

according to the factors set forth in subsection (b)(3)(i) and (ii) of this section and the conversion modifier established by the Commission.

(e) (1) On an annual basis, the Commission shall publish:

(i) The total reimbursement for all health care services over a 12-month period;

(ii) The total reimbursement for each health care specialty over a 12-month period;

(iii) The total reimbursement for each code over a 12-month period;
and

(iv) The annual rate of change in reimbursement for health services by health care specialties and by code.

(2) In addition to the information required under paragraph of this subsection, the Commission may publish any other information that the Commission deems appropriate.

(f) The Commission may establish health care cost annual adjustment goals for the cost of health care services and may establish the total cost of health care services by code to be rendered by a specialty group of health care practitioners designated by the Commission during a 12-month period.

(g) In developing a health care cost annual adjustment goal under subsection (f) of this section, the Commission shall:

(1) Consult with appropriate health care practitioners, payors, the Association of Maryland Hospitals and Health Systems, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Business and Economic Development; and

(2) Take into consideration:

(i) The input costs and other underlying factors that contribute to the rising cost of health care in the State and in the United States;

(ii) The resources necessary for the delivery of quality health care;

(iii) The additional costs associated with aging populations and new technology;

(iv) The potential impacts of federal laws on health care costs; and

(v) The savings associated with the implementation of modified practice patterns.

(h) Nothing in this section shall have the effect of impairing the ability of a health maintenance organization to contract with health care practitioners or any other individual under mutually agreed upon terms and conditions.