Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-103(b)(9)

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

15-103.

- (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.
- (b) (1) As permitted by federal law or waiver, the Secretary may establish a program under which Program recipients are required to enroll in managed care organizations.
 - (9) Each managed care organization shall:
- (i) Have a quality assurance program in effect which is subject to the approval of the Department and which, at a minimum:
- 1. Complies with any health care quality improvement system developed by the Health Care Financing Administration;
- 2. Complies with the quality requirements of applicable State licensure laws and regulations;
- 3. Complies with practice guidelines and protocols specified by the Department;
- 4. Provides for an enrollee grievance system, including an enrollee hotline;
 - 5. Provides a provider grievance system;
- 6. Provides for enrollee and provider satisfaction surveys, to be taken at least annually;
- 7. Provides for a consumer advisory board to receive regular input from enrollees;
- 8. Provides for an annual consumer advisory board report to be submitted to the Secretary; and