

\$99,000 of this appropriation may only be expended to hire contractual staff to assist in processing a backlog of paper claims produced by an increase in submissions from providers with computer systems which are not Year 2000 compliant

15,017,888

22,911,965

14,875,254

~~22,503,063~~22,561,231

MQ01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements

All appropriations provided for the program - MQ01.03 are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose, except that general funds may be transferred to the Subcabinet Fund for the purpose of assisting local management boards in returning or diverting children from out-of-state placements. It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds travel with each child returned or diverted from a Medicaid-funded out-of-state placement in fiscal 1999 and fiscal 2000. Funds transferred should be equivalent to the number of days of in-state care provided to each child returned or diverted from a Medicaid-funded out-of-state placement by local management boards during fiscal 2000 multiplied by the average per diem general fund Medical Assistance cost of maintaining the child in an out-of-state placement. Funds should not be transferred if the in-state placement still qualifies for federal Medical Assistance funding, with the exception of any general fund savings generated by returning the child to an in-state placement. To the extent that Medicaid funds for children placed out-of-state are included in the Mental Hygiene Administration, those funds, rather than Medical Care Programs Administration funds, should