

(g) In developing the medical care data base, the Commission shall consult with[:

(1) Representatives of] REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION, health care practitioners, payors, and hospitals[; and

(2) Representatives of the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Health Resources Planning Commission to ensure that the medical care data base is compatible with, may be merged with, and does not duplicate information collected by the Health Services Cost Review Commission hospital discharge data base, or data collected by the Health Resources Planning Commission as authorized in § 19-107 of this title] TO ENSURE THAT THE MEDICAL CARE DATA BASE IS COMPATIBLE WITH, MAY BE MERGED WITH, AND DOES NOT DUPLICATE INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION.

(h) Repealed.

(i) The Commission, in consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, payors, health care practitioners, and hospitals, may adopt by regulation standards for the electronic submission of data and submission and transfer of the uniform claims forms established under § 15-1003 of the Insurance Article.

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(a) (1) In order to more efficiently establish a medical care data base under [§ 19-1507] § 19-134 of this subtitle, the Commission shall establish standards for the operation of one or more medical care electronic claims clearinghouses in Maryland and may license those clearinghouses meeting those standards.

(2) In adopting regulations under this subsection, the Commission shall consider appropriate national standards.

(3) The Commission may limit the number of licensed claims clearinghouses to assure maximum efficiency and cost effectiveness.

(4) The Commission, by regulation, may charge a reasonable licensing fee to operate a licensed claims clearinghouse.

(5) Health care practitioners in Maryland, as designated by the Commission, shall submit, and payors of health care services in Maryland as designated by the Commission shall receive claims for payment and any other information reasonably related to the medical care data base electronically in a standard format as required by the Commission whether by means of a claims clearinghouse or other method approved by the Commission.

(6) The Commission shall establish reasonable deadlines for the phasing in of electronic transmittal of claims from those health care practitioners designated under paragraph (5) of this subsection.

(7) As designated by the Commission, payors of health care services in Maryland and Medicaid and Medicare shall transmit explanations of benefits and any other information reasonably related to the medical care data base electronically in a