

conduct certain examinations; requiring the Commission to assess certain fees on payors for health care; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to transfer certain fees to the Commission; and generally relating to the Medical Care Data Review Commission and the financing and duties of the Commission; adopting a certain standard for use in medical malpractice cases in the State; creating the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission (Access and Cost Commission) and the Advisory Committee on Practice Parameters (Advisory Committee) in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for certain purposes; providing for the membership, terms, procedures, powers, and duties of the Commission and the Advisory Committee; authorizing the Commission and the Advisory Committee to appoint executive directors under certain circumstances; requiring certain reports; ensuring confidentiality for certain information; limiting the power of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene over the Commission and the Advisory Committee; requiring insurers and health maintenance organizations to submit certain information to the Insurance Commissioner and to the Access and Cost Commission; requiring the Commissioner to examine certain information; authorizing the Access and Cost Commission to license certain Medical Care Electronic Claims Clearinghouses; requiring the Access and Cost Commission to establish a statewide Medical Care Data Base; requiring the Access and Cost Commission to adopt certain regulations specifying a comprehensive standard health benefit plan; requiring the Access and Cost Commission to publish a certain report, consult with certain representatives, and develop a certain system to provide certain information to certain health care practitioners; authorizing the Commission to contract with certain qualified independent third parties for any service necessary to carry out certain powers and duties; authorizing the Commission to conduct certain examinations; requiring the Insurance Commissioner and the Access and Cost Commission to assess certain fees on certain persons; establishing the Health Care Access and Cost Fund to be used for the purposes of the Access and Cost Commission; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to transfer certain fees to the Fund; providing that the Advisory Committee on Practice Parameters shall establish certain standards for medical practice parameters; authorizing the Commission to appoint certain advisory committees; providing for a Standard Benefit Plan Task Force; authorizing the Commission to investigate certain issues; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to health care and health insurance reform.

BY adding to

Article 48A — Insurance Code

Section 698 through 708 to be under the new subtitle “55. Health Insurance Reform”

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 48A — Insurance Code

Section 490B(a) and (b)

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