

Finance Committee and House Environmental Matters Committee of the General Assembly on the effectiveness of this Act and the managed care plans in which program recipients are enrolled under this Act. The Secretary shall submit the report to the Committees no later than 1 year after the date Section 1 of this Act takes effect. The report shall include information about the number of program recipients enrolled in managed care plans, the quality assurance programs for the managed care plans, a comprehensive financial assessment of the management of care of program recipients in the plans, the scope of program benefits, and the availability of special programs tailored to meet the individual health care needs of program recipients.]

[SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act may not take effect until the General Assembly gives legislative approval to the proposed plan of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to implement the program to require enrollment in managed care plans provided under this Act, including the feasibility of expanding benefits to unserved individuals who are unable to afford health insurance or long-term care, or to other populations.]

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That[, subject to Sections 2 and 4 of this Act,] this Act shall take effect July 1, 1995.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall appear before the Senate Finance Committee and House Environmental Matters Committee of the General Assembly to report on the implementation of the Secretary's mandatory managed care program on a quarterly basis until 2 years after the Program is first implemented. Public testimony shall be permitted following the Secretary's mandatory managed care program quarterly reports. No later than 1 year after the implementation date of the program, the Secretary shall submit a written report to the Committees which shall include information about the number of Program recipients enrolled in managed care organizations, the quality assurance programs for the managed care organizations, a comprehensive financial assessment of the management of care of Program recipients in the organizations, the extent to which historic providers have been included in managed care organizations, the scope of Program benefits, ~~and~~ the availability of special programs tailored to meet the individual health care needs of Program recipients, ~~and the Department's plan to incorporate competitive bidding.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no later than 15 days prior to submitting any proposed regulations implementing the Secretary's mandatory managed care program to the ~~AELR Committee for review~~ Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article, the Secretary shall submit the proposed regulations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee of the General Assembly.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary shall apply for a waiver from the Health Care Financing Administration or take such other steps as are necessary to enroll a managed care organization whose Medicaid and Medicare enrollment exceeds 75% of the organization's total enrollment or will exceed 75% of its total enrollment.