

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES

871.

THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY ACT.

872.

(A) THE STATE OF MARYLAND RECOGNIZES THE ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED JANUARY 4, 1975, ENTITLED THE NATIONAL HEALTH PLANNING AND RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 (PUBLIC LAW 93-641), WHICH AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND OF HEALTH SERVICE AREAS ~~[[AND HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCIES THEREIN BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR.]]~~ BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, AND THE DESIGNATION OF HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCIES THEREIN BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNOR.

(B) CONSISTENT THEREWITH, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST IN THE FORMULATION OF SYSTEMATIC PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN DESIGNATED HEALTH SERVICE AREAS OF THE STATE.

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IN ADOPTING THIS SUBTITLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDES THE MEANS WHEREBY COUNTIES WITHIN A REGION MAY CREATE A JOINT COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY.

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING TERMS ARE DEFINED:

(1) AGENCY: A JOINT COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY CREATED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) COUNTY: ANY COUNTY WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

(3) ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE: A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY WITHIN THE REGION.

(4) HEALTH SERVICE AREA: A GEOGRAPHIC AREA APPROPRIATE FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND DESIGNATED BY THE ~~[[SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR,]]~~ GOVERNOR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 93-641 AND THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER.

(5) REGION: A HEALTH SERVICE AREA WITHIN THE