

- (1) the study required under subsection (a)(1) of this section; and
- (2) the plan required under subsection (a)(2) of this section.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.

CHAPTER 305

(Senate Bill 756)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Carve-Out of Specialty Mental Health Services

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ prohibiting the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene ~~to exclude from ending the exclusion of~~ specialty mental health services from the program requiring Medical Assistance Program recipients to enroll in managed care organizations without certain approval; ~~repealing the authority of the Department to contract~~ prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from contracting with a behavioral managed care organization to provide specialty mental health services without certain approval; and generally relating to specialty mental health services and the Medical Assistance Program.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article Health General~~

~~Section 15-103(a)(1) and (b)(1) and (5)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article Health General~~

~~Section 15-103(b)(4) and (21)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)~~