

**Senate Bill No. 642**

AN ACT concerning

**Advisory Committee on Health Maintenance Organization Performance**

FOR the purpose of establishing an Advisory Committee on Health Maintenance Organization Performance; establishing the purposes of the Committee; specifying the composition, terms of appointment, and staff services for the Committee; and generally relating to the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Health Maintenance Organization Performance.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-705.6

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health - General**

19-705.6.

(A) THERE IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO:

(1) PROMOTE THE DISSEMINATION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS INCLUDING:

(I) THE FINDINGS OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATION CONDUCTED BY THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST COMMISSION ON THE QUALITY OF CARE OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION BENEFIT PLANS AND SERVICES UNDER § 19-1508(C) OF THIS TITLE;

(II) INFORMATION ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AS REPORTED TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER § 19-717 OF THIS TITLE;

(III) THE MEDICAL-LOSS RATIO FOR EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND

(IV) AGGREGATE INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE COMPLAINT SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS OR SUBSCRIBERS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 19-705.2 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(2) RECEIVE AND FACILITATE THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF ANY HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE.