

(a) In addition to the powers and duties provided elsewhere in this subtitle, the Commission may:

- (1) Recommend the adoption of regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle;
- (2) Create committees from among its members;
- (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] **DIRECT CARE WORKERS**;