

ONLY THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 783, the first sentence of § 785(a) and the first sentence and second clause of the second sentence of (b), the third sentence of § 786, and the second sentence of § 788.

In subsection (c)(1) of this section, reference to acceptance of an individual "for treatment" is substituted for the reference to acceptance "into the treatment phase of the program", for clarity. This substitution avoids the confusion in former Article 43, §§ 781 through 790, which contained references such as "reimbursement programs", "treatment programs", "treatment phase of this program", and "the program". The rules and regulations set standards that hospital selection committees must apply in screening patients for treatment. However, a selection committee is responsible for the screening. After an individual is accepted for treatment, the Department is notified for purposes of certifying reimbursement. See COMAR 10.03.01.04A.

Defined term: "Commission" § 13-301

13-308. DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

THE SECRETARY:

(1) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE WITHIN THE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPTS;

(2) SHALL DISBURSE AND COLLECT ANY FUNDS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(3) SHALL KEEP THE COMMISSION INFORMED OF:

(I) THE PROGRESS OF THE KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM; AND

(II) ANY NEED FOR A CHANGE IN ITS RULES, REGULATIONS, OR STANDARDS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as the second sentence of Article 43, § 786.

In items (1) and (3)(i) of this section, the phrase "the kidney disease program" is substituted for "this program" and "the program"