

~~(2)~~ (iii) if practicable, make referrals to other available ~~state and federally sponsored~~ State- and federally-sponsored programs that provide inpatient hospital coverage for uninsured individuals and other health care services that have the potential to reduce uncompensated care at Maryland hospitals.

~~(e)~~ (b) (1) Before the issuance of a request for proposals for the development of the computerized eligibility system under this section, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit a report to the Board of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan on a plan to implement the proposed computerized eligibility system including a design draft and a description of how the system will function.

(2) The report required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall:

(i) enumerate the specifications of any requests for proposals to develop the computerized eligibility system;

(ii) demonstrate how the proposed computerized eligibility system will be more efficient and effective than the existing system;

(iii) estimate the reduction in hospital uncompensated care that would result from the appropriate use of the computerized eligibility system; and

(iv) demonstrate how the proposed computerized eligibility system will improve enrollment of eligible individuals in the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.

~~(2)~~ (c) (1) After reviewing the report, the Board of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan:

(i) may make comments and suggest changes to the proposed plan; and

(ii) shall submit a copy of the report to the Chief of Information Technology in the Department of Budget and Management.

~~(d)~~ (2) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may not implement the proposed eligibility system until the Board of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan:

(1) (i) is satisfied with the functional capabilities of the proposed eligibility system as described in the request for proposals;

~~(2)~~ (ii) is satisfied that there will be a reduction in hospital uncompensated care commensurate with the investment of Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund money in the proposed eligibility system; and

(iii) obtains approval of the proposed computerized eligibility system from the Chief of Information Technology; and

~~(3)~~ (iv) votes affirmatively for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to implement the proposed eligibility system.