

- (iii) The purpose for which required;
- (iv) The competency and responsibility of the bidder;
- (v) The ability of the bidder to perform satisfactory service; and
- (vi) The plan for utilization of minority contractors.

(2) The county board may reject any and all bids and readvertise for other bids.

(d) (1) In this subsection, the term "minority business enterprise" has the meaning stated in § 14-301 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(2) In Montgomery County, by resolution and by implementing regulations, the Montgomery County Board of Education shall establish a minority business utilization program to facilitate the participation of responsible certified minority business enterprises in contracts awarded by the Montgomery County Board of Education in accordance with competitive bidding procedures.

(e) A contract entered into or purchase made in violation of this section is void.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 546
(House Bill 1227)

AN ACT concerning

Medicaid Managed Care Organizations - Continuity of Care

FOR the purpose of providing that a HealthChoice Program recipient has the right to choose the managed care organization with which the recipient is enrolled and the primary care provider to whom the recipient is assigned within the managed care organization; ~~authorizing the Program, under certain conditions, to assign a recipient to a managed care organization that contracts with the recipient's most recent primary care provider and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify the primary care provider to the managed care organization at the time of assignment; requiring the Department to establish mechanisms for maintaining a database that identifies each Program recipient's current primary care provider and managed care organization; expanding the conditions under which a managed care organization must assign a recipient to a managed care provider~~ requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to reassign a disenrolled recipient to a certain managed care organization under certain circumstances; requiring a managed care organization to assign a certain primary care provider to a disenrolled recipient under certain circumstances; requiring a managed care organization that is