

(B) THE PLAN FOR THE REGISTRY SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1993.

(C) THE REGISTRY SHALL:

(1) MEET ANY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRACKING OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AND UTILIZE ANY FEDERAL INITIATIVES OR PROGRAMS FOR CHILD IMMUNIZATION;

(2) UTILIZE DATA RESOURCES WITHIN THE STATE, INCLUDING:

(I) THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE VITAL RECORDS DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT;

(II) ANY STANDARDIZED CLAIM FORM OR ELECTRONIC TRANSFER SYSTEM BEING USED BY PHYSICIANS OR PAYORS OF HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS;

(III) ANY EXISTING TRACKING SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN, NOW BEING USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER RESOURCE AVAILABLE IN THE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SECTOR.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) REQUIRE ALL HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING WITHIN THIS STATE UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH:

(I) AGGREGATE DATA OF THE NUMBER OF MARYLAND CHILDREN ENROLLED AND THEIR IMMUNIZATION STATUS; AND

(II) IN THE CASE OF THOSE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS CONTRACTING WITH THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AGGREGATE DATA ON THE IMMUNIZATION STATUS OF EACH ENROLLED INDIVIDUAL CHILD CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 6;

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION; AND

(3) ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE EARLY CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1993. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 1995, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 27, 1993.