§ 2406. Grants to approved organizations. 1. The commissioner shall make grants within the amounts appropriated to approved organizations for the provision of services relating to the evidence based screening and detection of cancer as part of this program. Such services shall include but not be limited to:

(a) promotion and provision of early detection of cancer, including clinical examinations and cancer screening services;

(b) provision of counseling and information on treatment options and referral for appropriate medical treatment;

(c) dissemination of information to unserved and underserved populations, to the general public and to health care professionals concerning cancer, the benefits of early detection and treatment, and the availability of cancer screening services;

(d) identification of local cancer screening services within the approved organization's region;

(e) provision of information, counseling and referral services to individuals diagnosed with cancer; and

(f) provision of information regarding the availability of medical assistance, including medical assistance under paragraph (v) of subdivision four of section three hundred sixty-six of the social services law, to an individual who requires treatment for cancer.

2. The commissioner shall give notice and provide opportunity to submit applications to provide cancer detection and education programs. In order to be considered for a grant to provide cancer detection and education programs, applicants must show evidence of the following:

(a) ability to provide and to ensure consistent and quality cancer detection services;

(b) expertise in cancer detection and treatment;

(c) capacity to coordinate services with physicians, hospitals and other appropriate local institutions or agencies;

(d) ability to provide cancer detection and education services to unserved or underserved populations; and

(e) ability to implement a cancer detection and education program in accordance with the standards specified in subdivision three of this section.

Applications shall be made on forms provided by the commissioner.

3. The commissioner shall develop standards for the implementation of cancer detection and education programs by approved organizations which shall ensure the following:

(a) integration of the approved organization with existing health care providers;

(b) maximizing third party reimbursement;

(c) provision of services to unserved or underserved populations.

4. Within the amounts of state or federal funds appropriated for cancer early detection and diagnosis, approved organizations may be authorized by the department to provide such services for populations served pursuant to this title. Early detection services shall include, but not be limited to, complete examinations, evidence based screening, patient education, counseling, follow-up and referral.