

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(I) PROVIDE THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC INFORMATION COMPILED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES; AND

(II) ANALYZE THE INFORMATION JOINTLY WITH THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE "HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES POLICY REPORT CARD" REQUIRED UNDER § 20-1004(22) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM URBAN AND RURAL POPULATIONS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY GEOGRAPHIC DISPARITIES.

(II) IF THE COMMISSION IS ABLE TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES.

(G) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL COLLECT RACIAL AND ETHNIC INFORMATION AND DATA THAT IS REASONABLY COLLECTABLE FROM ANY NATIONAL, STATE, OR COUNTY SOURCE THAT IS REASONABLY AVAILABLE.

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The Office shall:

(1) Be an advocate for the improvement of minority health care by working with the Department on its own, or in partnership with other public and private entities to establish appropriate forums, programs, or initiatives designed to educate the public regarding minority health and health disparities issues, with an emphasis on preventive health and healthy lifestyles;

(2) Assist the Secretary in identifying, coordinating and establishing priorities for programs, services, and resources that the State should provide for minority health and health disparities issues;

(3) Collect, classify, and analyze relevant research information and data collected or compiled by:

(i) The Department;

(ii) The Department in collaboration with others; and

(iii) Other public and private entities;

(4) Research innovative methods and obtain resources to improve existing data systems to ensure that the health information that is collected includes specific race and ethnicity identifiers;