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CHAPTER 343

(Senate Bill 895)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Maryland Health Insurance Plan - Computerized Eligibility System

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan (MHIP) to authorize the ~~use of certain funding~~ transfer of certain funds from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund to the ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ Major Information Technology Development Project Fund to design and develop a certain computerized eligibility system; providing that certain money transferred shall be redistributed to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan under certain circumstances; providing for the purpose of the computerized eligibility system; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a certain report to the Board of MHIP including certain information; prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from implementing a certain plan until certain actions have been taken by the Board of MHIP; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to the development of a computerized eligibility system for the Maryland Health Insurance Plan by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) (1) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 14-504 of the Insurance Article, in fiscal year ~~2007~~ 2006 only, the Board for the Maryland Health Insurance Plan may authorize the ~~use~~ transfer of not more than \$15,000,000 from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund ~~toward~~ to the Major Information Technology Development Project Fund established under § 3-410.2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article to be used for the design and development of a computerized eligibility system for the Medicaid Program by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 3-410.2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, to the extent that the money transferred under this paragraph is not used for the purposes authorized under this subsection, the money shall be redistributed to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund.

(b) (2) The ~~purpose~~ purposes of the computerized eligibility system ~~is~~ are to:

(1) (i) ~~to~~ enroll eligible individuals more efficiently in the Medicaid Program;

(2) (ii) ~~to~~ refer eligible individuals to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; and