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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee - Modifications**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory
 4 Committee; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to seek
 5 recommendations from certain organizations in selecting certain consumer
 6 representatives; providing that certain consumer representatives may be
 7 selected to serve on the Committee as a vacancy occurs; requiring the
 8 Department to provide members of the Committee with certain advance notice
 9 of a Committee meeting; requiring the Department to provide members of the
 10 Committee with certain documents in a certain period of time in advance of a
 11 Committee meeting; and generally relating to the Maryland Medicaid Advisory
 12 Committee.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 14 Article - Health - General
 15 Section 15-103(b)(27)
 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
 17 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Health - General**

2 15-103.

3 (b) (27) (i) The Department shall establish the Maryland Medicaid
4 Advisory Committee, composed of no more than 25 members, the majority of whom
5 are enrollees or enrollee advocates.

6 (ii) The Committee members shall include:

7 1. Current or former enrollees or the parents or guardians of
8 current or former enrollees;

9 2. Providers who are familiar with the medical needs of
10 low-income population groups, including board-certified physicians AND LICENSED
11 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS;

12 3. Hospital representatives;

13 4. HOSPICE PROVIDERS;

14 ~~4.~~ 5. Advocates for the Medicaid population, including
15 representatives of special needs populations;

16 ~~5.~~ 6. MEDICAID RECIPIENTS;

17 ~~6.~~ 7. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORGANIZATIONS THAT
18 REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

19 A. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY
20 DISADVANTAGED;

21 B. CHILDREN;

22 C. SENIORS AND THE FRAIL ELDERLY;

23 D. INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS;

24 E. INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES;

25 F. INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES;

26 G. INDIVIDUALS WITH BRAIN INJURIES; AND

27 H. INDIVIDUALS IN MEDICAL ADULT DAY CARE;

28 [5.] ~~7.~~ 8. Two members of the Finance Committee of the
29 Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

30 [6.] ~~8.~~ 9. Three members of the Maryland House of
31 Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

1 (iii) A designee of each of the following shall serve as an ex-officio
2 member of the Committee:

- 3 1. The Secretary of Human Resources;
4 2. The Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care
5 Commission; and
6 3. The Maryland Association of County Health Officers.

7 (iv) In addition to any duties imposed by federal law and regulation,
8 the Committee shall:

- 9 1. Advise the Secretary on the implementation, operation,
10 and evaluation of managed care programs under this section;
11 2. Review and make recommendations on the regulations
12 developed to implement managed care programs under this section;
13 3. Review and make recommendations on the standards used
14 in contracts between the Department and managed care organizations;
15 4. Review and make recommendations on the Department's
16 oversight of quality assurance standards;
17 5. Review data collected by the Department from managed
18 care organizations participating in the Program and data collected by the Maryland
19 Health Care Commission;
20 6. Promote the dissemination of managed care organization
21 performance information, including loss ratios, to enrollees in a manner that
22 facilitates quality comparisons and uses layman's language;
23 7. Assist the Department in evaluating the enrollment
24 process;
25 8. Review reports of the ombudsmen; and
26 9. Publish and submit an annual report to the Governor and,
27 subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

28 (v) Except as specified in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this
29 paragraph, the members of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee shall be
30 appointed by the Secretary and serve for a 4-year term.

31 (VI) 1. IN SELECTING CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES, AS
32 PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II)5 AND 6 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE SECRETARY
33 SHALL SEEK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STATE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY
34 SYSTEM ORGANIZATION, THE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL, THE
35 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, THE
36 DEPARTMENT OF AGING, AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

