

(2) in developing the process required under item (1) of this subsection, consider:

(i) a reimbursement system that reflects reimbursement fee-for-service rates paid in the community as well as annual medical inflation; or

(ii) the Resource Based Relative Value Scale system used in the federal Medicare program OR AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION CPT-3 CODES.

(b) On or before September 1, 2001, the Department shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on:

(1) its progress in complying with subsection (a) of this section;

(2) an analysis of the fee-for-service reimbursement rates paid in other states and how those rates compare with those in Maryland;

(3) its schedule for bringing Maryland's fee-for-service reimbursement rates to a level that assures that all health care providers are reimbursed adequately to provide access to care; and

(4) an analysis on the estimated costs of implementing the schedule and any proposed changes to the fee-for-service reimbursement rates for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program.

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

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 703

(House Bill 1094)

AN ACT concerning

Elevator Safety - Licensing of Elevator Contractors and Mechanics

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to designate special elevator inspectors under certain circumstances; requiring all certain elevator inspections in the State to be done by a State inspector; establishing the Elevator Safety Review Board in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing that the Board exercises its powers, duties, and functions subject to the authority of the Secretary; providing for the composition, appointment, terms, and compensation of Board members; establishing certain powers and duties of the Board; requiring certain persons to be licensed by the Board as elevator mechanics or elevator contractors before performing certain work on elevators and certain