumstances; providing that a certain directive shall be enforceable in
28 accordance with certain laws; prohibiting the Department from discontinuing
29 outreach if the Department has certain knowledge; prohibiting the Department
30 from discharging a client until the client takes certain action; requiring a

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Program provider seeking to discharge a client to take certain action; requiring
 2 certain clients to be reinstated to the Program under certain circumstances;
 3 requiring a Program provider to use certain services in a certain manner and
 4 ensure that a client enrolls in certain programs; requiring the Department to
 5 develop and provide a certain rate for certain services; requiring the
 6 Department to provide certain funds to local mental health authorities;
 7 requiring the Department to document certain information, monitor certain
 8 outcome data using a certain collection system, ensure that certain services and
 9 supports are provided without disruption, expand the content and coverage of a
 10 certain system for a certain purpose, and establish a certain committee to make
 11 certain recommendations; authorizing a client to appeal certain adverse actions;
 12 authorizing a client to appeal certain actions in accordance with a certain law;
 13 providing that a client shall continue to receive certain services and supports
 14 under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to secure the services of
 15 an alternate provider under certain circumstances; requiring the Department,
 16 in consultation with stakeholders, to adopt certain regulations; defining certain
 17 terms; and generally relating to the Targeted Outreach, Engagement, and ACT
 18 Services Program.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Health – General

21 Section 10–1501 through 10–1510 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15.
 22 Targeted Outreach, Engagement, and ACT Services Program”

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 26 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

27 **Article – Health – General**

28 **SUBTITLE 15. TARGETED OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND ACT SERVICES**
 29 **PROGRAM.**

30 **10–1501.**

31 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
 32 **INDICATED.**

33 **(B) “ACT” MEANS ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT THAT:**

34 **(1) USES AN EVIDENCE–BASED TRANSDISCIPLINARY TEAM;**

35 **(2) MEETS FIDELITY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE**
 36 **DEPARTMENT; AND**

1 **(3) IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE,**
2 **COMMUNITY-BASED, AND INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT,**
3 **REHABILITATION, AND SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING:**

4 **(I) CRISIS ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION;**

5 **(II) COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT;**

6 **(III) ILLNESS MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY SKILLS;**

7 **(IV) INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTIVE THERAPY, INCLUDING**
8 **TRAUMA THERAPY AS APPROPRIATE;**

9 **(V) SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT;**

10 **(VI) EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES;**

11 **(VII) SIDE-BY-SIDE ASSISTANCE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY**
12 **LIVING;**

13 **(VIII) INTERVENTION WITH SUPPORT NETWORKS;**

14 **(IX) HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE, BENEFITS, AND**
15 **TRANSPORTATION;**

16 **(X) CASE MANAGEMENT; AND**

17 **(XI) MEDICATION PRESCRIPTION, ADMINISTRATION, AND**
18 **MONITORING.**

19 **(c) (1) “ACT TEAM” MEANS THE REQUIRED MEMBERS OF EACH TEAM**
20 **SERVING PROGRAM CLIENTS.**

21 **(2) “ACT TEAM” INCLUDES:**

22 **(i) AN ACT LEADER;**

23 **(ii) A PSYCHIATRIST;**

24 **(iii) A PSYCHIATRIC NURSE;**

25 **(iv) A SOCIAL WORKER;**

- 1 **(V) A CASE MANAGER;**
2 **(VI) AN EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST;**
3 **(VII) A SUBSTANCE ABUSE SPECIALIST;**
4 **(VIII) A PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST; AND**
5 **(IX) A PROGRAM ASSISTANT.**

6 **(D) “CLIENT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.**

7 **(E) “ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN**
8 **DETERMINED TO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IN § 10–1503 OF THIS**
9 **SUBTITLE.**

10 **(F) “FLEXIBLE USE FUNDS” MEANS FUNDING THAT IS PROVIDED TO A**
11 **CLIENT AND USED TO PROVIDE NEEDED SUPPORTS, INCLUDING HOUSING,**
12 **FOOD, CLOTHING, AND TRANSPORTATION.**

13 **(G) “PERSON-CENTERED” MEANS SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT ARE**
14 **CENTERED ON THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF AN INDIVIDUAL.**

15 **(H) “PETITION” MEANS A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR PROGRAM SERVICES**
16 **MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT.**

17 **(I) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE TARGETED OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT,**
18 **AND ACT SERVICES PROGRAM.**

19 **10–1502.**

20 **(A) THERE IS A TARGETED OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND ACT**
21 **SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

22 **(B) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE ACT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TO**
23 **ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND CLIENTS USING AN ACT TEAM.**

24 **10–1503.**

25 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

26 **(1) IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE**
27 **PROGRAM;**

1 **(2) DEVELOP A PETITION THAT LISTS THE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**
2 **CRITERIA PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

3 **(3) PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PETITION PROCESS.**

4 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM IF THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL:**

6 **(1) IS AN ADULT;**

7 **(2) HAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS;**

8 **(3) IS UNLIKELY TO SURVIVE SAFELY IN THE COMMUNITY**
9 **WITHOUT ASSISTANCE;**

10 **(4) IS UNLIKELY TO SEEK OUT OR TO PARTICIPATE VOLUNTARILY**
11 **IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT DUE TO:**

12 **(I) HOMELESSNESS;**

13 **(II) LACK OF SOCIAL SUPPORTS;**

14 **(III) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYMPTOMS THAT ARE IMPACTING**
15 **THE ABILITY OR WILLINGNESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO ENGAGE IN TREATMENT;**
16 **OR**

17 **(IV) A PRIOR HISTORY OF DISENGAGEMENT FROM**
18 **TREATMENT;**

19 **(5) DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEFORE IDENTIFICATION BY**
20 **THE DEPARTMENT OR THE FILING OF A PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION:**

21 **(I) HAS HAD SIX OR MORE VISITS TO AN EMERGENCY**
22 **DEPARTMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REASONS; OR**

23 **(II) DUE TO A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDER, HAS**
24 **COMMITTED, ATTEMPTED, OR THREATENED A SERIOUS ACT OF VIOLENCE**
25 **TOWARDS SELF OR OTHERS THAT HAS RESULTED IN HOSPITALIZATION OR**
26 **INCARCERATION; AND**

27 **(6) IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM.**

1 **(C) THE PETITION DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
2 **SECTION MAY BE FILED BY:**

3 **(1) AN ADULT WHO RESIDES WITH THE SUBJECT OF THE**
4 **PETITION;**

5 **(2) THE PARENT, SPOUSE, ADULT SIBLING, OR ADULT CHILD OF**
6 **THE SUBJECT OF THE PETITION;**

7 **(3) THE DIRECTOR OF A FACILITY IN WHICH THE SUBJECT OF**
8 **THE PETITION IS RECEIVING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES;**

9 **(4) THE DIRECTOR OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN WHICH THE**
10 **SUBJECT OF THE PETITION IS INCARCERATED;**

11 **(5) A PSYCHIATRIST, PSYCHOLOGIST, OR SOCIAL WORKER**
12 **LICENSED IN THE STATE WHO IS TREATING OR SUPERVISING THE TREATMENT**
13 **OF THE SUBJECT OF THE PETITION; OR**

14 **(6) A PAROLE OFFICER OR PROBATION OFFICER ASSIGNED TO**
15 **SUPERVISE THE SUBJECT OF THE PETITION.**

16 **(D) THE PETITION DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
17 **SECTION SHALL:**

18 **(1) BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT;**

19 **(2) SET FORTH THE FACTS THAT SUPPORT A REASONABLE BELIEF**
20 **THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE PETITION IS AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL; AND**

21 **(3) PROVIDE THE LOCATION WHERE THE SUBJECT OF THE**
22 **PETITION IS PRESENT OR BELIEVED TO BE PRESENT.**

23 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE SUBJECT OF**
24 **THE PETITION IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER**
25 **RECEIPT OF THE PETITION.**

26 **10-1504.**

27 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ARRANGE FOR THE APPROPRIATE**
28 **PROGRAM PROVIDER TO INITIATE CONTACT WITH AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL**
29 **WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL**
30 **IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM.**

1 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES BASED ON RISK**
2 **CATEGORIES THAT SET FORTH THE REQUIRED FREQUENCY OF CONTACT AND**
3 **ATTEMPTED CONTACT WITH AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.**

4 **(C) A PROGRAM PROVIDER SHALL CONTINUE TO CONTACT OR ATTEMPT**
5 **TO CONTACT AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL:**

6 **(1) HAS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM; OR**

7 **(2) NO LONGER MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.**

8 **10-1505.**

9 **(A) THE PROGRAM SHALL MEET THE URGENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
10 **NEEDS OF AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT THE NEED FOR**
11 **THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SERVICE PLAN.**

12 **(B) (1) A PERSON-CENTERED SERVICE PLAN SHALL BE DEVELOPED**
13 **BY THE ACT TEAM FOR EACH CLIENT WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS FOLLOWING**
14 **ENROLLMENT.**

15 **(2) SERVICES AND SUPPORTS MAY BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE**
16 **ADOPTION OF A SERVICE PLAN, AS APPROPRIATE.**

17 **(3) A SERVICE PLAN SHALL BE REVIEWED AND MODIFIED**
18 **PERIODICALLY BY THE ACT TEAM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CLIENT IS**
19 **SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS PROVIDED AND IS MAKING**
20 **PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOALS LISTED IN THE PLAN.**

21 **(C) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL USE FLEXIBLE-USE FUNDS AS**
22 **NECESSARY TO:**

23 **(I) SECURE SUPPORTED HOUSING; AND**

24 **(II) PROVIDE THE CLIENT WITH BASIC NECESSITIES,**
25 **INCLUDING FOOD, CLOTHING, AND TRANSPORTATION.**

26 **(2) FLEXIBLE-USE FUNDS:**

27 **(I) SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO THE CLIENT AND NOT TO THE**
28 **PROVIDER OF SERVICES;**

1 **(II) MAY NOT BE CONTINGENT ON THE CLIENT'S**
2 **ENGAGEMENT IN ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM SERVICE; AND**

3 **(III) SHALL FOLLOW THE CLIENT AS THE CLIENT MOVES**
4 **THROUGH TREATMENT SERVICES REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL OF INTENSITY OF**
5 **THE SERVICES.**

6 **(D) ANY MEETING HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING OR**
7 **CHANGING A SERVICE PLAN SHALL:**

8 **(1) INCLUDE THE CLIENT AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL**
9 **DESIGNATED BY THE CLIENT, INCLUDING PEERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS;**

10 **(2) BE HELD IN A MANNER AND LOCATION THAT REASONABLY**
11 **ACCOMMODATES THE CLIENT AND ALLOWS THE CLIENT TO PARTICIPATE**
12 **EFFECTIVELY IN THE SERVICE-PLANNING PROCESS; AND**

13 **(3) FOCUS ON THE INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS AND LIFE GOALS OF**
14 **THE CLIENT AND ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT THE**
15 **CLIENT NEEDS TO MEET THE GOALS.**

16 **(E) A CLIENT SHALL BE INFORMED FULLY OF AVAILABLE SERVICES**
17 **AND SUPPORTS AND SHALL BE A FULL PARTNER IN THE CREATION AND**
18 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLIENT'S SERVICE PLAN.**

19 **(F) (1) A CLIENT SHALL BE INFORMED ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH**
20 **ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND, IF THE CLIENT CHOOSES TO COMPLETE AN**
21 **ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, SHALL BE OFFERED ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING AND**
22 **EXECUTING THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE.**

23 **(2) AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE COMPLETED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)**
24 **OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE**
25 **AND FEDERAL LAW.**

26 **10-1506.**

27 **(A) IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OF AN**
28 **ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT DISCONTINUE OUTREACH**
29 **TO THE INDIVIDUAL.**

30 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT DISCHARGE A CLIENT FROM THE**
31 **PROGRAM UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL:**

1 (1) HAS NOT USED ANY PROGRAM SERVICE FOR A CONTINUOUS
2 12-MONTH PERIOD, DESPITE ASSERTIVE OUTREACH;

3 (2) HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO AN INPATIENT FACILITY FOR
4 LONGER THAN 3 MONTHS;

5 (3) HAS MOVED FROM THE AREA AND IS RECEIVING SERVICES
6 FROM A PROGRAM IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION IN THE STATE OR HAS MOVED
7 OUT OF THE STATE; OR

8 (4) HAS TRANSITIONED SUCCESSFULLY TO LESS INTENSIVE
9 COMMUNITY SERVICES AS DEMONSTRATED BY AN ABILITY TO FUNCTION
10 INDEPENDENTLY IN ALL MAJOR ROLES, INCLUDING WORK, SOCIAL, AND
11 SELF-CARE, OVER THE PRECEDING 24-MONTH PERIOD.

12 (C) A PROGRAM PROVIDER SEEKING TO DISCHARGE A CLIENT SHALL:

13 (1) DOCUMENT THE BASIS FOR THE DISCHARGE;

14 (2) DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE CLIENT TO OTHER
15 APPROPRIATE SERVICES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL; AND

16 (3) OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

17 (D) A CLIENT WHO IS DISCHARGED FROM THE PROGRAM SHALL BE
18 REINSTATED AUTOMATICALLY ON THE REQUEST OF THE FORMER CLIENT.

19 10-1507.

20 (A) A PROGRAM PROVIDER SHALL:

21 (1) ENSURE THAT A CLIENT ENROLLS IN ANY ENTITLEMENT
22 PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE CLIENT IS ELIGIBLE; AND

23 (2) USE MEDICAID-REIMBURSABLE SERVICES TO THE GREATEST
24 EXTENT POSSIBLE.

25 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND PROVIDE AN ENHANCED
26 RATE FOR ACT SERVICES AT A LEVEL THAT ALLOWS FOR INCREASED
27 FREQUENCY OF CONTACT AND DECREASED STAFF-TO-CLIENT RATIOS.

28 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH
29 AUTHORITIES WITH FLEXIBLE-USE FUNDS FOR EACH CLIENT IN AN AMOUNT

1 SUFFICIENT TO ADDRESS HOUSING, FOOD, CLOTHING, AND TRANSPORTATION
2 NEEDS.

3 10-1508.

4 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

5 (1) DOCUMENT THE NUMBER OF CONTACTS MADE WITH EACH
6 ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL AND THE OUTCOMES OF THE CONTACTS;

7 (2) MONITOR OUTCOME DATA FOR EACH CLIENT USING THE
8 ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT OUTCOMES DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM
9 THAT SHALL INCLUDE:

10 (I) THE NUMBER AND LENGTH OF STAY OF INPATIENT
11 PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATIONS;

12 (II) THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS FOR
13 PSYCHIATRIC REASONS; AND

14 (III) MEASURES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
15 INVOLVEMENT, HOUSING STABILITY, AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT;

16 (3) ENSURE THAT PROGRAM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ARE
17 PROVIDED WITHOUT DISRUPTION;

18 (4) EXPAND THE CONTENT AND COVERAGE OF THE OUTCOMES
19 MEASUREMENT SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS OF A SYSTEM OF
20 CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FOR ALL SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER
21 THIS SUBTITLE; AND

22 (5) ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE OF STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING
23 CURRENT OR FORMER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE RECIPIENTS, FAMILY
24 MEMBERS, ADVOCATES, PROVIDERS, AND QUALITY ASSURANCE
25 PROFESSIONALS, TO RECOMMEND:

26 (I) REVISIONS TO AND EXPANSION OF THE OUTCOMES
27 MEASUREMENT SYSTEM AND THE ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT
28 OUTCOMES DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM;

29 (II) ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES; AND

30 (III) EVALUATION TOOLS.

1 **10-1509.**

2 (A) A CLIENT MAY APPEAL THE FOLLOWING ADVERSE ACTIONS BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT:

4 (1) DENIAL, REDUCTION, IRREGULARITY, OR TERMINATION OF
5 SERVICES, INCLUDING FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES LISTED IN THE
6 SERVICE PLAN; AND

7 (2) FAILURE TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OR
8 SUPPORTS SUFFICIENT IN AMOUNT, SCOPE, OR QUALITY TO SUPPORT
9 RECOVERY, COMMUNITY INTEGRATION, AND ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

10 (B) A CLIENT MAY APPEAL AN ADVERSE ACTION DESCRIBED UNDER
11 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2
12 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

13 (C) (1) A CLIENT SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ANY SERVICE OR
14 SUPPORT LISTED IN THE SERVICE PLAN THAT WAS IN EFFECT PENDING THE
15 OUTCOME OF AN APPEAL UNDER THIS SECTION.

16 (2) IF A PROGRAM PROVIDER HAS PROVIDED NOTICE AND
17 DOCUMENTED THAT THE NEEDS OF THE CLIENT EXCEED THE CAPABILITY OF
18 THE PROGRAM PROVIDER TO SERVE THE CLIENT SAFELY AND APPROPRIATELY,
19 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SECURE THE SERVICES OF AN ALTERNATE PROVIDER
20 FOR THE CLIENT DURING THE APPEAL OF AN ADVERSE ACTION.

21 **10-1510.**

22 (A) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS,
23 SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

24 (B) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
25 SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

26 (1) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PROGRAM PROVIDER WHEN
27 DISCHARGING CLIENTS;

28 (2) PROCEDURES FOR LOCATING ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS;

29 (3) PROCEDURES FOR LOCATING CLIENTS WHEN THE LOCATION
30 OF THE CLIENTS IS UNKNOWN;

1 **(4) A REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY TO ACCOUNT FOR**
2 **OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE PROGRAM;**

3 **(5) A PROCESS FOR FILING A PETITION WITH THE DEPARTMENT;**

4 **(6) A PROCESS FOR APPEALING PETITION DENIALS; AND**

5 **(7) ANY OTHER ITEM NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE**
6 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2014.