

recommendations to the Commission on community-based services, long term care, acute patient services, ambulatory surgical services, specialized health care services, residential treatment centers for emotionally disturbed children and adolescents, mental health and alcohol and drug abuse services, and any other topic or issue that the Commission considers necessary;

(4) Apply for and accept any funds, property, or services from any person or government agency;

(5) Make agreements with a grantor or payor of funds, property, or services, including an agreement to make any study, plan, demonstration, or project;

(6) Publish and give out any information that relates to the financial aspects of health care and is considered desirable in the public interest; and

(7) Subject to the limitations of this subtitle, exercise any other power that is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this subtitle, INCLUDING ADOPTING REGULATIONS THAT SET REASONABLE DEADLINES FOR FILING OF INFORMATION OR REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND IMPOSE REASONABLE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO FILE INFORMATION OR REPORTS AS REQUIRED.

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Fund" means the Maryland Health Care Commission Fund.

(3) "Health benefit plan" has the meaning stated in § 15-201 of the Insurance Article.

(4) "Health care practitioner" means any individual who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health Occupations Article to provide health care services.

(5) "Nursing home" means a related institution that is classified as a nursing home.

(6) "Payor" means:

(i) A health insurer or nonprofit health service plan that holds a certificate of authority and provides health insurance policies or contracts in the State in accordance with this article or the Insurance Article; or

(ii) A health maintenance organization that holds a certificate of authority in the State.

(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, the Commission shall assess a fee on:

(1) All hospitals;

(2) All nursing homes;