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CHAPTER 33.

 SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

**SECTION 44‑33‑10.** Sickle cell anemia education and prevention program.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control is hereby authorized to initiate a sickle cell education and prevention program based entirely upon voluntary cooperation of the individuals involved. The program shall provide:

(a) Laboratory testing of black citizens in the reproductive ages to determine the presence of the sickle cell gene;

(b) Counselling for persons identified as carriers of the sickle cell gene, for the purpose of preventing sickle cell anemia in the future offspring of such carriers;

(c) Referral of persons with sickle cell anemia, as necessary, so that they may obtain proper medical care and treatment;

(d) Basic education to the general public about sickle cell disease, so as to eradicate the stigma attached to this malady.