

RESOLVED, That this committee project the fiscal impacts of promoting access to equal quality of care for Medical Assistance patients throughout the State via rate review by the Health Services Cost Review Commission and via alteration in the budget language allowing the Medical Assistance Program to establish maximum payments reflecting area cost differentials and incentives for eliminating areas of inadequate access; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this committee shall have eight 12 members: two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or his designee, a nursing home provider nominated by the Health Facilities Association of Maryland, the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning or his designee, a senior citizen, a consumer, a representative from the Commission on Aging, a representative of labor, and the Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff and secretarial services be furnished by the State Department of Fiscal Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee shall make a report and recommendations to the General Assembly prior to the first day of the 1980 legislative session; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor; the Honorable James Clark, Jr., President of the Senate; the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Alvin M. Powers, Chairman of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; L. Malcolm Rodman, Executive Director, Health Facilities Association of Maryland; Thomas Schmidt, the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning; and Harold A. Cohen, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

Signed April 10, 1979.

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