

(6) INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT THE PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND TREATMENT OF ARTHRITIS AMONG STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS, PROVIDERS, PROFESSIONALS, AND POLICY MAKERS;

(7) IMPLEMENT AND COORDINATE STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO REDUCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH BURDEN OF ARTHRITIS; AND

(8) IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND CONTAIN HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ARTHRITIS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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There is a State Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases FOR THE PROGRAM.

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(a) (1) The Advisory Council consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

(2) Of the 15 members:

(i) 2 shall be representatives of the physicians and arthritis health professionals at the State's 2 medical schools;

(ii) 1 shall be a representative of the Department;

(iii) 1 shall be a representative of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation;

(iv) 1 shall be a representative of the Department of Aging;

(v) 1 shall be a representative of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped;

(vi) 3 shall be members of voluntary agencies, including the Maryland Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, the Maryland Lupus Foundation, and Home Health Care Inc.;

(vii) 2 shall be representatives from hospitals or health professionals or both outside of the major metropolitan areas;

(viii) 2 shall be representatives from the health care industry, including the pharmaceutical industry and third-party payors; and

(ix) 2 shall be arthritic patients or family members of arthritic patients.

(b) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Advisory Council on July 1, 1989.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.