(B)   (1)   AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT INCLUDES IN THE CURRICULUM COURSES NECESSARY FOR THE LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE STATE SHALL DEVELOP THE COURSES OR SPECIAL SEMINARS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2004.

(2)   AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT INCLUDES IN THE CURRICULUM COURSES NECESSARY FOR THE LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE STATE SHALL IMPLEMENT THE COURSES OR SPECIAL SEMINARS DEVELOPED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2006.

(C)   (1)   A LICENSED AND PRACTICING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL SHALL TAKE A COURSE OR ATTEND A SEMINAR THAT ADDRESSES HEALTH CARE SERVICES DISPARITIES OF MINORITY POPULATIONS AS A CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2004.

(2)   A LICENSED AND PRACTICING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF ATTENDANCE FROM THE SPONSORING ENTITY OF THE COURSE OR SPECIAL SEMINAR REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO THE APPROPRIATE LICENSING ENTITY.

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A HOSPITAL WITH A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM MAY OFFER AND REQUIRE THE HOSPITAL'S MEDICAL STAFF AND HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS TO TAKE A CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION OR CONTINUING EDUCATION UNIT COURSE THAT ADDRESSES HEALTH CARE SERVICES DISPARITIES OF MINORITY POPULATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(A)   THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COORDINATED PROGRAM DELIVERY SYSTEM PLAN TO REDUCE HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES BASED ON GENDER, RACE, ETHNICITY, AND POVERTY AMONG THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES, INCLUDING:.

(B)   THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES SHALL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN:

(1)   THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND;

(2)   THE MONUMENTAL CITY MEDICAL SOCIETY;

(3)   THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND;

(4)   THE MARYLAND ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS;

(5)   THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION; AND