

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

10. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study the need to continue to require pharmacy copayments under the Program. The results of this study shall be submitted on or before July 17, 1989.

11. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Department of Personnel, shall evaluate all feasible cost-effective methods for increasing the participation in the Program of health maintenance organizations serving State employees. The results of these efforts shall be submitted on or before October 17, 1989.

12. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report on the findings and impact of its actuarial study pertaining to health maintenance organization rates on or before July 17, 1989.

13. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide a follow-up report to the March 1989 report requested by the Committee on managed care initiatives addressing the specific groups of recipients who may benefit, payment methods, and guidelines for case managers. If cost-effective, the Department should allow for case managers to refer recipients to qualified health care providers not traditionally covered. The follow-up report shall be submitted on or before October 17, 1989.

14. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study the feasibility and desirability of covering less costly mental health, substance abuse, and dentistry services through managed care pilot projects and targeted grant programs. The results of this study shall be submitted on or before September 17, 1989.

15. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study the feasibility and desirability of obtaining waivers from federal requirements necessary to implement additional managed care programs. The results of this study shall be submitted on or before September 17, 1989.

16. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study the feasibility and desirability of obtaining a waiver from the federal freedom of choice requirements. The results of this study shall be submitted on or before September 17, 1989.

17. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall contract with an outside consultant to study possible alternatives for modifying the structure of the Health Resources Planning Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission to improve the State's ability to control health care costs. The results of the consultant's study shall be submitted on or before July 17, 1990.