

Sec. 24-157. - Registration of qualified needle exchange and treatment referral programs.

The manager may register up to three (3) needle exchanges and treatment referral programs that the manager determines meet the requirements of state and local laws and the rules and regulations adopted by the board of environmental health to govern needle exchange and treatment referral programs. In order to qualify for registration, the needle exchange and treatment referral programs shall:

(a) Be established in conformity with state law; operated by a nonprofit or governmental organization which targets the injection drug using population; provides for exchange of sterile syringes for used syringes; encourages injection drug users to seek treatment for substance abuse; and provides referrals for substance abuse treatment and other preventative health care services to participants in the program;

(b) Issue an identification card certifying that the person identified is either an employee or volunteer worker for the registered program;

(c) Operate at least one thousand (1,000) feet from an elementary and/or secondary school meeting all the requirements of the compulsory education laws of the state or a licensed day care center, **except for mobile outreach workers; and**

(d) Operate in compliance with the board of environmental health's rules and regulations.