

~~(c)~~ (D) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD COUNCIL.

~~(D)~~ (1) ~~THE TERM OF A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY IS 3 YEARS.~~

~~(2) IF A VACANCY OCCURS DURING THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER, THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT A SUCCESSOR WHO SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE TERM EXPIRES.~~

(E) THE BOARD COUNCIL SHALL:

~~(1) MEET NOT FEWER THAN THREE TIMES ANNUALLY;~~

~~(2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY REGARDING THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT:~~

~~(i) REGULATIONS AND THE NEED FOR ANY FURTHER LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE PROGRAM; AND STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM THAT ELECTRONICALLY COLLECTS AND STORES DATA CONCERNING MONITORED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.~~

(F) THE COUNCIL SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY FOR ESTABLISHING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM THAT:

(1) ASSISTS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS IN:

(i) THE IDENTIFICATION, TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE; AND

(ii) THE IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION OF UNLAWFUL PRESCRIPTION DRUG DIVERSION;

(2) PROMOTES A BALANCED USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING DATA TO ASSIST APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES WHILE PRESERVING THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND THE ACCESS OF PATIENTS TO OPTIMAL PHARMACEUTICAL CARE; AND