

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THAT INDICATION IF THE DRUG IS RECOGNIZED FOR TREATMENT OF THE INDICATION IN ONE OF THE STANDARD REFERENCE COMPENDIA OR IN THE MEDICAL LITERATURE.

(2) COVERAGE OF A DRUG REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION ALSO INCLUDES MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DRUG.

~~(C) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE COMMISSIONER SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DIRECT A PERSON THAT ISSUES A CONTRACT OR POLICY OF HEALTH INSURANCE TO MAKE PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.~~

~~(D) (1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL APPOINT A PANEL OF MEDICAL EXPERTS TO REVIEW OFF-LABEL USES OF DRUGS NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OF THE STANDARD REFERENCE COMPENDIA OR IN THE MEDICAL LITERATURE AND TO ADVISE THE SECRETARY WHETHER A PARTICULAR OFF-LABEL USE IS MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE.~~

~~(2) THE PANEL SHALL CONSIST OF:~~

~~(I) THREE MEDICAL ONCOLOGISTS CHOSEN BY THE STATE MEDICAL ONCOLOGY ASSOCIATION;~~

~~(II) TWO SPECIALISTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF AIDS PATIENTS CHOSEN BY THE STATE AIDS MEDICAL PROVIDER ORGANIZATION;~~

~~(III) ONE SPECIALIST IN HEART DISEASE APPOINTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM; AND~~

~~(IV) ONE PHYSICIAN CHOSEN BY THE STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.~~

~~(3) THE PANEL SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME AND WHENEVER A PARTICULAR DISPUTE ABOUT PAYMENT FOR OFF-LABEL USE IS BROUGHT TO THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.~~

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