

VETOES

WHEREAS, The number of low birth weight babies born in Maryland and the State's infant mortality rate remains unacceptably high; and

WHEREAS, In order to adequately follow up on the findings and recommendations made, the Special Joint Legislative Committee should be continued; now, therefore,

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

Article - Health - General

15-102.

(A) The Department shall provide preventive and home care services for indigent and medically indigent individuals.

(B) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL ~~PROVIDE~~ PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECIPIENTS ON:

(I) PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE;

(II) GOOD HEALTH HABITS; AND

(III) THE VALUE OF DEVELOPING ONGOING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PRIMARY CARE AND LOWER COST PROVIDERS.

(2) IN EDUCATING PROGRAM RECIPIENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PROGRAM SHALL WORK WITH APPROPRIATE GROUPS TO ASSIST IN THE EDUCATION OF PROGRAM RECIPIENTS.

15-102.1.

~~TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE TO INDIGENT AND MEDICALLY INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS, IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT:~~

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT IT IS A GOAL OF THIS STATE TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE TO INDIGENT AND MEDICALLY INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS:

(1) ~~THE PROGRAM SHALL~~ PROVIDE AN ~~EFFECTIVE, COST~~ EFFICIENT, ~~AND INDIVIDUALIZED~~ A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF QUALITY