

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

SECTION 124575-124595

124575. The department shall maintain a program for American Indians and their families, consisting of all of the following:

- (a) Studies of the health and health services available to American Indians and their families throughout the state.
- (b) Technical and financial assistance to local agencies concerned with the health of American Indians and their families.
- (c) Coordination with similar programs of the federal government, other states, and voluntary agencies.

124580. The department shall cooperate with local governmental agencies and contract with voluntary nonprofit organizations in connection with the development of local health programs for American Indians and their families.

124585. (a) All moneys appropriated to the department for the purposes of this chapter shall be used to provide financial, training, and technical assistance to urban and rural American Indian health programs and to assist these programs in planning, implementing, and upgrading programs to attain a comprehensive health services delivery system for American Indians in urban and rural areas.

(b) The department shall provide technical assistance and shall promote the provision of services for preventive health care, health education, and environmental health.

(c) The department may expend funds, appropriated to it to carry out the purposes of this chapter, by contract or grant, or any combination thereof, to assist any urban or rural American Indian health program.

(d) The department shall adopt regulations establishing criteria for reimbursement for direct services under this chapter, that shall include, but not be limited to, a definition of direct services that are reimbursable and a formula for allocation of funds appropriated to the department.

(e) The department shall provide assistance to American Indian health services programs in maximizing utilization of third party payment systems and in developing programs in health education, nutrition, and family planning, if the assistance is not being provided by agencies of the federal government.

(f) Funds appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter shall be supplemental to those available from the federal government and shall not duplicate, and they shall not replace, any commitments made by the federal government to provide health services to American Indians and their families in this state who receive health services pursuant to an urban or rural American Indian health program.

(g) It is the intent of the Legislature that the program established by this chapter shall, commencing with the 1984-85 fiscal year, be funded according to customary budget procedures.

124586. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department shall, to the extent that funds are available, provide to a grantee under this chapter semiannual prospective payments, as specified in this section, during a 12-month fiscal year.

(b) The first semiannual prospective payment, in an amount equal to not more than 50 percent of the total grant, shall be processed for payment to the grantee following the enactment of the annual Budget Act, and upon formal execution of the grant by the state and shall be contingent upon both of the following:

(1) A written request for payment from the grantee.

(2) The grantee's timely and accurate submission, and the department's approval, of the progress reports required under the grant, budget expenditure report, and annual reconciliation report, from the prior year.

(c) Based upon the grantee's timely and accurate submission of the progress reports and budget expenditure reports from the grant year, and satisfactory performance under the grant, the processing of a second semiannual prospective payment of not more than 40 percent of the total grant shall be processed by the department for payment to a grantee no earlier than January 1 during the term of the grant year. The processing of the grantee's second semiannual prospective payment by the department shall be contingent upon both of the following:

(1) A written request for payment from the grantee.

(2) The grantee's timely and accurate submission, and the department's approval, of progress reports and budget expenditure reports.

(d) Any remaining amount, which shall be at least 10 percent of the total grant award, shall be retained by the department, pending satisfactory submission by the grantee of all progress reports required by the grant, budget expenditure reports, and an annual reconciliation report for the grant year. Payment of the withheld amount shall be processed by the department for payment to the grantee contingent upon both of the following:

(1) A written request for payment from the grantee.

(2) The grantee's timely and accurate submission, and the department's approval, of all progress reports required under the grant, budget expenditure reports from the grant year, the annual reconciliation report for the grant year, and satisfactory performance under the grant.

124590. The Legislature finds and declares that the health status of many American Indians in California is not adequate.

It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to insure that in addition to funding provided pursuant to the American Indian Health Service program, sufficient funding is provided to American Indians from other programs in order to substantially improve their access to health services. These programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Rural health services.

(b) Mental health services.

(c) Developmental disability programs.

(d) Maternal and child health programs.

- (e) Alcoholism programs.
- (f) Programs for the aging.
- (g) Environmental health programs.

The department shall report to the Legislature by July 1, 1984, and every two years thereafter, with respect to the extent to that funding for these programs is allocated to grantees receiving funding from the department pursuant to Section 124585.

124595. (a) The Indian Health Policy Panel, established by the director pursuant to Section 1520 of Title 17 of the California Administrative Code, is continued in existence and shall be renamed the American Indian Health Policy Panel. The policy panel shall advise the State Department of Health Care Services and the State Department of Public Health on the level of resources, priorities, criteria, and guidelines necessary to implement this chapter. The policy panel shall be composed of 10 members, appointed by the director. Four members shall be appointed from a list of persons submitted by the California Rural Indian Health Board, four members shall be appointed from a list of persons submitted by the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health, and two members shall represent the public. The persons appointed by the director to represent the public may be consumers, consumer advocates, health service providers, representatives of state or county health agencies, health professionals, or private citizens. The terms of the members shall be established pursuant to bylaws adopted by the policy panel.

(b) The director may also seek advice from individuals and groups, other than the policy panel, on program issues.

(c) Those persons who are members of the policy panel on December 31, 1983, shall continue to be members for the remainder of their terms and, upon expiration of their terms, shall be eligible for reappointment by the director.
