§ 244. Powers of the commissioner of health. The powers of the commissioner of health in administering the elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. subject to the approval of the director of the budget, promulgating program regulations pursuant to section two hundred forty-six of this title;

2. determining the annual schedule of cost-sharing responsibilities of eligible program participants pursuant to section two hundred forty-seven of this title;

3. entering into contracts pursuant to section two hundred forty-three of this title;

4. implementing alternative program improvements for the efficient and effective operation of the program in accordance with the provisions of this title;

5. establishing or contracting for a therapeutic drug monitoring program, for the purpose of monitoring therapeutic drug use by eligible program participants in an effort to prevent the incorrect or unnecessary consumption of such therapeutic drugs; and

6. monitor the provision of services pursuant to contractual arrangements entered into pursuant to section two hundred forty-three of this title and examine and review all documents and other information to assure compliance with all provisions of this article whether such documents or other information are under the control of a contractor or a participating provider pharmacy.