§ 19.25 Alcohol awareness program.

(a) The office shall establish an alcohol awareness program within the office which shall focus upon, but not be limited to, the health effects and social costs of alcoholism and alcohol abuse.

(b) The form, content and method of presentation of various aspects of such program shall be developed by the commissioner, provided that such program shall not exceed two hours per week over a period not to exceed eight weeks.

(c) The commissioner shall establish a schedule of fees to be paid by each participant and may, from time to time, modify same. Such fees may be waived, reduced or otherwise adjusted by the court upon application for resentence in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subdivision five of section 420.10 of the criminal procedure law. For the purposes of this section the term "fee" shall also mean "payment" as referred to in paragraph (a) of subdivision five of section 420.10 of the criminal procedure law. Such fees shall not exceed amounts necessary to pay the ongoing expenses of the program. Provided, however, that pursuant to an agreement with the office, a municipality, a department or part thereof, or other not-for-profit corporation may conduct such a course in such program with all or part of the expense of such course being borne by such municipality, department, or part thereof, or other not-for-profit corporation. Ten percent of all fees received for such courses shall be paid to the office for administrative costs of program implementation.

(d) A certificate of completion shall be sent to the court by the office upon completion of the program by all participants.