

THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1999 AND RELEVANT LEGISLATION ENACTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE.

(E) THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHALL EVALUATE THE PROGRESS IN IMPROVING NURSING HOME CARE QUALITY STATEWIDE, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF:

- (1) QUALITY OF CARE STANDARDS FOR NURSING HOMES;
- (2) STAFFING PATTERNS AND STAFFING STANDARDS;
- (3) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTING NURSING HOMES AND RESPONDING TO QUALITY OF CARE COMPLAINTS;
- (4) A COMPARISON OF MARYLAND STANDARDS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES TO THOSE IN OTHER STATES;
- (5) THE LABOR POOL AVAILABLE TO FILL NURSING AND NURSING AIDE JOBS; AND
- (6) STATE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR NURSING HOMES, INCLUDING THE MEDICAID NURSING HOME REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM, AND REGULATION OF NURSING HOMES.

~~(E)~~ (F) (1) THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TWICE ANNUALLY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE STATUS OF QUALITY OF CARE IN NURSING HOMES.

(2) THE REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON MARCH 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

(G) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE MEDICAID NURSING HOME REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

- (1) ELEMENTS OF THE EXISTING METHODOLOGY THAT ARE NO LONGER RELEVANT;
- (2) ELEMENTS OF THE EXISTING METHODOLOGY THAT CAN BE REVISED;
- (3) THE APPROPRIATENESS OF REDESIGNING THE SYSTEM GIVEN CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE TARGET POPULATION; AND
- (4) GENERAL FUND AND FEDERAL FUND SAVINGS FROM A SYSTEM REDESIGN THAT MAY BE REDIRECTED TO NURSING HOME STAFF DEVELOPMENT IN THE NURSING COST CENTER.