

Article - Health - General

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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) All managed care pilot programs developed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be carefully controlled and evaluated as to their health care outcomes and cost effectiveness.]

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH A PROGRAM UNDER WHICH PROGRAM RECIPIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN MANAGED CARE PLANS.

(2) A MANAGED CARE PLAN SHALL:

(I) HAVE A QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM IN EFFECT WHICH IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT;

(II) COLLECT AND SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT SERVICE-SPECIFIC DATA BY SERVICE TYPE IN A FORMAT TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

(III) PROMOTE TIMELY ACCESS TO AND CONTINUITY OF HEALTH CARE FOR PROGRAM RECIPIENTS;

(IV) DEVELOP SPECIAL PROGRAMS TAILORED TO MEET THE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF PROGRAM RECIPIENTS;

(V) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAM RECIPIENTS IN SECURING NECESSARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES;