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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Designating the Department of Health as the Commonwealth's
official long-range health planning agency.

I, Roberto Sánchez Vilella, Governor of the Commonwealth of
Puerto Rico,

I. GENERAL POWERS:

Do hereby designate the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as the single State agency to supervise the administration of the State comprehensive health planning functions implementing Public Law 89-749, commonly known as the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Services Amendments of 1966. The Department of Health is hereby authorized to receive and disburse funds from the Federal Government granted for comprehensive planning purposes under the provision of such act and any act or acts amendatory or supplemental thereto, and to do all things necessary or convenient to fulfill the purposes and requirements of such act or acts.

The Department shall coordinate and review health planning efforts among governmental and non-governmental agencies, organizations and groups concerned with health services, facilities and manpower and shall formulate and update on a continuous basis a comprehensive State health plan.

The Department shall establish the policies and procedures for the expenditure of public funds for the purpose of comprehensive State planning for both public and private health services; foster the development of public or private, non-profit agencies or organizations for the purpose of area-wide health planning in the various parts of the Commonwealth and collaborate with them; approve project grants to public or private non-profit agencies or organizations for area-wide health planning; and enter into such contracts and agreements as shall be necessary or convenient to fulfill the purposes of this Order.

The Department shall review all plans prepared by State agencies relating to the provision of health services to assure that they are in accordance with the Comprehensive State Health Plan.

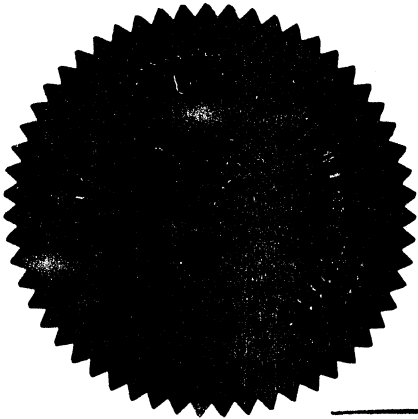
In exercising its powers, functions and duties, the Department shall be responsible to the Governor.

II. Health Planning Advisory Council

A Health Planning Advisory Council is hereby authorized to be established in the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico which shall consist of representatives of governmental and nongovernmental organizations, groups and agencies concerned with health, and of consumers of health services. A majority of the membership of such council shall consist of representatives of consumers of health services.

Its functions will be of an advisory nature only. Its members will be asked to advise the Department of Health in the carrying out of the latter's planning responsibilities in accordance with Public Law 89-749 known as the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Services Amendments of 1966.

Council members will be appointed by the Secretary of Health.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Puerto Rico, at the city of San Juan, on this 16th day of october A. D. nineteen hundred and sixty seven.

Roberto Sánchez Vilella
Governor

Promulgated according to law

Adolfo Porrata Doria
Deputy Secretary of State