

\$250,000 in State funds, of the effectiveness of the Family Investment Program created by this Act. The outside evaluation shall conform with any evaluation requirements under a federal waiver. The Department may seek other sources of funds to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 16. 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 5 of this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 1996~~ July 1, 1997. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation begin implementation of Section 5 of this Act, as soon as the requirements of Section 16 of this Act are met.

SECTION 22. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That provisions of §§ 16-203 and 16-208 of the Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 6 of this Act, and provisions of §§ 10-101 and 10-119 of the Family Law Article, as enacted by Section 4 of this Act, shall take effect October 1, 1996.

SECTION 9. ~~17. 23.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of ~~Section 7~~ Sections 9 and 16 9, 21, and 22 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

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## CHAPTER 352

(Senate Bill 750)

AN ACT concerning

### Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Managed Care Organizations

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide guaranteed eligibility in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program for a certain period under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to require Program recipients to enroll in managed care organizations; ~~authorizing the Department to prohibit~~ prohibiting, under certain circumstances, managed care organizations from enrolling Program recipients; establishing certain requirements for managed care organizations participating in the Program; ~~authorizing requiring~~ requiring the Department to require ~~assure that, under certain circumstances, managed care organizations to include~~ establish a certain mechanism for providers who have historically served Program recipients; ~~prohibiting a managed care organization from denying or terminating participation on its provider panel under certain circumstances~~; providing that certain provisions of law apply to managed care organizations; requiring managed care organizations to meet certain requirements; repealing certain contingency provisions; requiring certain reports and appearances; authorizing the Department to take certain actions; requiring the Department to take certain actions, including making capitation payments in a certain manner; requiring school-based clinics to take certain actions and provide certain information; requiring a certain delivery system for certain mental health care; requiring the Health Resources Planning Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Health Services Cost Review