

20-504.

(a) The powers and duties of the Maryland Health Care Foundation shall rest in and be exercised by a board of 19 trustees.

(b) The Board of Trustees shall consist of:

(1) The President of the Senate of Maryland or the President's designee;

(2) The Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland or the Speaker's designee;

(3) The Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene and Human Resources and the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, ex officio, or their designees; and

(4) Fourteen individuals [initially] appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as follows:

(i) Three shall represent the interests of the payor community;

(ii) Three shall represent the interests of the health care provider community;

(iii) Two shall represent the business community;

(iv) Two shall represent the labor community; and

(v) Four shall represent the interests of the general public and may not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor.

(c) The Governor shall consider geographical balance in making appointments to the Board of Trustees.

(d) Except for the ex officio members or their designees:

(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 Board on October 1, 1997;

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

(4) A member who is appointed after a term is begun serves for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies; and

(5) A member may serve no more than two terms.

20-505.

(a) The Board of Trustees shall elect one of their members to serve as chairman.

(b) The Board shall meet at places and dates to be determined by the Board, but not less than two times a year.