

(I) REFER suspected cases of insurance fraud to the Office of the Attorney General or the appropriate local State's Attorney to criminally prosecute a person for insurance fraud; ~~AND~~

(II) NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD OR DISCIPLINARY BODY OF EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE FRAUD INVOLVING PROFESSIONALS; AND

(III) NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD OF EVIDENCE OF GROSS OVERUTILIZATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES;

(3) Compile and abstract information that includes the number of confirmed acts of insurance fraud and the type of acts of insurance fraud;

(4) In exercising its authority under this subtitle, cooperate with the Department of State Police, the Office of the Attorney General, the local State's Attorney in the jurisdiction in which the alleged acts of insurance fraud took place and appropriate local and federal law enforcement authorities;

(5) Operate or provide for a toll-free insurance fraud hot line for the purpose of receiving and recording information on alleged acts of insurance fraud; and

(6) In cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of State Police, conduct public outreach and awareness programs on the costs of insurance fraud to the public.

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As used in this subtitle:

(a) ~~"Administrator" means the Motor Vehicle Administrator.~~

(b) ~~"Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.~~

(c) ~~"Automobile" shall include trucks, vans, and trailers, but shall not include motorcycles or motorbikes.~~

(d) ~~"Fund" means the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.~~

~~(E) "NAMED INSURED" MEANS THE PERSON DENOMINATED IN THE DECLARATIONS IN A POLICY OF MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE.~~

~~{(e)}(F) "Qualified person" means a resident of this State or the owner of a motor vehicle registered in this State or a resident of another state, territory, or federal district of the United States or province of the Dominion of Canada, or foreign country, in which recourse is afforded to residents of this State, of substantially similar character to that provided for by this subtitle, but it shall not include: (1) any automobile collision insurance carrier or other insurer seeking by way of subrogation any recovery for amounts paid for damages to motor vehicles, other real or personal property or injuries to persons under any insurance coverages that may be valid, including but not limited to collision, fire, theft, medical payments, or uninsured motorist coverages; or (2) any holder of a certificate of self insurance under this article; or (3) an insured under a policy provision~~