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(a) (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:

(i) [that] THAT an individual is not discriminated against based on an inability to pay for services[.]; AND

(II) THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST OR DENIED COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S LACK OF A FIXED ADDRESS OR BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL IS HOMELESS.

(b) 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 Part I of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

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