

(iii) Apply to the circuit court in the county in which the facility is located for legal relief considered appropriate by the Commission.

(3) The Commission may send to THE DEPARTMENT OR a local health planning agency any statistical or other information the Commission is authorized to collect under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

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(a) The Commission shall designate, for each health service area, not more than 1 local health planning agency.

(b) Local health systems agencies shall be designated as the local health planning agency for a one-year period beginning October 1, 1982, provided that the local health systems agency has:

(1) Full or conditional designation by the federal government by October 1, 1982;

(2) The ability to perform the functions prescribed in subsection (d) of this section; or

(3) Received the support of the local governments in the areas in which the agency is to operate.

(c) The Commission shall establish by regulation criteria for designation of local health planning agencies.

(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.