

5. the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services System, or the Executive Director's designee;

6. the Chairperson of the Emergency Medical Services Board, or the Chairperson's designee; and

7. five members of the general public who do not have an interest in the State's Emergency Medical Services System, appointed as follows:

(i) one by the Governor;

(ii) two by the President of the Senate; and

(iii) two by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(e) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House jointly shall appoint co-chairs from among the Senate and the House members appointed to the Panel.

(f) The Panel shall be staffed by the Department of Legislative Services, in consultation with the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Health Care Commission.

(g) In conducting its study of the potential funding needs of the network of trauma centers participating in the State's Emergency Medical Services System that do not receive funding under EMSOF, the Panel shall:

(i) examine the costs associated with the operation of adult and pediatric trauma centers, each of the level I through level III trauma centers, and any other trauma centers that participate in the State's Emergency Medical Services System;

(ii) evaluate the amount, extent, source, and contributing factors of any financial gain or loss attributable to each of the State's designated trauma centers that are not already recovered under the hospital rate setting system under the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and

(iii) consider potential funding sources or other approaches to address any funding needs identified by the study.

(h) To enable Panel members to understand the frame of reference of the State's Emergency Medical Services System and its related entities, the Panel shall be briefed on any studies of the components of the Emergency Medical Services System conducted in the past 4 years.

(i) 1. The Panel shall submit reports in accordance with paragraph 2 of this subsection on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Finance Committee, and Judicial Proceedings Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, Commerce and Government Matters Committee, and Environmental Matters Committee.