

(5) Elect officers and appoint agents, define their duties, and set their compensation;

(6) Adopt and carry out an employee benefit plan;

(7) Adopt bylaws to conduct its affairs;

(8) Use the help of any person or public agency to carry out the plans and policies of the health systems agency; and

(9) Do any other thing necessary to carry out health planning and health care informational services in the health service area.

(d) Miscellaneous duties.

(1) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in Part I of this subtitle or in the Federal Act, each health systems agency created under this section shall submit annually to the governing body of each county in the health service area a report on the activities of the health systems agency.

(2) The report shall include an account of the funds, property, and expenses of the health systems agency in the preceding year.]

[19-111.

As soon as possible, each health systems agency shall submit to the Secretary comments on the program and budgetary priorities proposed in the Department's 5-year plan.]

[19-112.

(a) "Health care service" defined.

In this section, "health care service" means any clinically related patient service.

(b) In general.

A person shall have a certificate of need issued by the State agency before the person develops, operates, or participates in any of the following health care projects for which a certificate of need is required under this section.

(c) New facility.

A certificate of need is required before a new health care facility is built, developed, or established.