§ 268-f. Marketplace advisory committee. 1. There is hereby created the marketplace advisory committee, which shall consider and advise the department and commissioner on matters concerning the provision of health care coverage through the NY State of Health or Health Plan Marketplace.

2. The marketplace advisory committee shall be composed of up to twenty-eight members consisting of twenty-four members appointed by the commissioner, two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly, and two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate. The advisory committee shall at all times be representative of each geographic area of the state and include:

(a) representatives from the following categories, but not more than six from any single category:

(i) health plan consumer advocates;

(ii) small business consumer representatives;

(iii) health care provider representatives;

(iv) representatives of the health insurance industry;

(b) representatives from the following categories, but not more than two from either category:

(i) licensed insurance producers; and

(ii) representatives of labor organizations.

3. The commissioner shall select the chair of the advisory committee from among the members of such committee and shall designate an officer or employee of the department to assist the marketplace advisory committee in the performance of its duties under this section. The Marketplace shall adopt rules for the governance of the advisory committee, which shall meet as frequently as its business may require and at such other times as determined by the chair to be necessary, in consultation with the executive director of the Marketplace.

4. Members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation for their services as members, but each shall be allowed the necessary and actual expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties under this section.