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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Advisory Committee on Health Maintenance Organization Performance**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an Advisory Committee on Health Maintenance

4 Organization Performance; establishing the purposes of the Committee; specifying

5 the composition, terms of appointment, and staff services for the Committee; and

6 generally relating to the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Health

7 Maintenance Organization Performance.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Health - General

10 Section 19-705.6

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 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 19-705.6.

17 (A) THERE IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH MAINTENANCE  
18 ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE.

19 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO:

20 (1) PROMOTE THE DISSEMINATION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE  
21 ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS INCLUDING:

22 (I) THE FINDINGS OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATION CONDUCTED BY  
23 THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST COMMISSION ON THE QUALITY OF CARE  
24 OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE  
25 ORGANIZATION BENEFIT PLANS AND SERVICES UNDER § 19-1508(C) OF THIS TITLE;

26 (II) INFORMATION ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF HEALTH  
27 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AS REPORTED TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER §  
28 19-717 OF THIS TITLE;

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1 (III) THE MEDICAL-LOSS RATIO FOR EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE  
2 ORGANIZATION; AND

3 (IV) AGGREGATE INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE  
4 COMPLAINT SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS OR SUBSCRIBERS ESTABLISHED UNDER §  
5 19-705.2 OF THIS TITLE; AND

6 (2) RECEIVE AND FACILITATE THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS OF  
7 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF ANY HEALTH  
8 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE.

9 (C) (1) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF 13 MEMBERS  
10 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

11 (2) OF THE 13 MEMBERS:

12 (I) FOUR SHALL BE PUBLIC MEMBERS;

13 (II) THREE SHALL REPRESENT HEALTH MAINTENANCE  
14 ORGANIZATIONS;

15 (III) TWO SHALL REPRESENT LICENSED HEALTH CARE  
16 PRACTITIONERS;

17 (IV) ONE SHALL REPRESENT HOSPITALS;

18 (V) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
19 MENTAL HYGIENE;

20 (VI) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE MARYLAND INSURANCE  
21 ADMINISTRATION; AND

22 (VII) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST  
23 COMMISSION.

24 (3) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

25 (4) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE A MEMBER AS CHAIRMAN OF  
26 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

27 (5) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE TIMES AND  
28 PLACES OF ITS MEETINGS.

29 (6) STAFF FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE PROVIDED BY  
30 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS  
31 AND COST COMMISSION, AND THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 1996.