

(f) Health service area.

"Health service area" means an area of this State that the Governor, with the approval of the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, designates under the Federal Act as appropriate for planning and developing of health services.

(g) Health systems agency.

"Health systems agency" means a body that the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the Governor, designates under the Federal Act to plan and develop health resources for a health service area.

(h) State agency.

"State agency" means the State Health Planning and Development Agency.]

[19-102.

(a) Findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is a priority of this State to assure its citizens equal access to quality health care at a reasonable cost; and

(2) The citizens of this State have a fundamental interest in planning the development of quality health services within each health service area.

(b) Recognition of Federal Act.

This State recognizes the Federal Act and any amendment to the Federal Act that does not require State legislation to be effective.]

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There is a State Health Planning and Development Agency in the Department.]

[19-104.

(a) Position and appointment.

The head of the State agency is the Executive Director, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary.

(b) Duties.