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(2) The report shall include an account of the funds, property, and expenses of the local health planning agency in the preceding year.

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- (a) (1) At least every 5 years, beginning no later than October 1, 1983, the Commission shall adopt a State health plan that includes local health plans.
 - (2) The plan shall include:
- (i) A description of the components that should comprise the health care system;
 - (ii) The goals and policies for Maryland's health care system;
- (iii) Identification of unmet needs, excess services, minimum access criteria, and services to be regionalized;
- (iv) An assessment of the financial resources required and available for the health care system;
- (v) The methodologies, standards, and criteria for certificate of need review; and
- (vi) Priority for conversion of acute capacity to alternative uses where appropriate.
- (b) The Commission shall adopt specifications for the development of local health plans and their coordination with the State health plan.
- (c) Annually or upon petition by any person, the Commission shall review the State health plan and publish any changes in the plan that the Commission considers necessary, subject to the review and approval granted to the Governor under this subtitle.
- (d) The Commission shall adopt rules and regulations that ensure broad public input, public hearings, and consideration of local health plans in development of the State health plan.
- (e) (1) The Commission shall [include] DEVELOP standards and policies [in] CONSISTENT WITH the State health plan that relate to the certificate of need program.

(2) The standards:

- (I) [shall] SHALL address the availability, accessibility, cost, and quality of health care[. The standards]; AND
- (II) [are] ARE to be reviewed and revised periodically to reflect new developments in health planning, delivery, and technology.
- (3) In adopting standards regarding cost, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, or financial feasibility, the Commission [may] SHALL take into account the relevant methodologies of the Health Services Cost Review Commission.