

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2009, funds may be appropriated by approved budget amendment from the Health Care Coverage Fund established under Section 1 of this Act for:

(1) the expansion of eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act; and

(2) providing funding for the Small Employer Health Insurance ~~Insurance~~ Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program created in Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall develop a mechanism to calculate the amount of averted hospital uncompensated care resulting from the expansion of health care coverage, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2009, \$75,000,000 may be transferred by approved budget amendment from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund to the Health Care Coverage Fund established under Section 1 of this Act to be used only for the purposes authorized under § 15-701 of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the State's Medicare waiver under § 1814(b) of the federal Social Security Act terminates, the hospital rate assessment specified under ~~§ 19-214~~ § 19-214(d) of the Health - General Article, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act, shall terminate at the end of the fiscal year in which the waiver terminates.

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State shall ensure that the transfer of funds from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund under Section 11 of this Act and the hospital rate assessment specified under ~~§ 19-214~~ § 19-214(d) of the Health - General Article, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act, shall be consistent with the State's Medicare waiver under § 1814(b) of the federal Social Security Act and federal regulations.

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly, as part of the overall expansion of eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, to increase access to long-term care services, including home and community-based services for individuals who meet the current Medicaid financial requirements of the Program and who need 24-hour supervision due to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, significant brain injury, or serious mental illness.