

(d) Staff for the Advisory Committee shall be provided by the Commission, in accordance with its budget.

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(b) The Commission may adopt a practice parameter if:

(1) The proposal of the Advisory Committee includes a statement, with supporting documentation, that at least 60 percent of the specialists in the State affected by the practice [parameters] PARAMETER has voted favorably on the adoption;

(2) The proposal of the Advisory Committee includes supporting information satisfactory to the Commission that the practice parameter [might] WILL reduce unnecessary utilization of health care services; and

(3) The proposal of the Advisory Committee includes supporting information satisfactory to the Commission that the practice parameter will continue to provide a high quality of health care.

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Health benefit plan” has the meaning stated in § 698 of this article.

(3) “Payor” means:

(i) A health insurer [,] OR nonprofit health service plan [, or health maintenance organization] that holds a certificate of authority [to offer] AND PROVIDES health insurance policies or contracts in this State under this article; [or]

(II) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT IS LICENSED TO OPERATE IN THE STATE; OR

[(ii)](III) A third party administrator or any other entity under contract with a Maryland business to administer health care benefits.

(b) (1) On or before June 30 of each year, the Commissioner shall assess each payor a fee for the upcoming fiscal year established in accordance with the provisions of this section and [§ 19-1514] § 19-1515 of the Health – General Article.

(2) For each fiscal year, the total assessment for all payors shall be:

(i) Set by a memorandum from the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission; and

(ii) Apportioned equitably by the Commissioner between the classes of payors described under subsection [(a)(1) and (2)] (A)(3) of this section as determined by the Commissioner.