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THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

~~(a) on or before December 1, 2003, the The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources shall conduct a study of the Medical Assistance Program eligibility determination process submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the status of measures implemented and considered by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources to address and resolve issues relating to delays in the Medicaid eligibility process for nursing home residents.~~

~~(b) The study shall:~~

~~(1) describe the Medical Assistance Program eligibility determination process and subsequent changes in Medical Assistance Program enrollee status for nursing home residents;~~

~~(2) calculate the average time period for determining changes in the financial and eligibility status of nursing home residents; and~~

~~(3) identify any barriers or delays in:~~

~~(i) the processing of Medical Assistance Program eligibility determination; and~~

~~(ii) the communication of subsequent changes in Medical Assistance Program enrollee status to a nursing home.~~

~~(c) On or before October 1, 2003, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the results of the study.~~

~~(d) The report shall include recommendations for:~~

~~(1) addressing any identified barriers or delays;~~

~~(2) streamlining the eligibility determination process for nursing home residents; and~~

~~(3) improving communication between the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources, and nursing homes regarding the eligibility of nursing home residents under the Medical Assistance Program and any changes in eligibility status.~~