

(iii) Comply with accreditation standards for reimbursement under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act or under the State Medical Assistance Program approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

(d) (1) The Commission alone shall have final nondelegable authority to act upon an application for a certificate of need, except as provided in this subsection.

(2) Seven voting members of the Commission shall be a quorum to act on an application for a certificate of need.

(3) After an application is filed, the staff of the Commission:

(i) Shall review the application for completeness within 10 working days of the filing of the application; and

(ii) May request further information from the applicant.

(4) The Commission may delegate to a reviewer the responsibility for review of an application for a certificate of need, including:

(i) The holding of an evidentiary hearing if the Commission, in accordance with criteria it has adopted by regulation, considers an evidentiary hearing appropriate due to the magnitude of the impact the proposed project may have on the health care delivery system; and

(ii) Preparation of a recommended decision for consideration by the full Commission.

(5) The Commission shall designate a single Commissioner to act as a reviewer for the application and any competing applications.

(6) The Commission shall delegate to its staff the responsibility for an initial review of an application, including, in the event that no written comments on an application are submitted by any interested party other than the staff of the Commission, the preparation of a recommended decision for consideration by the full Commission.

(7) Any "interested party" may submit written comments on the application in accordance with procedural regulations adopted by the Commission.

(8) The Commission shall define the term "interested party" to include, at a minimum:

(i) The staff of the Commission;

(ii) Any applicant who has submitted a competing application;

[and]

(iii) Any other person who can demonstrate that the person would be adversely affected by the decision of the Commission on the application; AND

(IV) A LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY FOR A JURISDICTION OR REGION IN WHICH THE PROPOSED FACILITY OR SERVICE WILL BE LOCATED.