AN ACT relating to emergency services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 205.590 is amended to read as follows:

(1) The following technical advisory committees shall be established for the purpose of acting in an advisory capacity to the Advisory Council for Medical Assistance with respect to the administration of the medical assistance program and in performing the function of peer review:

(a) A Technical Advisory Committee on Physician Services consisting of five (5) physicians appointed by the council of the Kentucky State Medical Association;

(b) A Technical Advisory Committee on Hospital Care consisting of five (5) hospital administrators appointed by the board of trustees of the Kentucky Hospital Association;

(c) A Technical Advisory Committee on Dental Care consisting of five (5) dentists appointed by the Kentucky Dental Association;

(d) A Technical Advisory Committee on Nursing Service consisting of five (5) nurses appointed by the board of directors of the Kentucky State Association of Registered Nurses;

(e) A Technical Advisory Committee on Nursing Home Care consisting of six (6) members of which five (5) members shall be appointed by the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities, and one (1) member shall be appointed by the Kentucky Association of Nonprofit Homes and Services for the Aging, Inc.;

(f) A Technical Advisory Committee on Optometric Care consisting of five (5) members appointed by the Kentucky Optometric Association;

(g) A Technical Advisory Committee on Podiatric Care consisting of five (5) podiatrists appointed by the Kentucky Podiatry Association;
(h) A Technical Advisory Committee on Primary Care consisting of five (5) primary care providers, two (2) of whom shall represent licensed health maintenance organizations, appointed by the Governor, until such time as an association of primary care providers is established, whereafter the association shall appoint the members;

(i) A Technical Advisory Committee on Home Health Care consisting of five (5) members appointed by the board of directors of the Kentucky Home Health Association;

(j) A Technical Advisory Committee on Consumer Rights and Client Needs consisting of seven (7) members, with one (1) member to be appointed by each of the following organizations: the American Association of Retired Persons Kentucky, the Family Resource Youth Services Coalition of Kentucky, the Kentucky Association of Community Health Workers, the Kentucky Legal Services Corporation, the Arc of Kentucky, the Department of Public Advocacy, and the National Association of Social Workers-Kentucky Chapter;

(k) A Technical Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health consisting of seven (7) members, with one (1) member to be appointed by each of the following organizations: the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition, the Kentucky Association of Regional Programs, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Kentucky, a statewide mental health consumer organization, the People Advocating Recovery (PAR), the Brain Injury Association of America-Kentucky Chapter, and the Kentucky Brain Injury Alliance;

(l) A Technical Advisory Committee on Children's Health consisting of ten (10) members, with one (1) member to be appointed by each of the following organizations: the Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Kentucky PTA, the Kentucky Psychological Association, the Kentucky
School Nurses Association, the Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education, the Family Resource and Youth Services Coalition of Kentucky, the Kentucky Youth Advocates, the Kentucky Association of Hospice and Palliative Care, a parent of a child enrolled in Medicaid or the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program appointed by the Kentucky Head Start Association, and a pediatric dentist appointed by the Kentucky Dental Association;

(m) A Technical Advisory Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities consisting of nine (9) members, one (1) of whom shall be a consumer who participates in a nonresidential community Medicaid waiver program, one (1) of whom shall be a consumer who participates in a residential community Medicaid waiver program, one (1) of whom shall be a consumer representative of a family member who participates in a community Medicaid waiver program, and one (1) of whom shall be a consumer representative of a family member who resides in an ICF/ID facility that accepts Medicaid payments, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor; one (1) member shall be appointed by the Arc of Kentucky; one (1) member shall be appointed by the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities; one (1) member shall be appointed by the Kentucky Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; and two (2) members shall be appointed by the Kentucky Association of Private Providers, one (1) of whom shall be a nonprofit provider and one (1) of whom shall be a for-profit provider;

(n) A Technical Advisory Committee on Therapy Services consisting of six (6) members, two (2) of whom shall be occupational therapists and shall be appointed by the Kentucky Occupational Therapists Association, two (2) of whom shall be physical therapists and shall be appointed by the Kentucky Physical Therapy Association, and two (2) of whom shall be speech therapists
and shall be appointed by the Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association;

(o) A Technical Advisory Committee on Pharmacy consisting of seven (7) members, two (2) of whom shall be Kentucky licensed pharmacists who own fewer than ten (10) pharmacies in the Commonwealth and shall be appointed by the Kentucky Independent Pharmacy Alliance, two (2) of whom shall be Kentucky licensed pharmacists and shall be appointed by the Kentucky Pharmacy Association, and one (1) member to be appointed by each of the following organizations: the Kentucky Hospital Association, the Kentucky Primary Care Association, and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores;

(p) A Technical Advisory Committee on Persons Returning to Society from Incarceration consisting of twelve (12) members of whom:

1. One (1) shall be appointed by each of the following organizations: the Kentucky Jailers Association, the Kentucky Medical Association, the Kentucky Association of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse-Midwives, Community Action of Kentucky, the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy, a Kentucky civil legal aid program, the Kentucky Department of Corrections, the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, the Kentucky Association of Regional Programs, and the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts; and

2. One (1) formerly incarcerated individual who is a current or former Medicaid recipient shall be appointed by Mental Health America of Kentucky; and

(q) A Technical Advisory Committee on Emergency Medical Services consisting of seven (7) members of whom one (1) shall represent the air
medical industry and shall be appointed by the Kentucky Chapter of the Association of Air Medical Services; one (1) shall be appointed by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services; two (2) shall represent the emergency medical services billing industry who shall be members of and appointed by the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association; and three (3) shall represent ground ambulance providers and shall be appointed by the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association. All members appointed to this committee shall represent emergency medical services providers that operate in Kentucky and shall have experience in interpreting, implementing, or ensuring compliance with Medicaid regulations.

(2) The members of the technical advisory committees shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(3) Each appointive member of a committee shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses in carrying out their duties with reimbursement for expenses being made in accordance with state regulations relating to travel reimbursement.