

ACCOUNTABILITY; AND

(6) GENERAL PROGRAM AND MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS.

(B) THESE STANDARDS SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND THE SECRETARY SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, THE STATE DOCUMENTS LAW, AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION.

710. ESTABLISHMENT AND LOCATION OF CENTERS.

(A) IF THE SECRETARY DETERMINES AND CERTIFIES THAT THERE IS A PRESENT NEED FOR A CENTER IN A COUNTY OR MULTICOUNTY REGION, THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN THE REGION SHALL PROMPTLY INAUGURATE AND PURSUE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES TO SELECT A SUITABLE SITE FOR THE CENTER. THE SECRETARY SHALL COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN THE SELECTION OF A SITE WHICH WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO §709. BEFORE SELECTING A SITE, THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL HOLD AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH ONE OR MORE SITES ARE PROPOSED.

(B) EACH COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE, BY LEASE, PURCHASE, OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING CONDEMNATION, FACILITIES AND SITES FOR FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE COUNTY, FOR USE AS A CENTER. THIS AUTHORITY INCLUDES THE AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND RENOVATE FACILITIES ON SITES ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY SHALL NOT EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE SECRETARY HAS DETERMINED THAT:

(1) THERE IS A NEED IN THE COUNTY FOR THE CENTER;

(2) THE PROPOSED SITE AND FACILITY ARE APPROPRIATE; AND

(3) THE FACILITY IS, OR UPON COMPLETION WILL BE, CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO §709. IF A COUNTY IS DIVIDED INTO COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS OR CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, IT MAY, BY ORDINANCE, PROVIDE THAT IT WILL NOT PLACE MORE THAN ONE CENTER ACQUIRED BY IT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (B) IN A COUNCILMANIC OR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT UNLESS THERE IS A CENTER IN EACH COUNCILMANIC OR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY.

(C) IF, WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER THE SECRETARY CERTIFIES A NEED FOR A CENTER, THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN A REGION FAIL TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY A PROPOSED SITE AND PLANS FOR A FACILITY ON IT CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO §709, THE SECRETARY SHALL DECLARE THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN DEFAULT. THE SECRETARY MAY, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, EXTEND THIS TIME FOR NOT MORE