

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint 8 Senators and 8 Delegates, respectively, to serve as the Special Joint Legislative Committee on the Medical Assistance Program. From among the Senators and Delegates appointed, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, shall each appoint a co-chairman of the Committee. The Committee shall be staffed by the Department of Fiscal Services. The Committee shall--

1.--Work work with the Executive Branch on the Medical Assistance Program initiatives; and make recommendations to the General Assembly.

2.--~~Review and evaluate any changes proposed to the Medical Assistance Program or any proposals that impact the Program;~~

3.--~~Review, prior to publication in the Maryland Register, any regulations relating to the Medical Assistance Program;~~

4.--~~Monitor the effect of modifications to federal law that impact the Program;~~

5.--~~Determine the need to establish in statute Medical Assistance Program provisions;~~

6.--~~Assess and evaluate the results of the studies and directives required under Section 3 of this Act; and~~

7.--~~Make recommendations to the General Assembly on any aspect of the Committee's responsibilities as they relate to the Program;~~

This section shall terminate and be of no effect on June 30, 1992.

SECTION--3.--AND--BE--IF--FURTHER--ENACTED,--That--the--following studies and directives shall be undertaken and the reports and recommendations of the studies and directives shall be reported to the Special Joint Legislative Committee on the Medical Assistance Program on the dates specified:

1.--The--Department--of--Health--and--Mental--Hygiene,--in conjunction with the Department of Human Resources, shall study and determine how to make optimal use of State and federal funds for the delivery of health care services to the indigent population. This study shall include a determination of whether funds would be more effectively used by shifting them into or out of the Program. The results of this study shall be submitted on or before September 17, 1989.