

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,Article – Health – GeneralSection 19-374Annotated 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;

(ii) The patient; [and]

(iii) The patient's family; AND

(IV) IN A CASE INVOLVING THE OPTIONS FOR MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT OF A CHILD WITH A LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION, A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL FAMILIAR WITH PEDIATRIC END-OF-LIFE CARE, IF A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WITH THIS EXPERTISE IS NOT ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

(b) The petitioner may be accompanied by any persons the petitioner desires.