

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.22226 Regional certificate of need review agency; standards; designation of person for specific review area; requirements; duration and termination of agency; local certificate of need review agency; application or other information; review; recommendations; decision; convening consumers, providers, purchasers, or payers of health care; public hearing; meetings; “review area” defined.

Sec. 22226.

(1) The commission shall develop standards for the designation by the department of a regional certificate of need review agency for each review area to develop advisory recommendations for proposed projects. The standards shall be based on the requirements for a regional certificate of review agency set forth in subsection (3).

(2) The department, with the concurrence of the commission, shall designate a person to be a regional certificate of need review agency for a specific review area, according to procedures approved by the commission, if the person meets the standards approved under subsection (1), and if a regional certificate of need review agency has not already been designated for that specific review area.

(3) A regional certificate of need review agency shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Be an independent nonprofit organization that is not a subsidiary of, or otherwise controlled by, any other person.

(b) Be governed by a board that is broadly representative of consumers, providers, payers, and purchasers of health care in the review area, with a majority of the board being consumers, payers, and purchasers of health care.

(c) Demonstrate a willingness and ability to conduct reviews of all proposed projects requiring a certificate of need that would be located within the review area served by the regional certificate of need review agency.

(d) Avoid conflict of interest in its review of all applications for a certificate of need.

(e) Provide data to the department to enable the department to evaluate the regional certificate of need review agency's performance. The data provided under this subdivision shall be reviewed at periodic meetings between the department and the regional certificate of need review agency.

(f) Not receive more than a designated proportion of its financial support from health facilities and health professionals, as determined by the commission.

(g) Meet other requirements established by the commission that are relevant to the functions of a regional certificate of need review agency, under this part.

(4) The designation of a regional certificate of need review agency shall be operative for a period of time approved by the commission, but not for more than 24 months. The designation of a regional certificate of need review agency may be terminated by the department with the concurrence of the commission at any time for noncompliance with the standards approved under subsection (1). In addition, the designation may be terminated by the regional certificate of need review agency upon the expiration of 60 days after the department receives written notice of the termination.

(5) A local certificate of need review agency that was designated pursuant to a designation agreement authorized under former section 22124 and effective on October 1, 1988 is designated as the regional certificate of need review agency for its review area until the expiration of 1 year after the date of final approval of the standards developed under subsection (1), unless the designation is terminated by either the department under subsection (4) or the regional certificate of need review agency before that time.

(6) A person applying for a certificate of need under this part shall simultaneously provide a copy of any letter of intent, application, or additional information required by the department to the regional certificate of need review agency designated by the department for the review area in which the proposed project would be located, unless the regional certificate of need review agency determines that it will not review the application or other information, and notifies both the applicant and the department in writing of its determination. The regional certificate of need review agency may review the application and submit its recommendations to the department. If the regional certificate of need review agency determines that it will not review the application, then the regional certificate of need review agency shall notify both the applicant and the department in writing of its determination. In developing its recommendations, the regional certificate of need review agency shall utilize the review procedures and time frames specified for regional certificate of need review agencies in the rules continued or promulgated under this part, and shall also utilize certificate of need review standards, statutory criteria, and forms identical to those used by the department.

(7) Before developing a proposed decision on an application, the department shall review the recommendations of the regional certificate of need review agency for the review area in which the proposed project would be located, if the recommendations are submitted to the department within the time frames required under subsection (6). If the director makes a final decision that is inconsistent with the recommendations of the regional certificate of need review agency, the department shall promptly provide the regional certificate of need review agency with a

detailed statement of the reasons for the director's decision. The statement shall address each instance in which the director's decision is inconsistent with the recommendation of the regional certificate of need review agency regarding a specific certificate of need review standard or criterion.

(8) A regional certificate of need review agency may convene consumers, providers, purchasers, or payers of health care, or representatives of all of those groups, related to activities in its review area for the purpose of achieving the objectives of this part.

(9) Before developing a recommendation on a certificate of need application, a regional certificate of need review agency shall hold a public hearing on the proposed project. If the department determines that local interest merits a public hearing and a regional certificate of need review agency has not been designated for the review area in which the proposed project will be located, then the department shall hold a public hearing on the proposed project.

(10) A regional certificate of need review agency shall conduct all meetings regarding its activities for the purpose of achieving the objectives of this part in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(11) As used in this section, "review area" means a geographic area established for a health systems agency pursuant to former section 1511 of the public health service act, or a geographic area otherwise established by the commission for a regional certificate of need review agency.

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