

~~purchaser differential under § 19-207.1(C) OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE AND regulations adopted by the COMMISSIONER AND THE Health Services Cost Review Commission.~~

~~(2) (B) In establishing a plan under this subsection SECTION, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall judge preventive services, medical treatments, procedures, and related health services based on:~~

~~(i) (1) their effectiveness in improving the health of individuals;~~

~~(ii) (2) their impact on maintaining and improving health and encouraging consumers to use only the health care services they need; and~~

~~(iii) (3) their impact on the affordability of health care coverage.~~

~~(3) (C) The Maryland Health Care Commission may exclude from the plan:~~

~~(i) (1) a health care service, benefit, coverage, or reimbursement for covered health care services that is required under this article or the Health General Article to be provided or offered in a health benefit plan that is issued or delivered in the State by a carrier; or~~

~~(ii) (2) reimbursement required by statute, by a health benefit plan for a service when that service is performed by a health care provider who is licensed under the Health Occupations Article and whose scope of practice includes that service.~~

~~(4) (D) The plan shall include uniform deductibles and cost sharing associated with its benefits, as determined by the Maryland Health Care Commission.~~

~~(5) (E) In establishing cost sharing as part of the plan, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall:~~

~~(i) (1) include cost sharing and other incentives to help consumers use only the health care services they need;~~

~~(ii) (2) balance the effect of cost sharing in reducing premiums and in affecting utilization of appropriate services; and~~

~~(iii) (3) limit the total cost sharing that may be incurred by an individual in a year.~~

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~~THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, until January 1, 2002, the Health Services Cost Review Commission may not take any action to eliminate or adjust the SAAC differential that is in effect on June April 1, 2000 until:~~