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## "ASSISTANCE TO ENTITIES DESIRING TO BE DESIGNATED AS HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCIES

"SEC. 1414. The Secretary may provide all necessary technical and other nonfinancial assistance (including the preparation of prototype plans of organization and operation) to nonprofit private entities (including entities presently receiving financial assistance under section 314 (b), title IX, or as an experimental health service delivery system under section 304) which—

"(1) express a desire to be designated as health systems agencies, and

"(2) the Secretary determines have a potential to meet the requirements of a health systems agency specified in sections 1412 and 1413, to assist such entities in developing applications to be submitted to the Secretary under section 1415 and otherwise in preparing to meet the requirements of this part for designation as a health systems agency.

### "DESIGNATION OF HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCIES

"SEC. 1415. <sup>(a)</sup>(1) At the earliest practicable date after the establishment under section 1411 of health service areas, the Secretary shall enter into agreements in accordance with this section for the designation of health systems agencies for such areas.

"(b) (1) The Secretary may enter into agreements with entities under which the entities would be initially designated as the health systems agencies for health service areas on a

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"(7) The special needs and circumstances of those entities which provide a substantial portion of their services or resources, or both, to individuals not residing in the health service area in which the entity is located or in adjacent health service areas. Such entities may include medical and other health professions schools, multidisciplinary clinics, specialty centers, and such other entities as the Secretary may by regulation prescribe.

"(8) The special needs and circumstances of health maintenance organizations for which assistance may be provided under title XIII.

"(9) In the case of a construction project

"(A) the costs and methods of the proposed construction, and

"(B) the probable impact of the construction project reviewed on the costs of providing health services by the provider or other person proposing such construction project.

### "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCIES AND STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

"SEC. 1433. (a) The Secretary shall provide (directly or through grants or contracts, or both) to designated health systems agencies and State Agencies (1) assistance in developing their health plans and approaches to planning various health service areas, (2) technical materials, in-

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cluding methodologies, policies, and standards appropriate for use in health planning, and (3) other technical assistance as may be necessary in order that such agencies properly perform their functions.

“(b) The Secretary shall include in the materials provided under subsection (a) the following:

“(1) (A) Specification of the minimum data needed to determine the health status of the residents of a health service area and the determinants of such status.

“(B) Specification of the minimum data needed to determine the status of the health resources and services of a health service area.

“(C) Specification of the minimum data needed to describe the use of health resources and services within a health service area.

“(2) Planning approaches, methodologies, policies and standards which shall be consistent with the guidelines recommended by the National Council for Health Policy under section 1402 for appropriate planning and development of health resources and services, and which shall cover the priorities listed in section 1403.

“(3) Guidelines for the organization and operation of health systems agencies and State Agencies including guidelines for—

“(A) the structure of a health systems agency, consistent with section 1412 (b), and of a State Agency, consistent with section 1422;

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“(B) the conduct of the planning and development processes;

“(C) the performance of health systems agency functions in accordance with section 1413; and

“(D) the performance of State Agency functions in accordance with section 1423.

“(e) In order to facilitate the exchange of information concerning the health and resources development system, health resources, and health planning and resources development practice and methodology, the Secretary shall establish a national health planning information center to support the health planning and resources development programs of health systems agencies, State Agencies, and other entities concerned with health planning and resources development; to provide access to current information on health planning and resources development; and to provide information for use in the analysis of issues and problems related to health planning and resources development.

**CENTERS FOR HEALTH PLANNING**

“SEC. 1434. (a) For the purpose of assisting the Secretary in carrying out this title, for providing such technical and consulting assistance as health systems agencies and State Agencies may from time to time require, conducting research, studies and analyses of health planning and resources development, and developing health planning approaches, methodologies, policies, and standards, the Secre-

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tary shall by grants or contracts, or both, assist public or private nonprofit entities in meeting the costs of planning and developing new centers, and operating existing and new centers, for multidisciplinary health planning development and assistance. To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall provide assistance under this section so that at least five such centers will be in operation by June 30, 1976.

“(b) (1) No grant or contract may be made under this section for planning or developing a center unless the Secretary determines that when it is operational it will meet the requirements listed in paragraph (2) and no grant or contract may be made under this section for operation of a center unless the center meets such requirements.

“(2) The requirements referred to in paragraph (1) are as follows:

“(A) There shall be a full-time director of the center who possesses a demonstrated capacity for substantial accomplishment and leadership in the field of health planning and resources development, and there shall be such additional professional staff as may be appropriate.

“(B) The staff of the center shall represent a diversity of relevant disciplines.

“(C) Such additional requirements as the Secretary may by regulation prescribe.

“(c) Centers assisted under this section may (1) enter into arrangements with health systems agencies and State Agencies for the provision of such services as may be appro-

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appropriate and necessary in assisting the agencies and State Agencies in performing their functions under section 1413 or 1423, respectively, and (2) shall use methods (satisfactory to the Secretary) to disseminate to such agencies and State Agencies such planning approaches, methodologies, policies and standards as they develop.

“(d) For the purpose of making payments pursuant to grants and contracts under subsection (a) there are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, \$8,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

### “REVIEW BY THE SECRETARY

“SEC. 1435. (a) The Secretary shall review and approve or disapprove the annual budget of each designated health systems agency and State Agency. In making such review and approval or disapproval the Secretary shall consider the comments of Statewide Health Coordinating Councils submitted under section 1424 (c) (3).

“(b) The Secretary shall prescribe performance standards covering the structure, operation, and performance of the functions of each designated health systems agency and each State Agency, and he shall establish a reporting system based on the performance standards that allows for continuous review of the structure, operation, and performance of the functions of health systems agencies.