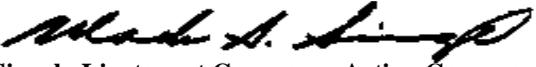


**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**  
**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Subject:		State Center for Health Statistics and Research		Number:	1993-4
Date:	October 13, 1993	Distribution:	B	By Direction Of:	 Mark S. Singel, Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor

WHEREAS, the planning and development of an improved health care delivery system in Pennsylvania requires data on health status and the accessibility of health manpower, health facilities, and other resources; and

WHEREAS, the health of the Commonwealth's citizens requires the Department of Health to plan its efforts on objective assessment of information, evaluation of outcomes, and the promotion of efficient management of its human and fiscal resources; and

WHEREAS, to address the problems of inadequate information, lack of comparability, and duplication of data collection, Congress has enacted *Section 306 (b)(1)* of the *Public Health Service Act as Amended (P.L. 101-239)* which authorizes the National Center for Health Statistics to develop a Cooperative Health Statistics system; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health has named the Department of Health's State Center for Health Statistics and Research to serve as the focal point for all cooperative health statistics system activities in Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark S. Singel, Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, to further assist the Commonwealth's Department of Health in the uniform collection, analysis, and dissemination of vital health care data, do hereby order that the official State Center for Health Statistics shall be the **Department of Health's State Center for Health Statistics and Research.**

**1. Purpose of the State Center for Health Statistics and Research.** In addition to serving as the focal point for coordinating the collection, analysis, and dissemination of health data, the State Center for Health Statistics and Research shall:

**a.** Provide statistical support services to meet the needs of federal, state, and local data users and providers in both public and private sectors.

**b.** Continue its commitment to reducing duplication of data collection and processing through shared data systems to:

(1) improve the quality, timeliness, and comparability of health statistics;

(2) analyze and disseminate information on the health status of Pennsylvanians and utilization of the health care delivery system;

(3) provide equal access to data to all appropriate data users, such access to be limited by provisions of guarantees for the confidentiality of individually identifiable data; and

(4) support the goals and objectives of a national cooperative health statistics system.

**2. Cooperation by State Agencies.** All agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall cooperate and provide information to the State Center for Health Statistics and Research in the performance of its functions.

**3. Effective Date.** This order shall take effect immediately.

**4. Rescissions.** Executive Orders 1986-4 and 1976-2.