



1 AUTISM IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE STATE AND DISSEMINATION OF THE DATA  
2 TO THE PUBLIC.

3 S 2415-B. GRANTS TO APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
4 MAKE GRANTS WITHIN THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED TO APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS,  
5 AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, FOR THE PROVISION OF  
6 SERVICES RELATING TO AUTISM SCREENING, DETECTION AND MAPPING AS PART OF  
7 THIS PROGRAM. SUCH SERVICES SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

8 (A) PROMOTION AND PROVISION OF DETECTION OF AUTISM;

9 (B) PROVISION OF COUNSELING AND INFORMATION ON TREATMENT OPTIONS AND  
10 REFERRAL FOR APPROPRIATE MEDICAL TREATMENT;

11 (C) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND TO HEALTH  
12 CARE PROFESSIONALS CONCERNING AUTISM, THE BENEFITS OF DETECTION AND  
13 TREATMENT, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTISM SERVICES;

14 (D) IDENTIFICATION OF LOCAL AUTISM SCREENING SERVICES WITHIN THE  
15 APPROVED ORGANIZATION'S REGION;

16 (E) PROVISION OF INFORMATION, COUNSELING AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO  
17 INDIVIDUALS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM; AND

18 (F) MAPPING OF THE FREQUENCY OF THE OCCURRENCE OF AUTISM IN VARIOUS  
19 LOCATIONS OF THE STATE.

20 2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "APPROVED ORGANIZATION" SHALL  
21 MEAN AN ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER, TO PROVIDE SERVICES  
22 UNDER THIS SECTION. SUCH ORGANIZATIONS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED  
23 TO, THE FOLLOWING:

24 (A) A HOSPITAL LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER;

25 (B) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE  
26 FORTY-THREE OF THE INSURANCE LAW OR CERTIFIED UNDER ARTICLE FORTY-FOUR  
27 OF THIS CHAPTER;

28 (C) AN ORGANIZATION WITH PROGRAM EXPERTISE IN AUTISM RELATED ISSUES;

29 (D) A COUNTY OR CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT; OR

30 (E) ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE.

31 3. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
32 AUTISM DETECTION, EDUCATION AND MAPPING PROGRAMS BY APPROVED ORGANIZA-  
33 TIONS WHICH SHALL ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

34 (A) INTEGRATION OF THE APPROVED ORGANIZATION WITH EXISTING HEALTH CARE  
35 PROVIDERS;

36 (B) MAXIMIZING THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT;

37 (C) PROVIDING DATA COLLECTION FOR MAPPING OF THE OCCURRENCE OF AUTISM  
38 IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS OF THE STATE.

39 S 2415-C. ANNUAL REPORT. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT ON OR BEFORE  
40 DECEMBER FIRST, AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE,  
41 CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE AUTISM DETECTION, EDUCATION AND MAPPING  
42 PROGRAM. COMMENCING IN TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, SUCH REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE  
43 THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PROGRAM IN PROVIDING DETECTION, EDUCATION AND  
44 MAPPING OF THE FREQUENCY OF THE OCCURRENCE OF AUTISM IN VARIOUS  
45 LOCATIONS AROUND THE STATE. APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS SHALL PROVIDE SUCH  
46 DATA AND ASSESSMENT AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE FOR SUCH REPORT.  
47 SUCH REPORT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION  
48 TO RESPOND TO THE HIGH INCIDENCE OF AUTISM IN THIS STATE.

49 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
50 have become a law; provided that the commissioner of health is imme-  
51 diately authorized and directed to promulgate, amend and/or repeal any  
52 rule and regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this act on  
53 such effective date.