

Preamble

WHEREAS, The United State Department of Health and Human Services has established a federal grant program to encourage innovative integrated health care delivery systems to serve uninsured and underinsured persons with greater efficiency and improved quality of care and to further maximize reimbursements to health care providers that provide these services; and

WHEREAS, The Community Access Program grants, as authorized in the Federal Register, allow for the establishment of local programs to reorganize and reintegrate local health care delivery systems; now, therefore,

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

Article - Insurance**SUBTITLE 16. COORDINATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENTS.**

15-1601.

(A) (1) A PROGRAM OPERATING IN THIS STATE INITIATED UNDER A COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MAY ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO COORDINATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENTS IN ORDER TO TEST INNOVATIONS IN PAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO BE PERMANENTLY IMPLEMENTED IF SUCCESSFUL.

(2) THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL MEET THE FEDERAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) A PILOT PROGRAM CREATED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY:

(I) ENROLL PARTICIPANTS WHO DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE AND WHOSE INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 300% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL;

(II) COORDINATE PAYMENTS FROM ENROLLEES AND EMPLOYERS OF ENROLLEES TO BE USED TO OBTAIN AVAILABLE FUNDING TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS OF ENROLLEES; AND

(III) ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO COORDINATE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE SERVICES TO ENROLLEES.

(2) AGREEMENTS THAT ARE ENTERED INTO UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION ARE CONTINGENT ON THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AGREEING TO THE PROVISION OF PAYMENT BY THE PILOT PROGRAM BASED ON AVAILABLE FUNDING TO THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED.

(C) (1) IF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM NO LONGER ACCEPTS THE REIMBURSEMENT FROM AN ENROLLEE OF THE