



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3701.77 Lupus education and awareness program.

Effective: September 10, 2012

Legislation: House Bill 487 - 129th General Assembly

(A) The department of health may establish, promote, and maintain a lupus education and awareness program with an emphasis on at-risk communities to raise public awareness, educate consumers, and educate and train health professionals, human services providers, and other audiences.

(B) The department, in creating and implementing the program, may do all of the following:

(1) Provide sufficient staff and appropriate training to implement the program;

(2) Establish a grant program to support nonprofit voluntary health organizations with expertise in lupus to increase public awareness and enhance health professional education and understanding of the symptoms and consequences of lupus and the populations most at risk;

(3) Establish an intergovernmental council and advisory panel to oversee the implementation of the program;

(4) Identify the appropriate entities to carry out the program;

(5) Base the program on the most current scientific information and findings;

(6) Work with government entities, community and business leaders, community organizations, health and human services providers, and national, state, and local lupus organizations, such as the lupus foundation of America, inc., to coordinate efforts to maximize state resources in the areas of lupus education and awareness;

(7) Identify and use other successful lupus education and awareness programs and procure related materials and services from organizations with appropriate expertise and knowledge of lupus.

(C) The department may accept gifts, grants, and donations from the federal government,



foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other entities for fulfilling the obligations of the program.

(D) The department may seek any federal waiver that may be necessary to maximize funds from the federal government to implement the program.
