

## HB 1415 - DIGEST

Declares that a strategic health planning process that is responsive to changing health and social needs and conditions is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state. The strategic health planning process must be concerned with the performance of the health system, encompassing health care financing, quality, and the availability of information and services for all residents. The strategic health planning process must ensure the involvement of both consumers and health care providers in the health planning process. The outcomes of the strategic health planning process must be clearly articulated and available for public use and review.

Requires such strategic health planning, when informed by relevant data about the state's health system, shall guide the state in establishing objectives and strategies to: (1) Promote, maintain, and assure the health of all citizens in the state;

(2) Provide accessible health services through the maintenance of an adequate supply of health facilities and an adequate workforce;

(3) Apply specific quality criteria and population health indicators;

(4) Recognize prevention as a high priority in health programs;

(5) Address periodic priority issues including disaster planning, public health threats, and public safety dilemmas;

(6) Coordinate efforts among state agencies including those tasked with facility, services, and professional provider licensing; state and federal reimbursement; health service utilization data systems; and other functions relevant to health planning;

(7) Recognize the close interrelationship of health planning concerns and emphasize health care expenditure control, including cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis;

(8) Integrate criteria for evidence-based medicine; and

(9) Regularly evaluate the impact of capacity management on health service expenditures, access, quality, and innovation.

Creates the office of strategic health resource coordination in the office of the governor. The office shall serve as a coordinating body for public and private efforts to improve quality in health care, promote cost-effectiveness in health care, and plan health facility and health service availability. In addition, the office shall facilitate access to health care data collected by public and private organizations as needed to conduct its planning responsibilities.