

(I) THE INPUT COSTS AND OTHER UNDERLYING FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE RISING COST OF HEALTH CARE IN THIS STATE AND IN THE UNITED STATES;

(II) THE RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE;

(III) THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AGING POPULATIONS AND NEW TECHNOLOGY;

(IV) THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF FEDERAL LAWS ON HEALTH CARE COSTS; AND

(V) THE SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MODIFIED PRACTICE PATTERNS.

(H) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL HAVE THE EFFECT OF IMPAIRING THE ABILITY OF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL UNDER MUTUALLY AGREED UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(I) A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OR SOCIETY THAT PERFORMS ACTIVITIES IN GOOD FAITH IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY UNDER THE MARYLAND ANTI-TRUST ACT FOR THOSE ACTIVITIES.

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(A) IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS SPECIFYING THE COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN TO APPLY UNDER SUBTITLE 55 OF ARTICLE 48A OF THE CODE.

(B) IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 48A, § 700 OF THE CODE.

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(A) IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY:

(1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) CREATE COMMITTEES FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS;

(3) APPOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS;

(4) APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT ANY FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR SERVICES FROM ANY PERSON OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY;