

~~(ii) Cover the actual documented direct costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle;~~

~~(iii) Provide operating grants to qualifying community health resources; and~~

~~(iv) Provide funding for the development, support, and monitoring of a [unified data information system] REGIONAL HEALTH DATA EXCHANGE among primary and specialty care providers, hospitals, and other providers of services to community health resource members.~~

~~(2) The funding for a [unified data information system] REGIONAL HEALTH DATA EXCHANGE under paragraph (1)(iv) of this subsection shall be limited to:~~

~~(i) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2006; and~~

~~(ii) \$1,700,000 [in fiscal year 2007 and] annually [thereafter].~~

~~(f) The Commission shall adopt regulations that:~~

~~(1) Establish the criteria for a community health resource to qualify for a grant;~~

~~(2) Establish the procedures for disbursing grants to qualifying community health resources;~~

~~(3) Develop a formula for disbursing grants to qualifying community health resources; and~~

~~(4) Establish criteria and mechanisms for funding a [unified data information system] REGIONAL HEALTH DATA EXCHANGE.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

~~(a) (1) The Health Services Cost Review Commission shall provide funding through hospital rates of \$10,000,000 each year to establish a regional health data exchange that provides connections among hospitals and health care practitioners.~~

~~(2) The funding shall be awarded for a 3 year period, beginning in fiscal year 2008.~~