§ 369-l. Establishment of program. 1. There is hereby established within the department of social services the health insurance continuation program for persons with AIDS.

2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the commissioner, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, may apply for appropriate waivers under federal law and regulation or take other actions to secure federal financial participation in the costs of the program; may waive or modify any provisions of this chapter or regulation of the department to implement this title; or may promulgate such regulations as necessary to implement this title.