

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT AND REVISE AS NECESSARY A STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) A DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPONENTS THAT SHOULD COMPRISE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM;
- (2) THE GOALS AND POLICIES FOR MARYLAND'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM;
- (3) IDENTIFICATION OF UNMET NEEDS AND EXCESS SERVICES FOR FACILITIES AND SERVICES NOT REGULATED BY THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM; AND
- (4) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES REQUIRED AND AVAILABLE FOR THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

SUBTITLE 4. LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES

2-401.

(A) A LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY SHALL:

- (1) DEVELOP A LOCAL HEALTH PLAN BY ASSESSING LOCAL HEALTH NEEDS AND RESOURCES; AND
- (2) PROVIDE INPUT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND HEALTH PLANNING.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THAT IN DEVELOPING LOCAL HEALTH PLANS, EACH LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY:

- (1) USE DATA COMPATIBLE WITH STATE DATA AND DATA USED BY OTHER LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES;
- (2) MEET APPLICABLE PLANNING SPECIFICATIONS; AND
- (3) WORK WITH OTHER LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY AMONG LOCAL HEALTH PLANS.

(C) SUBJECT TO THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING TO LOCAL HEALTH PLANNING AGENCIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER FUNCTIONS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION.

19-109.

(a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Commission may:

- (1) Adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle;
- (2) Create committees from among its members;
- (3) Appoint advisory committees, which shall include consumers and may include representatives of interested public or private organizations, to make