

effect on the woman's future mental health; and further provided that \$4,678,355 of this appropriation will be reduced contingent upon the enactment of legislation repealing the termination provision for certain limitations of coverage and copayment requirements in the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; and further provided, contingent upon the passage of legislation limiting payment for nursing home bed-hold days, any savings realized from that legislation shall be expended within this budget appropriation by enhancing nursing home reimbursement rates.

Further provided that \$1,000,000 of this appropriation cannot be expended until the department can provide assurances that it is now processing and paying within 30 45 days of receipt at least the same percentage of claims as before the implementation of the MMIS-II program. Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that if the department fails to pay undisputed claims within 30 45 days of receipt, the State shall pay the provider a reasonable rate of interest on the claims outstanding. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission, shall study (as directed by the AELR Committee) the feasibility and appropriateness of modifying its capitation rate methodology to ensure that costs for graduate medical education (GME) are reimbursed appropriately among the managed care organizations serving the Medicaid population. The findings and recommendations of the study shall be reported by September 1, 1997 to the AELR Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Committee on Environmental Matters, and the House Committee on Appropriations.....

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