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*The Commission shall:*

(a) *set physical and medical standards for the operation of dialysis and renal transplantation centers. When such centers meet the standards, AND HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY OF MARYLAND, they shall be certified by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Patients treated at any uncertified center shall not be eligible for State aid for their treatment.*

(b) *set standards, reasonable in terms of the purpose of this subtitle, for the acceptance of patients into the treatment phase of the program. Patients so accepted will be certified as eligible for the medical assistance of the State, provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to grant the Commission the power to set standards which would prevent patients from receiving any federal medical or financial aid.*

(c) *institute and supervise education programs for the public and for health providers with respect to chronic renal disease and the prevention and treatment thereof. The Commission may utilize existing programs and groups for this purpose, whether or not such programs and groups are governmental.*

(d) *annually evaluate the entire Kidney Disease Institute program. An annual report of such evaluation shall be made to the Governor.*

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*The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall designate such personnel as is necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. The Secretary shall be responsible for:*

(1) *the operation of this Program within the standards set by the Commission;*

(2) *the disbursement and collection of funds as provided in this subtitle;*

(3) *keeping the Commission informed, through its executive director, of the progress of the Program and of any need for changes in rules and regulations. Only the Commission may make rules and regulations.*

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*Any person who suffers from chronic renal disease and who resides in the State at the time of his certification may be accepted into the treatment phase of the program, provided that such person also meets the standards set by the Commission under Section 785 (b) of this subtitle.*

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*The State shall MAY pay the certified cost for all medical treatment, for any cause whatsoever, of certified patients from the date of certification, provided that the treatment be IS rendered in an approved facility in the State of Maryland or in a dialysis or transplantation center which is approved as such by a contiguous State*