

SENATE BILL No. 333

April 30, 2013, Introduced by Senators MARLEAU, KAHN, MOOLENAAR, JANSEN, GREEN, SCHUITMAKER, EMMONS, PAPPAGEORGE, HUNE and JONES and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding part 29.

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PART 29

HEALTH CARE TRANSPARENCY

SEC. 2901. THIS PART MAY BE REFERRED TO AS THE "MICHIGAN
HEALTH CARE TRANSPARENCY LAW".

SEC. 2903. (1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART, THE WORDS AND
PHRASES DEFINED IN SECTIONS 2905 TO 2907 HAVE THE MEANINGS ASCRIBED
TO THEM IN THOSE SECTIONS.

1 (2) IN ADDITION, ARTICLE 1 CONTAINS GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND
2 PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION APPLICABLE TO ALL ARTICLES IN THIS CODE.

3 SEC. 2905. (1) "ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS THE MICHIGAN HEALTH
4 CARE TRANSPARENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 2914.

5 (2) "CARRIER" MEANS A HEALTH CARRIER.

6 (3) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.

8 (4) "CPT CODE" MEANS THE APPLICABLE CURRENT PROCEDURAL
9 TERMINOLOGY CODE AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OR,
10 IF A CPT CODE IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE APPLICABLE CODE UNDER AN
11 APPROPRIATE UNIFORM CODING SCHEME APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR.

12 (5) "DATABASE" MEANS THE MICHIGAN HEALTH CARE TRANSPARENCY
13 DATABASE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS PART.

14 SEC. 2907. (1) "HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN" MEANS A POLICY, CONTRACT,
15 CERTIFICATE, OR AGREEMENT OFFERED OR ISSUED BY A HEALTH CARRIER TO
16 PROVIDE, DELIVER, ARRANGE FOR, PAY FOR, OR REIMBURSE ANY OF THE
17 COSTS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES. HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN DOES NOT INCLUDE
18 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (A) COVERAGE ONLY FOR ACCIDENT OR DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE
20 OR A COMBINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES.

21 (B) COVERAGE ISSUED AS A SUPPLEMENT TO LIABILITY INSURANCE.

22 (C) LIABILITY INSURANCE, INCLUDING GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE
23 AND AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE.

24 (D) WORKER'S COMPENSATION OR SIMILAR INSURANCE.

25 (E) AUTOMOBILE MEDICAL PAYMENT INSURANCE.

26 (F) CREDIT-ONLY INSURANCE.

27 (G) COVERAGE FOR ON-SITE MEDICAL CLINICS.

1 (H) OTHER SIMILAR INSURANCE COVERAGE, SPECIFIED IN FEDERAL
2 REGULATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
3 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996, PUBLIC LAW 104-191, UNDER WHICH
4 BENEFITS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES ARE SECONDARY OR INCIDENTAL TO
5 OTHER INSURANCE BENEFITS.

6 (I) A PLAN THAT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS IF THOSE
7 BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED UNDER A SEPARATE POLICY, CERTIFICATE, OR
8 CONTRACT OF INSURANCE OR ARE OTHERWISE NOT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE
9 PLAN:

10 (i) LIMITED SCOPE DENTAL OR VISION BENEFITS.

11 (ii) BENEFITS FOR LONG-TERM CARE, NURSING HOME CARE, HOME
12 HEALTH CARE, COMMUNITY-BASED CARE, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THOSE
13 BENEFITS.

14 (iii) OTHER SIMILAR, LIMITED BENEFITS SPECIFIED IN FEDERAL
15 REGULATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
16 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996, PUBLIC LAW 104-191.

17 (J) A PLAN THAT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS IF THE
18 BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED UNDER A SEPARATE POLICY, CERTIFICATE, OR
19 CONTRACT OF INSURANCE, THERE IS NO COORDINATION BETWEEN THE
20 PROVISION OF THE BENEFITS AND ANY EXCLUSION OF BENEFITS UNDER ANY
21 GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN MAINTAINED BY THE SAME PLAN SPONSOR, AND
22 THE BENEFITS ARE PAID WITH RESPECT TO AN EVENT WITHOUT REGARD TO
23 WHETHER BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED WITH RESPECT TO SUCH AN EVENT UNDER
24 ANY GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN MAINTAINED BY THE SAME PLAN SPONSOR:

25 (i) COVERAGE ONLY FOR A SPECIFIED DISEASE OR ILLNESS.

26 (ii) HOSPITAL INDEMNITY OR OTHER FIXED INDEMNITY INSURANCE.

27 (K) ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IF OFFERED AS A SEPARATE POLICY,

1 CERTIFICATE, OR CONTRACT OF INSURANCE:

2 (i) A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL POLICY AS DEFINED IN SECTION
3 1882(G) (1) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, 42 USC 1395SS.

4 (ii) COVERAGE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY THE
5 TRICARE PROGRAM UNDER 10 USC 1071 TO 1110B.

6 (iii) SIMILAR COVERAGE SUPPLEMENTAL TO COVERAGE PROVIDED UNDER A
7 GROUP HEALTH PLAN.

8 (2) "HEALTH CARE SERVICE" MEANS ANY HEALTH OR MEDICAL CARE
9 PROCEDURE OR SERVICE RENDERED BY A HEALTH PROVIDER THAT MEETS
10 EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

11 (A) PROVIDES TESTING, DIAGNOSIS, PREVENTION, OR TREATMENT OF
12 HUMAN DISEASE OR DYSFUNCTION.

13 (B) DISPENSES DRUGS, MEDICAL DEVICES, MEDICAL APPLIANCES, OR
14 MEDICAL GOODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF HUMAN DISEASE OR DYSFUNCTION.

15 (3) "HEALTH CARRIER" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES THAT
16 ARE SUBJECT TO THE INSURANCE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THIS STATE OR
17 OTHERWISE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSIONER:

18 (A) A HEALTH INSURER OPERATING PURSUANT TO THE INSURANCE CODE
19 OF 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 TO 500.8302.

20 (B) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OPERATING PURSUANT TO
21 THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 TO 500.8302.

22 (C) A HEALTH CARE CORPORATION OPERATING PURSUANT TO THE
23 NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE CORPORATION REFORM ACT, 1980 PA 350, MCL
24 550.1101 TO 550.1704.

25 (D) A NONPROFIT DENTAL CARE CORPORATION OPERATING UNDER 1963
26 PA 125, MCL 550.351 TO 550.373.

27 (E) ANY OTHER PERSON PROVIDING A PLAN OF HEALTH INSURANCE,

1 HEALTH BENEFITS, OR HEALTH SERVICES.

2 (4) FOR THE PURPOSES OF DATA SUBMISSION TO THE DATABASE IN
3 THIS PART ONLY, "HEALTH CARRIER" INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) THE MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

5 (B) A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN
6 SECTION 2 OF THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR ACT, 1984 PA 218, MCL
7 550.902, IF THE CLAIMS PROCESSED ARE UNDER A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH
8 A PERSON NOT OTHERWISE CONSIDERED A HEALTH CARRIER UNDER THIS PART.

9 (C) AN ENTITY THAT ESTABLISHES OR SPONSORS A NONINSURED
10 BENEFIT PLAN. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "NONINSURED BENEFIT
11 PLAN" MEANS A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN WITHOUT COVERAGE BY A HEALTH
12 INSURER DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) (A), A HEALTH MAINTENANCE
13 ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) (B), OR A HEALTH CARE
14 CORPORATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) (C), OR THE PORTION OF A
15 HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN WITHOUT COVERAGE BY A HEALTH CARE CORPORATION,
16 HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, OR INSURER THAT HAS A SPECIFIC OR
17 AGGREGATE EXCESS LOSS COVERAGE.

18 (5) "HEALTH FACILITY" MEANS A HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY AS
19 THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 20106.

20 (6) "HEALTH PROFESSIONAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED
21 OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF A HEALTH
22 PROFESSION UNDER ARTICLE 15.

23 (7) "HEALTH PROVIDER" MEANS A HEALTH FACILITY OR HEALTH
24 PROFESSIONAL THAT RENDERS A HEALTH CARE SERVICE TO A HUMAN PATIENT.

25 SEC. 2909. (1) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A
26 MICHIGAN HEALTH CARE TRANSPARENCY DATABASE TO COMPILE STATEWIDE
27 DATA FROM CARRIERS ON THE COST OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES RENDERED TO

1 RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE BY HEALTH PROVIDERS IN THIS STATE. THE
2 DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DATABASE IS OPERATIONAL BY 1 YEAR
3 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART. IN PERFORMING HIS OR HER
4 DUTIES UNDER THIS PART, THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSULT WITH THE
5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6 (2) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DATA REQUIRED BY RULE PROMULGATED
7 UNDER THIS PART, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DATABASE IS
8 ABLE TO COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FROM CARRIERS:

9 (A) FOR EACH TYPE OF PATIENT ENCOUNTER WITH A HEALTH PROVIDER
10 DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

11 (i) THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PATIENT.

12 (ii) THE PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS.

13 (iii) THE HEALTH CARE SERVICE RENDERED TO THE PATIENT.

14 (iv) THE DATE AND LOCATION WHERE THE HEALTH CARE SERVICE WAS
15 RENDERED.

16 (v) THE CLAIM FOR THE HEALTH CARE SERVICE AND THE PORTION OF
17 THE CLAIM PAID BY THE CARRIER AND THE PORTION PAYABLE BY THE
18 PATIENT.

19 (vi) IF APPLICABLE, THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL'S UNIVERSAL
20 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.

21 (B) APPROPRIATE DATA FROM A CARRIER RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION
22 DRUGS FOR EACH TYPE OF PATIENT ENCOUNTER WITH A PHARMACIST
23 DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR.

24 (C) APPROPRIATE DATA RELATING TO HEALTH CARE COSTS,
25 UTILIZATION, OR RESOURCES FROM CARRIERS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

26 (3) THE DIRECTOR SHALL SEEK TO OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE MONEY FROM
27 ANY FUNDING SOURCE, INCLUDING FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL

1 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ENTITIES, TO SUPPORT THE
2 ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE DATABASE.

3 SEC. 2911. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES UNDER THE
4 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969 THAT, SUBJECT TO THE
5 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART, GOVERN THE ACCESS AND RETRIEVAL OF ALL
6 DATA COLLECTED AND STORED IN THE DATABASE AND ANY CLAIMS
7 CLEARINGHOUSE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR. THE DEPARTMENT, IN
8 CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MAY
9 PROMULGATE RULES THAT, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART,
10 PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF DATA AND SUBMISSION AND
11 TRANSFER OF UNIFORM CLAIM FORMS IN USE IN THIS STATE.

12 (2) THE DIRECTOR AND ANY RULES PROMULGATED UNDER THIS PART
13 SHALL ENSURE THAT PATIENT PRIVACY IS PROTECTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH
14 STATE AND FEDERAL MEDICAL PRIVACY LAWS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE
15 THAT A PERSON THAT SUBMITS DATA IS ALLOWED A PERIOD OF TIME TO
16 REVIEW AND VALIDATE THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA BEFORE IT IS RELEASED
17 TO THE PUBLIC. THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROVIDE THAT ANY DATA THAT ARE
18 SUBJECT TO A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL-PATIENT PRIVILEGE CREATED OR
19 RECOGNIZED BY LAW ARE SUBMITTED IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT DISCLOSE
20 THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROTECTED.

21 (3) TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE DATABASE, TO ENSURE THE
22 PROPER USE OF THE DATABASE, AND TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT AND PROPER
23 ADMINISTRATION OF THE DATABASE, A PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY
24 SHALL NOT PERMIT INSPECTION OF DATA CONTAINED IN THE DATABASE,
25 DISCLOSE DATA CONTAINED IN THE DATABASE, OR COPY OR ISSUE A COPY OF
26 ALL OR PART OF DATA CONTAINED IN THE DATABASE EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED
27 BY THIS PART, BY RULE, OR BY ORDER OF A COURT OF COMPETENT

1 JURISDICTION. THE DATABASE AND DATA OR ANY PART OF THE DATA
2 CONTAINED IN THE DATABASE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF
3 INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246. IN ADDITION TO
4 ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS PART, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
5 ESTABLISH PROCEDURES THAT PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE STANDARDS OF
6 SECURITY FOR THE DATABASE.

7 (4) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT
8 DATA COLLECTION UNDER THIS PART MEETS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING
9 REQUIREMENTS:

10 (A) IT UTILIZES ANY STANDARDIZED CLAIM FORM OR ELECTRONIC
11 TRANSFER SYSTEM BEING USED IN THIS STATE BY CARRIERS AND HEALTH
12 PROVIDERS.

13 (B) IT IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND OTHER
14 UNIFORM ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASES' STANDARDS.

15 (5) THE DIRECTOR MAY ESTABLISH A FEE TO CHARGE CARRIERS FOR
16 THE SUBMISSION OF DATA. IF A FEE IS ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN THIS
17 SUBSECTION, A CARRIER SHALL PAY THE FEE TO SUBMIT DATA AS PROVIDED
18 IN THIS PART. THE DIRECTOR SHALL CHARGE ALL CARRIERS THE SAME RATE
19 FOR THE SUBMISSION OF DATA. THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOT CHARGE A CARRIER
20 THAT PAYS A FEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ANY ADDITIONAL FEE FOR
21 RECEIVING ANY DATA RELEASED FROM THE DATABASE.

22 SEC. 2913. (1) IN ESTABLISHING, ADMINISTERING, OR MODIFYING
23 THE DATABASE, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DATABASE IS
24 COMPATIBLE WITH DATA COLLECTED AND USED BY CARRIERS AND HEALTH
25 PROVIDERS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS THAT REQUIRES
26 CARRIERS TO SUBMIT DATA TO THE DATABASE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS. A
27 CARRIER SHALL SUBMIT DATA AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR UNDER THIS

1 SUBSECTION AND SHALL PAY THE FEE, IF ANY, ESTABLISHED BY THE
2 DIRECTOR UNDER SECTION 2911.

3 (2) IN ESTABLISHING, ADMINISTERING, OR MODIFYING THE DATABASE,
4 THE DIRECTOR SHALL DEVELOP A MEANS OF RELEASING DATA FROM THE
5 DATABASE IN A MANNER THAT COMPLIES WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW
6 RELATING TO MEDICAL PRIVACY AND THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL
7 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ACCOMMODATE REQUESTS
8 FOR ALL OR PARTS OF THE CLAIMS DATA FROM CONSUMERS, REPRESENTATIVES
9 OF CONSUMERS, HEALTH PROVIDERS, ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS, OR OTHER
10 PERSONS. THE DIRECTOR MAY ESTABLISH A FEE TO CHARGE PERSONS FOR THE
11 RELEASE OF DATA REQUESTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. IF ESTABLISHED,
12 THE FEE MUST BE REASONABLE AND DESIGNED TO RECOVER THE COST TO THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF RELEASING THE DATA UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

14 (3) THE DIRECTOR MAY CONTRACT FOR SERVICES NECESSARY TO CARRY
15 OUT THE DATA COLLECTION, PROCESSING, AND STORAGE ACTIVITIES
16 REQUIRED UNDER THIS PART. UNLESS PERMISSION IS SPECIFICALLY GRANTED
17 BY THE DIRECTOR, A THIRD PARTY UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR
18 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT RELEASE, PUBLISH, OR OTHERWISE USE
19 ANY DATA TO WHICH THE THIRD PARTY HAS ACCESS UNDER ITS CONTRACT AND
20 SHALL OTHERWISE COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART.

21 (4) A CARRIER THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO AN
22 ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OF \$10,000.00 FOR EACH DAY THAT THE CARRIER
23 FAILS TO FILE DATA AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR. THE DIRECTOR SHALL
24 REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER A CARRIER THAT HAS FAILED TO FILE DATA
25 AS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS OR MORE.

26 SEC. 2914. (1) THE MICHIGAN HEALTH CARE TRANSPARENCY ADVISORY
27 COMMITTEE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION

1 2215, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS CREATED ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

2 (2) THE DIRECTOR AND THE COMMISSIONER ARE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS
3 OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHOUT VOTE. THE GOVERNOR AND THE
4 DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE ADVISORY
5 COMMITTEE WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART.
6 MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ARE SUBJECT TO THE
7 ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT 3
8 MEMBERS AND THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT OTHER MEMBERS AS HE OR SHE
9 CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION AND
10 TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER THIS PART.
11 THE GOVERNOR AND THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS SO THAT THE
12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF HEALTH CARRIERS,
13 HEALTH PROVIDERS, AND PURCHASERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
14 SMALL BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS, OF HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.

15 (3) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, APPOINTED
16 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE FOR TERMS OF 4 YEARS
17 OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND APPROVED TO SERVE, WHICHEVER
18 IS LATER. FOR THE MEMBERS INITIALLY APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2),
19 THE DIRECTOR MAY DESIGNATE STAGGERED TERMS SO THAT NOT MORE THAN
20 HALF OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS' TERMS WILL EXPIRE IN ANY 1 YEAR.

21 (4) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT
22 COMPENSATION.

23 (5) ON OR BEFORE 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
24 PART, THE DIRECTOR SHALL CALL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ADVISORY
25 COMMITTEE. AT THE FIRST MEETING, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT
26 FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS A CHAIRPERSON AND OTHER OFFICERS IT
27 CONSIDERS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE. AFTER THE FIRST MEETING, THE

1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY, OR MORE
2 FREQUENTLY AT THE CALL OF THE DIRECTOR OR THE CHAIRPERSON OR IF
3 REQUESTED BY 4 OR MORE MEMBERS.

4 (6) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ASSIST THE DIRECTOR IN THE
5 ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE, IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND
6 MODIFICATION OF THE DATABASE UNDER THIS PART.

7 SEC. 2915. (1) AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE DATABASE IS
8 OPERATIONAL, AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR, THE DIRECTOR SHALL
9 NOTIFY THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PERSONS SUBJECT TO THIS PART OF THE
10 DATE THAT THE DATABASE WILL BEGIN OPERATION IN THIS STATE. UPON THE
11 DATABASE BECOMING OPERATIONAL, THE DIRECTOR SHALL PUBLICIZE THE
12 DATABASE IN A MANNER DESIGNED TO NOTIFY RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE
13 THAT THE DATABASE IS OPERATIONAL IN THIS STATE.

14 (2) ANNUALLY, BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST DAY OF THE THIRTEENTH
15 MONTH AFTER THE DATABASE IS DETERMINED TO BE OPERATIONAL UNDER
16 SUBSECTION (1), THE DIRECTOR SHALL PUBLISH AN ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE
17 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE
18 FOLLOWING:

19 (A) FOR THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES SELECTED BY THE DIRECTOR, A
20 DESCRIPTION OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

21 (i) THE VARIATION IN FEES CHARGED BY HEALTH FACILITIES AND
22 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

23 (ii) THE GEOGRAPHIC VARIATION IN THE UTILIZATION OF THOSE
24 HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

25 (B) THE TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

26 (C) THE TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR EACH HEALTH CARE SPECIALTY.

27 (D) THE TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR EACH CPT CODE.

1 (E) THE ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE IN REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE
2 SERVICES BY HEALTH CARE SPECIALTIES AND BY CPT CODE.

3 (F) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS
4 APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON CAPITATED HEALTH CARE
5 SERVICES.

6 (3) SUBJECT TO THIS PART, THE DIRECTOR SHALL MAKE THE DATA
7 COLLECTED BY THE DATABASE AND ITS REPORTS AVAILABLE ON ITS INTERNET
8 WEBSITE.

9 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2), FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL
10 REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2), THE DIRECTOR SHALL ONLY
11 INCLUDE REGIONALIZED DATA THAT DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 (A) THE IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC HEALTH PROVIDERS.

13 (B) THE IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC CARRIERS.

14 SEC. 2917. THE DIRECTOR, IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL
15 MEDICAL PRIVACY LAWS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART, MAY SHARE
16 DATA CONTAINED IN THE DATABASE WITH A STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY
17 THAT HAS A LEGITIMATE NEED FOR OR USE OF THE DATA. A STATE
18 DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR EMPLOYEES ARE
19 SUBJECT TO THIS PART WITH REGARD TO ANY DATA IT, HE, OR SHE
20 RECEIVES FROM THE DATABASE UNDER THIS SECTION.