

SENATE BILL 1073

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Evaluate the Quality of Patient Care Under a Capitated**
3 **Payment System**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Evaluate the Quality of Patient
5 Care Under a Capitated Payment System; providing for the composition, chair,
6 and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from
7 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain
8 expenses; requiring the Task Force to study certain matters related to the
9 impact of moving to a certain payment model; requiring the Task Force to
10 report its findings to the Governor and certain standing committees of the
11 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
12 this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Evaluate the Quality of
13 Patient Care Under a Capitated Payment System.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Evaluate the Quality of Patient Care Under a
17 Capitated Payment System.

18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

19 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, one of whom shall be a
20 member of the minority party, appointed by the President of the Senate;

21 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, one of whom shall be a
22 member of the minority party, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

23 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner;

2 (5) the Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review
3 Commission;

4 (6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission;

5 (7) three commissioners of the Health Services Cost Review
6 Commission, appointed by the Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review
7 Commission;

8 (8) one representative of the insurance industry in the State,
9 appointed by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; and

10 (9) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

11 (i) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;

12 (ii) two representatives of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical
13 Society;

14 (iii) two representatives of the Maryland Nurses Association;
15 and

16 (iv) six consumers of health care services.

17 (c) The Governor shall appoint the members of the Task Force listed in
18 subsection (b)(10)(i) through (iii) of this section from a list of names submitted by the
19 organizations that the members represent.

20 (d) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House each shall
21 appoint a cochair of the Task Force.

22 (e) The Health Services Cost Review Commission shall provide staff for the
23 Task Force.

24 (f) A member of the Task Force:

25 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

26 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
27 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

28 (g) The Task Force shall study the impact of moving from a “per case” to a
29 “per capita” payment model on:

- 1 (1) the provision and quality of:
- 2 (i) end-of-life care;
- 3 (ii) health care services for the chronically ill;
- 4 (iii) behavioral health services; and
- 5 (iv) specialty care services; and
- 6 (2) the alignment of patient needs with the needs of hospitals.

7 (h) On or before January 1, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings to
8 the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
9 Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations
10 Committee.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
13 end of June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
14 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.