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The Regional Medical Programs were first conceived in the report of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke, chaired by Dr. Michael E. DeBakey. The report, entitled "A National Program to Conquer Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke" (Dec. 1964), recommended the institution of regional cooperative arrangements to make the latest advances from biomedical research available to benefit the health of the American people.

In October 1965, President Johnson signed the Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke Amendments (Public Law 89-239) that authorized the establishment and maintenance of Regional Medical Programs. The purpose of this amendment to the Public Health Service Act was "to encourage and assist in the establishment of regional cooperative arrangements among medical schools, research institutions, and hospitals for research and training (including continuing education) and for related demonstration of patient care..." (Sec. 900, PL 89-239).

Ultimately, 56 regions were established, covering the nation, including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Regions were multi-state, individual states, or portions of states; some overlapped, depending on local decision-making at their creation. Most programs were located at or near university medical schools. Accomplishments in each region varied as much as the regions themselves, and in many cases were never written up and published.

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