

# GENERAL ADMINISTRATION 7.0

## Regionalization Guidelines -- 7.1

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### **POLICY**

All personnel in the Department of Health will comply with the Department's Guidelines for Regionalization effective November 1, 1984.

### **APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all programs in the Bureau of Health Services except those programs declared exempt from regionalization by the Commissioner of Health and those that are unique to a single region of the state.

### **PURPOSE**

To effectively deliver health services through decentralization and to assign responsibility and authority for various functions related to the delivery of health services statewide.

### **PROCEDURE**

The Tennessee Department of Health Guidelines for Regionalization provide general guidelines for program planning, setting of standards, obtaining financial resources and qualified personnel, training and technical assistance, and evaluation of the services delivered.

There is a joint responsibility between Central Office and field personnel in the determination of all elements included in the Guidelines for Regionalization. The

field has primary responsibility for day-to-day operation of program service delivery. Should the field disagree with the determination of the Central Office or vice versa, and not be able to resolve the difference, the final arbitrator is the Director of the Bureau of Health Services.

**REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

Tennessee Department of Health Guidelines for Regionalization, Health Services Administration (Revised November 1, 1984)

**OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY**

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