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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Exempt Hospice Care from**
3 **Managed Care Coverage**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to exclude
5 hospice care from managed care coverage and to pay licensed hospice programs
6 directly in accordance with hospice rates set by the Department of Health and
7 Mental Hygiene.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 15-103.3
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Health - General**

16 15-103.3.

17 THE SECRETARY SHALL:

18 (1) EXCLUDE HOSPICE CARE FROM THE SERVICES THAT A MANAGED
19 CARE ORGANIZATION IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE TO ENROLLEES.

20 (2) PAY LICENSED HOSPICE PROGRAMS DIRECTLY FOR HOSPICE CARE
21 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOSPICE RATES SET BY THE DEPARTMENT.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2000.