

~~the Supplemental Pool to assure no additional State funding is necessary. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene through its managed care rate setting process shall fund the Supplemental Pool recommended by the Federally Qualified Health Center Viability Committee by adjusting total HealthChoice funds prior to setting specific managed care rates for calendar 2001.~~

*Provided that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), effective July 1, 2000, report quarterly to the budget committees on the status of the fiscal 2001 appropriation for the Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, any anticipated deficiency appropriation that may be required, and the policy decisions that may impact the budget and the provider community. It is the intent of the General Assembly to closely monitor this budget. The General Assembly recognizes that numerous policy decisions will be necessary over the course of the fiscal year that may create a programmatic deficit.*

*Further provided that DHMH will report to the House Environmental Matters Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee prior to the submission of regulations on the encounter data-driven calendar 2001 HealthChoice rates. The General Assembly is concerned that the HealthChoice rate setting will be determined by the status of the fiscal 2001 Medicaid budget. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the HealthChoice Managed Care Organization (MCO) rate process be data driven. Issues of concern which should be addressed in the report are:*