

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

WHEREAS, The growth in the cost of hospital services jeopardizes Maryland's ability to retain its Federal Medicare waiver and the attendant Federal revenues; and

WHEREAS, The aging of the State's population will increase the demand for health care services; and

WHEREAS, Many Marylanders lack adequate health insurance and have difficulty obtaining needed health care; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for the State to review the disparity of health services to all citizens and develop a visionary, strategic plan which will insure that all Marylanders have access to quality health care at a cost affordable to themselves and the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER:

A. Governor's Commission.

There is a Governor's Commission on Health Care Policy and Financing.

B. Membership and Procedures.

(1) The Governor's Commission shall consist of up to 13 members appointed by the Governor.

(2) The Governor shall appoint the Chairperson of the Commission.

(3) The Commission shall include Subcommittees on Long Term Care, Uninsured Persons, Mandated Health Insurance Benefits, and such other subcommittees as the Governor deems necessary to study specific issues of health care policy and financing.

(4) The Subcommittees on Long-Term Care, Uninsured Persons, and Mandated Health Insurance Benefits shall each consist of up to 15 members appointed by the Governor.

(5) The Governor shall appoint the Chairperson of each Subcommittee.

(6) The Commission shall supervise the work of each Subcommittee.

(7) The Governor may remove any member of the Commission or its Subcommittees for any cause adversely affecting the member's ability or willingness to perform his or her duties.