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CHAPTER ____

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:

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

5 (II) INFORMATION ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF HEALTH
6 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AS REPORTED TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER §
7 19-717 OF THIS TITLE;

8 (III) THE MEDICAL-LOSS RATIO FOR EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE
9 ORGANIZATION; AND

10 (IV) AGGREGATE INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE
11 COMPLAINT SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS OR SUBSCRIBERS ESTABLISHED UNDER §
12 19-705.2 OF THIS TITLE; AND

13 (2) RECEIVE AND FACILITATE THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS OF
14 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF ANY HEALTH
15 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE.

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

18 (2) OF THE 13 MEMBERS:

19 (I) FOUR SHALL BE PUBLIC MEMBERS;

20 (II) THREE SHALL REPRESENT HEALTH MAINTENANCE
21 ORGANIZATIONS;

22 (III) TWO SHALL REPRESENT LICENSED HEALTH CARE
23 PRACTITIONERS;

24 (IV) ONE SHALL REPRESENT HOSPITALS;

25 (V) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
26 MENTAL HYGIENE;

27 (VI) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE MARYLAND INSURANCE
28 ADMINISTRATION; AND

29 (VII) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST
30 COMMISSION.

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

32 (4) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE A MEMBER AS CHAIRMAN OF
33 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

34 (5) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE TIMES AND
35 PLACES OF ITS MEETINGS.

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

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