

**§1699. Community-based heart attack and stroke prevention programs**

**1. Heart attack and stroke prevention programs; establishment.** The Bureau of Health shall establish a program to develop heart attack and stroke prevention programs in communities and regions throughout the State. The community programs shall:

A. Provide public education to schools, community groups and workplaces about cardiovascular risks; [PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §25 (NEW).]

B. Provide blood pressure and cholesterol screening, referral and follow-up to the general public and workforce populations; and [PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §25 (NEW).]

C. Provide smoking cessation programs for community members wishing to quit. [PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §25 (NEW).]

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**2. Training; funding.** The bureau shall provide training for communities in program development, conduct a statewide public awareness program about cardiovascular risks, allocate matching funds for community program operation and periodically evaluate program effectiveness.

[PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §25 (NEW).]

**3. Rules.** The bureau shall adopt rules in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, for distribution of funds to communities no later than 90 days after the effective date of this section; awards to communities shall begin no later than 180 days after the effective date of this section. The rules shall include a requirement that funded programs follow accepted quality control standards and be periodically reviewed by organizations with experience in and knowledge of heart attack and stroke prevention.

[PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §25 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1989, c. 501, §P25 (NEW).

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