

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP A METHODOLOGY TO TRACK THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CALLS RECEIVED BY THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ACCESS HOTLINE; AND

(2) PROVIDE A QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE THAT SUMMARIZES THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CALLS RECEIVED BY THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ACCESS HOTLINE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 13, 2003.

CHAPTER 261

(Senate Bill 687)

AN ACT concerning

Health Maintenance Organizations - Patient Access to Choice of Provider

FOR the purpose of altering certain standards of care for health maintenance organizations by requiring those standards to include a requirement that a health maintenance organization shall assure that each member shall have the opportunity to select a certified nurse practitioner from those available to the health maintenance organization; authorizing the members of a health maintenance organization to select a certified nurse practitioner as the member's primary care provider under certain circumstances; providing that a member who selects a certified nurse practitioner as a primary care provider shall be provided certain information about the nurse practitioner's collaborating physician; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to health maintenance organizations and certified nurse practitioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-705.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-705.1.

(a) The Secretary shall adopt regulations that set out reasonable standards of quality of care that a health maintenance organization shall provide to its members.