

(4) PRIVATE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR KIDNEY DISEASE TREATMENT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN; AND

(5) INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE STATE BENEFITS FOR KIDNEY DISEASE TREATMENT SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEARING SOME OF THE COST OF THAT CARE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR ABILITY TO PAY.

(b) (1) This State recognizes its responsibilities:

(i) To allow its citizens to keep their health without being made paupers; and

(ii) To use its resources and organization to aid in gathering and giving out information on the treatment of chronic kidney disease.

(2) The General Assembly seeks to meet these responsibilities by making the treatment of chronic kidney disease easily available through the education, treatment, and reimbursement programs under this subtitle, thus, lowering the cost of this treatment.

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There is a State Commission on Kidney Disease.

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(a) (1) The Commission consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor.

(2) Of the 12 Commission members:

(i) 1 shall be an individual from the medical insurance industry;

(ii) 4 shall be individuals who are laypersons to the field of medicine;

(iii) 3 shall be individuals appointed at the discretion of the Governor;

and

(iv) 4 shall be individuals appointed as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the Governor shall appoint 1 member from a list of individuals submitted to the Governor by each of the following organizations:

1. The Kidney Foundation of Maryland;

2. The faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine;

3. The faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; and

4. The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland.