

~~TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.~~

~~(2) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE, SHALL REDETERMINE THE ASSESSMENT ON ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT A 1% ASSESSMENT WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE STATE'S MEDICARE WAIVER UNDER § 1814(B) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.~~

~~(E) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADJUST HOSPITAL RATES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ASSESSMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(2) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT CONSIDER THE ASSESSMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION IN DETERMINING:~~

~~(i) THE REASONABLENESS OF RATES UNDER THIS SECTION; OR~~

~~(ii) HOSPITAL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE.~~

~~SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(c) 15 606 of Article Insurance of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as enacted by Section 3 of this Act, be repealed.~~

~~SECTION 7. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial members of the Board of the Maryland Health Insurance and Assistance Fund shall expire as follows:~~

- ~~(1) 3 members in 2003;~~
- ~~(2) 3 members in 2004; and~~
- ~~(3) 3 members in 2005.~~

~~SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

~~(a) Enrollment in the Short Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Program established under Chapter 565 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000 shall be terminated on June 1, 2001;~~

~~(b) The carrier that provides drug benefits under the Program shall continue to provide those benefits in accordance with the terms of its contract with the State for those individuals who are enrolled in the program at the time that new enrollment is terminated under subsection (a) of this section;~~

~~(c) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall ensure that the carrier has the funds necessary to provide the required Program benefits until the Program terminates in accordance with this section;~~

~~(d) Any funds in the Short Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan Fund on June 1, 2001 or in any other public or private account that is used to support the Short Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan on June 1, 2001, that are not needed to~~