

**135.12 Office of minority and multicultural health — established — duties.**

1. The office of minority and multicultural health is established in the department. The purpose of the office is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minorities by bridging communication, delivery, and service requirements, and by providing customized services and practical approaches to problems and issues encountered by organizations and communities working to address the needs of these populations.

2. The office of minority and multicultural health shall be responsible for all of the following:

a. Serving as the liaison and advocate for the department on minority and multicultural health matters.

b. Assisting academic institutions, state agencies, community groups, and other entities in institutionalizing cultural competency within the health care workforce and delivery system through education, training, and practice to effectively address cross-cultural disparity and achieve health equity.

c. Promoting community strategic planning.

d. Reviewing the impact of programs, regulations, and health care resource policies on the delivery of and access to minority and multicultural health services.

2006 Acts, ch 1184, §76; 2010 Acts, ch 1192, §77