

(7) Ensure utilization of the medical care data base as a primary means to compile data and information and annually report on trends and variances regarding fees for service, cost of care, regional and national comparisons, and indications of malpractice situations;

(8) Develop a payment system for health care services;

(9) Establish standards for the operation and licensing of medical care electronic claims clearinghouses in Maryland;

(10) Foster the development of practice parameters;

(11) Reduce the costs of claims submission and the administration of claims for health care practitioners and payors; [and]

(12) Develop a uniform set of effective benefits to be offered as substantial, available, and affordable coverage in the nongroup market in accordance with § 15-606 of the Insurance Article; AND

(13) DETERMINE THE COST OF MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 15 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

Article - Insurance

15-1501.

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

(2) "Commission" means the Health Care Access and Cost Commission.

(3) (i) "Mandated health insurance service" means a legislative proposal or statute that would require a particular health care service to be provided or offered in a health benefit plan, by a carrier or other organization authorized to provide health benefit plans in the State.

(ii) "Mandated health insurance service", as applicable to all carriers, does not include services enumerated to describe a health maintenance organization under ~~§ 19-702(F)(2)~~ § 19-701(F)(2) of the Health - General Article.

(b) This [section] SUBTITLE does not affect the ability of the General Assembly to enact legislation on mandated health insurance services.

(c) (1) The Commission shall assess the social, medical, and financial impacts of a proposed mandated health insurance service.

(2) In assessing a proposed mandated health insurance service and to the extent that information is available, the Commission shall consider:

(i) social impacts, including:

1. the extent to which the service is generally utilized by a significant portion of the population;