

of printing, handling and mailing of the pamphlet or booklet.

(d) All insurers including nonprofit health service plans operating in Maryland shall furnish such information as the Commissioner may reasonably require to compile, maintain, update and publish the necessary data.

(e) (1) The cost to the Insurance Division in connection with the collecting, maintaining, updating and furnishing of this data, to the extent such cost is not covered by the charges made for printing and mailing, shall be borne by insurers who issue policies of health, accident, or group and blanket health insurance.

(2) Each insurer shall pay that portion of the total cost which is in the same ratio as premiums received by the insurer in relation to the total health insurance premiums in the State.

(3) The total cost to the Insurance Division and the portion which each insurer must pay shall be determined by rules established by the Commissioner.]

[26B.

(a) The Commissioner shall obtain and compile data that should be considered by the purchaser regarding health insurance.

(b) The Commissioner shall maintain and update this data and shall, at least once annually after October 1, 1976, publish in pamphlet or booklet form as much of this data or information he deems useful to explain to the consumer the facts relating to the cost of health insurance, the extent of coverage of health insurance and other consumer information deemed useful by the Commissioner. The pamphlet or booklet shall include, but not be limited to, an explanation of: the reasons for health insurance coverage; group, individual and family policies and plans; forms of protection and benefits; supplemental plans, policy definitions of "sickness" and "accident"; policy exclusions for preexisting conditions; coordination of benefits; policy exclusions and limitations; government health insurance plans; and claims and handling forms.

(c) Copies of the booklet or pamphlet published by the Commissioner shall be forwarded to any member of the general public upon request. The Commissioner may charge a reasonable fee to cover the cost of the booklet or pamphlet.]

[26C.