

(vi) How incentives to provide quality of care can be built into a rate setting methodology; and

[(vii) The adequacy of and methods used to determine the annual cost of living adjustment to the rates paid by the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Mental Hygiene Administration.]

(V) THE RECOMMENDED METHODOLOGIES FOR THE CALCULATION OF RATE UPDATE FACTORS AND THE RATE UPDATE FACTORS RECOMMENDED FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.

(2) Recommends the need for any formal executive, judicial, or legislative action;

(3) Describes issues in need of future study by the Commission; and

(4) Discusses any other matter that relates to the purposes of the Commission under this subtitle.

13-810.

(A) The findings and recommendations of the Commission shall be considered each year in the development of the budgets of the Department, the Developmental Disabilities Administration, and the Mental Hygiene Administration.

(B) (1) THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION SHALL RESPOND TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE REPORT REQUIRED IN § 13-809 OF THIS SUBTITLE HAS BEEN ISSUED.

(2) THE WRITTEN RESPONSE OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) AN EXPLANATION OF THE ACTIONS BEING TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION; OR

(II) AN EXPLANATION OF WHY NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

### **Chapter 566 of the Acts of 1999**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in the [report] REPORTS due on or before October 1, 2002 AND OCTOBER 1, 2005 under § 13-809 of the Health - General Article, the Commission shall include its findings regarding the extent and amount of uncompensated care delivered by providers.

### **Chapter 593 of the Acts of 1996, as amended by Chapter 566 of the Acts of 1999**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996. It shall remain effective for a period of [6] 9 years and, at the end of