

HOUSE BILL 171

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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2007

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Care Commission – Chronic Care Management and**
3 **Wellness Promotion – Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation
5 with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to conduct a certain study
6 of chronic care management and wellness promotion; requiring the study to
7 include certain elements; requiring the Commission to present a written report
8 of its study, on or before a certain date, to certain legislative committees; and
9 generally relating to a study of chronic care management and wellness
10 promotion.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the
14 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, shall conduct a study of chronic care
15 management and wellness promotion as strategies for improving health care delivery
16 and reducing overall health care costs.

17 (b) The study shall include:

18 (1) an estimate of the number of Marylanders who suffer from a
19 chronic condition, such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, asthma,
20 arthritis, and depression;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) an estimate of the cost of caring for these conditions, particularly
2 the cost to the Medicaid and State employee and retiree health and welfare benefit
3 programs;

4 (3) a discussion of chronic care management models, such as the
5 Asheville Project that uses pharmacists to help individuals with chronic disease
6 manage their medications;

7 (4) a discussion of wellness promotion models, such as CHAMPPS in
8 Vermont;

9 (5) a discussion of the use of information technology and performance
10 measurement in chronic care management and wellness promotion;

11 (6) a discussion of financial incentives for maintaining wellness and
12 managing chronic conditions; and

13 (7) recommendations for chronic care management and wellness
14 promotion strategies the State could pursue to improve health care delivery and
15 reduce overall health care costs.

16 (c) On or before November 1, 2007, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
17 Government Article, the Commission shall present a written report on its study to the
18 Senate Finance Committee and House Health and Government Operations
19 Committee.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 June 1, 2007.