

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-705.6.

(A) THERE IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO:

(1) PROMOTE THE DISSEMINATION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS INCLUDING:

(I) THE FINDINGS OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATION CONDUCTED BY THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST COMMISSION ON THE QUALITY OF CARE OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION BENEFIT PLANS AND SERVICES UNDER § 19-1508(C) OF THIS TITLE;

(II) INFORMATION ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AS REPORTED TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER § 19-717 OF THIS TITLE;

(III) THE MEDICAL-LOSS RATIO FOR EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND

(IV) AGGREGATE INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE COMPLAINT SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS OR SUBSCRIBERS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 19-705.2 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(2) RECEIVE AND FACILITATE THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF ANY HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE.

(C) (1) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF 13 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(2) OF THE 13 MEMBERS:

(I) FOUR SHALL BE PUBLIC MEMBERS;

(II) THREE SHALL REPRESENT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS;

(III) TWO SHALL REPRESENT LICENSED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS;

(IV) ONE SHALL REPRESENT HOSPITALS;

(V) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

(VI) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION; AND