

[W. Va. Code § 16-1-8.]

§ 16-1-8. Duties and powers of the commissioner; authorization to cooperate with any state health planning and development agencies and any federal government agencies in hospital and other health facility programs: State Public Health System

The commissioner at the direction of the secretary may cooperate with any state health planning and development agencies and any federal government agencies in programs for construction of public or private hospitals, diagnostic or treatment centers, chronic disease hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and similar or related facilities and institutions. The commissioner may make inventories of existing public health centers, public and private hospitals, diagnostic or treatment centers, chronic disease hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and similar or related facilities and institutions, and the laboratories and other facilities thereof, to make surveys of the need for construction of health facilities. The commissioner may adopt, develop and supervise the administration of the statewide plans or programs for the construction of additional public and private hospitals, public health centers, public or private diagnostic or treatment centers, chronic disease hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and similar or related facilities and institutions, as may be necessary to comply with the requirements and conditions of federal law in respect to the granting of federal aid for those purposes. The commissioner, at the direction of the secretary, shall develop standards to assure that all requirements to obtain federal funds and meet the commitments for federal funds are met.

The state health plan of operation set forth in this article and the state medical facilities plan shall be a part of the state health plan, as authorized by the provisions of article two-d of this chapter.