**Section 1005.20 Departmental Functions**

The Department shall:

a) Publish, make available and disseminate health statistics on as wide a basis as practicable;

b) Take action to coordinate its efforts with all public and private agencies and their representative co-operative groups to effect a sharing of health data with the State;

c) Participate with public and private agencies in the design and implementation of cooperative health data systems; and

d) Undertake and support research, development, demonstrations, and evaluations respecting such cooperative system, with particular emphasis on health data consortium activities in Illinois.