

5. A PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER

(II) "TRAUMA CENTER" INCLUDES AN OUT-OF-STATE PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER THAT HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS.

(4) "TRAUMA PHYSICIAN" MEANS A TRAUMA SURGEON, AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, A NEUROSURGEON, AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT PHYSICIAN, AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST, OR AN EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN WHO PROVIDES CARE IN A TRAUMA CENTER TO TRAUMA PATIENTS ON THE STATE TRAUMA REGISTRY.

(5) "UNCOMPENSATED CARE" MEANS CARE PROVIDED BY A TRAUMA PHYSICIAN TO A TRAUMA PATIENT ON THE STATE TRAUMA REGISTRY WHO:

(I) HAS NO HEALTH INSURANCE, INCLUDING MEDICARE PART B COVERAGE;

(II) IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; AND

(III) HAS NOT PAID THE TRAUMA PHYSICIAN FOR CARE PROVIDED BY THE TRAUMA PHYSICIAN, AFTER DOCUMENTED ATTEMPTS BY THE TRAUMA PHYSICIAN TO COLLECT PAYMENT.

(B) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES FUND.

(2) ~~THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO SUBSIDIZE THE DOCUMENTED COSTS OF PHYSICIAN UNCOMPENSATED CARE PROVIDED TO TRAUMA PATIENTS ON THE TRAUMA REGISTRY IN A TRAUMA CENTER DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS AS:~~

~~(I) THE STATE PRIMARY ADULT RESOURCE CENTER;~~

~~(II) A LEVEL I TRAUMA CENTER;~~

~~(III) A LEVEL II TRAUMA CENTER;~~

~~(IV) A LEVEL III TRAUMA CENTER; OR~~

~~(V) A PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER COSTS:~~

(I) OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE INCURRED BY A TRAUMA PHYSICIAN IN PROVIDING TRAUMA CARE TO A TRAUMA PATIENT ON THE STATE TRAUMA REGISTRY;

(II) OF UNDERCOMPENSATED CARE INCURRED BY A TRAUMA PHYSICIAN IN PROVIDING TRAUMA CARE TO AN ENROLLEE OF THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHO IS A TRAUMA PATIENT ON THE STATE TRAUMA REGISTRY;

(III) INCURRED BY A TRAUMA CENTER TO MAINTAIN TRAUMA PHYSICIANS ON-CALL AS REQUIRED BY THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS; AND