

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 549**

**(House Bill 1390)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Health Resources Planning Commission - ~~Certificate of Need~~ - ~~Ambulatory Freestanding Primary Care Facilities~~ - Study**

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring certain ambulatory primary care facilities to obtain a certificate of need from the Health Resources Planning Commission under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to requiring certain ambulatory primary care facilities to obtain a certificate of need.~~ requiring the Health Resources Planning Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Health Services Cost Review Commission, to conduct a certain study concerning the impact on certain freestanding primary care facilities and other primary care providers of certain laws, regulations, and waivers that would authorize or require the enrollment of Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients into managed care plans or organizations; requiring the Health Resources Planning Commission to submit a certain report by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to requiring the Health Resources Planning Commission to conduct a certain study.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article Health General~~

~~Section 19-101, 19-115(j)(7), and 19-118(f)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)~~

Preamble

WHEREAS, Preventive and primary health care services are essential to the optimum health of Maryland's citizens; and

WHEREAS, The availability of preventive and primary health care services is necessary to reduce the cost of health care for all Marylanders; and

WHEREAS, The health care delivery system is most efficient when health care facilities are in the proper proportion to health care need; and

WHEREAS, The costs of building and maintaining health care facilities should be targeted to locations where health care is not adequately available; and