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AN ACT

1 Establishing in the State Department of Health a program for the
2 care of persons suffering from chronic renal diseases,
3 including an AN advisory committee in connection therewith, <--
4 designating powers and duties in relation thereto, and making
5 an appropriation therefor.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The State Department of Health hereafter referred
9 to as the department, shall establish a program for the care and
10 treatment of persons suffering from chronic renal diseases. This
11 program shall assist persons suffering from chronic renal
12 diseases who require lifesaving care and treatment for such
13 renal disease, but who are unable to pay for such services on a
14 continuing basis. The department shall only act as a granting <--
15 agency for State funds which are appropriated for the
16 establishment and the continuation of existing dialysis centers.
17 The department, upon the advice of the Renal Diseases Advisory
18 Committee may contract with any such hospital or medical care

1 ~~institution for the administration and operation of one of the~~
2 ~~regional dialysis centers. It is not the intent of this section~~
3 ~~that any new hospital or medical school be established.~~

4 Section 2. ~~The dialysis centers shall be designed primarily~~ <--
5 DEPARTMENT FUNDS SHALL BE USED to provide lifesaving dialysis <--
6 services to patients ~~in each center.~~ Funds may be provided for <--
7 developing home dialysis treatment services and the necessary
8 specialized personnel and equipment. ~~Funds for construction of~~ <--
9 ~~the centers may also be provided. The centers~~ THE DEPARTMENT <--
10 shall develop and utilize newer methods of dialysis designed to
11 make the process more efficient and economical and shall take
12 into account other applications of the procedure such as home
13 dialysis. ~~Centers~~ THE DEPARTMENT may seek the active <--
14 participation and consultation from industry in order to
15 streamline equipment and procedures for greater efficiency. THE <--
16 DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SHALL
17 DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR CARE AND
18 TREATMENT UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

19 Section 3. ~~The dialysis centers~~ DEPARTMENT shall also serve <--
20 to provide training for medical and nursing personnel who will
21 carry out dialysis services in other communities in the State.
22 ~~The dialysis centers~~ DEPARTMENT may also work in close <--
23 cooperation with other medical specialists who are seeking ways
24 to develop successful means of kidney transplantation. Dialysis
25 services are necessary as an adjunct to this type of medical
26 investigation.

27 Section 4. The Secretary of Health hereafter referred to as
28 the secretary, shall appoint a Renal Disease Advisory Committee,
29 hereafter referred to as the committee, to consult with the
30 department in the administration of this act. The committee

1 shall be composed of seven persons representing hospitals and
2 medical schools which establish dialysis centers, voluntary
3 agencies interested in kidney diseases, local public health
4 agencies, physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its
5 branches, and the general public. The members of the committee
6 shall serve for a two year period and may be reappointed. The
7 committee shall serve without compensation, but shall receive
8 necessary travel expenses. The chairman of the committee shall
9 be appointed by the Governor. This committee, with the approval
10 of the secretary, shall establish standards for the expenditure
11 of State funds which are provided for the establishment and <--
12 ~~support of regional dialysis centers~~ SUPPORT OF PERSONS <--
13 SUFFERING FROM RENAL DISEASES to assure the availability of
14 specialized personnel, resources, and equipment necessary to
15 enable such ~~centers~~ PERSONS to function and TO care for patients <--
16 with severe uremia. The secretary shall choose from a list
17 provided by the ~~review~~ ADVISORY committee, the institutions <--
18 which qualify under the standards established to receive grants
19 of State funds to ~~establish and continue a regional dialysis~~ <--
20 ~~center. The review committee shall also examine periodically the~~
21 ~~performance of established regional dialysis centers and~~
22 ~~recommend continuation grants to the director.~~ PROVIDE CARE FOR <--
23 RENAL DISEASE PATIENTS.

24 Section 5. The ~~dialysis centers~~ DEPARTMENT may also receive <--
25 and make use of any outside source of funds which may become
26 available from Federal, voluntary, philanthropic, or other
27 sources in order to augment State funds.

28 Section 6. No resident of this State shall be denied
29 treatment ~~in dialysis centers~~ because of his place of residence, <--
30 ~~so long as he is able to transport himself to the center.~~

1 SECTION 7. NO RESIDENT OF THIS STATE SHALL BE DENIED <--
2 TREATMENT BECAUSE HE IS UNABLE TO PAY FOR SUCH SERVICES.
3 Section ~~7~~ 8. The funds which are provided by the State <--
4 shall only be expended for ~~construction and equipment of~~ <--
5 ~~dialysis centers; equipment for and development of, home~~
6 ~~dialysis services;~~ THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF PERSONS SUFFERING <--
7 FROM RENAL DISEASES INCLUDING HOME DIALYSIS CARE; training of
8 personnel and other expenses incident to ~~the activation of the~~ <--
9 ~~regional centers; services of dialysis and directly associated~~
10 ~~procedures; and treatment of complications which may result from~~
11 ~~dialysis.~~ PROVIDING PROPER CARE AND TREATMENT; EXTEND FINANCIAL <--
12 ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS SUFFERING FROM RENAL DISEASES IN OBTAINING
13 THE MEDICAL, NURSING, PHARMACEUTICAL, AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
14 NECESSARY IN CARING FOR SUCH DISEASES INCLUDING THE RENTING OF
15 HOME DIALYSIS EQUIPMENT; AND TREATMENT OF COMPLICATIONS WHICH
16 MAY RESULT FROM DIALYSIS. These funds shall not be utilized to
17 pay for general medical care services which should come from
18 private, local, other State or Federal sources.
19 Section ~~8~~ 9. The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or <--
20 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to the
21 State Department of Health for the purpose of administering the
22 provisions of this act.
23 Section ~~9~~ 10. This act shall take effect immediately. <--