title for former Article 43, §§ 871 through 877, is deleted as unnecessary in light of the merger of those sections and former Article 41, §§ 59C through 59L, in Part I of this subtitle.

Former Article 43, § 873, which stated that means are provided to create a health systems agency, is deleted as unnecessary.

The introductory clause of former Article 43, § 874, which was the standard introductory language to a definition section, is deleted as unnecessary.

Defined terms: "County" § 1-101
"Federal Act" § 19-101 "Person" § 1-101
"Health service area" § 19-101
"Health systems agency" § 19-101
"Includes"/"including" § 1-101

19-111. COMMENTS OF HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCIES.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EACH HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY COMMENTS ON THE PROGRAM AND BUDGETARY PRIORITIES PROPOSED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 5-YEAR PLAN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 41, § 59H(d)(3), as that paragraph related to health systems agencies.

Defined terms: "Department" § 1-101
"Health systems agency" § 19-101
"Secretary" § 1-101

19-112. CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIRED.

(A) "HEALTH CARE SERVICE" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "HEALTH CARE SERVICE" MEANS ANY CLINICALLY RELATED PATIENT SERVICE.

(B) IN GENERAL.

A PERSON SHALL HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF NEED ISSUED BY THE STATE AGENCY BEFORE THE PERSON DEVELOPS, OPERATES, OR PARTICIPATES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING HEALTH CARE PROJECTS FOR WHICH A CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) NEW FACILITY.

A CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS REQUIRED BEFORE A NEW HEALTH CARE FACILITY IS BUILT, DEVELOPED, OR ESTABLISHED.