

Sec. 17b-262-6. Designation of service area

(a) All home health care agencies shall designate their service area by identifying the zip codes of the areas which they serve on a form to be provided by the department. All changes in that service area shall be reported to the department on an annual basis. The designated service area shall not be smaller than that reported to the Department of Public Health. If an agency serves any zip code within a town or municipality, the agency shall serve all zip codes within such town.

(b) The department shall timely evaluate all such designations, and changes in designations, to determine that the service area has not been chosen in a pattern which suggests an intent to avoid, or has the effect of avoiding, areas with a high concentration of minority residents, based on census data and other objective information. If the department determines that the choice of service area is designed to or has the effect of avoiding areas with a high concentration of minority residents, the agency shall be notified in writing of such determination and shall be required, within ten days, to provide written justification of its choice of service area based upon legitimate non-discriminatory reasons in accordance with subsection 17b-262-8, Legitimate Non-Discriminatory Reason.

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