

~~studies--and--directives--reported--to--the--Committee--on--or--before--certain--dates;--requiring--the--Department--to--annually--evaluate--and--report--to--the--General--Assembly--on--certain--changes--made--to--the--Program; prohibiting the Health Resources Planning Commission from receiving or acting on certain Letters of Intent or certain Certificate of Need applications received on or after a certain date until after a certain date to permit the Program to reevaluate certain community-based initiatives; providing for a certain effective date; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.~~

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 15-102.17, ~~---15-102.27~~ and 15-103.17, ~~---15-106.17~~
15-106.27, ~~and-15-120.1~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 15-102 and 15-103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, During the 1988 Interim a Special Joint Legislative Committee on the Medical Assistance Program was established to undertake a comprehensive review of Maryland's Medical Assistance Program; and

~~WHEREAS, The Special Joint Legislative Committee found that there is currently no well-defined public policy for Maryland's Medical Assistance Program; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The Program's eligibility and service limits have been established administratively and on a piecemeal basis through the budget process and by regulations; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The Program lacks cohesiveness and a sense of overall direction; and~~

WHEREAS, The effects of changes made to the Program are seldom measured against initial projections; and

WHEREAS, While the The Program provides a wide array of services, those services are afforded to only a relatively limited segment of the indigent population; and