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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Expansion of the All-Payor System**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Expansion of the All-Payor
4 System to include certain services; providing for the composition of the Task
5 Force; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to
6 make a certain report by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
7 and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Expansion of the All-Payor
8 System.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Expansion of the All-Payor System to
12 include certain health care services.

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

14 (1) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
17 the House;

18 (3) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or
19 the Secretary's designee;

20 (4) The Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or
21 the Executive Director's designee;

22 (5) The Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review
23 Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

24 (6) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's
25 designee;

- 1 (7) The following members, appointed by the Governor:
- 2 (i) A representative of physicians;
- 3 (ii) A representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;
- 4 (iii) Two representatives of third party payors;
- 5 (iv) Two representatives of labor;
- 6 (v) One economist specializing in health care financing;
- 7 (vi) One member of the Maryland Health Care Foundation; and
- 8 (vii) One consumer.
- 9 (c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.
- 10 (d) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall provide staff to the Task
11 Force.
- 12 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
13 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
14 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 15 (f) The Task Force shall meet at least once each month.
- 16 (g) The purpose of the Task Force is to study the effect of expanding the
17 All-Payor System as a means of reducing uncompensated care costs for outpatient
18 health care facilities that are currently not part of the All-Payor System.
- 19 (h) The Task Force shall study expansion of the all-payor system by
20 evaluating:
- 21 (1) The feasibility of expanding the All-Payor System to include each of
22 the following health care services:
- 23 (i) An ambulatory surgical facility;
- 24 (ii) A public or private clinic, or other institution that provides
25 treatment or other services for individuals who have mental disorders;
- 26 (iii) A related institution, as defined in § 19-301(o) of the Health -
27 General Article;
- 28 (iv) An outpatient clinic; and
- 29 (v) Any other health care service or facility, as determined by the
30 Task Force; and
- 31 (2) The effect of expanding the All-Payor System on:

1 (i) Reducing the uncompensated care costs incurred by the
2 facilities listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

3 (ii) The accessibility of health care services rendered by
4 practitioners and office facilities; and

5 (iii) Third party payors, including the Medical Assistance Program.

6 (i) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
7 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General
8 Assembly, on or before December 31, 2003.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
10 effect October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months
11 and, at the end of December 31, 2003, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further
12 force and effect.