WHEREAS, there is a need to maximize and coordinate planning functions of the State which significantly impact the allocation of social and health dollars across agency lines; and

WHEREAS, the State's resources for the provision of services and the promotion of health are less than necessary to meet the need and demand for such services; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive health planning is a rational mechanism necessary to insure the equitable distribution and appropriate utilization of resources; and

WHEREAS, the state health planning and development activities should serve to guide allocation decisions and to contain costs,

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the State, I hereby designate the State Health and Human Service Finance Commission as the State Health Planning and Development Agency as provided for in Public Law 93-641, as amended.

The State Health Plan, comprised of its separate volumes and parts, upon adoption by the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and approval by the Governor, shall be the official State Health Plan of the State. Any amendments to the Plan must be made in accordance with procedures outlined in Public Law 93-641, as amended, and approved by the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and approved by the Governor.

The State Health Planning and Development Agency shall be responsible for the functions prescribed by Title XV of Public Law 93-641, as amended. The Commission shall contract with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for the preparation of the preliminary State Health Plan, Volume II: Medical Facilities, which shall be consistent with the goals and objectives of Volume I of the State Health Plan. The Department and the Commission shall cooperate with the Statewide Health Coordinating Council in the formulation of planning guidance materials and shall seek input from local health systems agencies in the development of such materials.
The Commission and the Department of Health and Environmental Control shall work in cooperation with one another and with the Health Systems Agencies, the Office of Cooperative Health Statistics and other entities in order to identify and obtain the data and information necessary to prepare both volumes of the State Health Plan. In the preparation of the State Health Plan, attention should be directed toward prevention measures and cost effective means of service delivery. Target populations that should receive a special focus are medically indigent/medically needy, children, elderly, handicapped and other medically underserved populations.

The Commission shall contract with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for the performance of Certificate of Need functions, which shall be in compliance with federal requirements as required by Public Law 93-641, as amended. All decisions on Certificate of Need applications shall be consistent with the current State Health Plan, Volumes I and II, as required by Public Law 93-641, as amended. The final State agency decision on all Certificates of Need Applications shall be made by the South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control.

The Governor's Office shall conduct an annual review to determine compliance with federal law and the effectiveness of the organizational structure as provided for in this Executive Order.

This Executive Order shall take effect on July 1, 1984.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State