

(5) MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH A GRANTOR OR PAYOR OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR SERVICES, INCLUDING AN AGREEMENT TO MAKE ANY STUDY, PLAN, DEMONSTRATION, OR PROJECT; AND

(6) EXCEPT FOR CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED PATIENT INFORMATION, PUBLISH OR DISCLOSE INFORMATION THAT RELATES TO THE UTILIZATION AND COSTS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES RENDERED BY PHARMACISTS, PHYSICIANS, OR OFFICE FACILITIES AND THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

~~(B) WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF INCLUDING ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS REGULATED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE OTHER TYPES OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS IN THE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE. ADDITIONAL PROVIDER GROUPS MAY BE INCLUDED ONLY IF THE COMMISSION HAD INCLUDED IN THEIR ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THAT TYPE OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER BE INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE.~~

~~(C)~~ (B) IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) PREPARE ANNUALLY A BUDGET PROPOSAL THAT INCLUDES THE ESTIMATED INCOME OF THE COMMISSION AND PROPOSED EXPENSES FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION; AND

(2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, TO THE SECRETARY, AND SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION DURING THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING ANY POLICY RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS RELEVANT.

~~(D)~~ (C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL SET REASONABLE DEADLINES FOR THE FILING OF INFORMATION OR REPORTS IT REQUIRES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT IMPOSE REASONABLE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO FILE A REPORT AS REQUIRED.

~~(E)~~ (D) EXCEPT FOR CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED PATIENT INFORMATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE:

(1) EACH SUMMARY, COMPILATION, AND REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; AND

(2) EACH SUMMARY, COMPILATION, AND REPORT AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY ON REQUEST.

~~(F)~~ (E) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY CONTRACT WITH A QUALIFIED, INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY FOR ANY SERVICE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.