

(h) (1) This section shall terminate and be of no effect on the first day of July following the cessation of a waiver by law or agreement for Medicare and Medicaid between the State of Maryland and the federal government.

(2) If notice of intent to terminate is made by the federal government to this State prior to the first day of an intervening session of the Maryland General Assembly, this section shall expire June 30 of the following calendar year. However, under no circumstances shall less than seven calendar months occur between notice of termination and expiration of this section.

[19-207.3.] 19-214.

(a) The Commission shall assess the underlying causes of hospital uncompensated care and make recommendations to the General Assembly on the most appropriate alternatives to:

- (1) Reduce uncompensated care; and
- (2) Assure the integrity of the payment system.

(b) The Commission may adopt regulations establishing alternative methods for financing the reasonable total costs of hospital uncompensated care provided that the alternative methods:

- (1) Are in the public interest;
- (2) Will equitably distribute the reasonable costs of uncompensated care;
- (3) Will fairly determine the cost of reasonable uncompensated care included in hospital rates;
- (4) Will continue incentives for hospitals to adopt efficient and effective credit and collection policies; and
- (5) Will not result in significantly increasing costs to Medicare or the loss of Maryland's Medicare Waiver under § 1814(b) of the Social Security Act.

(c) Any funds generated through hospital rates under an alternative method adopted by the Commission in accordance with subsection (b) of this section may only be used to finance the delivery of hospital uncompensated care.

[19-211.] 19-215.

(a) (1) After public hearings and consultation with any appropriate advisory committee, the Commission shall adopt, by rule or regulation, a uniform accounting and financial reporting system that:

- (i) Includes any cost allocation method that the Commission determines; and
- (ii) Requires each facility to record its income, revenues, assets, expenses, outlays, liabilities, and units of service.