§ 237. Preparation and distribution of reports. The department shall submit a biennial report to the governor and the legislature describing the activities of the office and health status of rural areas. The first such report shall be transmitted on or before September first, nineteen hundred ninety-three. Such report shall contain the following information:

1. Activities of the Charles D. Cook office of rural health, expenditures incurred in carrying out such activities, and anticipated activities to be undertaken in the future;

2. Progress in carrying out the functions and duties listed in section two hundred thirty-six of this article.

3. An analysis of the health status of rural citizens and the status of rural health delivery systems. Such analysis shall be conducted in cooperation with the rural health council and other interested agencies.

4. Any recommended improvements to programs and/or regulations that would enhance the cost effectiveness of the office, and programs intended to meet the health care needs of rural residents.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, such biennial report may also incorporate the reporting requirements for cooperative programs and networks for health care delivery in underserved rural areas as required by section twenty-nine hundred fifty-three of the public health law.