

(H) "PLAN OF OPERATION" MEANS THE ARTICLES, BYLAWS, AND OPERATING RULES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 14-503 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

14-502.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.

(B) THE PLAN IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT ~~OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT OPERATES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION.~~

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAN IS TO DECREASE UNCOMPENSATED CARE COSTS BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH BENEFITS FOR MEDICALLY UNINSURABLE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE BY JULY 1, 2003.

(D) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE PLAN OPERATE AS A NONPROFIT ENTITY AND THAT FUND REVENUE, TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH GOOD BUSINESS PRACTICES, BE USED TO SUBSIDIZE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY UNINSURABLE INDIVIDUALS.

14-503.

(A) THERE IS A BOARD FOR THE PLAN.

(B) THE PLAN SHALL OPERATE SUBJECT TO THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE BOARD.

(C) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF ~~NINE~~ FIVE MEMBERS, OF WHOM:

(1) ONE SHALL BE THE COMMISSIONER;

(2) ONE SHALL BE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION;

(3) ONE SHALL BE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION;

~~(4) FOUR SHALL BE APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D)(1) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

~~(5) TWO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(D) (1) OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:~~

~~(i) ONE SHALL BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE, BUT NOT AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A CARRIER DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE;~~