

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

[(12)] (13) 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.

(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL COORDINATE THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION TO ENSURE AN INTEGRATED, EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE POLICY FOR THE STATE.

[19-1503.] 19-104.

(a) (1) The Commission shall consist of ~~nine~~ 13 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) (1) Of the ~~nine~~ 13 members, [~~six~~] FIVE SEVEN shall be individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor.

(II) OF THE REMAINING SIX MEMBERS, ONLY TWO SHALL BE PHYSICIANS AND ONLY TWO SHALL BE PAYORS, AS DEFINED IN § 19-133 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(b) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

(2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 1, 1999.

(3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

~~(2)~~ (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

~~(3)~~ (5) The Governor may remove a member for neglect of duty, incompetence, or misconduct.

(4) (6) A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(c) ~~(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, to~~ TO the extent practicable, when appointing members to the Commission, the Governor shall assure geographic balance AND PROMOTE RACIAL DIVERSITY in the Commission's membership.

~~(2) Two members of the Commission shall be appointed at large and may be from a geographic area already represented on the Commission.~~

[19-1504.] 19-105.

(a) The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the Commission.

(b) The chairman may appoint a vice chairman for the Commission.