

(2) The purposes of the computerized system are to:

- (i) enroll eligible individuals more efficiently in the Medicaid Program;
- (ii) refer eligible individuals to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; and
- (iii) if practicable, make referrals to other available 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.

(b) (1) Before issuing a request for proposals for the development of a computerized eligibility system under this section, the Department shall report to the Board of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan on a plan to implement the proposed 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 request for proposals to develop the 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 proposed computerized eligibility system; and
- (iv) demonstrate how the proposed computerized eligibility system will improve enrollment of eligible individuals in the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.

(c) (1) After reviewing the report required under subsection (b) of this section, 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.

(2) The Department may not proceed in implementing the proposed computerized eligibility system until the Board of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan:

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