

- (1) Full or conditional designation by the federal government by October 1, 1982;
- (2) The ability to perform the functions prescribed in subsection [(c)] (D) of this section; or
- (3) Received the support of the local governments in the areas in which the agency is to operate.

[(b)](C) The Commission shall establish by [regulations] REGULATION criteria for designation of local health planning agencies.

[(c)](D) Applicants for designation as the local health planning agency shall, at a minimum, be able to:

- (1) Assure broad citizen representation, including a board with a consumer majority;
- (2) Develop a local health plan by assessing local health needs and resources, establishing local standards and criteria for service characteristics, consistent with State specifications, and setting local goals and objectives for systems development;
- (3) Provide input into the development of statewide criteria and standards for certificate of need and health planning; and
- (4) Provide input into evidentiary hearings on the evaluation of certificate of need applications from its area. Where no local health planning agency is designated, the Commission shall seek the advice of the local county government of the affected area.

(E)(1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING INPUT FROM AFFECTED LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES WHEN CONSIDERING AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED.

(2) WHERE NO LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY IS DESIGNATED, THE COMMISSION SHALL SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE LOCAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF THE AFFECTED AREA.

[(d)](F) The Commission shall require that in developing local health plans, each local health planning agency:

- (1) Use the population estimates that the Department prepares under § 4-218 of this article;
- (2) Use the figures and special age group projections that the Office of Planning prepares annually for the Commission;
- (3) Meet applicable planning specifications; and
- (4) Work with other local health planning agencies to ensure consistency among local health plans.