

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES****SUBJECT:** ASSISTING THE COMMUNITY**POLICY NO.** 410

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**PURPOSE::** To assist communities in developing and -proving available information to educate the public in achieving and maintaining optimum health care.

**POLICY::** The Department shall actively assist individuals and community groups. Such assistance may include but need not be limited to:

1. Encouragement of consumers' participation in, health program planning and program assessment.
2. Identification of health needs, promotion of health education activities, planning and discussions at the neighborhood level.
3. Development of formal and informal health-related forums for communities. This will assure awareness by all levels of the Department of the rights and concerns of citizen groups.
4. Assisting the community coalition in developing health- related matters.
5. Facilitation of community participation in programs of training and employment in health care delivery.
6. Technical assistance and outreach for community grantsmanship in health-related projects to further Department goals.
7. Ongoing liaison to assure Department awareness the special concerns of minority groups and women.
8. Information and referral services.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Dec 01, 1980

**SUPERCEDES:**

**APPROVED:** Signature on File

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