

(C) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(D) THE COMMISSION MAY EMPLOY A STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

19-1507.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A MARYLAND MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE TO COMPILE STATEWIDE DATA ON HEALTH SERVICES RENDERED BY PHYSICIANS, PHARMACISTS, HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND OFFICE FACILITIES SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION.

(B) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE COMMISSION MAY REQUIRE BY REGULATION, THE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE SHALL:

(1) COLLECT FOR EACH TYPE OF PATIENT ENCOUNTER WITH A ~~PHYSICIAN~~ HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER OR OFFICE FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION:

(I) THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PATIENT;

(II) THE PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS;

(III) THE PROCEDURE PERFORMED;

(IV) ~~THE DATA~~ DATE AND LOCATION OF WHERE THE PROCEDURE WAS PERFORMED;

(V) THE CHARGE FOR THE PROCEDURE;

(VI) IF THE BILL FOR THE PROCEDURE WAS SUBMITTED ON AN ASSIGNED OR NONASSIGNED BASIS; AND

(VII) ~~THE PHYSICIAN'S~~ IF APPLICABLE, A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER'S UNIVERSAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER;

(2) COLLECT APPROPRIATE INFORMATION RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR EACH TYPE OF PATIENT ENCOUNTER WITH A PHARMACIST DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

(3) COLLECT APPROPRIATE INFORMATION RELATING TO HEALTH CARE COSTS, UTILIZATION, OR RESOURCES FROM PAYORS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

(C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ACCESS AND RETRIEVAL OF ALL MEDICAL CLAIMS DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION COLLECTED AND STORED IN THE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE AND ANY CLAIMS CLEARINGHOUSE LICENSED BY THE COMMISSION AND MAY SET REASONABLE FEES COVERING THE COSTS OF ACCESSING AND RETRIEVING THE STORED DATA.