

VETOES

18. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Health Services Cost Review Commission, shall study the feasibility and desirability of:

A. Paying hospital outpatient departments at rates established by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for physician office or clinic visits under the Program;

B. Lowering the cost of hospital-based ancillary services;

C. Having the Program designate certain providers for the provisions of specialty services, exchanging volume for a preferential rate; and

D. Establishing performance criteria for hospitals to obtain approval to provide discounts to third-party payors.

The results of this study shall be submitted on or before July 1, 1990.

19. The Maryland Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, in conjunction with the Physician Quality Assurance Board and local medical societies, shall study and determine how to provide incentives to encourage physicians currently not treating Program recipients to participate in the Program. The results of this study shall be submitted on or before September 1, 1989.

20. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Maryland Medical and Chirurgical Faculty and local medical schools, shall develop incentives, such as scholarships, to increase the supply of physicians serving underserved areas of the State as part of this effort, a review of the medical school's clinical requirements shall be conducted. The results of this effort shall be submitted on or before July 1, 1990.

SECTION 4: 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(A) Except To permit the Program to reevaluate its community-based initiatives, except as provided in subsection (B) of this Section, until July 1, 1990 the Health Resources Planning Commission may not receive or act on any Letter of Intent or Certificate of Need application for new or additional comprehensive care or extended care facility beds under Title 19 of the Health - General Article.

(B) The Health Resources Planning Commission shall act on all Certificate of Need applications for new or additional comprehensive care or extended care facility beds that were docketed prior to June 1, 1989.