

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §9-4-3

§9-4-3. Advisory council.

(a) The advisory council, created by chapter one hundred forty-three, Acts of the Legislature, regular session, 1953, as an advisory body to the state Medicaid Agency with respect to the medical services fund and disbursements therefrom and to advise about health and medical services, is continued so long as the medical services fund remains in existence, and thereafter so long as the state Medicaid Agency considers the advisory council to be necessary or desirable, and it is organized as provided by this section and applicable federal law and has those advisory powers and duties as are granted and imposed by this section and elsewhere by law.

(b) The advisory council shall consist of not less than nine members, nor more than 15 members, all but four of whom shall be appointed by the state Medicaid Agency and serve until replaced or reappointed on a rotating basis.

(c)(1) The heads of the Bureau of Public Health and Bureau for Medical Services are members ex officio.

(2) The cochairs of the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability, or their designees, are nonvoting ex officio members.

(3) The remaining members comprising the council consist of:

(A) One member of recognized ability in the field of medicine and surgery with respect to whose appointment the state Medical Association shall be afforded the opportunity of making nomination of three qualified persons;

(B) One member of recognized ability in the field of dentistry with respect to whose appointment the state Dental Association shall be afforded the opportunity of nominating three qualified persons;

(C) One member chosen from a list of three persons nominated by the West Virginia Primary Care Association;

(D) One member chosen from a list of three persons nominated by the Behavioral Health Providers Association of West Virginia; and

(E) The remaining members chosen from persons of recognized ability in the fields of hospital administration, nursing and allied professions and from consumers groups, including Medicaid recipients, members of the West Virginia Directors of Senior and Community Services, labor unions, cooperatives and consumer-sponsored prepaid group practices plans.

(d) The council shall meet on call of the state Medicaid Agency.

(e) Each member of the advisory council shall receive reimbursement for reasonable and necessary travel expenses for each day actually served in attendance at meetings of the council in accordance with the state's travel regulations. Requisitions for the expenses shall be accompanied by an itemized statement, which shall be filed with the Auditor and preserved as a public record.

(f) The advisory council shall assist the state Medicaid Agency in the establishment of rules, standards and bylaws necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and shall serve as consultants to the state Medicaid Agency in carrying out the provisions of this section.