**Section 640.30 Perinatal Advisory Committee**

a) The Perinatal Advisory Committee (PAC) is an advisory body to the Department in matters pertaining to the regionalization of perinatal health care. The purpose is to advise the Department on the establishment and implementation of policy.

b) The duties of the PAC shall be to advise the Department on and make recommendations concerning:

1) Health policies and quality of care issues affecting perinatal health care services and implementation of the State's perinatal health care plan;

2) The needs of perinatal health care consumers and providers;

3) Methods to seek a better understanding and wider support of regionalized perinatal health care within the local community;

4) Coordinating and organizing regional networks or systems of perinatal health care;

5) Policies relating to planning, operating and maintaining regional networks or systems of perinatal health care;

6) All proposals for rulemaking affecting the provision of perinatal health care services under the Act; and

7) Hospitals seeking designation or redesignation as described in Sections 640.40 through 640.70.

c) The PAC shall consist of 22 members appointed by the Director of the Department and six ex-officio members as follows:

1) Members

A) 10 physicians;

B) Three hospital administrators;

C) Two registered nurses;

D) One social worker;

E) One dietitian;

F) One respiratory care practitioner;

G) One health planner;

H) Two consumers or representatives of the general public interested in perinatal health care; and

I) One representative of a certified local health department;

2) Ex-Officio Members

A) One representative of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services;

B) One representative of the Illinois Department of Human Services;

C) One representative of the Consortium of Perinatal Network Administrators;

D) One representative of the Chicago Department of Public Health;

E) One representative of the Chicago Maternal and Child Health Advisory Committee of the Chicago Department of Public Health; and

F) One representative of the Genetic and Metabolic Diseases Advisory Committee of the Department.

d) Physician membership on the PAC shall consist of four obstetrician-gynecologists, to include a subspecialist in maternal/fetal medicine, four pediatricians, to include a subspecialist in neonatal/perinatal medicine and two family practice physicians.

e) Recommendations for physicians shall be solicited from the Illinois State Medical Society, the Illinois Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Family Practice. Recommendations for hospital administrators and a health planner shall be solicited from the Illinois Hospital Association. Recommendations for nurses shall be solicited from the Illinois Nurses Association; the Illinois Section, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing (AWHONN); the National Association of Neonatal Nurses; and the American College of Nurse-Midwives. Recommendations for a social worker, a dietitian and a respiratory care practitioner shall be solicited from the Illinois Perinatal Social Work Association, the Illinois Dietetics Association and the Illinois Society of Respiratory Care. Recommendations for a representative of a certified local health department shall be solicited from the Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators.

f) Membership of the PAC shall be selected to be representative of the levels of perinatal care described in Section 640.40, as well as of the different settings in which perinatal care is provided, both geographic and institutional.

g) Members of the PAC shall serve four-year terms. Ex-officio members shall have no set term of service. Both members and ex-officio members shall have full voting privileges.

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