

defining health problems, evaluating new and existing Department programs, and developing and applying knowledge of federal and other external trends so as to advise the Secretary on program emphasis and Department direction. The major organizational components of the Assistant Secretariat for Health Regulation and Policy Analysis are the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the State Health Resources Planning Commission, and the Office of Regulatory Services.

### HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION

*Chairperson:* David P. Scheffenacker, 1985

Carville M. Akehurst, 1983; Don S. Hiller, 1983; Virginia Layfield, 1984; Dr. Carl J. Schramm, 1985; Roland Smoot, M.D., 1986; *one vacancy.*

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The Health Services Cost Review Commission was established by Chapter 627, Acts of 1971, to monitor all matters, defined or implied, relating to the fiscal affairs of Maryland's hospitals and related institutions. Such monitoring consists of the audit and review of data and analysis of appropriate and valid relationships of both aggregate and unit costs and revenues. This enables the Commission to cause public disclosure of each hospital's financial position, its verified total costs incurred in rendering health services, and the level of reasonableness of its rates as determined by the Commission's review and certification. It also provides information to determine the adequacy of each institution's financial resources to meet its financial requirements. The Commission concerns itself with solutions when these resources are inadequate (Code Health-General Article, Title 19, Subtitle 2).

Beginning July 1, 1974, all purchasers of hospital health care services are assured that total costs are reasonably related to the total services offered by the hospital, that aggregate rates are set in reasonable relationship to the hospital's aggregate costs, and that rates are set equitably among all purchasers of services without undue discrimination. The Commission's authority to approve rates for nursing homes and other related institutions was removed in 1978.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the *Regulatory Programs Evalua-*

*tion Act (Sunset Law)* of 1978, authorization for the Commission continues until July 1, 1989 (Chapter 626, Acts of 1982).

### STATE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION

*Chairperson:* Carville M. Akehurst, 1986

Vivian C. Bailey, 1984; Pamela Brewington, 1984; Philip L. Jones, 1984; F. Perry Smith, Jr., 1984; James T. Estes, M.D., 1985; Charlene Connolly Quinn, 1985; Dominic B. Raino, 1985; Harvey R. Wertlieb, 1985; Spencer Foreman, M.D., 1986; Richard Hug, 1986; Nick Rajacich, 1986; Otis Warren, Jr., 1986; John L. Green, *designee of the Secretary.*

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The State Health Resources Planning Commission was established by Chapter 108, Acts of 1982, to promote the development of a health care system that provides for all citizens financial and geographic access to quality health care at a reasonable cost. Such promotion consists of planning the development of quality health services within each health service area to meet the current and future health care needs of Maryland citizens; identifying the resources essential to meet defined needs; promoting through plans and policies appropriate use of the resources essential to meet defined needs; advocating policies and systems to promote efficient delivery of and improved access to services, including acute, long-term, mental health, primary care, and community alternatives; providing an opportunity for participation of State and local public agencies, private organizations, and consumers and other members of the public; enhancing the strengths of delivery and regulatory systems and correcting their weaknesses; assuring consistency with the policies and priorities of State agencies and departments in preparation of the State Health Plan; coordinating with the programs and policies of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and providing for assessment of the impact of plans and projects on total health care costs to Maryland and to its citizens. Among major Commission programs are preparation of the State Health Plan; conducting the Certificate of Need program to assure that facilities meet standards of public need before building or constructing new services; and collecting and analyzing data necessary to carry out its functions.