

(f) Annually, the Secretary shall make recommendations to the Commission on the plan. The Secretary may review and comment on State specifications to be used in the development of the State health plan.

(g) All State agencies and departments, directly or indirectly involved with or responsible for any aspect of regulating, funding, or planning for the health care industry or persons involved in it, shall carry out their responsibilities in a manner consistent with the State health plan and available fiscal resources.

(h) In carrying out [its] THEIR responsibilities under this [Act] PART II OF THIS SUBTITLE for hospitals, the Commission AND THE SECRETARY shall recognize [and], BUT MAY not apply, [not] develop, or [not] duplicate standards or requirements related to quality which have been adopted and enforced by national or State licensing or accrediting authorities.

(I) THE COMMISSION SHALL TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE HEALTH PLANNING FUNCTIONS AND NECESSARY STAFF RESOURCES FOR LICENSED ENTITIES IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF NEED OR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM.

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(a) The Commission shall develop and adopt an institution-specific plan to guide possible capacity reduction.

(b) The institution-specific plan shall address:

- (1) Accurate bed count data for licensed beds and staffed and operated beds;
- (2) Cost data associated with all hospital beds and associated services on a hospital-specific basis;
- (3) Migration patterns and current and future projected population data;
- (4) Accessibility and availability of beds;
- (5) Quality of care;
- (6) Current health care needs, as well as growth trends for such needs, for the area served by each hospital;
- (7) Hospitals in high growth areas; and
- (8) Utilization.

(c) In the development of the institution-specific plan the Commission shall give priority to the conversion of acute capacity to alternative uses where appropriate.

(d) (1) The Commission shall use the institution-specific plan in reviewing certificate of need applications for conversion, expansion, consolidation, or introduction of hospital services in conjunction with the State health plan.