§ 2724. Commissioner; additional functions, powers and duties. In order to further the declared purposes of this title, the commissioner shall have the following functions, powers and duties:

1. to develop programs for screening, evaluation and treatment of hypertension;

2. to enter into contracts and agreements to provide for the screening, evaluation and treatment of hypertension pursuant to this section by July first, nineteen hundred eighty-two;

3. to require as the commissioner may determine to be appropriate that any facility established, incorporated, licensed or regulated pursuant to the provisions of article twenty-eight or forty-seven of this chapter, test for hypertension as part of their ordinary and regular care or treatment of patients and as necessary screen, treat and diagnose the incidence of hypertension;

4. to apply for special grants from the federal government and any institution making grants for such purposes and use any monies so obtained to supplement any other monies made available from any source for the purposes of this title;

5. to require persons receiving treatment for hypertension in any center providing such treatment to pay a fee established by the commissioner on a sliding fee scale based on the treatment recipient's ability to pay after applying against the total cost of such treatment the amounts received from third party payors.