

(c) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this Part II of this subtitle, each local health planning agency created under this section may:

- (1) Sue and be sued;
- (2) Make contracts;
- (3) Incur necessary obligations, which may not constitute the obligations of any county in the health service area;
- (4) Acquire, hold, use, improve, and otherwise deal with property;
- (5) Elect officers and appoint agents, define their duties, and set their compensation;
- (6) Adopt and carry out an employee benefit plan;
- (7) Adopt bylaws to conduct its affairs; and
- (8) Use the help of any person or public agency to carry out the plans and policies of the local health planning agency.

(d) (1) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this Part II of this subtitle, each local health planning agency created under this section shall submit annually to the governing body of each county in the health service area a report on the activities of the local health planning agency.

(2) The report shall include an account of the funds, property, and expenses of the local health planning agency in the preceding year.]

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(a) (1) At least every 5 years, beginning no later than October 1, 1983, the Commission shall adopt a State health plan [that includes local health plans].

(2) The plan shall include:

[(i) A description of the components that should comprise the health care system;

(ii) The goals and policies for Maryland's health care system;

(iii) Identification of unmet needs, excess services, minimum access criteria, and services to be regionalized;

(iv) An assessment of the financial resources required and available for the health care system;]

[(v)] (I) The methodologies, standards, and criteria for certificate of need review; and

[(vi)] (II) Priority for conversion of acute capacity to alternative uses where appropriate.