

(6) Adopt and carry out an employee benefit plan;

(7) Adopt bylaws to conduct its affairs; and

(8) Use the help of any person or public agency to carry out the plans and policies of the local health planning agency.

(d) (1) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this Part II of this subtitle, each local health planning agency created under this section shall submit annually to the governing body of each county in the health service area a report on the activities of the local health planning agency.

(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)] (I) The methodologies, standards, and criteria for certificate of need review; and

[(vi)] (II) 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)] (C) 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)] (D) (1) The Commission shall develop standards and policies consistent with the State health plan that relate to the certificate of need program.

(2) The standards: