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(a) (1) The Secretary shall establish and promote a statewide public information program on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

(2) The public information program shall:

(i) Attempt to reach individuals at risk for contracting AIDS;

(ii) Encourage those individuals at risk for contracting AIDS to take the necessary precautions to prevent transmission of the HTLV-III virus; and

(iii) Include any other aspects that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(b) The Secretary shall establish a program to train physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, and other health professionals in:

(1) Diagnosing and treating AIDS or other conditions associated with AIDS; and

(2) Methods to prevent the transmission of the HTLV-III virus.

(c) To carry out this section, the Secretary:

(1) On request, shall receive the help of or information from any agency of this State or of a political subdivision; and

(2) May contract for any necessary services.

(d) The Secretary may set a sliding fee schedule for services provided under this section.

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