

(i) A uniform set of effective benefits to be included in the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan; and

(ii) A modified health benefit plan for medical savings accounts;

(7) Analyze the medical care data base and provide, in aggregate form, an annual report on the variations in costs associated with health care practitioners;

(8) Ensure utilization of the medical care data base as a primary means to compile data and information and annually report on trends and variances regarding fees for service, cost of care, regional and national comparisons, and indications of malpractice situations;

(9) Establish standards for the operation and licensing of medical care electronic claims clearinghouses in Maryland;

(10) Reduce the costs of claims submission and the administration of claims for health care practitioners and payors;

(11) Develop a uniform set of effective benefits to be offered as substantial, available, and affordable coverage in the nongroup market in accordance with § 15-606 of the Insurance Article;

(12) Determine the cost of mandated health insurance services in the State in accordance with Title 15, Subtitle 15 of the Insurance Article; [and]

(13) Promote the availability of information to consumers on charges by practitioners and reimbursements from payors; AND

(14) OVERSEE AND ADMINISTER THE MARYLAND TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES FUND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION.

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(3) (I) "TRAUMA CENTER" MEANS A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS AS:

- 1. THE STATE PRIMARY ADULT RESOURCE CENTER;
- 2. A LEVEL I TRAUMA CENTER;
- 3. A LEVEL II TRAUMA CENTER;
- 4. A LEVEL III TRAUMA CENTER; OR