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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nursing Facilities - Accountability Measures - Pay-for-Performance**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
5 ~~consult with certain individuals to make a certain evaluation on or before a~~
6 ~~certain date; requiring the Department to make a certain report to the General~~
7 ~~Assembly on or before a certain date; prohibiting the Department from~~
8 ~~distributing certain revenues until a certain date or the termination of certain~~
9 ~~rate reductions; requiring the Department to use certain accountability~~
10 ~~measures; develop certain accountability measures for use in a~~
11 pay-for-performance program; requiring the Department, in consultation with
12 certain stakeholders, to make certain changes to the program on or before a
13 certain date and each year thereafter; requiring the Department to examine and
14 modify the program to include improvement measures in the scoring criteria on
15 or before certain dates; requiring the Department to score nursing facilities
16 based on certain scoring criteria and to send a certain transmittal to certain
17 nursing facilities on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to
18 distribute a certain percentage of the revenues generated by a certain quality
19 assessment beginning on a certain date; requiring the Department to
20 implement a certain program beginning on a certain date; requiring the
21 Department to consult with certain stakeholders to assess the State's long-term
22 care reimbursement methodology, to conduct a certain evaluation of the
23 methodology, and to make a certain report to the General Assembly on or before
24 a certain date; codifying the provisions of law relating to the
25 pay-per-performance program; and generally relating to nursing facilities and
26 accountability measures for a pay-for-performance program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 2 ~~Chapter 503 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007, as amended by~~
 3 ~~Chapter 200 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008~~
 4 ~~Section 5~~

5 BY adding to
 6 Article – Health – General
 7 Section 19-14B-01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14B.
 8 Pay-for-Performance Program for Nursing Homes”
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

13 ~~Chapter 503 of the Acts of 2007, as amended by Chapter 200 of the Acts of~~
 14 ~~2008~~

15 ~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~
 16 ~~General Assembly that:~~

17 (a) ~~[Beginning] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS~~
 18 ~~SECTION, BEGINNING July 1, 2009, a portion of the revenues from the quality~~
 19 ~~assessment shall be distributed to nursing facilities subject to this Act based on~~
 20 ~~accountability measures that indicate quality of care or a commitment to quality of~~
 21 ~~care. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall develop a plan for~~
 22 ~~accountability measures to use in a pay for performance program in consultation~~
 23 ~~with representatives of the nursing facilities and other stakeholders. The~~
 24 ~~accountability measures should be objective, measurable, and when considered in~~
 25 ~~combination with each other, deemed to have a correlation to residents’ quality of life~~
 26 ~~and care. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL~~
 27 ~~DEVELOP ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES IN CONSULTATION WITH~~
 28 ~~REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NURSING FACILITIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS.~~

29 (b) ~~The plan developed by the Department under subsection (a) of this~~
 30 ~~section shall include:~~

31 (1) ~~Program goals;~~

32 (2) ~~Recommended options;~~

33 (3) ~~Funding sources;~~

34 (4) ~~Implementation timelines and benchmarking periods; and~~

1 ~~(5) The administrative cost of implementation of a~~
2 ~~pay for performance program.~~

3 ~~(C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2009, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL~~
4 ~~CONSULT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NURSING FACILITIES AND OTHER~~
5 ~~STAKEHOLDERS TO REEVALUATE THE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES DEVELOPED~~
6 ~~UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND EVALUATE THE DISTRIBUTION~~
7 ~~OF FUNDING AND EDUCATION REGARDING THE FINAL SCORING CRITERIA. IN~~
8 ~~REEVALUATING THE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL~~
9 ~~CONSIDER OTHER ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMS.~~

10 ~~[(e)] (D) Up to 25% of the revenues generated by the quality assessment~~
11 ~~shall be in an incentive program to be distributed as provided in this section, to the~~
12 ~~extent federal law allows. Further, the distribution of revenues as provided in this~~
13 ~~section shall be used as an incentive for nursing facilities to provide quality care, and~~
14 ~~may not be used to directly or indirectly hold harmless any nursing facility.~~

15 ~~[(d)] (E) (1) On or before December 1, 2008, the plan required under this~~
16 ~~section shall be submitted by the Department, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the~~
17 ~~State Government Article, to the General Assembly.~~

18 ~~(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2009, THE DEPARTMENT~~
19 ~~SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE REEVALUATION AND~~
20 ~~EVALUATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IN~~
21 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

22 ~~(F) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT DISTRIBUTE REVENUES~~
23 ~~GENERATED BY THE QUALITY ASSESSMENT TO NURSING FACILITIES THROUGH~~
24 ~~AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS~~
25 ~~SECTION UNTIL THE LATER OF JULY 1, 2011, OR THE TERMINATION OF RATE~~
26 ~~REDUCTIONS IMPOSED ON NURSING FACILITIES BY THE STATE.~~

27 ~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EVALUATE NURSING HOMES USING~~
28 ~~ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER~~
29 ~~SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION BUT MAY NOT DISTRIBUTE REVENUES TO~~
30 ~~NURSING FACILITIES BASED ON THE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES AS PROVIDED~~
31 ~~IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

32 Article - Health -General

33 SUBTITLE 14B. PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM FOR NURSING HOMES.

34 19-14B-01.

1 (A) (1) AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, A
2 PORTION OF THE REVENUES FROM THE QUALITY ASSESSMENT THAT IS
3 ASSESSED UNDER § 19-310.1 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO
4 NURSING FACILITIES SUBJECT TO § 19-310.1 OF THIS TITLE BASED ON
5 ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES THAT INDICATE QUALITY OF CARE OR A
6 COMMITMENT TO QUALITY OF CARE.

7 (2) IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NURSING
8 FACILITIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
9 MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL DEVELOP ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES TO USE IN A
10 PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BOTH
11 PERFORMANCE AND IMPROVEMENT.

12 (3) THE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES SHALL BE OBJECTIVE,
13 MEASURABLE, AND WHEN CONSIDERED IN COMBINATION WITH EACH OTHER,
14 DEEMED TO HAVE A CORRELATION TO RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE AND CARE.

15 (B) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2009, AND EACH YEAR
16 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF NURSING FACILITIES AND OTHER INTERESTED
18 STAKEHOLDERS, MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE
19 PROGRAM TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT ON PROVIDERS AND TO DETERMINE IF
20 THE MEASURES SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF BEING OBJECTIVE,
21 MEASURABLE, AND, WHEN CONSIDERED IN COMBINATION WITH EACH OTHER,
22 HAVE A CORRELATION TO RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE AND CARE.

23 (2) IN PERFORMING THE REVIEW REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH
24 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2009, AND ON OR
25 BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2010, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXAMINE AND MODIFY
26 THE PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT
27 MEASURES IN THE SCORING CRITERIA.

28 (C) (1) UP TO 25% OF THE REVENUES GENERATED BY THE QUALITY
29 ASSESSMENT UNDER § 19-310.1 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE IN AN INCENTIVE
30 PROGRAM TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, TO THE EXTENT
31 FEDERAL LAW ALLOWS.

32 (2) THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES AS PROVIDED IN THIS
33 SECTION SHALL BE USED AS AN INCENTIVE FOR NURSING FACILITIES TO
34 PROVIDE QUALITY CARE AND MAY NOT BE USED TO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY
35 HOLD HARMLESS ANY NURSING FACILITY.

36 (D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2008, THE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER
37 THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE

1 WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY.

3 (E) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2009, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

4 (I) SCORE NURSING FACILITIES BASED ON SCORING
5 CRITERIA DEVELOPED AND REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE
6 DECEMBER 1, 2008 REPORT AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 200 OF THE ACTS OF
7 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2008; AND

8 (II) SEND EACH NURSING FACILITY A TRANSMITTAL WITH
9 THE SCORING CRITERIA, THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NURSING FACILITY
10 RELATIVE TO THE SCORING, AND THE MONEY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN
11 RECEIVED BY THE NURSING FACILITY USING THE SCORING CRITERIA.

12 (2) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
13 DISTRIBUTE 50% OF THE REVENUES GENERATED BY THE QUALITY ASSESSMENT
14 THAT IS ASSESSED UNDER § 19-310.1 OF THIS TITLE AND REQUIRED FOR USE IN
15 A PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM TO NURSING FACILITIES AS PROVIDED IN
16 THIS SECTION.

17 (3) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FULLY
18 IMPLEMENT THE PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN THIS
19 SECTION.

20 (F) (1) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF NURSING FACILITIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO
22 ASSESS THE STATE'S LONG-TERM CARE REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY AND
23 WHETHER IT IS PROSPECTIVE AND PREDICTABLE, PROMOTES QUALITY AND
24 EFFICIENCY, AND CONSIDERS SEVERITY.

25 (II) IN EVALUATING THE STATE'S REIMBURSEMENT
26 METHODOLOGY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE
27 REIMBURSEMENT MECHANISMS, THE PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM, AND
28 QUALITY AND OUTCOME-BASED MEASURES.

29 (2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2010, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
30 REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE
31 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE EVALUATION REQUIRED UNDER
32 SUBSECTION (F)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 June 1, 2009.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.