

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 566 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, as amended by  
Chapter 370 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002

Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 593 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996, as amended by  
Chapter 566 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999 and Chapter 370  
of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002

Section 3

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health - General**

13-801.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Commission" means the Community Services Reimbursement Rate  
Commission.

(c) "Consumer safety costs" means the costs incurred by a provider for care  
that is provided to comply with any regulatory requirements in the staffing or  
manner of care provided, including[:

(1) 24-hour overnight awake supervision; and

(2) Other] cost factors related to health and safety that are stated in the  
care plan required for an individual.

(d) "Provider" means a community-based agency or program funded:

(1) By the Developmental Disabilities Administration to serve  
individuals with developmental disabilities; or

(2) By the Mental Hygiene Administration to serve individuals with  
mental disorders.

(e) "Rate" means the reimbursement rate paid by the Department to a  
provider from State general funds, Maryland Medical Assistance Program funds,  
other State or federal funds, or a combination of those funds.

13-802.

(a) There is a Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission.

(b) The Commission is an independent unit that functions in the Department.

13-803.

(a) The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the  
Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.