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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee - Membership, Staffing, and**
3 **Reimbursement**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory
5 Committee; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to seek
6 recommendations from certain individuals and groups when selecting consumer
7 representatives to the Committee; requiring the Department of Health and
8 Mental Hygiene to staff the Committee; requiring the chair and staff of the
9 Committee to provide certain information to Committee members at a certain
10 time and in a certain manner; requiring certain members of the Committee to be
11 provided a certain stipend; providing that members of the Committee are
12 entitled to a certain reimbursement; and generally relating to the Maryland
13 Medicaid Advisory Committee.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Health - General
16 Section 15-103(b)(27)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Health - General**

22 15-103.

23 (b) (27) (i) 1. The Department shall establish the Maryland Medicaid
24 Advisory Committee, composed of no more than 25 members[, the majority of whom
25 are enrollees or enrollee advocates].

26 2. THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
27 SHALL BE ENROLLEES OR ENROLLEE ADVOCATES.

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2 Commission; and
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5 the Committee shall:
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7 and evaluation of managed care programs under this section;
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9 developed to implement managed care programs under this section;
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11 in contracts between the Department and managed care organizations;
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13 oversight of quality assurance standards;
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15 care organizations participating in the Program and data collected by the Maryland
16 Health Care Commission;
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18 performance information, including loss ratios, to enrollees in a manner that
19 facilitates quality comparisons and uses layman's language;
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21 process;
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24 subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
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26 paragraph, the members of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee shall be
27 appointed by the Secretary and serve for a 4-year term.
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29 provide for continuity and rotation.
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31 THE SECRETARY SHALL SEEK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM:
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33 ORGANIZATION;
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2. The Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care
 3. The Maryland Association of County Health Officers.
 - (iv) In addition to any duties imposed by federal law and regulation,
 1. Advise the Secretary on the implementation, operation,
 2. Review and make recommendations on the regulations
 3. Review and make recommendations on the standards used
 4. Review and make recommendations on the Department's
 5. Review data collected by the Department from managed
 6. Promote the dissemination of managed care organization
 7. Assist the Department in evaluating the enrollment
 8. Review reports of the ombudsmen; and
 9. Publish and submit an annual report to the Governor and,
 - (v) Except as specified in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this
 - (vi) In making appointments to the Committee, the Secretary shall
 - (VII) IN APPOINTING CONSUMER MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE,
 1. THE STATE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM
 2. THE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL;

- 1 3. THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL;
- 2 4. THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES;
- 3 5. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING;
- 4 6. CONSUMER ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS; AND
- 5 7. THE PUBLIC.

6 [(vii)] (VIII) The Secretary shall appoint the [chairman] CHAIR of the
7 Committee.

8 [(viii)] (IX) The Secretary shall appoint nonvoting members from
9 managed care organizations who may participate in Committee meetings, unless the
10 Committee meets in closed session as provided in § 10-508 of the State Government
11 Article.

12 (X) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE
13 COMMITTEE.

14 [(ix)] (XI) The Committee shall determine the times and places of
15 its meetings.

16 (XII) 1. THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE STAFF FOR THE
17 COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE THE AGENDA, MINUTES, AND ANY WRITTEN
18 MATERIALS TO BE PRESENTED OR DISCUSSED AT A MEETING TO THE MEMBERS OF
19 THE COMMITTEE AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

20 2. THE AGENDA, MINUTES, AND WRITTEN MATERIALS SHALL
21 BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN A MANNER AND FORMAT THAT IS
22 PREFERRED BY EACH MEMBER AND THAT ACCOMMODATES THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF
23 THE MEMBER.

24 [(x)] (XIII) 1. [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS
25 2 AND 3 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, a member of the Committee:

26 [1.] A. May not receive compensation; but

27 [2.] B. Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the
28 Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

29 2. A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WHO IS AN ENROLLEE
30 SHALL BE PROVIDED A STIPEND FOR THE TIME NEEDED BY THE MEMBER TO
31 PREPARE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS.

32 3. A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE IS ENTITLED TO
33 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES FOR DEPENDENT CARE, OVERNIGHT
34 ACCOMMODATIONS IF TRAVELING MORE THAN 3 HOURS FROM HOME, PERSONAL
35 CARE, AND COGNITIVE SUPPORTS.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2006.