- (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT THESE REGULATIONS TO SHALL ENSURE THAT CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED PATIENT INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.
- (2) (3) RECORDS OR INFORMATION PROTECTED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE PHYSICIAN PATIENT PRIVILEGE THE PRIVILEGE BETWEEN A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER AND A PATIENT, OR OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL, SHALL BE FILED IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON PROTECTED.
- (D) (1) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, WHEN COLLECTING THE DATA REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL:
- (1) UTILIZE ANY STANDARDIZED CLAIM FORM OR ELECTRONIC TRANSFER SYSTEM BEING USED BY PHYSICIANS, PHARMACISTS, HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, OFFICE FACILITIES, AND PAYORS; AND.
- (2) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REIMBURSEMENT METHODS USED BY HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP APPROPRIATE METHODS FOR COLLECTING THE DATA REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ON SUBSCRIBERS OR ENROLLEES OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.
- (E) UNTIL THE PROVISIONS OF \$ 19-1508 OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BUT NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 1995, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE COMMISSION MAY LIMIT THE DATA COLLECTION UNDER THIS SECTION TO A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE FOR A HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDED BY A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER OR OFFICE FACILITY.
- (E) (F) BY OCTOBER 1, 1995 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THOSE HEALTH CARE SERVICES SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION THAT:
- (1) DESCRIBES THE VARIATION IN FEES CHARGED BY PHYSICIANS AND OFFICE FACILITIES ON A STATEWIDE BASIS AND IN EACH HEALTH SERVICE AREA FOR THOSE HEALTH CARE SERVICES; AND
- (2) <u>DESCRIBES THE GEOGRAPHIC VARIATION IN THE UTILIZATION OF</u> THOSE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.
- (F) (G) IN DEVELOPING THE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSULT WITH:
- (1) REPRESENTATIVES OF PHYSICIANS, PHARMACISTS, THIRD PARTY HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, PAYORS, AND HOSPITALS; AND
- (2) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION AND THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT THE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE IS COMPATIBLE WITH, MAY BE MERGED WITH, AND