

CHAPTER 51

(Senate Bill 100)

AN ACT concerning

Patient Care Advisory Committees - Consultation and Evidentiary Use of Advice

FOR the purpose of requiring a patient care advisory committee to consult with a medical professional familiar with pediatric end-of-life care under certain circumstances; ~~authorizing the written advice of a patient care advisory committee to be admitted into evidence in a certain guardianship or juvenile proceeding;~~ and generally relating to patient care advisory committees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-372 and 19-374

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

19-372.

(a) (1) Each advisory committee shall consist of at least 4 members, including:

(i) A physician not directly involved with the care of the patient in question;

(ii) A registered nurse not directly involved with the care of the patient in question;

(iii) A social worker; and

(iv) The chief executive officer or a designee from each hospital and each related institution represented on that advisory committee.

(2) The advisory committee may consist of as many other individuals as each represented hospital and related institution may choose, including:

(i) Representatives of the community; and

(ii) Ethical advisors or clergy.

(3) As part of the advisory committee's deliberations, the advisory committee, in appropriate cases, shall consult:

(i) All members of the patient's treatment team;