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The Medical Assistance Advisory Committee was created for the Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene in accordance with the federal Social Security Act (sec. 1902A(22)). The Committee advises and consults with the Deputy Secretary for Health Care Policy, Finance, and Regulation.

Composed of health care providers and consumers, the Committee is appointed for three-year terms by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. Members serve on one of several subcommittees, which review pending legislation, Five-Year Plan objectives, or special programs.

POLICY & HEALTH STATISTICS ADMINISTRATION

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The Policy and Health Statistics Administration originated in 1984 as the Office of Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation. It was renamed and reorganized by the Department in 1988. The Administration develops and implements priority projects. The Administration devises initiatives and conducts technical analyses needed to address departmental, gubernatorial or legislative concerns. It analyzes evaluations and statistics for policy decisions. The Administration works through two divisions: Health Systems Analysis, and Project Planning and Coordination.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

Chairperson: Charles L. Benton, Jr., Secretary of Budget & Fiscal Planning;

Appointed by Governor: Nelson J. Sabatini, Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene; John A. Donahoe, State Insurance Commissioner.

Appointed by Senate President: Thomas L. Bromwell; Patricia R. Sher.

Appointed by House Speaker: John F. Wood, Jr.; one vacancy.

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The Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits was formed in 1990 (Chapter 417, Acts of 1990). At the request of the Governor or the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly, the Interdepartmental

Committee evaluates legislative proposals or statutes that establish, expand, or repeal mandated health insurance benefits, nondiscrimination provisions, or provisions relating to beneficiaries or length of coverage.

The Committee has seven members. Three are members of the executive branch appointed by the Governor. Two are senators designated by the Senate President, and two are delegates designated by the House Speaker (Code 1957, Art. 48A, sec. 490M).

DIVISION OF HEALTH SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

Michael Fox, *Chief*

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The Division of Health Systems Analysis analyzes statistics on issues that pertain to health care financing and regulation and creates and maintains data bases on such issues. The Division also provides reporting system support for other Department agencies.

DIVISION OF PROJECT PLANNING & COORDINATION

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The Division of Project Planning and Coordination develops and implements special projects; analyzes the economic effects of proposed changes in health care benefits and financing; and writes position statements for State and federal legislation. The Division also provides staff for the Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits and its expert panels.

MEDICAL CARE COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATION

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By developing and implementing procedures to monitor and control the delivery of health care services, the Medical Care Compliance Administration assures that Medicaid benefits are effectively used. The Administration designs computer applications to detect aberrant practices, administers systems to preauthorize costly and abused services, and investigates and refers fraudulent activities for prosecution. By recovering reimbursements from all liable third parties, the Administration also ensures that Medicaid is the payor of last resort.

The Administration is organized into five divisions: Acute Care Services, Long-Term Care, Medical Assistance Recoveries, Utilization and Eligibility Review, and Adjunct Services.