

(g) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, unless provided otherwise by law, is authorized to promulgate rules and standards pertaining to the quality of health care services provided by health maintenance organizations through their health care plans. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may conduct periodic examinations to determine the quality of health care services being provided by the HEALTH MAINTENANCE organization, and to develop statistical information, in accordance with rules and procedures approved by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, utilizing methods which will provide maximum confidentiality as to patient identity and assure objective evaluation, consistent with the provisions of § 844 of this subtitle.

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(b) (4) Regulatory or administrative actions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene concerning a function or facet of a health maintenance organization's operation, in the absence of the organization's ability to make corrective changes or new arrangements satisfactory to the Department, which entail a written directive setting forth substantiated reasons and recommendations to the Commissioner shall require the Commissioner to issue appropriate orders accordingly, including the suspension or revocation of the HEALTH MAINTENANCE organization's certificate of authority.

(5) For each health maintenance organization, all ultimate actuarial and financial evaluations and determinations repose with the State Insurance Commissioner. For the protection of the public and of the HEALTH MAINTENANCE organization's subscribers and members, the Commissioner has the responsibility of determining that the health maintenance organization is or will be in position to provide a fiscally sound operation and adequate provision against the risk of insolvency.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 573

(House Bill 673)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Community Mental Health Center
Components, Addiction Facilities, and Mental
Retardation Facilities