

~~(I) COMPARE COSTS BETWEEN VARIOUS TREATMENT SETTINGS;
AND~~

~~(H) PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS, PROVIDERS, AND
PURCHASERS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES;~~

~~(5) FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICE PROTOCOLS; AND~~

~~(6) DEVELOP A UNIFORM SET OF EFFECTIVE BENEFITS TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN TO APPLY
UNDER SUBTITLE 55 OF ARTICLE 48A OF THE CODE; AND~~

~~(7) DEVELOP A PAYMENT SYSTEM, INCLUDING A FEE SCHEDULE, FOR
HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY PHYSICIANS AND COVERED UNDER THE
COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.~~

~~(3) ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP A MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE ON HEALTH
CARE SERVICES RENDERED BY HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS;~~

~~(4) ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLINICAL RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TO PERMIT THE COMPARISON OF COSTS BETWEEN VARIOUS
TREATMENT SETTINGS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS,
PROVIDERS, AND PURCHASERS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES;~~

~~(5) DEVELOP A UNIFORM SET OF EFFECTIVE BENEFITS TO BE INCLUDED IN
THE COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN TO APPLY UNDER SUBTITLE 55
OF ARTICLE 48A OF THE CODE;~~

~~(6) ANALYZE THE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE AND PROVIDE, IN
AGGREGATE FORM, AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE VARIATIONS IN COSTS ASSOCIATED
WITH HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS;~~

~~(7) ENSURE UTILIZATION OF THE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE AS A PRIMARY
MEANS TO COMPILE DATA AND INFORMATION AND ANNUALLY REPORT ON TRENDS AND
VARIANCES REGARDING FEES FOR SERVICE, COST OF CARE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL
COMPARISONS, AND INDICATIONS OF MALPRACTICE SITUATIONS;~~

~~(8) DEVELOP A PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES;~~

~~(9) ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION AND LICENSING OF
MEDICAL CARE ELECTRONIC CLAIMS CLEARINGHOUSES IN MARYLAND;~~

~~(10) FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICE PARAMETERS; AND~~

~~(11) REDUCE THE COSTS OF CLAIMS SUBMISSION AND THE
ADMINISTRATION OF CLAIMS FOR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PAYORS.~~

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~~(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED
BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.~~