§ 2531. Children and recovering mothers program. Subject to appropriation, the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services, is authorized to establish the children and recovering mothers program, a program aimed at providing health care providers, hospitals and midwifery birth centers with guidance, education and assistance when providing care to expectant mothers with a substance use disorder. Such program shall:

1. Provide information to both health care providers as well as expectant mothers regarding use of medication assisted treatment for pregnant women, which shall include information regarding buprenorphrine training, tools for providers on effective management of women with a substance use disorder during pregnancy, and a referral list of providers in the area;

2. Provide guidance and referral information for substance use disorder services, home visiting services and other benefits and services that they may be eligible for while expecting and after birth;

3. Develop a system for rapid consultation and referral linkage services for obstetricians and primary care providers statewide who provide care for expectant mothers with substance use disorders;

4. Provide guidance on the identification of signs and symptoms of substance use disorder in expectant mothers; and

5. Anything else deemed necessary to implement the program.