

OR PROTOCOL DEVELOPED UNDER THIS ACT SUBTITLE OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ACT SUBTITLE IS USED IN ORDER TO DETECT A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Emergency Management Agency shall coordinate efforts with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to assure that surveillance efforts to detect and respond to a catastrophic health emergency are conducted in a manner that support, and are not duplicative of, the State's overall emergency preparedness efforts.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That after an executive order proclaiming the existence of a catastrophic health emergency is rescinded, the State shall make reasonable efforts to determine the costs associated with health care providers' compliance with the proclamation and, based on that information, include health care providers in any application for State and federal financial aid as appropriate.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall develop a process and work collaboratively, to the extent feasible, with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, health care providers, including the Association of Maryland Hospitals & Health Systems and the Maryland State Medical Society, and interested parties on the implementation of this Act. In implementing the requirements of this Act, the Secretary shall use every attempt to build on existing health and medical disaster preparedness plans.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary shall adopt regulations to ensure that any individual subject to isolation or quarantine under the provisions of this Act shall receive appropriate and adequate care which may include daily monitoring of the individual's care, and to the extent feasible, provisions for communication of information and recognition of cultural and religious beliefs.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt regulations for health care facilities to follow in providing for the needs of pediatric patients, related to:

- (1) staff training needs;
- (2) stockpiling of equipment, medication, and supplies necessary to address a catastrophic health emergency;
- (3) treatment and decontamination protocols; and
- (4) the coordination of services with other public and private entities.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.