comparison and on whether certain rates will exceed certain Medicare rates; establishing a Joint Legislative Task Force on Universal Access to Quality and Affordable Health Care; providing for the membership, staffing, and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply for certain waivers under certain circumstances; making certain provisions of this Act retroactive; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission to jointly assess certain aspects of uncompensated and undercompensated care and certain reimbursement, make recommendations on alternative methods of distributing certain costs of uncompensated and undercompensated care, and submit certain assessments and recommendations to certain Committees committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an application for an amendment to a certain waiver; requiring the Department to apply for certain federal matching funds; providing that certain enrollees in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program remain enrolled in the Program through a certain date if the application for a certain amendment to a certain demonstration waiver is approved; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide certain notice to the Department of Legislative Services; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to access to health care services through community health resources and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

BY repealing and recnacting, without amendments,

Article Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5 522(b)

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(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-124.1, 19-303(c), and 19-727

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19–214.1, 19–219(f); 19–230 to be under the new part "Part III.

Professional Services Rate Setting"; 19–712.7; 19–2101 through 19–2114

19–2111, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 21. Maryland Community Health Resources Commission"; 19–2201 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 22. Community Health Resources Commission Fund"; and 24–1301 through 24–1307, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 13. Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program"

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