

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO ACHIEVE THESE PRIORITIES BY:

(1) PLANNING TO MEET THE CURRENT AND FUTURE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF CITIZENS IN THIS STATE;

(2) IDENTIFYING THE RESOURCES ESSENTIAL TO MEET DEFINED NEEDS;

(3) PROMOTING THROUGH PLANS AND POLICIES APPROPRIATE USE OF THE RESOURCES ESSENTIAL TO MEET DEFINED NEEDS;

(4) 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;

(5) PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCIES, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND CONSUMERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC;

(6) ENHANCING THE STRENGTHS OF CURRENT DELIVERY AND REGULATORY SYSTEMS AND CORRECT THEIR WEAKNESSES;

(7) OPERATING THE STATE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING PROGRAM EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY;

(8) CONSIDERING THE PLANS AND PROGRAMS OF STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS AND ASSURING CONSISTENCY WITH POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF SUCH AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS IN PREPARATION OF THE STATE HEALTH PLAN;

(9) COORDINATING WITH THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION; AND

(10) PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF PLANS AND PROJECTS ON TOTAL HEALTH CARE COSTS TO THIS STATE AND ITS CITIZENS.

(C) THIS STATE RECOGNIZES THE FEDERAL ACT AND ANY AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL ACT THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE STATE LEGISLATION TO BE EFFECTIVE. HOWEVER, IF THE FEDERAL ACT IS REPEALED OR EXPIRES, PART I OF THIS SUBTITLE REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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THERE IS A STATE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION THAT FUNCTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

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