

1 S 2418-B. GRANTS TO APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
2 MAKE GRANTS WITHIN THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED TO APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS,
3 AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, FOR THE PROVISION OF
4 SERVICES RELATING TO AUTISM SCREENING, DETECTION AND MAPPING AS PART OF
5 THIS PROGRAM. SUCH SERVICES SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

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

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

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

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

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

16 (F) MAPPING OF THE FREQUENCY OF THE OCCURRENCE OF AUTISM IN VARIOUS
17 LOCATIONS OF THE STATE.

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

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

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

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

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

28 (E) ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE.

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

32 (A) INTEGRATION OF THE APPROVED ORGANIZATION WITH EXISTING HEALTH CARE
33 PROVIDERS;

34 (B) MAXIMIZING THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT;

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

37 S 2418-C. ANNUAL REPORT. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT ON OR BEFORE
38 DECEMBER FIRST, AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE,
39 CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE AUTISM DETECTION, EDUCATION AND MAPPING
40 PROGRAM. COMMENCING IN TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN, SUCH REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE
41 THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PROGRAM IN PROVIDING DETECTION, EDUCATION AND
42 MAPPING OF THE FREQUENCY OF THE OCCURRENCE OF AUTISM IN VARIOUS
43 LOCATIONS AROUND THE STATE. APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS SHALL PROVIDE SUCH
44 DATA AND ASSESSMENT AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE FOR SUCH REPORT.
45 SUCH REPORT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION
46 TO RESPOND TO THE HIGH INCIDENCE OF AUTISM IN THIS STATE.

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