

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

TITLE 2. HEALTH

SUBTITLE D. PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND REPORTS OF DISEASES

CHAPTER 97. ARTHRITIS CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Sec. 97.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Arthritis" means a rheumatic disease consisting of the chronic inflammation of joints, muscles, or connective tissue.

(2) "Program" means the arthritis control and prevention program.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 326, Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2005.

Renumbered from Health and Safety Code, Section 96.001 by Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 921, Sec. 17.001(45), eff. September 1, 2007.

Sec. 97.002. ARTHRITIS CONTROL AND PREVENTION PROGRAM. To the extent that money has been appropriated or is otherwise available, the department shall develop and implement an arthritis control and prevention program to:

(1) heighten awareness and enhance knowledge and understanding of arthritis among consumers, health professionals, teachers, and human services providers; and

(2) work to increase and improve community-based services available to persons with arthritis and their families.

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Sec. 97.003. NEEDS ASSESSMENT. As part of the program, the department shall work with public and private organizations to assess the current status of arthritis, considering information such as:

- (1) mortality and morbidity;
- (2) public and professional awareness; and
- (3) educational needs for and support services available to people with arthritis.

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Sec. 97.004. PUBLIC AWARENESS. (a) The department through the program shall work with public and private organizations to raise public awareness of:

- (1) the causes and nature of arthritis;
- (2) personal risk factors;
- (3) the value of prevention and early detection;
- (4) ways to minimize preventable pain; and
- (5) options for diagnosing and treating arthritis.

(b) The department may use strategies, including strategies consistent with the National Arthritis Action Plan and other state arthritis planning efforts to heighten public awareness under Subsection (a).

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Sec. 97.005. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. In implementing the program, the department may:

- (1) identify, replicate, and use successful evidence-based arthritis programs; and
- (2) obtain relevant materials and services from organizations with appropriate expertise and knowledge of arthritis.

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Sec. 97.006. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS. (a) The department may enter into contracts or agreements as necessary to carry out this chapter. The contracts or agreements may provide for payment by the state for materials, equipment, and services.

(b) The department may seek, receive, and spend any money received through appropriations, grants, donations, or contributions from public or private sources to develop and implement the program.

(c) The department shall provide and train staff to implement the program.

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Sec. 97.007. ARTHRITIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The department shall establish and coordinate the Arthritis Advisory Committee. The committee consists of members appointed by the commissioner, including:

- (1) persons with arthritis;
- (2) public health educators or other persons knowledgeable in health education;
- (3) medical experts on arthritis;
- (4) providers of arthritis health care; and
- (5) representatives of national arthritis organizations and their local chapters.

(b) The committee shall advise the department on developing and implementing the program.

(c) A member of the committee receives no additional compensation for serving on the committee and may not be reimbursed for travel or other expenses incurred while conducting the business of the committee.

(d) The committee is not subject to Chapter 2110, Government Code.

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