

Medical Information Services Program

NYS Law Pertaining to MISIP

§273. Apportionment of state aid

b. Medical Information Services Program

The commissioner is hereby authorized to expend up to **five hundred six thousand dollars** annually in each state fiscal year to provide formula **grants to approved reference and research library resources systems for provision of consumer health and medical information services for all types of libraries and library systems**. Such grants shall **assist libraries in providing access to timely and accurate medical and health information for medical personnel and for the general public**. In addition to any other sum provided in this subdivision, each reference and research library resources system providing service under an approved plan with a consumer health and medical library information services program for all types of libraries and library systems shall be eligible to receive an annual formula grant. Such formula grants shall be determined on the basis of criteria to be prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide the annual amount payable to each approved system under this paragraph in the following manner:

(1) Funds shall be available to each reference and research library resources system in such manner as to insure that the ratio of the amount each system is eligible to receive equals the weighted ratio of the total number of institutions as defined in subparagraph two of this paragraph in the region served by the system to the total number of such institutions in the state.

(2) For the purposes of determining the amount of funds available to each system, **institutions and their weightings** are as follows: (i) **not-for-profit hospitals** licensed by the New York state health department, with a **weighting of two**; (ii) **for-profit teaching hospitals** licensed by the New York state health department, with an additional **weighting of one**; and (iii) **member institutions of a reference and research library resources system, excluding public and hospital libraries, with a weighting of one**.