

Hygiene request a federal waiver that allows the State to start the penalty period for inappropriate asset transfers in the month the individual qualifies for Medicaid.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Budget and Management shall jointly explore the possibility of developing a single preferred drug list for the State employees' prescription drug program and Medicaid. The departments shall submit the report and a timetable for implementing a preferred drug list to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the budget committees by July 1, 2004.

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~~General Fund Appropriation, provided that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit a report to the budget committees, Senate Finance Committee, and House Health and Government Operations Committee on the timeliness of payments to nursing homes and providers of home and community based services. The report shall specify the frequency with which providers are not reimbursed within 30 days of delivering services to a Medicaid eligible individual. The report shall also identify alternatives for achieving prompt payment to providers; consider the possibility of making interest payments to providers; detail efforts to create a working fund for providers that experience payment delays; and detail a time frame for resolving the problem of untimely payments to providers. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2004.....~~

	<u>10,702,374</u>	
	<u>10,612,374</u>	
Federal Fund Appropriation.....	<u>20,005,556</u>	<u>30,707,930</u>
	<u>19,915,556</u>	<u>30,527,930</u>