

purposes herein appropriated and there shall be no budgetary transfers of funds appropriated herein by budget amendment or otherwise, from these programs to any other programs or purposes. Any budgetary transfers from program .03 Medical Assistance Program to any other program of the Medical Care Programs Administration must receive prior approval of the General Assembly in accordance with Article 41, Section 245(c) of the Laws of Maryland.

"Payments hereunder are authorized as budgeted not to exceed \$20.70 per day, per patient, for Nursing Home Care provided those homes qualify as skilled nursing homes under the regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare under Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act. The \$20.70 maximum may only be exceeded with the prior approval of the General Assembly in accordance with Article 41, Section 245(c) of the Laws of Maryland, or in accordance with Article 43, Section 42D, if allowable by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare for federal reimbursement.

The schedule of payments established by the State for payment to such nursing home shall not exceed, including cost and profit factors, those established by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the Administration of Title XIX of the Social Security Act as amended if such schedule jeopardizes continued eligibility for federal