

SUBTITLE 4. LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES.

2-401.

(A) A LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP A LOCAL HEALTH PLAN BY ASSESSING LOCAL HEALTH NEEDS AND RESOURCES; AND

(2) PROVIDE INPUT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND HEALTH PLANNING.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THAT IN DEVELOPING LOCAL HEALTH PLANS, EACH LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY:

(1) USE DATA COMPATIBLE WITH STATE DATA AND DATA USED BY OTHER LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES;

(2) MEET APPLICABLE PLANNING SPECIFICATIONS; AND

(3) WORK WITH OTHER LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY AMONG LOCAL HEALTH PLANS.

(C) SUBJECT TO THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING TO LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER FUNCTIONS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION.

19-109.

(a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Commission may:

(1) Adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle;

(2) Create committees from among its members;

(3) Appoint advisory committees, which shall include consumers and may include representatives of interested public or private organizations, to make recommendations to the Commission on community-based services, long term care, acute patient services, ambulatory surgical services, specialized health care services, residential treatment centers for emotionally disturbed children and adolescents, mental health and alcohol and drug abuse services, and any other topic or issue that the Commission considers necessary;

(4) Apply for and accept any funds, property, or services from any person or government agency;

(5) Make agreements with a grantor or payor of funds, property, or services, including an agreement to make any study, plan, demonstration, or project;

(6) Publish and give out any information that relates to the financial aspects of health care and is considered desirable in the public interest; and