

[The Secretary:]

[(1)](A) On the Secretary's initiative or on request of a community or voluntary, nonprofit organization, **THE SECRETARY** may [do] **CONDUCT** a survey to identify any area in this State that has a substantial deficiency in general **OR SPECIFIC** medical or health care facilities, **STAFF**, or services[;].

[(2)](B) In cooperation with appropriate county and State groups, **THE SECRETARY** may provide the community or organization with counsel and other help to establish medical or health care facilities **OR SERVICES** and to recruit medical or health care staff in [that] ~~THE AN~~ **UNDERSERVED** area **IDENTIFIED AS A RESULT OF THE SURVEY CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**[; and].

[(3)](C) If [the efforts] ~~PROPOSALS CONSIDERED OR ADOPTED THE COUNSEL AND OTHER HELP PROVIDED~~ under [item (2)] **SUBSECTION (B)** of this section ~~are [unsuccessful], NOT FEASIBLE OR SUCCESSFUL~~ **DO NOT RESULT IN FEASIBLE OR SUCCESSFUL PROPOSALS**, OR IF OTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE **UNDERSERVED AREA**, **THE SECRETARY** may:

(1) [provide] **PROVIDE** the **NEEDED HEALTH CARE** facilities [or], staff, **OR SERVICES** by contract with one or more physicians, hospitals, or other medical groups or personnel; OR

(2) ~~APPROVE TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF STATE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE UNDERSERVED AREA~~, **APPROVE A CONTRACT OR OTHER WRITTEN ARRANGEMENT WITH A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HEALTH CARE ENTITY THAT FACILITATES THE PROVISION OF STATE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE UNDERSERVED AREA**, INCLUDING:

(I) **A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER;**

(II) **A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN § 19-114 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

(III) ~~A HEALTH CARE PLAN OR INSURANCE PROVIDER~~ **BENEFIT PLAN OR INSURANCE CARRIER;**

(IV) **A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;**

(V) **A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION; AND**