

(3) Appoint advisory committees that may include individuals and representatives of interested public and private organizations;

(4) Publish and distribute information that relates to the financial aspects of community-based developmental disability or mental health services; and

(5) Subject to the limitations of this subtitle, exercise any other power that is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

(b) The Commission shall have timely access to information from the Executive Branch required to fulfill the responsibilities of the Commission under this subtitle, including information from the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Mental Hygiene Administration.

13-808.

(a) The power of the Secretary over plans, proposals, and projects of units in the Department does not include the power to disapprove or modify a decision or determination that the Commission makes under authority specifically designated to the Commission by law.

(b) The power of the Secretary to transfer by rule, regulation, or written directive any staff, function, or funds of units in the Department does not apply to any staff, function, or funds of the Commission.

13-809.

On or before October 1 of each year, the Commission shall issue a report to the Governor, the Secretary, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly that:

(1) Describes its findings regarding:

(i) The relationship of changes in wages paid by providers to changes in rates paid by the Department;

(ii) The FINANCIAL CONDITION OF PROVIDERS AND THE ability of providers to operate on a solvent basis in the delivery of effective and efficient services that are in the public interest;

(iii) The incentives and disincentives incorporated in the rate setting methodologies utilized and proposed by the Mental Hygiene Administration and the Developmental Disabilities Administration and how the methodologies might be improved;

(iv) [Alternative rate setting methodologies that might improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the methods of payments to providers;

(v) How the quality of care offered by providers can be measured;

(vi)] How incentives to provide quality of care can be built into a rate setting methodology; and