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(B) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL, AS APPROPRIATE, INCLUDE MANAGED CARE PILOT PROGRAMS FOR THOSE GROUPS OF PROGRAM RECIPIENTS WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM A MANAGED CARE PROGRAM TO MEET THEIR HEALTH CARE NEEDS.

(2) TO THE EXTENT DEEMED FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, ALL MANAGED CARE PILOT PROGRAMS DEVELOPED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) DESIGNATE 1 PERSON TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT;

(II) PROMOTE ACCESS TO AND CONTINUITY OF HEALTH CARE TO PROGRAM RECIPIENTS;

(III) PREVENT UNNECESSARY UTILIZATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY PROGRAM RECIPIENTS;

(IV) EDUCATE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS ON HEALTH CARE PREVENTION AND GOOD HEALTH HABITS;

(V) PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO ENABLE THE MANAGED CARE PROGRAM TO BE TAILORED TO MEET THE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF PROGRAM RECIPIENTS; AND

(VI) PROMOTE ASSISTANCE FOR PROGRAM RECIPIENTS IN SECURING NECESSARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

(3) (I) ALL MANAGED CARE PILOT PROGRAMS DEVELOPED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CAREFULLY CONTROLLED AND HAVE--THEIR-COST-SAVINGS-CONVINCINGLY DEMONSTRATED EVALUATED AS TO THEIR HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES AND COST EFFECTIVENESS.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES AND COST EFFECTIVENESS OF MANAGED CARE PILOT PROGRAMS.

[(b)] (C) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings indicated.

(ii) "Certified nurse practitioner" means a registered nurse who is licensed in this State, has completed a nurse practitioner program approved by the State Board of Nursing, and has passed an examination approved by that Board.

(iii) "Nurse anesthetist" means a registered nurse who is:

1. Certified under the Health Occupations Article to practice nurse anesthesia; and