

(2) "OFFICE FACILITY" INCLUDES A FACILITY THAT PROVIDES:

(I) AMBULATORY SURGERY;

(II) RADIOLOGICAL OR DIAGNOSTIC IMAGERY; OR

(III) LABORATORY SERVICES.

(3) "OFFICE FACILITY" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY OFFICE, FACILITY, OR SERVICE OPERATED BY A HOSPITAL AND REGULATED UNDER SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS TITLE.

~~(E) (F) "PAYOR" MEANS A HEALTH INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 48A OF THE CODE.~~

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(2) A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR OR ANY OTHER ENTITY UNDER CONTRACT WITH A MARYLAND BUSINESS TO ADMINISTER HEALTH CARE BENEFITS; OR

(3) A SELF-INSURED GROUP.

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(A) THERE IS A MEDICAL CARE DATA REVIEW MARYLAND HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST COMMISSION.

(B) THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION THAT FUNCTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO:

(1) DEVELOP HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT STRATEGIES TO HELP PROVIDE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR ALL MARYLANDERS, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION;

(2) FOSTER FACILITATE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL CLAIMS DATA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC POLICY;

~~(3) DEVELOP A PLAN FOR AN ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE IN MARYLAND;~~

~~(4) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A STATEWIDE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE TO ENABLE IT TO:~~