

(A) RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT SET STANDARDS FOR:

(I) ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FUNDING OF LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS UNDER PART I OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) QUALIFICATIONS OF STAFF AND QUALITY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS; AND

(III) ELIGIBILITY FOR RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.

(2) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL ENSURE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BASED ON AN INABILITY TO PAY FOR SERVICES.

(B) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) THROUGH THE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR, PROVIDE A COUNTY WITH CONSULTATIVE STAFF SERVICES TO HELP ASCERTAIN LOCAL NEEDS AND PLAN AND ESTABLISH LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS;

(2) REVIEW AND EVALUATE LOCAL PROGRAMS AND PERSONNEL PRACTICES;

(3) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODY AND HEALTH OFFICER OF A COUNTY ON THE LOCAL PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL PRACTICES;

(4) REVIEW AND EITHER APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANS AND BUDGETS THAT A COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SUBMITS FOR STATE FUNDING UNDER PART I OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(5) EXERCISE ANY OTHER POWER OR DUTY REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43, § 1J(1).

In subsection (a)(1)(i) and (2) of this section, the former prohibitions against discrimination based on "race, creed, or color" are deleted as misleading, since the Code of Fair Practices, promulgated as Executive Order No. 01.01.1970.15, prohibits State financial assistance to any recipient who engages in discriminatory practices based, not only on race, color, and creed, but also national origin, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, or political or