

(3) IN APPOINTING THE CONSUMER MEMBERS, THE SECRETARY SHALL GIVE A PREFERENCE TO SUBSCRIBERS OF CONTINUING CARE FACILITIES.

(B) TERMS OF OFFICE.

(1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

(2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS ON OCTOBER 1, 2007.

(3) A MEMBER MAY SERVE CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

(C) CHAIR.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT ITS CHAIR.

(D) COMPENSATION; EXPENSES.

A MEMBER:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(E) IMMUNITY.

A MEMBER IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY AS PROVIDED IN § 5-514 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

(F) CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROHIBITED.

A MEMBER MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN A REVIEW OF A PROVIDER'S FINANCIAL CONDITION IF THAT MEMBER HAS AN INTEREST, AS DEFINED UNDER THE MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW IN § 15-102 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, IN THE PROVIDER.

(G) CONFIDENTIALITY.

THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMITTEE, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE, SHALL BE CONFIDENTIAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 70B, § 17A(b).

Throughout this section, the references to a "member" are substituted for the former references to a "member of the Committee" or a "Financial Review Committee" member for brevity.

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the reference to the Secretary "giv[ing] a preference" to subscribers in appointing the consumer members is substituted for the former reference to the consumer members being "preferably" subscribers for clarity.