

(B) THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THE AVAILABILITY OF EFFICIENT HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND PROVIDERS;

(2) THE IDENTIFICATION OF UNMET NEEDS, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH MAY RESULT FROM SEASONAL VARIATIONS IN POPULATION;

(3) ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING AN ANALYSIS OF TRAVEL TIMES AND OTHER FACTORS;

(4) THE NEED FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES, SUCH AS EMERGENCY CARE;

(5) AN EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF PROVIDING CARE TYPICALLY PROVIDED IN THE ACUTE HOSPITAL SETTING;

(6) METHODS OF CONFIGURING THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES OF WORCESTER COUNTY WITH EXISTING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; AND

(7) FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES REQUIRED AND AVAILABLE.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT THE FINDINGS OF THE ASSESSMENT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1986.

(D) IN COOPERATION WITH APPROPRIATE COUNTY AND STATE GROUPS, THE SECRETARY SHALL DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF THE ASSESSMENT.

(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON FEBRUARY 1, 1987, ON THE PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

(F) THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE STANDARDS AND POLICIES IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN THAT RELATE TO THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1986.

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