
By: **Delegate Montague**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Maintenance Organizations and Managed Care Organizations -**
3 **Morbidity and Mortality Statistics**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain health maintenance organizations and managed
5 care organizations to submit a certain annual report to the Department of
6 Health and Mental Hygiene containing certain morbidity and mortality
7 statistics; requiring the Department to make certain information available to
8 the public in an appropriate form through appropriate points of distribution,
9 including through local health departments; authorizing the Department to
10 adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the collection and
11 distribution of certain morbidity and mortality information of certain health
12 maintenance organizations and managed care organizations.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article - Health - General
15 Section 15-101(a), (e), and (h)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article - Health - General
20 Section 15-102.6
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

23 BY adding to
24 Article - Health - General
25 Section 19-716.1
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Health - General**

2 15-101.

3 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (e) "Managed care organization" means:

5 (1) A certified health maintenance organization that is authorized to
6 receive medical assistance prepaid capitation payments; or

7 (2) A corporation that:

8 (i) Is a managed care system that is authorized to receive medical
9 assistance prepaid capitation payments;

10 (ii) Enrolls only program recipients; and

11 (iii) Is subject to the requirements of 15-102.4 of this title.

12 (h) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

13 15-102.6.

14 (A) ANNUALLY EACH MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE
15 DEPARTMENT A REPORT CONCERNING THE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY STATISTICS
16 OF THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR.17 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE INFORMATION IT RECEIVES UNDER
18 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN AN APPROPRIATE
19 FORM THROUGH APPROPRIATE POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION, INCLUDING THROUGH
20 LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.21 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY
22 OUT THIS SECTION.

23 19-716.1.

24 (A) ANNUALLY EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL SUBMIT
25 TO THE DEPARTMENT A REPORT CONCERNING THE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY
26 STATISTICS OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION FOR THE IMMEDIATELY
27 PRECEDING YEAR.28 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE INFORMATION IT RECEIVES UNDER
29 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN AN APPROPRIATE
30 FORM THROUGH APPROPRIATE POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION, INCLUDING THROUGH
31 LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.32 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY
33 OUT THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1998.