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(a) A majority of the members serving on the Advisory Council represents a quorum to do business.

(b) (1) The Advisory Council shall meet at least four times a year, at the times and places that it determines.

(2) The Department shall publish notification of the meetings.

(c) A member of the Advisory Council:

(1) May not receive compensation; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(d) The Secretary shall designate the staff necessary to carry out this subtitle.
13-1805.

(a) The purpose of the Advisory Council shall be to provide advice and recommendations with respect to pain management policy, including the following:

(1) Acute and chronic pain management treatment practices by health care providers in Maryland;

(2) State statutes and regulations relating to pain management therapies;

(3) The sanction and use of alternative therapies;

(4) Acute and chronic pain management education provided by medical, nursing, pharmacy, and dental schools in this State;

(5) Acute and chronic pain management needs of both adults and children;

(6) Development of a pain management resource compendium and a palliative care hot line; and

(7) Other issues relating to pain management that the Advisory Council deems appropriate.

(b) In achieving its purpose, the Advisory Council may, as appropriate, consult with the following individuals, organizations, or entities:

(1) An acupuncturist;

(2) The American Association of Retired Persons;

(3) The Department of Aging;

(4) An AIDS specialist;

(5) The American Cancer Society;