

Article - Insurance2-104.

(i) The Commissioner may procure, on a fee or part-time basis or both, actuarial, legal, technical, or other professional services, INCLUDING THE SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS AND MEDICAL EXPERTS.

(K) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPOINT OR CONTRACT WITH A PHYSICIAN AND MAY APPOINT OR CONTRACT WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE COMMISSIONER IN PERFORMING THOSE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER THAT RELATE TO THE REGULATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

2-112.2.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "CARRIER" MEANS:

(I) AN INSURER THAT OFFERS HEALTH INSURANCE OTHER THAN LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE OR DISABILITY INSURANCE;

(II) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;

(III) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;

(IV) A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION; OR

(V) EXCEPT FOR A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE, ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE.

(3) (I) "PREMIUM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1-101 OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE EXTENT IT IS ALLOCABLE TO HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THIS STATE.

(II) "PREMIUM" INCLUDES ANY AMOUNTS PAID TO A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AS COMPENSATION FOR PROVIDING TO MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS THE SERVICES SPECIFIED IN TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE TO THE EXTENT THE AMOUNTS ARE ALLOCABLE TO THIS STATE.

(B) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

(1) COLLECT A HEALTH CARE REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FROM EACH CARRIER FOR THE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TITLE 15, SUBTITLES 10A AND 10B OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(2) DEPOSIT THE AMOUNTS COLLECTED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION INTO THE HEALTH CARE REGULATORY FUND ESTABLISHED IN § 2-112.3 OF THIS SUBTITLE.